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TCC to celebrate International Education Week

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Tallahassee Community College begins its 10th annual celebration of International Education Week Monday, with events planned throughout the week.

The U.S. Department of State and Department of Education spotlights similar events around the nation and the world to promote international education and exchange.

"We always have an outstanding schedule of events here at TCC," said Betty Jensen, coordinator of international services. "With so many international students, several study abroad programs and our Global Council, we have a very dynamic international atmosphere on campus."

TCC kicks off the week with the International Parade of Nations at 11:30 a.m. Monday. Students create a colorful display around the campus flagpole, carrying their home country's flag and introducing themselves in their native language.

The event will feature remarks from Phil Chicola, a member of the faculty of Florida State University and the former consul general of the U.S. Consulate in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Chicola also served in numerous postings in Latin America.

TCC alumnus Ismael Sangare, who works in the financial services industry in New York City, will also speak, and Mayor Andrew Gillum will present a proclamation in honor of the 10th year of TCC's celebration of International Education Week.

City commissioners will also be present, along with members of the TCC District Board of Trustees and TCC President Jim Murdaugh.

Tuesday offers the opportunity to interact with international students at several information tables set up in the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can take the "How Global Are You?" quiz, spin the language wheel, learn about TCC's study abroad and Global Gateway programs, and more.

That day, also in the Student Union, there will be an open forum on "Struggles in the Middle East" at 11:30 a.m. and a performance by the TCC African Drum and Dance Ensemble at 12:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Student Union.

On Wednesday, the popular event, Bringing the World to TCC, returns to the Student Union ballroom from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Guests may "visit" 16 of the more than 80 countries represented in TCC's student population—learning about the culture, sampling native foods, and talking to international students about their home countries and how they came to be at TCC.

On Thursday, for the very first time, students will have the chance to Go Global during a speech contest at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. In the "Amazing Race," also slated for Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., teams of students will complete fun challenges at various departments around campus. Thursday also features a performance by Pan Groove, a steel band from Leon High School, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. outside the Student Union.

Friday's schedule includes a World Potluck in the Student Union ballroom at 4 p.m., when everyone is invited to bring a dish to share as they watch students perform.

The week will close out at the TCC women's basketball game at 7:30 p.m. in TCC's Bill Hebrock Eagledome, cheering on the team's international and American players.

All events are open to the public. For information, contact Betty Jensen at (850) 201-8258 or jensenb@tcc.fl.edu.

TCC dean inducted into Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Marge Banocy-Payne, dean of communications and humanities at TCC, was inducted into the Florida College System Activities Association Hall of Fame on November 13.

She received the honor for her support of the nationally recognized TCC speech and debate team, which recently won its ninth consecutive state championship.

TCC offers GED prep classes at the Quincy House

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Tallahassee Community College is offering GED test preparation classes at the Quincy House, located in downtown Quincy. The classes run through Dec. 10, for Fall 2015 and will begin again Jan. 7. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from either 9 a.m. to noon, or 6 to 9 p.m.

Gadsden County residents may take classes at the Quincy House, or at the main campus in Tallahassee. Before registering for a GED class, students must enroll in TCC and take a placement test. There is a \$25 fee to take the placement test, and tuition for the GED class is \$30.

For information about registration, call (850) 558-3620, or the main campus at (850) 201-8760.

TCC's literary magazine wins several awards

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

The Eyrie, TCC's student art and literary magazine, won third place for general excellence from the Florida College System Publications Association.

Students Michael Suhor, Jairo Marin Cortes and Kendall E. Tolbert were recognized in the photography category. Andrea Torres, Steven O'Toole and John Paul Gagliano were honored for poetry. The collected art works of Tatiana Cabrera, Julia Scott and Devin Mooney, along with Carina Krehl's individual artwork "Eye of the Beholder," also received awards.

Sharisse Turner, associate dean for developmental communications and college success, was chosen as president-elect of the Florida Developmental Education Association. David DelRossi, associate dean for developmental mathematics, was elected to the FDEA board.

TCC wins six regional awards for communications and marketing

CAPITAL SOUP

Tallahassee Community College recently received six Medallion Awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations at their annual District 2 conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. The competition brought in 330 total entries from two-year colleges in the southeastern region.

TCC took home the gold in the Online Newsletter category for the faculty and staff newsletter, *Around the Campus*, and the Media Success Story category for the fundraising campaign to help TCC alum Bryan Wimberly and his service dog, Bella. TCC also won awards for the TCC2FSU microsite, the summer and fall registration social media campaign, *The SKiNNY On the Job: Dental Hygiene* video, and a READ poster featuring TCC President Jim Murdaugh.

TCC's Office of Communications and Marketing connects with a variety of audiences across a range of media, including television, print, radio, websites, outdoor media, and social media. To watch TCC22's latest original programming, visit www.youtube.com/yourTCC22.

The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations is the only organization of its kind that exclusively represents marketing and public relations professionals at community and technical colleges. As one of the fastest growing affiliates of the American Association of Community Colleges, NCMPR has more than 1,550 members from more than 650 colleges across the United States, Canada and other countries.

For information, contact Alice Maxwell, TCC Office of Communications and Marketing, at (850) 201-6049 or maxwella@tcc.fl.edu.

TCC Foundation gains in scholarships

BYRON DOBSON

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Florida's Education Commissioner Pam Stewart Monday made a rare appearance before Tallahassee Community College's trustees' board, and brought with her a check for \$31,208.

The presentation by DOE and the Florida College System Foundation to TCC President Jim Murdaugh will be used for first-generation students and students studying for careers in healthcare.

Also during Monday's trustees meeting, Bill Oliver and Todd Sperry of Oliver Sperry Renovation and Construction contributed \$25,000 for scholarships. Both donations were accepted by Heather Mitchell, TCC's vice president for resource development and executive director of the foundation.

"Community colleges are all about opportunity, and that's what these scholarships provide," trustees chairwoman Donna Callaway said of the DOE presentation. "We all benefit when our students have the opportunity to reach their potential and to become role models for the younger students who follow them."

DOE is able to provide the scholarships through endowed donations from Helios Education Foundation, Florida Blue and Bank of America.

TCC students receiving scholarships Monday were: Angelina Liu, who received \$1,000 from Bank of America; Ashley Singletary, a dental hygiene major who received \$2,000 from Florida Blue and Delmy Pineda, who plans to become a speech pathologist. She received \$2,000 from the Helios Foundation.

The DOE and the Florida College System Foundation will hand out more than \$625,000 in scholarships this year to first-generation students.

Let's talk oysters

County will hold two workshops for local oyster farmers and fishermen

NICOLE ZEMA
WAKULLA NEWS

The maritime industries that have long been the cornerstone of county commerce are evolving.

Wakulla County leadership wants to ensure that the hardworking men and women who built the local oyster and fishing economy don't get left behind, as farming techniques move into the future.

Two separate workshops were proposed at recent commission meetings – one specifically to hear the concerns of oyster farmers, crabbers and fishermen and women – and the another workshop to bring in experts, industry newcomers, and other voices.

One workshop has been officially scheduled at 3 p.m. before the Jan. 19 meeting in commission chambers. But Commissioner Chairman Ralph Thomas thinks the county can take it further.

At the Nov. 16 meeting, Thomas said, "One thing that we have not heard is from the oystermen – what the problems are from their perspective. Why don't we have a workshop between now and then; basically make it a listening session for anybody who's a commercial or recreational fisherman... let's hear what the concerns are. It might make it easier to know who the experts are we should invite in to help solve the problems."

Commissioners agreed the listening session should be at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4 before the regular meeting.

Tallahassee Community College's Wakulla Environmental Institute has developed successful oyster farming techniques that are already yielding profitable crops. The class is designed to not only teach modern oyster farming practices, but also provide students the tools they need to start oyster businesses.

Because students are loaned \$15,400 in equipment and training, class seats are limited to 10 per year. However, students with enough capital can buy their seat and forego the six-year waiting list.

Commissioner Jerry Moore recently announced he is one of those students. This drew complaints from local oyster farmers, who in desperate economic straits, must wait a long time to get seats in the class.

WEI Executive Director Bob Ballard acknowledged the waiting list is ridiculously long, but the level of state funding, and the limited number of water leases prevents larger classes. He said they are beginning to develop techniques to farm oysters in deeper water to expand the leases.

At the Nov. 2 commission meeting, Commissioner Howard Kessler talked about struggles of fishing industry workers in Wakulla County – from crabbers to oystermen.

"Everyone knows at this point in time, oystermen are going through a hard period, both here and in other areas of the Gulf," Kessler said. "I strongly feel that we, as a board, should reach out and try to help the oystermen of Wakulla County... and people involved in the fishing industry as well."

Commissioner Randy Merritt seconded the workshop motion, and said, "I have no problem doing this, as long as it doesn't turn into TCC-bashing."

Kessler said TCC, and all parties, are invited to listen and learn.

"I think it should be a very positive thing on how to go forward," Kessler said.

Commissioner Richard Harden was on board too, saying not only does he support maritime workers, but also the innovative techniques brought forth by Wakulla Environmental Institute. He quoted Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, who said farming practices evolve and modernize with every generation.

"If we can hold a workshop and talk about a way to find a balance to bring all of this together, I think it would be great," Harden said.

Oysterman John Taylor thanked commissioners for the upcoming workshops. Taylor previously filed suit against TCC's Board of Trustees for fraud, negligence and breach of contract.

"It means a lot to me," Taylor said. "I'm a fourth-generation oysterman. We've been doing this all our lives."

Tallahassee philanthropist Hossein Ghazvini dies at 85

KARL ETTERS

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Hossein Ghazvini, the patriarch of one of Tallahassee's leading philanthropic families, died Sunday at the age of 85.

Ghazvini is probably best known as the driving force behind the annual Tallahassee Community Thanksgiving Celebration that feeds upwards of 1,000 people who are alone or homeless every holiday.

Ghazvini and his sons founded Premier Construction and Sandco Inc. as well as various other business entities in the capital city.

Educational endeavors in the community include a \$2 million contribution to Tallahassee Community College in 2006 for the development of the school's Center for Health Education and Leon County School's Ghazvini Learning Center, which was named in 2007 for Ghazvini's eldest son, Pepper, who died the same year.

He was also integral in providing assistance for Habitat for Humanity and the Big Bend Homeless Coalition.

Ghazvini leaves behind Mina, his wife of 60 years, two sons, Pete and Steve, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday morning at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Anglican Church.

His family is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory be made to the Big Bend Homeless Coalition and Big Bend Habitat for Humanity.

2015 Business Excellence Awards

NICOLE ZEMA
WAKULLA NEWS

The biggest crowd ever turned out for the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Business Excellence Awards.

More than 200 people packed into the Wakulla Senior Center to learn which nominees would walk away with this year's awards for: nonprofits, professional services, hospitality and tourism, retail, government and schools, green businesses, service businesses, area business, and volunteer of the year. There were 158 nominations.

This year featured many new categories.

Jo Ann Palmer served as the emcee. The special guest was Bill Watson, Ameris Bank Vice President.

The event's title sponsor was Ameris Bank. The Wakulla News was also a sponsor, along with new sponsor Capital Health Plan.

Maurice Langston, senior center director, opened the event in thankful prayer for the Chamber's promotion of a vibrant local economy, that enhances our overall quality of life.

Chamber President Alan Wise said, "Small communities require strong community involvement." He introduced commercial banker Bill Watson of Ameris Bank.

The \$5.1 billion bank is a large-asset bank that is community focused. Long-time and new local employees were recognized, including Robert Vice, who has enjoyed a 40-year career in banking.

"Most of them are home-grown Wakulla County employees," Watson said.

Jo Ann Palmer said award categories were expanded this year, instead of limiting the award to "business of the year."

Long-standing businesses were recognized, including Myra Jean's Restaurant and The Wakulla News.

Myra Jean's just celebrated 30 years. Palmer read a history of the restaurant, which used to be only a bakery and donut shop. Butch and Myra Nutting and their family proudly accepted the recognition and plaque. The location will soon start serving pizza!

William Snowden, editor of The Wakulla News, accepted a plaque in recognition of being the oldest continually operating business in the county.

Special thanks to the Angels who served the meal, and chefs Wendy and Linda for their hard work.

Also thanks to Woody Palmer for the red-carpet style backdrop.

(NOTE: The Wakulla Environmental Institute received the Chamber's award for Government or School of the Year.)

'Discovery on Parade' spotlights new research, innovations produced in Tallahassee

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Tallahassee's three institutions of higher learning will present a unique event showcasing innovations and inventions being produced during Tuesday's "Discovery on Parade" event.

The event is the first of its kind locally. More than 80 exhibits offer a glimpse into research- and technology-based discoveries at Florida State and Florida A&M universities and Tallahassee Community College.

Free and open to the public, the event will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Turnbull State Conference Center, 555 W. Pensacola St., near the Tucker Civic Center. There will be a 6:30 p.m. "main tent" event, but attendees are allowed to come and go throughout the entire event.

Sponsors include Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A., the Leon County Research and Development Authority and the city of Tallahassee.

Here's what coordinators said about parking: The event is available for all attendees in the adjacent five-story garage. At or after 5 p.m., the garage is open to the general public. Please note that the fourth floor of the garage is adjacent to the first floor of the conference center.

FAMU, FSU and TCC to highlight research success in 'Discovery on Parade'

LYNN HATTER

WFSU NEWS

Tallahassee's three colleges are showcasing their research Tuesday. The Discovery on Parade highlights projects at Florida A&M University, Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College.

FAMU, FSU and TCC will show the public how they're putting research to work—from Florida supplied wines made of FAMU's specialty grapes, to farm-raised oysters grown at TCC's environmental institute. Money spent on research at the school's circles through the local economy," said FSU's Gary Ostrander.

"Collectively, they're putting about a quarter-billion into the economy and that's being spent at movie theatres, grocery stores and things like that," he said. "As well as using some of that to focus on developing new technologies so we can develop companies that will stay in Tallahassee spin out jobs and strengthen our community.

This is the first year all three of Tallahassee's higher education institutions will present their work together. Much of it could have some impact on daily life.

"To me that's the cool part about what we do everyday, which is innovate, create and take to market," said FAMU's Tim Moore.

Doors open Tuesday evening at 5 at the Turnbull conference center.

Discovery on Parade delights, informs



PHOTOS BY D.A. ROBINDEMOCRAT

Students from Tallahassee's three major institutions showed their talents in research, engineering, music, dance and other areas Tuesday as part of the city's first Discovery on Parade. Here, Tallahassee Community College's African Dance and Drum Ensemble performs.



A violinist plays with a string quartet at the Florida State University Turnbull Conference Center. The event drew a sizable crowd for demonstrations and booths from representatives of FAMU, FSU and TCC.



Florida A&M University President Elmira Mangum talks with an exhibitor Tuesday about how plasma technology could be applied to agriculture.



See a photo gallery from the event. www.Tallahassee.com

TCC program to help Nicaraguan community

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Tallahassee Community College Model United Nations (TCC MUN) program, has helped inspire a volunteer to make a difference in an Estelí, Nicaragua, community.

Once a TCC MUN delegate, Dana Terry, is now a coordinator for the Instituto de Promocion Humana (INPRHU), a national development and human rights non-governmental organization. As a volunteer, Terry thanks TCC MUN for her inspiring her passion about the subject.

"I owe my career aspirations to TCC MUN as it was through the long hours of conference preparations that I first discovered my passion for post-conflict international development," said Terry.

One of Terry's goals is to reduce the level of poverty in Estelí, by providing a way for young entrepreneurs to market their business online and grow a clientele.

"Sixty percent of the entrepreneurs lack access to computers and Internet, since their community is too impoverished to provide basic libraries, [or] technology centers."

Terry is currently doing research to discuss issues and possible solutions, in reference to the project.

"I have been gathering field data for a needs statement and report on the socio-physiological factors which influence entrepreneurial success or failure. This report will serve as a consul-

tation tool when INPRHU reevaluates its young entrepreneurs program strategy," said Terry, when asked about the sustainability of the project.

Some of Tallahassee Southern Model United Nations (TSMUN) board members will be donating computers, to support Terry's efforts. TCC MUN has led TSMUN in student led staffing, preparation and development.

"I am soliciting organizations to donate old laptops for a technology learning center we would like to establish for underprivileged students and entrepreneurs within the community," said Terry.

"This center would be used for teaching courses on computer skills, digital marketing strategy, and professional capacity building."

Terry's hope is to provide a way for entrepreneurs to learn how to create their own webpage, promotional materials, and email for their business.

The class will also serve people looking for work.

"I am also creating a community internship program for young entrepreneurs and young professionals who do not have access to an internship program and lack adequate work experience in their desired sectors."

Participants will learn how to create cover letters, resumes, and profiles on LinkedIn and online job boards when searching for work.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, go to www.inprhuesteli.com/.

Schools co-host first Discovery On Parade

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

What do new cancer treatments, wine tasting, Web-based suicide prevention, artistic masterpieces, oyster shucking, and robots have in common?

Besides being a few of the countless forms of research and creative activity taking place at Tallahassee's three institutions of higher education, they also represent a small sampling of the more than 80 exhibits ready for display during the inaugural Discovery on Parade event.

Jointly hosted by FAMU, FSU and TCC, this community event will provide a unique preview of new and exciting inventions, discoveries and innovations making their way into the world. Discovery on Parade will also feature information on new and existing companies created through research endeavors, live technology demonstrations by researchers and their students, and video presentations about the directions of select research and workforce development efforts at FAMU, FSU and TCC.

The event is free and open to the public, requiring only a simple online registration found online at www.discoveryonparade.com/.

Attendees may come and go as they please but are encouraged to attend the 6:30 p.m. "main tent" event featuring a glimpse of the future of university-led economic development in Tallahassee.

Sponsors for the event include Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A., the Leon County Research and Development Authority and the City of Tallahassee.

Parking for the event is available for all attendees in the adjacent five-story garage. At or after 5 p.m., the garage is open to the general public. Please note that the fourth floor of the garage is adjacent to the first floor of the conference center.

Discovery on Parade will take place:

Tuesday, Dec. 1
5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center
555 W. Pensacola St.

TCC invites photographers to enter contest

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Tallahassee Community College will hold a photography contest featuring divisions for youths, students and adults. All photographs must have been taken within a 150-mile radius of TCC.

Entries must be submitted January 25-27 during TCC Fine Art Gallery operating hours.

Full rules, entry dates and an application to enter the contest are at www.tcc.fl.edu/PhotoContest. For information, contact Barbara Cohenour at (850) 201-9889 or cohenoub@tcc.fl.edu.

Rep. Gwen Graham will address law enforcement graduates

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

The Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy, part of Tallahassee Community College, will graduate Basic Recruit Class 427 at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Florida Public Safety Institute Conference Center. U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham of Florida's 2nd Congressional District will serve as guest speaker for the ceremony.

The Florida Public Safety Institute is west of Tallahassee on Highway 90 near Midway. For information, contact Larry Bourdeau at (850) 201-7007 or bourdeal@tcc.fl.edu.

TCC health care graduations coming up this week

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

The Division of Healthcare Professions at Tallahassee Community College will host several upcoming graduation ceremonies this week that are all open to the public.

Nine students in the Surgical Technology program will be pinned at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a pinning ceremony for 14 graduates of the Radiology Technology program at 6:30 p.m. Both ceremonies will take place at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education.

The Nursing program will pin 32 graduates at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Turner Auditorium on TCC's main campus.

TCC women are rolling up victories despite injuries

Freshmen step up while sophomores get healthy

JORDAN CULVER

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Tallahassee Community College's women's basketball team has rattled off six straight wins, despite battling numerous injuries and having to rely on freshmen for production.

In fact, head coach Franqua Bedell said the freshmen on the team have stepped up to provide much-needed leadership on the floor while the team's sophomores work to get healthy.

There are a few things the team still needs to work in, but Bedell said he's been impressed with the 9-3 Eagles. TCC is also making its way up the NJCAA women's basketball rankings. The Eagles received votes in last week's poll, when the winning streak was at five games.

"I think, at this point, if we can stay the course and keep maturing and growing as a team and as individuals and take responsibility and more pride on defense, we could make a run," Bedell said.

"A lot of other things still have to come together. It's early and we're still trying to figure out who we are. If we're able to do that a lot more consistently, we'll have a chance to do something special. We've still got work to do and things we need to get better at."

TCC is led by Lawriell Wilson, a sophomore who missed five games (including the first two games of TCC's win streak) earlier in the season with a foot injury. Wilson averages 18.7 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

Bedell was expecting production out of sophomore Eboni Watts, and for a while, he got it. Watts put up 18.3 points per game for the Eagles before fracturing her wrist. She's been out since Nov. 20 and isn't expected to return until after Christmas.

The team definitely misses Watts' output, but two freshmen (Monique Calliste and Sabrina Banks) are averaging at least 10 points per game for the Eagles, and a third (Janessa Murphy) is putting up 9.5 points per game.

"I'm proud of this team," Bedell said. "We're trying to take it one step, one game and one drill at a time."

He added "If we can overcome the health issues, we'll be might good. Hopefully we can keep everybody healthy. That's been a constant battle this year."

Bedell said practices will be shorter as the team prepares for a break for finals. The group defeated Hillsborough Community College 67-39 on Dec. 3 and doesn't play again until a Friday date with ASA College (Miami).

"It's going to be a good little relief," Bedell said.

"We also get a break after they finish finals where all they have to focus on is basketball. The biggest key is trying to keep them focused going into the Christmas break so they're not too focused just on getting home. We're going to get them focused so we finish out the first part of the season on a good note."

First-year head coach Mark White and TCC's men's basketball team were off to a strong start to the season, but now are looking for answers after four losses in a row.

White's group began the year 7-2, including a 94-57 manhandling of Hillsborough Community College to open the Eagles' home schedule. The team also won three games in a row twice and scored at least 80 points in seven of nine games.

Since reaching 7-2, the Eagles have been in free fall. They've scored more than 70 points just once in four games and haven't topped 70 points in back-to-back games for the first time all season.

The games during the losing streak have been close – no team has beaten the Eagles by more than 10 points this season.

TCC to offer Friday-only classes next semester

BYRON DOBSON

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

In an effort to counter a downturn in enrollment and meet the needs of working students, Tallahassee Community College is offering students a Friday-only class schedule beginning next semester.

The classes are being offered so that students can take up to nine hours of coursework on Fridays. Classes include College Composition, Liberal Arts Math I and II, College Success, General Psychology and History of the United States.

Classes will be taught by TCC professors, but depending on the need, additional instructors will be hired.

Provost Feleccia Moore-Davis said increasing enrollment was another factor in the new schedule.

"It is to grow our enrollment and find out what works for students and their busy lives and to meet our students' needs," she said.

This fall's enrollment for students earning credits toward an associate of science or associate of arts degree is 12,625, compared to 13,045 for the fall, 2014, or a 2.6 percent decrease, according to TCC enrollment figures. Fall 2013 figures show 13,634 students enrolled, and in the fall 2012, there were 14,613.

The courses offered for Friday-only enrollment are among the college's most popular ones that often fill quickly under traditional schedules, Moore-Davis said.

She decided to offer the non-traditional schedule after hearing from students and faculty. If this is successful, the college also might consider Saturday schedules next fall, she said.

The goal, she said, is to offer "less interruption to work schedules and school schedules."

"The student at TCC is working as well as going to school," she said. "They are not traditional students. I was looking at a way to open up non-traditional schedules. It's just a way of life now."

The college already offers one-day-a-week, three-credit classes, she said. "We are trying to create a program courses, all three-hour courses in one day."

The Friday-only schedule allows a student to take up to three courses at three credits each.

Course costs will be the same for Friday-only students, she said, at \$76 per credit hour, or \$228 per course.

"You can get all the services you need on a Friday," she said. "You just have to plan accordingly."

For instance, the College Composition class runs from 9- 11:45 a.m., general psychology, from noon to 2:45 p.m. and history, from 3 to 5:45 p.m.

Moore-Davis said pre-registration is going slower in some Friday-only classes compared to others.

"The math classes are doing very well and are almost closed," she said. "We might have to open more at another time frame."

Class sizes can range from seven to 30, she said, but the typical class size is 35 to 40 students.

For more information, call 850-201-6063 or visit academicaffairs@TCC.fl.edu.

TCC graphic design students receive city awards

CAPITAL SOUP

Three Tallahassee Community College graphic design students received awards from the City of Tallahassee for their concepts of display panels to be placed at the intersection of Springhill Road and Capital Circle Southwest.

Students Kira Poole, Cassandra Holston and Gregory Daniels received recognition for their banner designs. All three students are members of Roopali Kambo's graphic design class.

"In this class, my students are challenged to push themselves creatively and technically," said Kambo. "One of my goals is to continue to incorporate real projects into the curriculum. The benefits of working on a project like this are myriad."

Kambo stressed the importance of students having the opportunity to collaborate with real clients in the community.

City of Tallahassee Underground Utilities technology manager and TCC Trustee Jonathan Kilpatrick presented the students with their awards.

"I have been incredibly impressed by the talent of the TCC students in the graphics design class," said Kilpatrick. "Our initial intent was to choose only one winner, but because of the technical skill and artistic abilities of these students, we decided to expand the selection."

"I am grateful to Trustee Kilpatrick for facilitating this opportunity," said Kambo. "He, and others from the department, came to our classroom at various stages of the project and gave feedback to our students. The students then further refined their work."

Kate Stewart, TCC's dean of technology and professional programs, called the project "an awesome opportunity."

The display panels, when produced, will be eight feet tall and four feet wide.

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Tallahassee Fire Academy to graduate 29 recruits

CAPITAL SOUP

The Tallahassee Fire Academy will graduate its 18th class at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at the Florida Public Safety Institute's conference center. The Institute is part of Tallahassee Community College.

Fire Chief Jerome Gaines of the Tallahassee Fire Department will be the evening's guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

During the ceremony, three individual awards will be presented, including the Executive Director's Award (top academic), the Leadership Award and the coveted Isaac Royal Memorial Award, given in honor of a former firefighter who died in 1981 at the age of 26. This award recognizes the firefighter recruit who leads by example in all categories, mobilizes and unifies people, and works to ensure his or her success and the success of others.

"Our approach is built around providing our recruits with the proper foundation and mindset to better serve their future departments and communities," said Melvin Stone, Tallahassee Fire Academy director.

Class 018 graduates are scheduled to take the state examination earlier that day. With an average pass rate of 95 percent on the written and practical exam, the Tallahassee Fire Academy is in the upper echelon of the 40 academies in Florida.

On November 14, the class held its Friends and Family Day at the Fire Academy Drill Field. This event gave recruits the opportunity to showcase what they have learned and gave family and friends a glimpse of the intense training required of the recruits.

On November 15, the class raised \$1,800 in a charity car wash held at Cody's Restaurant. The students will present \$1,500 to the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial Monument and \$300 to the American Red Cross at the graduation ceremony.

According to Stone, the recruits are advised that "the best gift you can give someone is your time because you're giving them something that you'll never get back."

"True heroism is remarkably sober and not very dramatic," Stone said. "It is not about the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost—it's about the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

Applications are being accepted now for Fire Academy Class 020, which begins July 5, 2016.

To donate to the Firefighter Memorial Monument at the Florida State Capitol, visit <http://www.ffca.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=5058>. For information, contact Melvin Stone at (850) 558-4366 or stoneme@tcc.fl.edu.

Wakulla Environmental Institute recognized

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

The Wakulla Environmental Institute, part of Tallahassee Community College, received a 2015 Wakulla Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award in the Government and Schools category.

TCC's Anika Fields receives lifetime achievement award

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Anika Fields, psychologist and mental health services provider at Tallahassee Community College, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors at the group's annual conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

TCC Foundation director speaks to Rotary

By Byron Spires,
Herald Editor

Executive director for the Tallahassee Community College Foundation, Heather R. Mitchell, spoke last week at the Quincy Rotary Club.

Tallahassee Community College (TCC) opened in 1966 to serve the post-secondary education needs of students from a district comprised of Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla Counties and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year.

Mitchell spoke about the many aspects of TCC including:

- Currently TCC is the number-one transfer school to Florida State University.
 - TCC Offers guaranteed admission to FSU for students who earn an A.A. degree at TCC and meet all transfer requirements.
 - TCC is the 13th largest school in the Florida College System with almost 19,000 credit-seeking students.
 - TCC offers over 90 academic and career programs and more than 600 different courses.
- Mitchell talked about



Executive director for the Tallahassee Community College Foundation Heather R. Mitchell.

the new TCC-Gadsden Center set for completion next year where adult education, youth programs and a state of the art HVAC lab will be available.

In addition, she spoke about the TCC Foundation and its many projects now underway that include the Gadsden Center, Wakulla Environmental Institute, classroom space and Bridge the Gap scholarships.

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Cash for state college campus security sought

MIKE VASILINDA

CAPITOL NEWS SERVICE

Florida's 28 State and Community colleges are asking lawmakers for 74 million dollars to beef up security across the state. As Mike Vasilinda tells us, only a few of the campuses have a sworn law enforcement presence.

Tis the week before Christmas and across the state, college campuses are all but empty and closed...But despite the calm, here at Tallahassee Community College, police officers remain alert. We asked TCC Police Chief Chris Summers "How many officers do you have?". "Including me, make twelve" he responded.

The TCC Campus, in the shadow of the state Capitol, is one of the few that maintains a full time police force,

"And for the most part, we can see most of our population areas on campus. We exercise frequently" says the Chief.

Following shootings on campuses in Oregon, California and even Florida State. The state's 28 colleges want an armed presence on every campus. 18 months ago, someone with a gun was reported on campus.

"We were fortunate in that nobody was injured" says Summers.

The gun carrying student was charged and kicked out of school.

"And we've made a few arrests for domestic battery, assault, or stalking. And the vast majority is something that began off (campus)" says Chief Summers.

What's clear is that there isn't an outbreak of crime at this or other college campuses, but the chief says his biggest role is intervening before bad things happen."

The budget for a police presence at TCC runs about a million dollars a year, and if he had a wish list for some of the 74 million being sought, it would be for more officers to keep problems from growing.

The effort to allow guns on campuses spurred the request for security money, but in a statement, Michael Brawer (Braw-Er), the CFO for the Assn of Fl. Colleges says "we have come to accept that currently there is a trend for bad people to bad things in public areas, and our colleges need to be better prepared in the areas of training for active shooter scenarios for college faculty, staff and students, better threat assessment and reporting mechanisms to pre-empt situations".

Higher education leaders look ahead to 2016

BYRON DOBSON

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Clearly 2015 brought many significant gains in higher education by way of the accomplishments of Florida State, Florida A&M universities and Tallahassee Community College.

The three institutions make up a critical part of Tallahassee's fabric in the way of academic breakthroughs, economic development, promoting Tallahassee as a destination for young entrepreneurs and retirees looking for opportunities to engage in an academically challenging community; and preparing for tomorrow's workplace -- be it at the doctoral level or through certificate programs that open doors for immediate employment.

In Tallahassee, the major college campuses cater to more than 60,000 students, and that represents a market that has prompted a surge of new service businesses, hotels and supplier-side enterprises.

The big news in higher education this year came a week before Christmas when Florida State University President John Thrasher announced a \$100-million gift from Jan Moran and The Jim Moran Foundation to create the Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship, which will be located in downtown Tallahassee.

The new year promises to bring more challenges and achievements in higher education, with next year's highlights largely dependent on results from the upcoming legislative session, buy-in from private partnerships and earning the grade on performance-based metrics set by the Florida Board of Governors.

Both FSU and FAMU also will be finalizing work on their strategic plans in the early part of the new year. The plans are critical in defining each institution's mission as it relates to what new programs will need to be funded, which programs will be dropped, what new partnerships need to be established and who pays for it all.

A top priority for Tallahassee Community College is the celebration of its 50th anniversary and how the college prepares for the future.

Here are some highlights from 2015, with a look ahead to 2016:

TCC President Jim Murdaugh shored up his leadership team with several key appointments, including Feleccia Moore-Davis as provost. Moore-Davis came to TCC from Lone Star College-CyFair in Houston, where she was vice president for instruction. She also served as the Texas college's dean of business, math, communications and computer information technology. Heather Mitchell, former president and CEO of the United Way of the Big Bend, was named vice president for resource development and executive director of the TCC Foundation. Barbara Wills, former assistant superintendent for Leon County Schools overseeing finance, risk management, human resources, construction and facilities, and grant management, was named chief business officer and vice president for administrative services.

The Simulation Center at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education was granted national accreditation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. This makes TCC only the second community college in the country and the second facility in Florida to obtain this certification.

TCC was named one of four community colleges nationwide to receive a \$120,000 grant to prepare students for middle-skill retail careers in the Tallahassee region within six months or less.

Murdaugh was among other community college presidents to endorse the Presidents for Entrepreneurship Pledge, sponsored by the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship.

The new Pankowski Honors Lounge was dedicated and opened to top students at the college. The Honors Lounge is located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, which is named for Mary and Joe Pankowski, who, along with members of the TCC Foundation President's Circle, provided private funding.

TCC is one of only 30 colleges selected to be part of the Pathways Project led by the American Association of Community Colleges. Selection was based on the college's commitment to improving college completion and equity in student outcomes.

Higher education leaders look ahead to 2016....

continued

Looking ahead for 2016:

TCC will begin a year-long celebration of its 50th anniversary with programs designed to showcase its academic offerings in Leon, Gadsden and Wakulla counties. The college will begin its Friday-only course schedule for working students.

The Gadsden Center opens in Quincy, focusing on career training.

The Wakulla Environmental Institute opens in January, featuring a state-of-the-art building that ties into TCC's theme of promoting environmental studies. The college also plans to continue to maintain its presence in the Centennial Bank building in Wakulla.

TCC will begin offering a bachelor's of science degree in nursing. This marks the first bachelor's degree offered by the college.

Legislative requests include:

\$7.6 million to pay for the design and construction of a new roof and addressing heating, cooling and safety concerns at the Lifetime Sports Complex.

\$1 million to establish a Commercial Vehicle Drivers training program to address the shortage of skilled drivers now available. The money will go toward the purchase of trucks, preparing classrooms and a training center and a driving simulator. TCC projects training up about 150 students annually in this field.

(Note: This article truncated for relevance to TCC.)

TCC makes big announcements in 2015

JORDAN CULVER

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Tallahassee Community College began 2015 by saying goodbye to one of the staples of the athletic department.

Head men's basketball coach Eddie Barnes, who spent 14 years at the helm of the Eagles, retired at the end of the 2015-16 season. His storied tenure at TCC included tournament appearances, state championships and an appearance in the NJCAA title game.

The Eagles moved on by nabbing Mark White, the former head coach at East Mississippi Community College. White – who won multiple regional championships with the Lions – was signed to a contract in April. He immediately brought fire to the men's group and gained quick notoriety for his intense style.

TCC also made a splash by announcing the formation of a women's cross country team, the school's first new sport in 21 years. Athletic director Rob Chaney said the Eagles cross country group should be ready to compete in the fall of 2016.

The school's current women's teams (softball and basketball) had chances to shine in the postseason. The softball team fell two games shy an FCSAA title.

Top stories of 2015:

Eddie Barnes retires, earns win in final home game:

This wasn't a surprise, as Barnes announced he'd leave the Eagles at the end of the 2015-16 season. Still, Barnes was a constant force in TCC's athletic department and a Hall of Fame-caliber coach. His final home game cemented his legacy. The Eagles were down 43-28 at halftime to the Gulf Coast State College Commodores and came back to steal a 74-70 win.

Barnes was also heavily involved in the search for a new coach.

"I was just trying to make a difference in young peoples' lives," Barnes said. "We're really just focused on them. We want to win and I feel the by-product of what we do is about winning. It's all about trying to help people find themselves and try to become successful later on in life."

Mark White hired, earns win in first home game: Mark White is a very intense guy. He was hired in April and emphasized guard play at TCC. Now the Eagles have a potent, high-flying offense that dazzled the crowd in its first home game. White won his first home game as TCC's head coach as the Eagles hammered Hillsborough Community College 94-57.

During the win, White constantly paced the sidelines and his voice was clearly heard over the crowd.

"Yes, I am intense," White said after the victory. "That's the way I am every day in practice. I'm going to coach every single possession as if they're all the same."

Cross country announced: TCC's first new sport in 21 years is also the school's first-ever fall sport. President Jim Murdaugh said TCC is hoping to establish a year-round athletics program, and cross country – which will have 12 participants and will be ready to compete in 2016 – is the first step in that direction.

Women's basketball wins eight straight, cracks top 25:

A story that came late in the year, TCC's women's basketball team overcame injuries to its top two scorers to string together eight-straight victories with help from a group of freshman. After seven in a row, the NJCAA recognized the group and gave it the No. 21 stop in the national top 25. The team's win streak ended at eight, however. The Eagles have since lost three in a row.

"A lot of things have to come together," said head coach Franqua Bedell. "It's early and we're still trying to figure out who we are. If we're able to do that a lot more consistently, we'll have a chance to do something special."

Stories to look forward to in 2016:

- What will TCC's cross country team look like?
- Can the women's basketball team shake off its recent slump and improve?
- Will Mark White have a winning season in his first year at the helm?
- How will the softball team rebound after last season's disappointing ending?

TCC celebrating 50th anniversary

GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

2016 marks Tallahassee Community College's 50th year of service to the community. TCC first offered classes in Fall 1966 as Tallahassee Junior College, changing to the current name four years later. The College has since grown into a thriving institution serving over 37,000 credit and non-credit students annually across seven campuses in three counties.

"We are excited to celebrate our golden anniversary in 2016," said TCC President Jim Murdaugh. "TCC has seen some of the most hardworking, most dedicated people come through its doors over the last 50 years, students and employees alike. Each of them have shaped the College in their own way."

The year will kick off with a series of public proclamations in January, beginning Monday, January 4 in Wakulla County and the next day in Gadsden County. TCC president Jim Murdaugh will speak on behalf of the College at the ceremonies. Additionally, the College will host a preview party for its "50 for 50" alumni profile series Thursday, January 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education. The series will showcase the breadth and depth of students who have attended TCC over its first 50 years with success stories that will be featured in local media outlets throughout the year.

In February, TCC will significantly expand its existing services in Gadsden and Wakulla Counties with the grand openings of the Gadsden Center and Wakulla Environmental Institute.

"We are doing much more than building buildings," said Murdaugh. "We are building relationships by making long-term commitments to the communities we serve with these facilities."

The public is welcome to attend both openings.

Further highlights of TCC's 50th anniversary year include a TCC Athletics Hall of Fame event in March, the Springtime Tallahassee festival in April (for which Murdaugh will serve as Grand Marshal), and the first annual TCC Foundation Turkey Shoot at the Florida Public Safety Institute in November. A full schedule of events is below.

TCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:

Monday, January 4: Wakulla Proclamation

Tuesday, January 5: Gadsden Proclamation

Wednesday, January 13: City of Tallahassee Proclamation

Thursday, January 14: 50 for 50 Preview Party (Ghazvini Center)

Tuesday, January 26: Leon County Proclamation

February (date TBD): Gadsden Center Grand Opening

February 3: Alumni Opening Nights Reception for ON Broadway's Next H!T Musical (TCC Fine and Performing Arts Center)

February 15: Wakulla Environmental Institute Grand Opening

March 4: TCC Foundation's Cleaver & Cork Event (Goodwood Museum & Gardens)

March 25: Athletics Hall of Fame Event

March 30: TCC 50th Anniversary Retired Staff and Faculty Luncheon

April 2: Springtime Tallahassee Festival (TCC President Jim Murdaugh is Grand Marshal)

April 6: STU/FAC Day (TCC Main Campus)

April 23: First Annual Hops & Half Shells 5K Run for WEI

April 30: Graduation Reception

May 4: ONE Campaign for Alumni and Friends

August 12: Student Success Summit

September 22: Alumni and Friends Association Reunion

October (date TBD): TCC 50th Anniversary Celebration at Downtown GetDown

October 5: STU/FAC Day – TCC 50th Anniversary Barbecue Celebration (TCC Main Campus)

October 13: Alumni and Friends Association Hall of Fame Luncheon

November 10: TCC Foundation First Annual Turkey Shoot (Florida Public Safety Institute)

December 1: TCC Foundation Holiday Hob Nob

TCC to honor first responders

GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

In observance of Florida First Responder Appreciation Week, Tallahassee Community College will hold a ceremony to recognize first responders Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the Florida Public Safety Institute in Havana, Fla.

Governor Scott declared the week of January 4-8 as Florida First Responder Appreciation Week. This is the second year Governor Scott has made the proclamation.

This event will be an opportunity to show appreciation for local law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMTs who protect and serve the community. The event is open to the public.

For information or to RSVP, contact Kim Allen at (850) 201-7964 or allenk@tcc.fl.edu.

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Help us celebrate our 50th anniversary!

Join us at:

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January 28	Archive Gallery Opening, <i>TCC Fine and Performing Arts Center</i>	Sept. 22	Alumni and Friends Reunion
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