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Registration open for FPSI Mine Safety Program

Mika Highsmith

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Tallahassee Community College's Florida Public Safety Institute is now offering Spring Training Courses for the Florida Mine Safety and Health Training (FMSH) Program.

The primary goal of the FMSH Program is to have a positive impact on the awareness of safety and occupational health hazards in Florida mining environments.

FMSH will conduct effective mine health and safety training classes in order to eliminate fatal injuries and reduce the frequency and severity of mining accidents.

"We are very proud that Florida's incident rate continues to be below the national rate, and among the lowest in the United States, due in no small part to the effective training of its mining workforce provided by FMSH," said Karen Miller, program coordinator of the Florida Mine Safety Training Program. "Our miners are our most precious resource, and they are the foundation of everything we have achieved. We place the highest value on designing programs to reduce mining accidents, injuries, and illnesses."

The FMSH Program continues to provide training in direct response to mining companies and contractor needs to ensure that they are in compliance with mandatory health and safety training programs for all miners in Florida.

For more information on the FMSH Program, please contact Karen Miller at (850) 201-7689.

WTXL- February 12, 2014

TCC presents Community Connections Fair

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (WTXL) - The Tallahassee Community College African-American History Planning Committee will host the Community Connections Fair on Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the first floor of the Student Union on TCC's main campus.

The event will showcase the arts by providing the area residents with a greater knowledge and appreciation of local artistic achievements. Organizers hope to inspire more active patrons of Tallahassee's cultural offerings. Several local agencies that provide health or prevention/intervention services will also be on hand to share information.

"One of our goals is to present a concrete vision of Tallahassee as a healthy and cultural community where people want to live, work, go to school, visit, and do business," said Dr. Brenda Anthony, associate professor in TCC's Business program.

The schedule includes an authors' showcase, dance, spoken word, music and much more.

TCC Hosts Youth Day

Lanetra Bennett

Tallahassee, FL - More than 100 students from Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla counties participated in Youth Day at Tallahassee Community College Wednesday.

It was part of TCC's Black History Month activities. The annual event gave students education on African American History, as well as exposure to college.

Ninth grade Rickards High School student, Jacobe Ferguson, says, "It helped me figure out what I want to be later on in life. I love math and I want to be an entrepreneur in business. So it helped me learn how to manage my money."

Press Release: Tallahassee Community College

TCC hosts Youth Day

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (February 10, 2014) – On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, over 100 students in the TCC Gear Up Program as well as other students from Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla Counties will participate in Youth Day, as part of the college's African-American History Month activities. This annual event gives students exposure to college as well as education on African American History.

The students will enjoy a pep rally that includes speakers from various departments and basketball free throw contest. The students will then receive tours from the TCC Student Ambassadors.

"TCC is honored to host this annual event where students receive the college exposure that will greatly benefit them as they prepare for post-secondary education", said Senovia Williams, project coordinator for Florida GEAR UP and Youth Day Chair.

The activities are from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Students will also hear from motivational speakers as they eat free lunch while other students tour the campus.

For more information call (850) 245-0812 or go to www.tcc.fl.edu/gearup.

TCC Leadership Institute presents 'A Day of Dialogue' for women

The Tallahassee Community College Leadership Institute will host "A Day of Dialogue: for Women, by Women, about Women" on Tuesday at the Mission San Luis Conference Center.

The program takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and gives participants an opportunity to explore the question of what women need to be more confident and effective as leaders.

"The event will be a combination of presentations and breakout sessions that explore the qualities, characteristics and values that support women in reaching their full potential in both their personal and professional lives," said Cheryl Rowland, one of the event organizers.

Presented by FSU's Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship Advice Straight Up series, the event's keynote speaker will be Nancy Carter, senior vice president for research of Catalyst Inc., whose mission is to expand opportunities for women and business.

Registration for the event is \$75 and includes breakfast, lunch and a tour of Mission San Luis. For more information, contact the TCC Division of Workforce Development at 201-8760 or leadership@tcc.fl.edu.

WTXL - February 17, 2014

Tallahassee Community College receives grant

Mika Highsmith

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (WTXL) -- The Division of Workforce Development at Tallahassee Community College has received a Plus 50 Encore Completion Program grant from the American Association of Community Colleges.

The goal of the Plus 50 project is to help more adults over age 50 successfully complete TCC workforce training certificates and not-for-credit credentials in high-demand career fields. The project will focus on training that leads to employer-recognized certificates in the fields of Medical Administrative Specialist and Health Information and Management.

"We are focused on meeting the needs of individuals in this demographic who want to retool their skills in order to move into a new career field," said Amy Combs, program coordinator. "We want to help them make their final years-or decades-in the workforce their most productive and rewarding."

The grant provides \$15,000 spread over two years of project activities. Some of the first-year funding will be used to support targeted recruitment of people in the 50+ demographic through advertising and outreach to community organizations that serve mature individuals. The project will also offer specialized support services to help these students be successful in their workforce program.

TCC and FSU strengthen ties

By Doug Blackburn
Democrat senior writer

A longstanding, exemplary relationship between Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University is getting even better.

The two higher education institutions, separated by less than a mile, are launching TCC2FSU Golden Guarantee Program, designed to improve the transition for TCC students eager to earn their bachelor's degree at FSU.

Administrators at TCC and FSU have been fine-tuning details of the program for the past three months in order to make it available for this year's crop of high school seniors.

"I don't see how this is not a win-win for everybody involved," John Barnhill, assistant vice president for enrollment management at FSU, said.

With TCC2FSU, students who know they want to go on to FSU after earning an associate's degree at TCC — students who may not have been accepted at FSU initially, or students who prefer the cost savings of a state college versus a public university — will receive additional advising to ensure that they have completed the necessary course-

work for their major at FSU.

In essence, TCC2FSU is a Cadillac version of a program widely touted by lawmakers and members of the Florida Board of Governors, which oversees the State University System. Commonly referred to as the state's "2 Plus 2" program, the statute guarantees a graduate of a state college admission into one of the 12 public universities — but it doesn't designate a particular university.

With TCC2FSU, students are assured a place at FSU after graduating at TCC. TCC already sends about 1,000 of its 2,400 graduates to FSU every year.

TCC Provost Barbara Sloan believes the new program will help TCC students and, at the same time, make it easier for FSU to prepare for TCC students entering particular majors at the university.

"This program is a strengthening of our communication with each other, and of our advising resources with our students. It assures students know what's expected of them," Sloan said. "This aligns with what we know from research: If a student chooses their goals early on they are likely to be successful."

Service And Achievement Define Top Seniors At Leon County High Schools

Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – This week, 150 of Leon County's most outstanding high school seniors were selected as finalists for the 2014 Best and Brightest Awards, which recognize public and private school students who excel both in their academics and service. The finalists from each school will undergo an interview process culminating in the announcement of the countywide winners at the Best and Brightest Awards Ceremony, which will be held May 14 at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall.

"Once again, the categories are filled with exceptional students who consistently demonstrate an indisputable dedication to leadership, civic duty and service to the community" said Laura Rogers, Program Director of World Class Schools and coordinator of the Best and Brightest Awards. "Each of these outstanding finalists epitomizes Leon County's effectiveness in nurturing successful and caring students."

The Best and Brightest Awards program -- now in its ninth year -- has recognized more than 1,050 exceptional public and private high school seniors and awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarships since its inception. The Best and Brightest Awards program is sponsored by Envision Credit Union, in partnership with Leon County Schools, World Class Schools of Leon County, the Tallahassee Democrat, Sachs Media Group, Awards 4 U, Tallahassee Community College, ITT Technical Institute, Southern Scholarship Foundation, Target Copy and the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce.

On March 1, panels of select community leaders will interview the 2014 finalists on such topics as foreign language, technology and music, to determine the winners of the countywide awards. This year, 150 finalists will be evaluated on their academic achievement, leadership and community service. A winner, runner-up and honorable mention recipient will be named from each category.

"Leon County students have a track record of leadership and civic service and this year, they have gone above and beyond and set a new, commendable standard," said Ron Sachs, founder of the Best and Brightest Awards and president of Sachs Media Group. "These students exhibit a dedication and kindness that will serve them well not

only now, but also as they move into their future careers and as they pursue life's opportunities."

To reach this point, all finalists have demonstrated a solid record of academic achievement and expertise in one of 15 competitive categories in addition to school and community service. First-place winners in each category will receive scholarships of \$1,500; runners-up will be awarded \$750; and honorable mention recipients will receive \$500. All other finalists will receive a \$100 scholarship in recognition of their superlative accomplishments.

In addition to celebrating high school students, the Best and Brightest Awards program reaches out to younger Leon County students. The program conducts an Eighth Grade Essay Contest, and three students from across the county will win awards ranging from \$100 to \$500. The contest provides middle school students with much-needed positive reinforcement and helps encourage them to reflect on the importance of community involvement and academic achievement as they enter their high school careers. Schools will select the winning essays in April.

Another highlight of the program is the Spirit of the Best and Brightest Award, which is presented to the Best and Brightest winner whose deep commitment to civic duty and service stands out most to the judges. That student will receive a \$2,500 scholarship commemorating the late Brooks Rogers, in addition to his or her Best and Brightest scholarship award winnings.

This year's finalists for the Ninth Annual Best and Brightest Awards are:

Art: Lacy Barineau (Maclay School), Wanjing Cui (Chiles High School), Adelaide Determann (Florida State University School), Steven Goodchild (SAIL High School), Angelina Liu (Lincoln High School), Kenya Lloyd (Godby High School), Kiara Palmer (Rickards High School), La'Karis Salter (FAMU Developmental Research School), Sable Thompson (Leon High School), Yuqing Wu (John Paul II Catholic School)

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Athletics: Javier Escobar III (FAMU Developmental Research School), George Gilliam (SAIL High School), Adrian Hendlin (Chiles High School), Kristyn Hollenbeck (Florida State University School), MaShawn Knight (Godby High School), Erin Kolman (John Paul II Catholic School), Darrielle McQueen (North Florida Christian School), Kolby McWilliams (Maclay School), Ainsley Pratt (Lincoln High School), Phalguna Rupanagudi (Rickards High School), Carter Thompson (Leon High School)

Business: Haley Ashlin (Leon High School), Antonzia Darville (Godby High School), Brian Leichus (Chiles High School), Jessica Levenstein (Maclay School), Kelechi Nnaji (Rickards High School), Jaedin Renfroe (Lincoln High School), Deanne Roberts (Florida State University School), Jaidyn Wiard (SAIL High School)

Career/Technical: Jaylon Barnes (Godby High School), Alaina Branch (Florida State University School), Tamia Campbell (FAMU Developmental Research School), Missette Fleurissant (Leon High School), Sarah Gurley (Rickards High School), Tessa Leininger (Maclay School), Kayla Parker (Lincoln High School), Alayna Sibille (Chiles High School), David Wisniewski (SAIL High School)

Drama & Performing Arts: Anna Brooks (Maclay School), Anna Butler (Community Christian School), Thea Duncan-Beaumont (Godby High School), Mathieu Fredrickson (Leon High School), Jonathan Goodwin (FAMU Developmental Research School), Victoria Hines (John Paul II Catholic School), Kelsey James (Florida State University School), Roxanne Jester (Chiles High School), Jennifer Merrick (SAIL High School), Christopher Pippin (Lincoln High School), Kaylee Vigue (Rickards High School)

English & Language Arts: Joss Abaco (SAIL High School), Yasemin Altun (Rickards High School), Theresa Button (John Paul II Catholic School), Macy Craig (Godby High School), Kathryn Croft (Florida State University School), Caitlyn Gibson (Chiles High School), Adrienne Harmon (FAMU Developmental Research School), Brooke Harrison (Leon High School), Natalie Jones (Lincoln High School), Emily Ostreich (Maclay School)

Foreign Language: Makristina Aggabao (Lincoln High

School), Aileen Bustamante (SAIL High School), William Courreges-Clercq (Maclay School), Yu Liu (Godby High School), Daniel Mangan (John Paul II Catholic School), Shelby McCrackin (Florida State University School), Kevin Ramirez (Rickards High School), Mackenzie Teek (Leon High School), Cecilia Xie (Chiles High School)

Journalism: Lucas Alexander (Chiles High School), Kari Baasch (Florida State University School), Julia Filloon (Maclay School), Hunter Gillespie (Lincoln High School), Madison Harris-Parks (Rickards High School), Torri Hart (FAMU Developmental Research School), Mina Kaji (Leon High School), Alissea Merritt (SAIL High School), Marshall Moyle (John Paul II Catholic School), Phong Pham (Godby High School)

Leadership: Carly Craig (Maclay School), Joshua Gallaher (Chiles High School), Beatrice Hearn (Community Christian School), Pamela Hu (Rickards High School), Amina Kamau (SAIL High School), Carolyn Nguyen (Godby High School), Sarah Roberts (Florida State University School), Juan Salters (FAMU Developmental Research School), Ria Shah (Lincoln High School), Lacey Silvestri (John Paul II Catholic School), Alexander Strickland (North Florida Christian School), Brooke Williams (Leon High School)

Mathematics: Dionte Boddie (Godby High School), Courtney Johnson (Leon High School), Egwuchukwu Kalu (John Paul II Catholic School), Parisa Keshavarz-Joud (Maclay School), Charles McCarthy (Florida State University School), Redden Money (SAIL High School), Adrienne Nelson (FAMU Developmental Research School), Robert Rogers (North Florida Christian School), Alexander Yu (Rickards High School), Jimmy Zhang (Chiles High School),

Jeffery Zou (Lincoln High School)

Music: Samuel Cherrier-Vickers (Leon High School), Jatericka Connelly (Rickards High School), Justin Fitzpatrick (FAMU Developmental Research School), Avonlea Geisbert (Florida State University School), Nathan Hoekman (Chiles High School), John Hogan (Maclay School), Austin Locke (Godby High School), Brea Pack (John Paul II Catholic School), Francisco Westberry (SAIL High School), Crystal Zhang (Lincoln High School)

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Public Speaking: Amber Borgersen (Leon High School), James Daughton (Maclay School), Tram Dinh (Rickards High School), Stuart Garrity (Florida State University School), Devin Harrison (Godby High School), Haley May (Chiles High School), Aidan Newsome (John Paul II Catholic School), Yasmire Whigham (FAMU Developmental Research School), Cole Zelznak (Lincoln High School)

Science & Health: Christopher Allison (Maclay School), Sara Cowart (Florida State University School), Stephen Crothers (SAIL High School), Curtis Crowther (Chiles High School), Haley Hall (Godby High School), Megan Logan (John Paul II Catholic School), Alyssa Morrison (Rickards High School), Blaire Scoles (Lincoln High School), Samantha Skrob (Leon High School), Ariana Uwaibi (FAMU Developmental Research School)

Social Sciences: Hannah Acree (Godby High School), Christian Bell (Maclay School), Lauren Biddle (North Florida Christian School), Kayley Erickson (Lincoln High School), Luke Forsthoefel (John Paul II Catholic School), Matthew Kang (Rickards High School), Ashley Moore (SAIL High School), Cooper Perlman (Florida State University School), Sarah Schrader-Nahoom (Leon High School), Anisha Sinha (Chiles High School), Stafon Thomas (FAMU Developmental Research School)

Technology: Adam Claitt (FAMU Developmental Research School), Victor Cordiano (Rickards High School), Saikrishnapriya Gunasegaran (Godby High School), Jae Ha (Maclay School), Harrison Kent (Leon High School), John Edward Muchovej (Lincoln High School), Brady Robshaw (Florida State University School), Shawn Wilson (Chiles High School), Brenna Wonsey (SAIL High School)

For more information about the Best and Brightest Awards, visit www.thebestandbrightestawards.com.

Homeless veterans get housing help

TaMaryn Waters

Since December, 80 homeless veterans moved into homes of their own through the Advocates for Veteran Housing Program — a new effort by the Big Bend Homeless Coalition.

The coalition received \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to kick-start a program, which has since 2010 served cities nationwide.

Homeless advocates say the local program provides resources previously unavailable in Tallahassee. Federal reports indicate between 300 to 400 homeless veterans are in the Big Bend, living outside in camps, cars, transitional housing programs and shelters and on the streets.

The local first-year goal: Find homes for 250 homeless veterans or those at risk of being on the streets.

Marine Corps veteran Caleb Golson, his wife, Erin, — both 27 — and 10-month-old daughter Marley were surrounded this week by large storage bins, boxes and baby clothes. Caleb Golson, a Tallahassee Community College student, was in class all day when movers parked items in every corner of the two-bedroom, one-bathroom house off North Monroe Street.

Moving chaos didn't faze the young married couple. They were finally making a home of their own since the former Marine's discharge following four years of service.

The couple moved to Tallahassee in mid December after living in Gainesville. Before moving to town, Caleb Golson said veteran resources in Gainesville were sparse. In contrast, the Advocates for Veteran Housing Program provided first month's rent, utility and rental deposits and moving expenses.

He couldn't believe it.

"In the military, you're never by yourself. You always have that buddy there, and you always have that structure and support system. They help your family members if they need it when you go overseas. There's counseling. There's all this stuff," said Golson, who was a heavy equipment operator in the Marines.

Golson said it would have likely taken several months to save enough money to move. Program Director Deborah

Lloyd said many veterans are in the same boat and the new program helps them get a fresh start toward transitioning into a home, be it a house or apartment.

"It's a housing-first model, which means the veterans don't have to do anything," Lloyd said. "They don't have to change their lives in order to get this resource."

She said 40 percent of the program's funding is devoted to preventing homelessness.

"If you are behind on your rent for a couple of months, if you are behind on your utilities for a couple of months and it's in the body of your lease," Lloyd said, "you may be at risk for homelessness. Most people just don't want to identify with that. That's the truth of it."

Once a veteran has been assisted with the program, there's a three-month re-certification process to assess how each individual is settling in. Some may need more help and the program provides that, based on eligibility, Lloyd said.

In January 2013, three states — California, Florida and New York — accounted for 44 percent of all homeless veterans across the country, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans reports. Florida had 5,505 homeless veterans.

Part of what's worked well for Advocates for Veteran Housing has been more local landlords' willingness to work with the coalition to house veterans. Jeff Elliott, co-owner of Elliott Management Group under Capital Group Realtors, said his company helps house 18 veterans in one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartments at Hayden Arms, on Hayden Road near Doak Campbell Stadium.

Elliott said the complex is favorably located near local universities and TCC, which is attractive for veterans receiving VA funding for college. He said the entire community is affected by homelessness. Like knowing someone diagnosed with cancer, he said everyone knows a veteran.

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"There are more and more who are out there and that's why we want to be able to help them," Elliott said. "We are glad to be able help out our veterans."

Last year, 50 local veterans were placed in apartments through the coalition's Home Front program, a federally funded voucher program, said the coalition's executive director Susan Pourciau. Before 2013, she said no housing programs were geared toward placing homeless veterans in apartments of their own.

Paula Kelly, 50, has been living in a townhouse for about a month.

Before moving, she'd been crashing with friends for the last three to four years. While homeless, she earned her bachelor's degree in project management. She's pursuing a master's degree in human resources and trying to find a job.

Moving into a home of her own, where she can slip on her pajamas, read a book or simply relax, means her life is finally starting to look stable. She said the housing program helped her gain self-worth again.

"The general feeling is that the people who have served in the military don't want to be forgotten," Kelly said. "Nothing is scarier than thinking nobody cares."

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