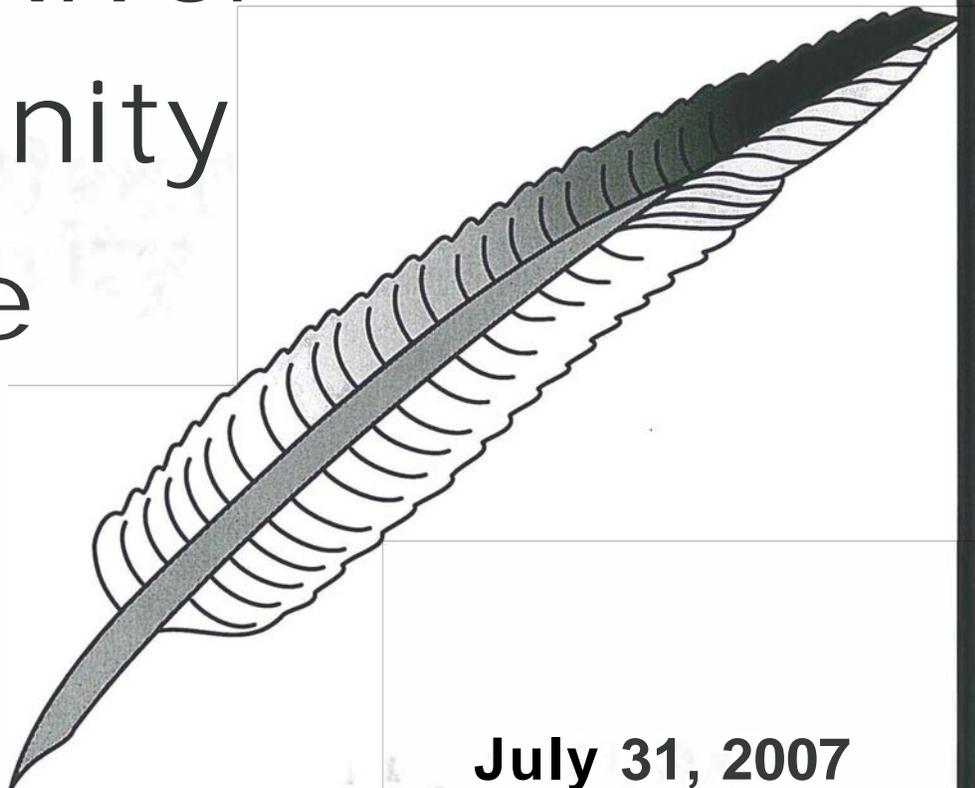




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IRCC achieves major milestone

Indian River Community College takes key steps that will lead to the offering of 4-year degrees

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BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

IRCC will be offering four-year degrees in the following subjects beginning in January:

Education: high school biology

Education: high school mathematics

Education: middle school mathematics

Education: middle school science

Exceptional student education

Organizational management

Organizational management: specialty in health care

Organizational management: specialty in public safety administration

Nursing

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The four-year degrees to be offered by IRCC will give students on the Treasure Coast another option for education — one specifically targeted at careers in high-need fields for Treasure Coast employers.

In addition to providing a bachelor program close to home and more convenient for many students, the anticipated tuition costs at IRCC will be about a third lower than at the state's public universities.

Further, the school will be providing a variety of methods for classes — including part-time and online — so that working students will have the opportunity for a four-year degree.

The expansion of educational opportunities is a milestone for the school and for the Treasure Coast as IRCC helps to prepare a workforce needed today and for the needs of the future.

It's quite an achievement for a school that had its humble beginnings in 1960 as Indian River Junior College in an unairconditioned former military barracks behind Fort Pierce Elementary School.

As the community has grown, so has IRCC, with campuses in St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties — offering a wide variety of programs for traditional students and for older adults.

Throughout its growth, IRCC has been led by visionaries willing to take a lead regionally and nationally to create a better-educated populace. The offering of four-year degrees is another example of IRCC not only looking toward the future, but taking significant actions toward that future.

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IRCC Accredited to Offer Bachelor's Degrees *Oke Times 7/5/07*

June 26, 2007 — Following a rigorous examination of Indian River Community College and its comprehensive plan to offer nine workforce-oriented Bachelor's degree programs, the prestigious Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has accredited IRCC as a Bachelor's degree granting institution. IRCC will begin offering the Baccalaureate programs in January, 2008. IRCC has a history of outstanding re-accreditation reviews from SACS, the regional accrediting body for higher education in the 11 Southern states. The SACS accreditation for IRCC Bachelor's Degree programs in nursing, education and organizational management was announced by Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRCC President, at the College's District Board of Trustees meeting. IRCC was granted the Level II accreditation to offer Bachelor's degree programs at the June meeting of the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, in Atlanta, Georgia. State level approval TO OFFER Bachelor's degree programs was granted on February 20 in a unanimous vote by the Florida

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State Board of Education.

"Accreditation of IRCC at the Bachelor's degree level signifies a major step in the College's 48-year history. The very thorough review conducted by SACS represents a favorable evaluation of all aspects of the College's plan to offer four-year degree programs," said Dr. Massey. "IRCC's Baccalaureate programs will provide more teachers, nurses and managers to meet critical workforce needs and will enable many place-bound area residents to pursue higher education."

The SACS Compliance and Reports Committee reviewed a 331-page Substantive Change Application submitted by IRCC, as well as extensive background and statistical material, regarding the need for expanded educational opportunities on the Treasure Coast and the College's institutional capacity to provide four-year degree programs. The Committee reviewed the College's ability to provide coursework, curriculum, transfer scholarships, library resources and facilities to offer the Baccalaureate degree. Faculty qualifications were evaluated, and IRCC's programs were examined in light of compliance with recognized Principles of Accreditation. The Committee granted the accredita-

tion for IRCC to move from a Level I institution awarding Associate Degrees to a Level II institution awarding Bachelor's Degrees.

"For almost 50 years, IRCC has focused on excellence while responding to the educational and workforce needs of the community," said Werner Bols, Chairman of the IRCC District Board of Trustees. "The new Bachelor's Degree programs represent a natural evolution of that mission."

The programs to be offered address critical employee shortages, including teacher education in middle and high school math and science, exceptional student education, nursing, organizational management, public safety administration and health care management.

Community interest was substantiated by the attendance of over 350 area residents at Information Sessions conducted at IRCC campuses during the week of June 11. The College has received over 700 requests for application information since February and will conduct additional Information Sessions in July and August. Applicants should apply before the October 19 priority deadline and may begin

taking general education courses that apply toward the Bachelor's Degree programs during the Fall Semester beginning August 23.

The Information Sessions followed a region-wide needs assessment highlighting the demand for expanded Baccalaureate options throughout the Treasure Coast. About 90% of the 3,066 respondents to the community-wide survey indicated that they would be "very interested" or "interested" in enrolling in a Bachelor's degree program at IRCC. Over 165 area employers, representing about 68,000 employees, also affirmed the need for expanded Bachelor's degree programs, with 92% of employers indicating a desire to hire more Bachelor's degree employees if they were available.

The IRCC Bachelor's degree programs will be offered within easy driving distance for Treasure Coast residents and online at a cost of approximately \$75 per credit for Florida residents, about 1/3 less per credit than the cost at Florida state universities. For more information, call the IRCC Information Call Center at 1-866-866-4722.

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- Compiled by Matt Donegan

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IRCC will begin offering the baccalaureate programs in January, and students can begin taking related general-education courses with the fall semester beginning Aug. 23.

Treasure Coast residents can earn a four-year degree in nursing, education, organizational management, public safety administration and health care management.

IRCC will hold information sessions at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

Tuesday: Main Campus, Fort Pierce; Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, Room V110; off 35th Street and Virginia Avenue.

Wednesday: Chastain Campus, Stuart, Wolf High-Technology Center Auditorium, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road; and Dixon Hendry Campus, B-111, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Okeechobee.

Thursday: St. Lucie West

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Campus, Port St. Lucie, Schreiber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd.; and Mueller Campus, Vero Beach, Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane.

Tuition will be \$75 per credit for Florida residents.

Students can attend full-time or part-time and choose online classes, traditional classes or blended classes. Courses from other colleges and universities can be transferred.

IRCC's bachelor of science degree in teacher education will educate students for teaching careers in math, science and Exceptional Student Education. The bachelor of science in nursing will prepare registered nurses with an associate degree in nursing to advance to leadership and management positions. The bachelor of applied science degree will provide transfer into a four-year degree program for those who have earned an associate in

science degree or associate in applied science degree.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

IRCC will offer an expanded schedule of foreign language courses beginning with the fall semester. Chinese is the newest addition. Elementary Chinese satisfies the college language requirement. It will be available at all IRCC campuses via live TV, with an Internet component.

Elementary German will be offered online and Thursday evenings at the St. Lucie West Campus. Elementary French students will have a choice of a Tuesday or Thursday evening class. Language courses in various levels of Spanish are offered at all IRCC campuses and online.

For more information about IRCC programs and services, call the Information Call Center toll-free at (866) 866-4722.

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Bachelor's degrees at IRCC *Scrpps,
Stuart News 7-29-07*

Beginning with the Spring 2008 semester, IRCC will offer nine bachelor's degree programs. Students can begin taking related general education courses during the fall semester beginning August 23. The bachelor programs are in organizational management, health care management, public safety administration, middle school math education, high school math education, middle school science education, high school science education, exceptional student education and nursing. The last informational meeting on the bachelor's degree programs is fast approaching. For more information, plan to attend one of these sessions:

Main campus, Aug. 7, 6 p.m., Room V-111, Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce;

Chastain campus, Aug. 8, 6 p.m., Johnson Auditorium room C-101, Wolf High-Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Rd., Stuart;

Dixon Hendry campus, Aug. 8, 6 p.m., Building B, Room 111, 2229 N.W. 9th Ave., Okeechobee;

St. Lucie West campus, Aug. 9, 6 p.m., main meeting room, Schreiber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie;

Mueller campus, Aug. 9, 6 p.m., Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach.

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Bachelor's programs put IRCC on cutting edge

Fort Pierce campus to offer several four-year degrees starting in January.

By JESSIE POUNDS
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Janice Kahn dreamed of becoming a teacher. But in order to do that, the 45-year-old Port St. Lucie resident thought she would have to earn her bachelor's degree at one school and then go to another school to get her teaching certification.

Then she found out that she could earn her degree in Exceptional Student Education and get her teaching certification by enrolling in the new bachelor's program at Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce.

"I was like 'oooooh,'" said Kahn, an assistant teacher at Mariposa Elementary in Port St. Lucie. "I am just so happy because now I can just finish all my classes and teaching certificates at the same time."

Kahn was the first student to enroll in the baccalaureate program at IRCC. By going for the degree, she'll be taking part in an experiment that could change higher education.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredited Indian River Community College on June 26 to begin offering bachelor's degrees in January. With this announcement, IRCC rockets to the forefront of an emerging trend: two-year community colleges providing career-oriented bachelor's degrees.

IRCC is now one of eight community colleges in the state accredited to offer bachelor's degrees. Among the 10 to 12 states that have begun these types of programs, Florida is regarded as the leader.

Officials at IRCC say they are responding to a pressing demand in the Treasure Coast for convenient, affordable bachelor's degree programs in teach-

ing and nursing.

"We are very happy to be one of those colleges leading the way in bachelor's degrees," IRCC President Ed Massey said. "It's a way to make college more accessible to non-traditional students."

However, not everyone agrees that community colleges are the solution. Some, including officials at IRCC's longtime partner, Florida Atlantic University, question IRCC's foray onto the turf of a four-year school.

"IRCC is saying there is an unmet need on the Treasure Coast. If it is there, I will meet it. That's my job," FAU president Frank Brogan was quoted as saying last fall.

Until recent years, state regulations prevented community colleges from offering bachelor's degrees. But motivated by the prospect of a cheap solution to the shortage of nurses and teachers in the state, Florida lawmakers changed the law in 2001 and 2002, allowing community colleges to start career-oriented bachelor's programs if they can demonstrate a local need for those programs.

In February, IRCC announced that the state had approved its plans to create bachelor's programs in nursing, organizational management and a variety of teaching degrees: secondary math, secondary science and Exceptional Student Education.

IRCC spokeswoman Michelle Abaldo said that a survey sent to residents and businesses revealed the need for institutions offering bachelor's degrees.

"The Treasure Coast really requires more degree programs," Abaldo said. "This is the only area like this in the state that doesn't



MEGHAN MCCARTHY/Staff Photographer

Janice Kahn of Port St. Lucie was the first student to enroll for the baccalaureate program that begins in January at Indian

River Community College. An assistant teacher, Kahn wants a bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate.

have the main campus of a major university."

FAU's main campus is in Boca Raton, but the university has a branch campus in Port St. Lucie. And while Provost John Prichett stressed that the schools should be able to work together, he said that at least one of IRCC's bachelor's programs, nursing, would compete directly with a program at FAU.

Students at IRCC pay about \$75 per credit, compared with \$110.90 per

credit at FAU, so it's possible that IRCC could lure some students from FAU because of cost.

But Judith Bilsky, executive vice chancellor for Florida's Community College System, said IRCC probably will attract students who would not otherwise consider returning to school for a bachelor's.

Registered nurses Lara Santoro and Laurie Dunayczan are looking into the bachelor's program. Both said that they would

be unlikely to apply at FAU, even if the programs at IRCC weren't being offered. Dunayczan, who lives and works in Vero Beach, said FAU's Port St. Lucie campus is too far to go for classes.

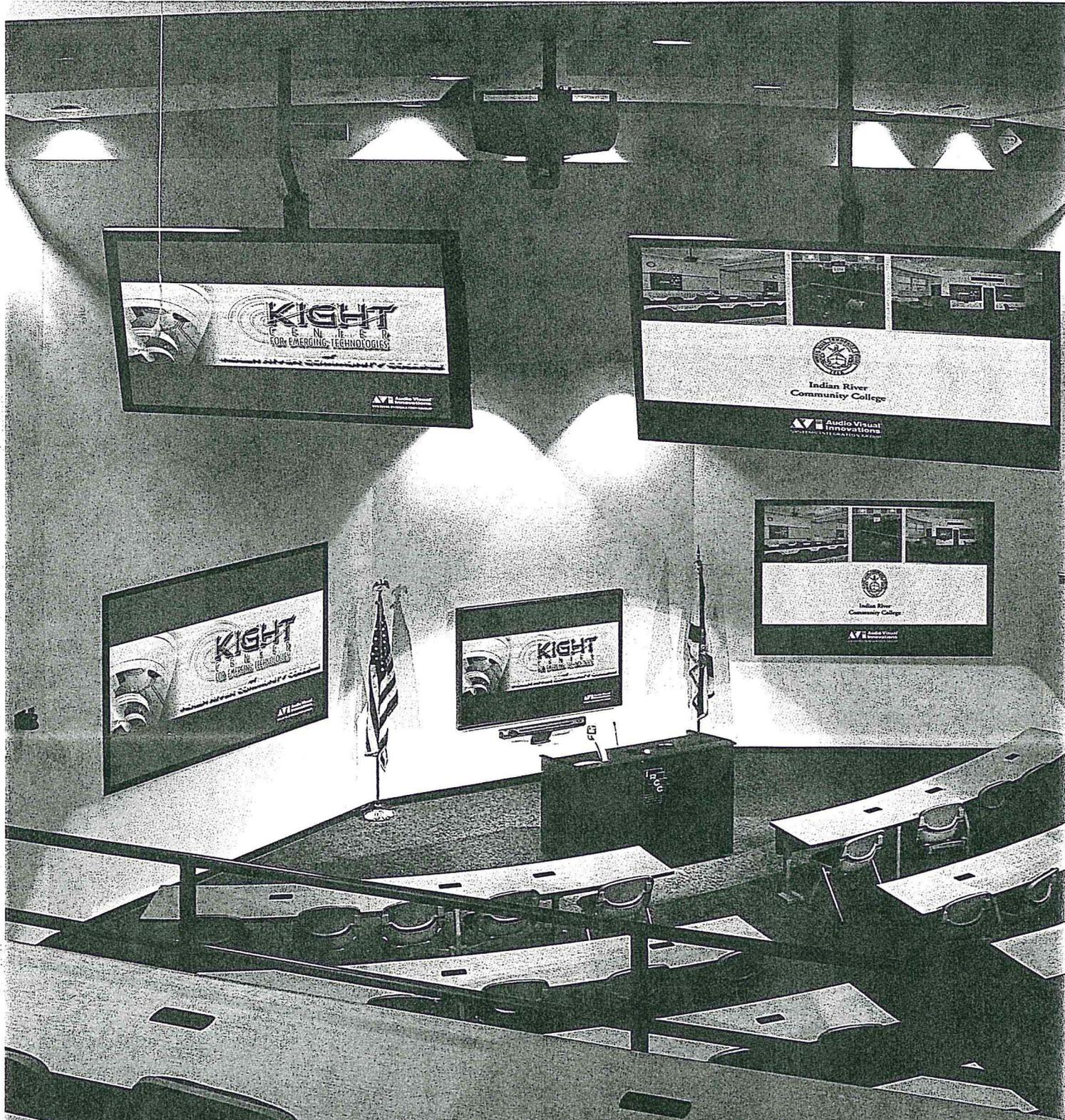
"Going to FAU would be much harder," Dunayczan said. "The convenience of IRCC is the draw for me. It's just making it too easy."

Whether IRCC can serve the needs of students and provide the same caliber of training as four-year

schools remains to be seen. Bilsky said that Florida education officials will be keeping a watch on the programs, most of which are in their infancy.

Educators across the country will be watching, too, waiting to see whether a little college on the Treasure Coast can pass the test.

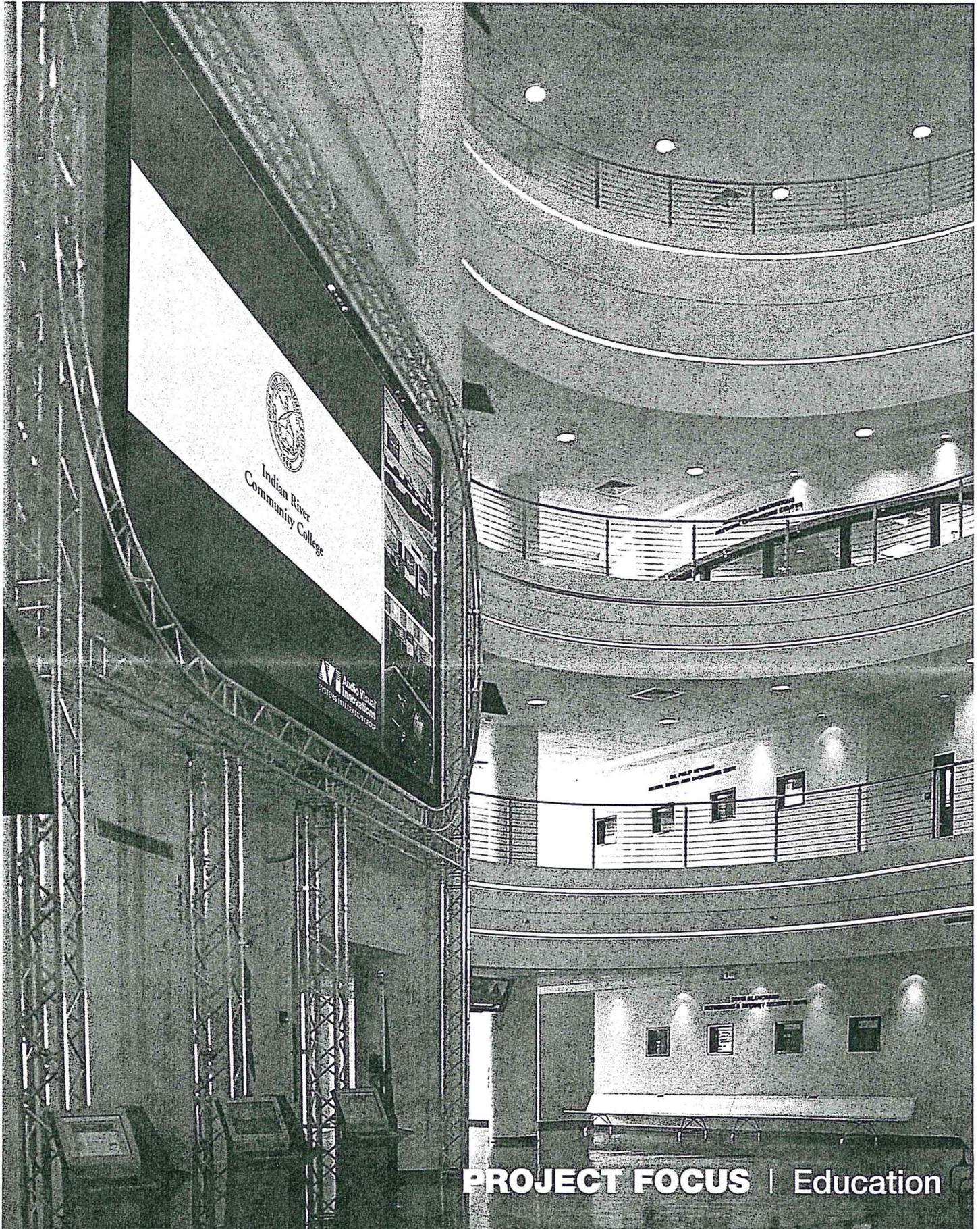
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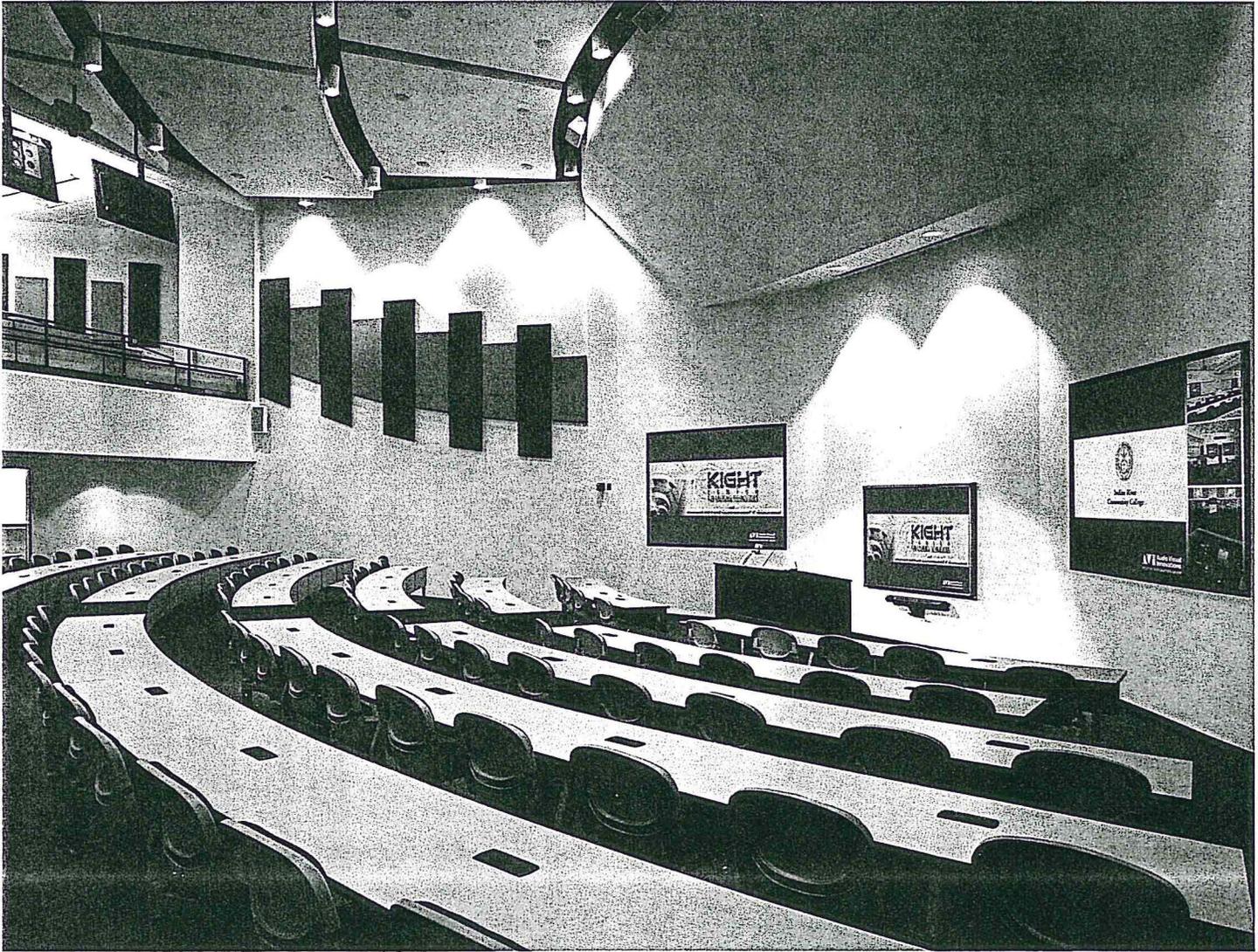
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Nearly 6 million people live in Southeast Florida in densely populated Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, and in the growing counties of St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Monroe. This area is known as the “Gateway to the Americas,” and about 80 percent of Fortune 500 companies that do business in Latin America have offices in the region. However over recent years, the area has earned a new label, “The Research Coast” - in part because of the powerful prevalence of higher education. In fact, community colleges have been critical in the region’s success.

For instance, Indian River Community College (IRCC) serves nearly 45,000 students a year, and its business development centers offer training customized for

businesses and employees. IRCC links Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties with eight campuses. At the forefront of technology and learning, the College’s new Kight Center for Emerging Technologies is set to help the “Research Coast” live up to its name. Cutting-edge technology and teacher education are the focus at the four-story, 108,000-square-foot Kight center.

“Several factors drove the design and creation of the Kight Center,” says Paul O’Brien, dean of institutional technology at IRCC. “We recognized that the next generation of students prefer graphics over text, and are comfortable in an online environment. That puts pressure on us as an institution of learning.” IRCC looked to Audio Visual Innovations (AVI) to help them realize their vision.

“ Working together we overcame the challenges and delivered a building that met the design objectives and created an environment rich in media content and delivery.”

Having successfully developed and tested new state of the art technology for the Clark Advanced Learning Center on IRCC's Stuart Florida campus, AVI provided key insight and innovation for the Kight Center. AVI was hired as the design/build contractor early on to work with the college's staff to develop the vision for technology both for today and the future. AVI was chosen because it is uniquely positioned to handle a project of this size and scale.

The project required significant resources and equipment on a large scale, from the size and number of displays, to the amount of equipment needed to support the building, to the conduit and infrastructure required for AV, not to mention the manpower. AV technology is integrated throughout the facility: in three large auditoriums for distance learning (accommodating 250 students each), more than 20 classrooms, a virtual studio, and even the lobby. All AV is centrally monitored and controlled from the network operations center. Working together we overcame the challenges and delivered a building that met the design objectives and created an environment rich in media content and delivery.

The sound systems were also a challenge for the large auditoriums. A 5.1 surround sound system was designed to enhance the multimedia rich environment but ceiling mounted speakers were needed to enhance voice reinforcement of the instructor and the participants at the far end. Due to the size of the rooms and the variety of spaces, AVI separated the audio in several zones to accommodate overflow.

The entire system is controlled from a uniquely designed lectern that is operated by the professor. The lectern allows the professor to have simplified control via a graphical user interface with visual feedback. They can send multimedia content to any display device. To maximize the instructors usable work space, AVI recessed the document cameras so that it would become part of the work surface.

State of the art classrooms and meeting areas are complemented with state of the art materials and programs. The Kight center has its own virtual studio so instructors, administrators and students can create exciting educational materials and programs with simulated 3-D animated backgrounds. A green-wall set permits faculty to become completely immersed in the topic, surrounded by simulated 3-D backgrounds and graphics.

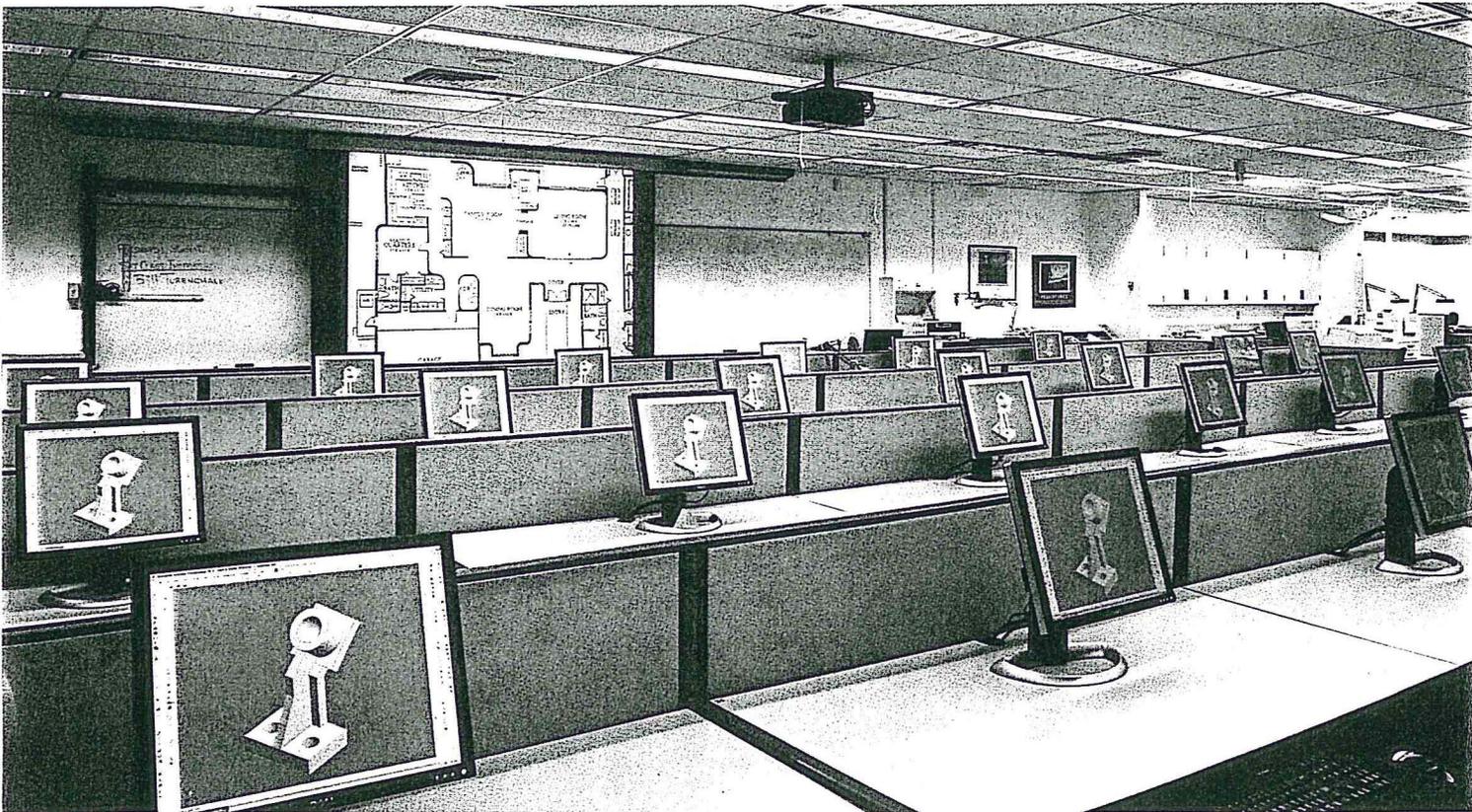
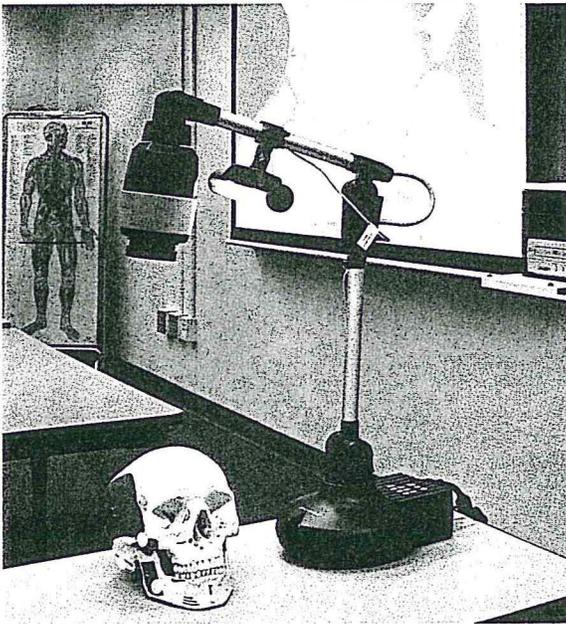
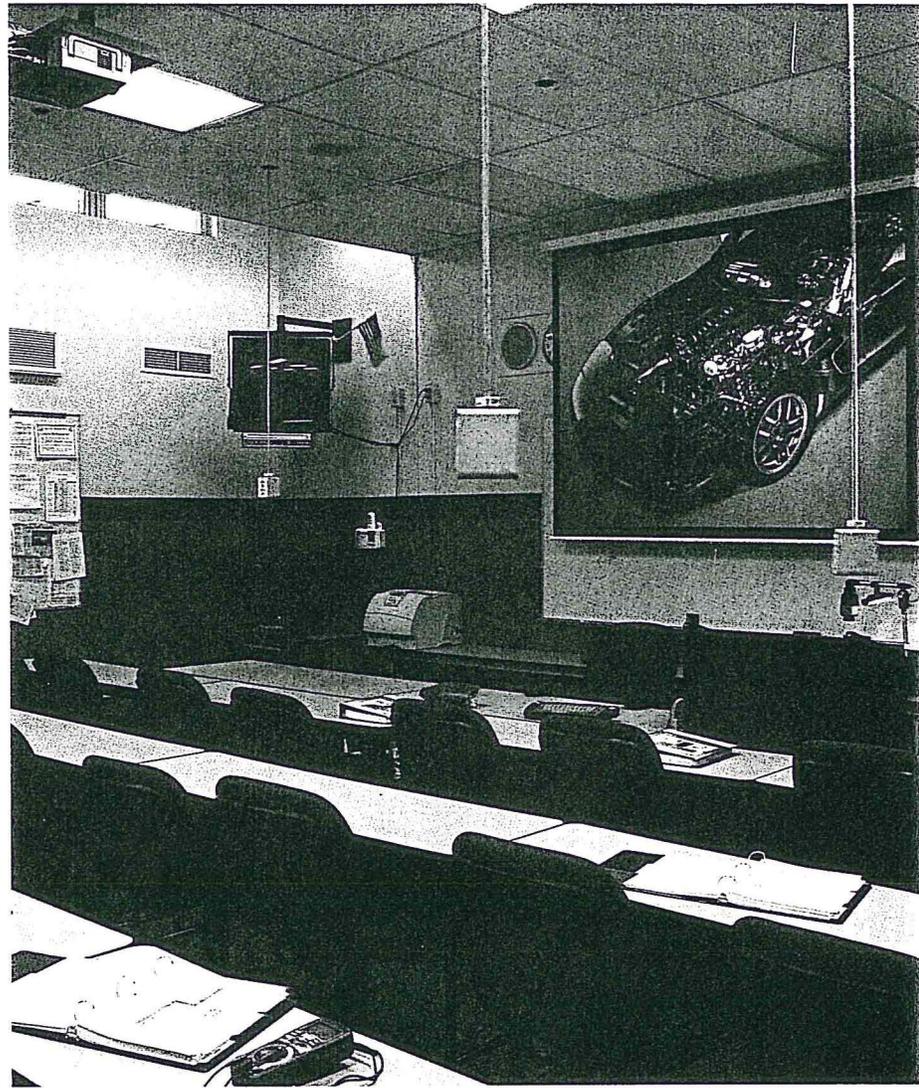
The specialized equipment includes Sony DXC-D50 cameras and a FOR-A digiWarp-EX II virtual studio system. Unlike a chroma key studio which requires background separation from incoming video, the virtual studio is a highly integrated computer based, multi-media complex with a synthesized 3D scene or environment.

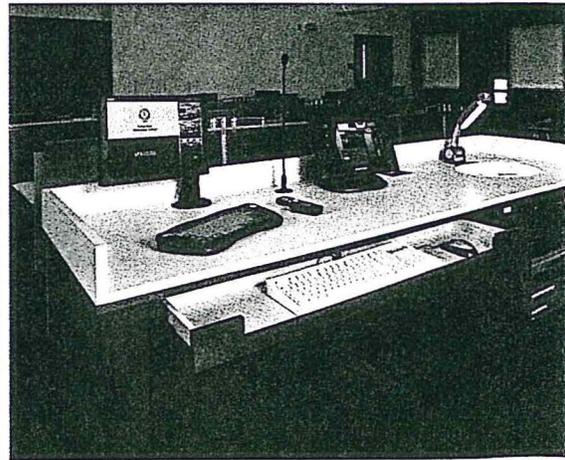
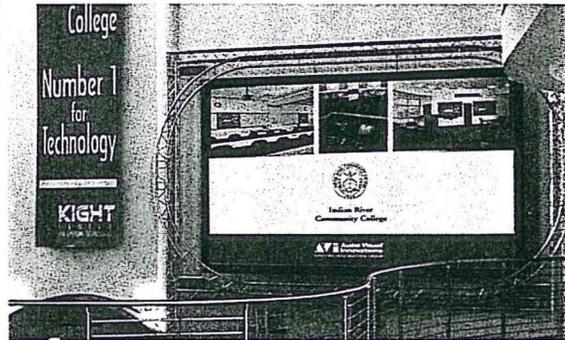
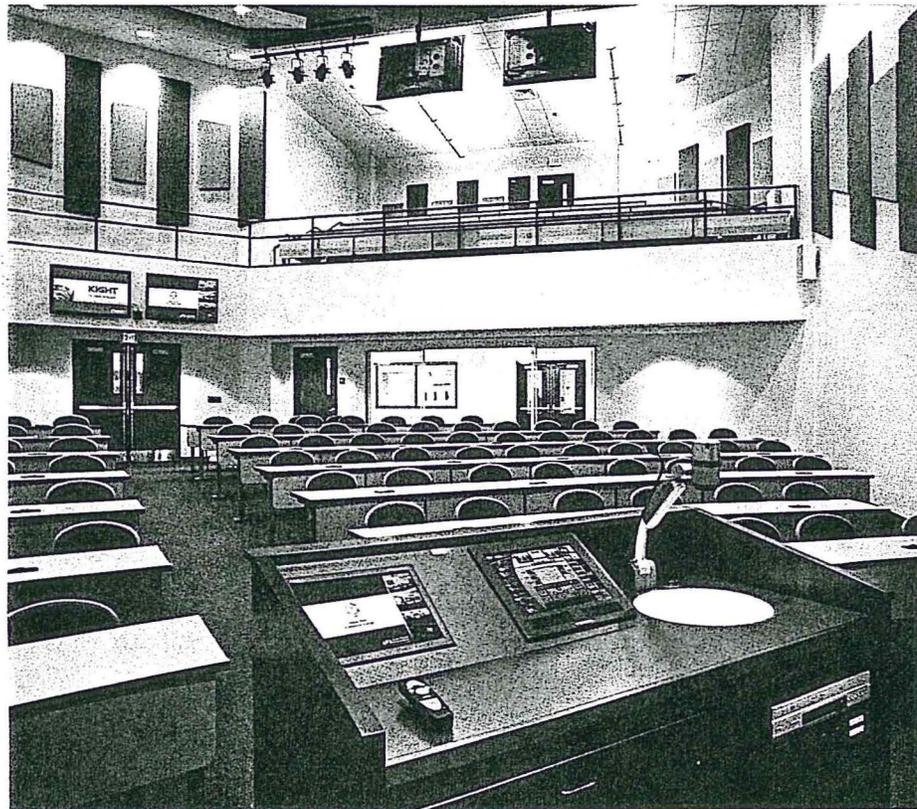
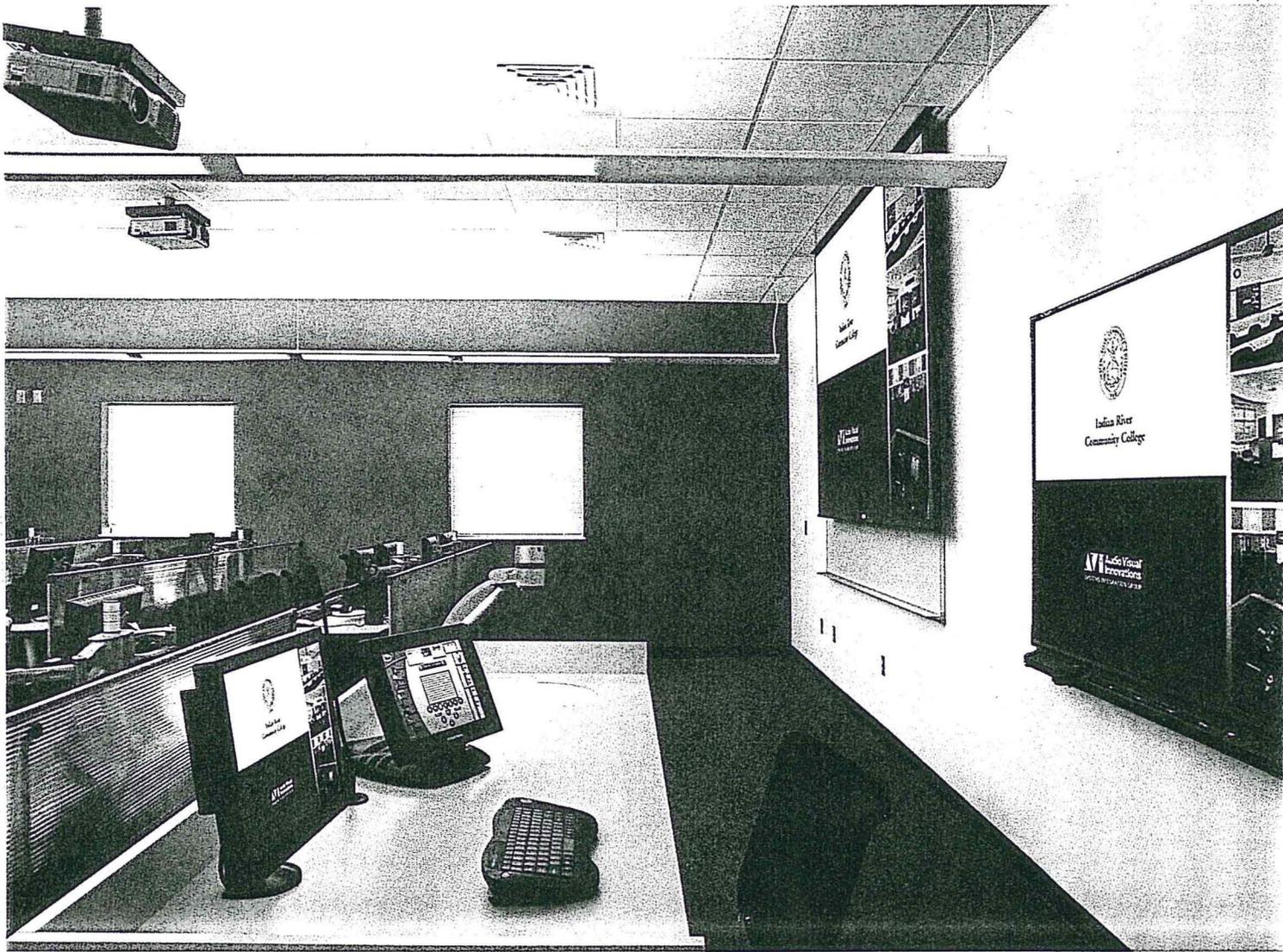
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Peace and the Community College

In the aftermath of an earthquake and flooding in rural Macedonia this spring, a team of American aid workers rushed to the disaster zone. A small town had been hit particularly hard, its buildings suffering devastating structural damage, its streets filled with wreckage. Working with a team of Macedonians, the Americans negotiated with hostile locals for access to the zone. Living in military barracks, the Americans spent two weeks performing emergency care and recovery, rescuing victims and repairing buildings.

But there was no major natural disaster in Macedonia this spring, nor were there Americans negotiating with belligerents for access to the area. Rather, it was all part of an elaborate final exercise for students from two American colleges and one Macedonian college.

Initiated and organized by Paul Forage, director of the Center for Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Assistance at Indian River Community College, in Ft. Pierce, Fla., the disaster was an expansion of the four-day mock disasters that Forage had created in the forests of central Florida for the last few years.

As a faculty member at a community college in Florida with a limited budget for conferences and travel, Forage said he had “no access” to experts in international relief and government who could help him create a program like the one in Macedonia.

But last year, as one of 18 faculty members and administrators selected for the United States Institute of Peace's weeklong seminar on international peace and security, Forage was able to meet peers from other community colleges, as well as members of the Washington delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross and officials from Macedonia, among other countries. The institute is a federally funded, nonpartisan organization that promotes peace and conflict resolution by providing educational tools in the U.S. and in zones of conflict, as well as support on the ground of international conflicts.

From Hawaii to Maryland, community college faculty and administrators converged on the institute's Washington headquarters last spring and again this year, from May 29 to June 3, for “Global Peace and Security in Community Colleges and the Communities They Serve,” a series of lectures, simulations and networking events designed to broaden the perspectives and knowledge of faculty and administrators interested in incorporating international issues into their curriculums.

David J. Smith, senior program officer for the institute's education program and the seminar's organizer, said participants are “all searching for a way of improving how international conflict and international peace are taught in the classroom ... and how to deal with those subjects in a community college.”

One problem that community college faculty and administrators interested in internationalizing their curriculums often face is, Smith said, the “long-held notion that community colleges only do developmental education and teach vocational skills,” and focus narrowly on their regions.

But many community college students are interested in international issues. For the growing numbers of community college students who go on to four-year institutions, international perspectives are important as they continue their studies. And vocational programs to train emergency response workers are increasingly adding courses on international disaster relief.

Forage's emergency management program at Indian River, for instance, is a vocational program that has taken on an international emphasis. “We study policy, but I'm not training people to be policymakers,” he said. “I'm

training them to be operators.” Though many of his students go on to work for local and state emergency operations centers or take similar jobs in the private sector with companies like FedEx, some want to do international aid work and for them, the Macedonian mock disaster was their first hands-on international project.

Before arriving at the institute in 2005, Smith spent 13 years teaching legal studies and conflict resolution at Harford Community College, in northeast Maryland. In addition to organizing the seminar, which is itself a reincarnation of a program that the institute organized for several years in the 1990s and that he attended in 1997, Smith also consults with colleges on how to add peace studies and conflict resolution to their curricula. “Community colleges operate with a lot of isolation,” he said, so they need someone from the outside to help them develop new programs.

While the results of the institute’s education programs are “hard to measure nationally, they are significant on a college by college basis,” Smith said, listing successful programs at Austin Community College in Texas, Minneapolis Community and Technical College in Minnesota and Montgomery College in Maryland.

Judy Irwin, director of international programs and services for the American Association of Community Colleges, who spoke at last year’s seminar, said that because her office focuses on creating study abroad programs and attracting international students to American community colleges, the seminar “helps, doing something we don’t have the resources to do.”

The seminar provides the support that many community college faculty members lack. Often, Smith said, community colleges have “one of everything — one political scientist, one sociologist, one historian — but not more than one,” meaning that experts are without colleagues on their own campuses. At the seminar, participants were able to interact with peers with similar academic interests, networking with faculty who live hundreds or thousands of miles away from their colleges.

In the year since he attended the seminar, John Tigue, dean of liberal arts at Baton Rouge Community College, in Louisiana, has introduced new courses into his college’s global studies concentration, including a class on the philosophy of religion and another on “intercultural speech.” Art class curriculums have been adjusted to include more art that’s non-western.

Tigue has also overseen the revision of all departments’ mission statements to have a more global perspective, created a language lab with 30 computers and software in 18 languages, and adopted new textbooks for French and Spanish language classes that incorporate cultural elements. The college offered four levels of French and Spanish during an intensive month-long immersion program in May, and this summer, students will travel to study abroad programs in Germany and Great Britain.

Although he had many ideas for the globalization of Baton Rouge’s offerings, Tigue said that it was not until he went to the seminar that he found “momentum” to make his ideas reality. “The seminar made me go from just thinking about these things that I thought were pretty good to getting a sense that my ideas were similar to other peoples’ and that they could be put in place,” he said. “It also gave me lots of new ideas and lots of intellectual energy.”

Other participants also said that the seminar helped them validate their own curricular ideas and gave them credibility when proposing change to other faculty and administrators on their campuses. Anthony Perry, an instructor in academic education and social science at Henry Ford Community College, in Dearborn, Mich., said that the institute “recognizes and legitimizes what we’re doing at the community college level.”

Perry is planning a “Global Issues Month” for November, which will include speakers as well as opportunities for students to discuss cultural issues with students elsewhere in the United States and around the world.

Henry Ford, he said, is “the first stop,” not only for workers laid off by Ford and other auto makers but also for immigrants who have just arrived in the United States, especially the large Arab population in the Detroit suburbs. Students at Henry Ford are from at least 56 countries.

When classes began last August, Perry said, students “came to my classroom straight from Lebanon,” where a war with Israel had displaced hundreds of thousands of refugees during July and early August.

After having attended the seminar a few months earlier, Perry knew to be sensitive to the traumas in some of his students’ pasts and to help his students understand each other. “There are a lot of stereotypes about Arabs in America — and lots of stereotypes about people of every other background in my classes, too,” he said. “So I try to ask myself and my students, ‘How do you bridge those divides?’”

At Bunker Hill Community College, in Boston, Andrew Reyes, an English as a second language professor, tackles the same sorts of issues. “When you have a class with a huge number of immigrants, you can’t just teach as if your class is all white, middle class,” he said. “Our students bring so many things into the classroom and professors have to take their students’ lives into account when teaching them.”

Though he attended the seminar less than a month ago, Reyes said he is working to create a major in conflict resolution or peace studies at Bunker Hill, as well as a “think tank — an ongoing forum for people to discuss their cultures and languages.” He is also applying for doctoral programs, hoping to leverage his “eye opening” experience at the seminar into a spot in graduate school.

— Jennifer Epstein

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IRCC sees enrollment spike from scholarships

By KIMBERLY MILLER
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Palm Beach Community College saw an 11 percent leap last year in the number of students with medallion-level Bright Futures Scholarships as a result of a little-known legal change that pays full tuition for B-average students.

The state dollars the students brought with them jumped 53 percent to \$1.4 million.

"It's certainly a good value for the students," said David Bodwell, PBCC's director of financial aid. "Logic tells me it will be even higher this year because the word is out now."

Indian River Community College saw an even bigger increase than PBCC, growing from 780 medallion-level scholarships in 2005 to 903 last year — a 16 percent jump.

Previously, medallion-level scholarships for students with a

A change to Bright Futures gives 100 percent tuition to B-average students.

3.0 grade-point average would pay only 75 percent of the tuition at community colleges and universities. It remains at that level for universities, but the 2006 legislature said it would pay 100 percent of the bill if a student enrolled in one of Florida's 28 community colleges.

At PBCC, the change meant an increase of 100 medallion-level students in one year, from 897 in 2005 to 997 during the 2006-2007 school year. Previous years saw increases of between 2 and 3 percent.

Lawmakers created Bright Futures Scholarships in 1997. They are awarded based on grade-point

averages, SAT scores and community service work. An academic-level scholarship pays 100 percent tuition at universities for students with a 3.5 GPA, a 1270 SAT score and 75 community service hours. Medallion-level scholars must have a 3.0 GPA and a 970 SAT score.

With a year to make students aware of the scholarship change, and increased advertising statewide, PBCC officials are estimating a 15 percent growth in medallion scholarships this year, a boon for stagnant overall enrollments.

But, some say, enrollment growth spurred by the change, a lagging economy, and freezes in university admissions may create problems during a budget year that could see cuts of at least 4 percent.

Student tuition pays about 25 percent of what it costs to educate a student. The rest comes from the state.

This month, the Board of Gov-

ernors, which oversees Florida's 11 universities, voted to freeze freshmen enrollment beginning in January 2008 in response to Gov. Charlie Crist's veto of a 5 percent tuition increase for universities and community colleges, and chronic budget shortfalls for enrollment.

That will leave thousands of freshmen who normally would have attended a state university looking for classes elsewhere.

But community colleges don't have the option to freeze enrollment, said Michael Comins, chief executive officer for the Florida Association of Community Colleges.

Schools will have a better idea what kind of cuts are coming following a revenue estimating conference next month, but were told to expect a 4 percent decrease that could trigger hiring freezes, or cuts in classes at community colleges.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREES: All Disciplines

2005 RANK	INSTITUTION	STATE	TOTAL	WHITE NO. PERCENT	NON-RESIDENT ALIEN NO. PERCENT	UNKNOWN NO. PERCENT	AFRICAN AMERICAN NO. PERCENT	ASIAN NO. PERCENT	AMERICAN INDIAN NO. PERCENT	HISPANIC NO. PERCENT	
Two-Year Institutions											
3	Valencia Community College	FL	4145	2289 55	141 3	273 7	429 10	232 6	22 1	749 18	
4	Broward Community College	FL	3462	1333 39	356 10	119 3	814 24	133 4	13 0	684 20	
5	Palm Beach Community College	FL	3031	1781 59	141 5	101 3	511 17	82 3	6 0	399 13	
7	Florida Community College at Jacksonville	FL	2850	1946 68	49 2	127 4	505 18	106 4	8 0	119 4	
8	Nassau Community College	NY	2859	1608 56	156 5	228 8	408 14	157 5	5 0	297 10	
9	Salt Lake Community College	UT	2829	2381 84	47 2	147 5	23 1	85 3	23 1	123 4	
10	Northern Virginia Community College	VA	2704	1570 58	99 4	0 0	337 12	388 14	60 2	250 9	
12	Sierra College	CA	2569	1921 75	69 3	211 8	24 1	124 5	44 2	176 7	
13	Suffolk County Community College	NY	2498	1879 75	0 0	186 7	129 5	64 3	6 0	234 9	
14	Monroe Community College	NY	2442	1909 78	15 1	14 1	311 13	86 4	12 0	95 4	
15	Riverside Community College	CA	2307	1033 45	33 1	113 5	231 10	164 7	16 1	717 31	
16	Central Texas College	TX	2304	1039 45	7 0	11 0	844 37	96 4	17 1	290 13	
18	Macomb Community College	MI	2086	1581 75	16 1	353 17	66 3	60 3	7 0	23 1	
19	CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College	NY	2064	1275 61	351 17	0 0	710 34	234 11	3 0	491 24	
20	Tarrant County College District	TX	2052	1380 67	0 0	35 2	247 12	101 5	17 1	272 13	
21	Houston Community College System	TX	2048	1469 72	42 2	286 14	522 25	219 11	4 0	506 25	
22	Tulsa Community College	OK	2045	1598 78	74 4	0 0	159 8	24 1	133 7	57 3	
23	Hillsborough Community College	FL	2029	1282 63	53 3	1 0	292 14	88 4	13 1	300 15	
24	Tallahassee Community College	FL	2016	1269 63	35 2	52 3	488 24	43 2	7 0	122 6	
26	North Harris Montgomery Community College District	TX	1964	1205 61	25 1	47 2	216 11	83 4	7 0	349 18	
27	Brevard Community College	FL	1901	1604 84	57 3	0 0	114 6	43 2	11 1	104 5	
28	Tidewater Community College	VA	1895	1238 65	6 0	0 0	463 24	74 4	6 0	127 7	
29	College of DuPage	IL	1854	1426 77	0 0	13 1	85 5	206 11	5 0	119 6	
30	Kirkwood Community College	IA	1838	1589 87	16 1	135 7	30 2	12 1	14 1	32 2	
31	El Paso Community College	TX	1834	176 10	45 2	0 0	35 2	21 1	8 0	1549 84	
33	Oakland Community College	MI	1824	1207 66	209 11	109 6	223 12	32 2	15 1	29 2	
34	Erie Community College	NY	1780	1478 83	18 1	0 0	203 11	28 2	13 1	50 3	
36	Santa Fe Community College-Gainesville	FL	1763	1330 75	70 4	24 1	126 7	53 3	12 1	148 8	
37	Pima Community College	AZ	1750	1039 59	44 3	125 7	80 5	52 3	44 3	366 21	
38	Portland Community College	OR	1738	1236 71	58 3	139 8	73 4	123 7	22 1	87 5	
39	Pasadena City College	CA	1731	241 14	146 8	160 9	101 6	608 35	11 1	464 27	
40	CUNY Kingsborough Community College	NY	1726	666 39	120 7	0 0	555 32	159 9	4 0	222 13	
41	Community College of Allegheny County	PA	1724	1357 79	34 2	83 5	203 12	24 1	12 1	11 1	
42	Mesa Community College	AZ	1654	1190 72	21 1	113 7	44 3	53 3	40 2	193 12	
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15	Cuyahoga Community College District	OH	1607	1037 65	52 3	45 3	386 24	34 2	12 1	41 3	
16	Bellevue Community College	WA	1594	995 62	109 7	161 10	41 3	230 14	4 0	54 3	
47	Columbus State Community College	OH	1576	1214 77	21 1	44 3	230 15	33 2	12 1	22 1	
49	San Jacinto College-Central Campus	TX	1567	828 53	54 3	69 4	131 8	83 5	6 0	396 25	
50	Hudson Valley Community College	NY	1559	1242 80	34 2	111 7	106 7	25 2	4 0	37 2	
51	American River College	CA	1537	947 62	13 1	130 8	110 7	152 10	27 2	159 10	
52	Brookdale Community College	NJ	1536	1127 73	44 3	48 3	135 9	74 5	1 0	107 7	
53	Fresno City College	CA	1512	426 28	91 6	145 10	110 7	224 15	17 1	450 30	
54	Montgomery College	MD	1505	575 38	110 7	7 2	0 0	436 29	214 14	3 0	185 11
56	Milwaukee Area Technical College	WI	1494	1084 73	0 0	29 2	236 16	54 4	23 2	88 6	
58	San Joaquin Delta College	CA	1457	550 38	21 1	111 8	110 8	325 22	13 1	327 22	
60	The Community College of Baltimore County	MD	1451	946 65	0 0	66 5	339 23	70 5	4 0	26 2	
61	CUNY La Guardia Community College	NY	1445	240 17	314 22	0 0	268 19	157 11	0 0	466 32	
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67	Community College of Philadelphia	PA	1407	418 30	24 2	132 9	674 48	90 6	12 1	57 4	
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71	Seminole Community College	FL	1376	922 67	132 10	25 2	124 9	30 2	4 0	139 10	
72	Georgia Perimeter College	GA	1369	738 54	87 6	0 0	387 28	104 8	2 0	51 4	
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76	Indian River Community College	FL	1340	1064 79	20 1	2 0	134 10	14 1	8 1	94 7	
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88	Santa Barbara City College	CA	1255	764 61	120 10	24 2	29 2	59 5	10 1	249 20	
89	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	MS	1249	827 66	0 0	141 11	218 17	32 3	8 1	23 2	
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93	Moraine Valley Community College	IL	1223	1008 82	26 2	0 0	73 6	26 2	4 0	86 7	
94	El Camino Community College District	CA	1217	267 22	89 7	140 12	189 16	203 17	1 0	328 27	
95	CUNY Queensborough Community College	NY	1194	337 28	95 8	0 0	231 19	265 22	0 0	266 22	
96	East Los Angeles College	CA	1169	29 2	33 3	28 2	35 3	234 20	1 0	809 69	
97	Chaffey College	CA	1167	391 34	30 3	67 6	105 9	84 8	4 0	476 41	
98	Santa Rosa Junior College	CA	1151	832 72	14 1	87 8	19 2	80 5	12 1	128 11	
99	City College of San Francisco	CA	1148	191 17	110 10	70 6	105 9	508 44	2 0	162 14	
100	San Diego Mesa College	CA	1145	531 46	42 4	139 12	68 6	188 16	14 1	193 14	
Four-Year Institutions											
1	Miami Dade College	FL	6517	785 12	328 5	51 1	1298 20	118 2	2 0	3937 60	
2	American Intercontinental University Online	IL	5690	3269 57	0 0	735 13	1097 19	143 3	43 1	403 7	
6	Full Sail Real World Education	FL	2899	2088 72	46 2	139 5	251 9	69 2	23 1	283 10	
11	St Petersburg College	FL	2700	2080 77	90 3	84 3	223 8	86 3	18 1	119 4	
7	Keiser College-Ft Lauderdale	FL	2260	1326 59	23 1	11 0	505 22	23 1	9 0	363 16	
5	Kaplan University	IA	1971	191 10	0 0	1732 88	32 2	1 0	0 0	15 1	
32	Utah Valley State College	UT	1832	1681 92	26 1	17 1	5 0	27 1	11 1	65 4	
35	Johnson & Wales University	RI	1768	1284 73	67 4	98 6	163 9	53 3	1 0	102 6	
43	Fashion Institute of Technology	NY	1652	769 47	0 0	302 18	88 5	344 21	3 0	146 9	
48	The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-Los Angeles	CA	1574	719 46	147 9	110 7	72 5	253 16	5 0	268 17	
55	Community College of Southern Nevada	NV	1496	815 54	4 0	94 6	152 10	218 15	17 1	196 13	
57	Weber State University	UT	1485	992 67	8 1	410 28	6 0	32 2	4 0	33 2	
59	Daytona Beach Community College	FL	1452	1163 80	31 2	22 2	104 7	31 2	7 0	94 6	
66	Robert Morris College	IL	1408	454 32	6 0	35 2	489 35	32 2	6 0	386 27	
73	South Texas College	TX	1363	51 4	16 1	0 0	1 0	6 0	0 0	1289 95	
81	Edison College	FL	1313	1002 76	55 4	2 0	109 8	21 2	3 0	121 9	

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IRCC amps up technology in its classes

A record \$3 million has been spent to incorporate the latest gadgets and computer software into all classrooms

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Technology brings a contemporary edge to classic literature in Steve Knapp's English class at Indian River Community College.

To ignite a discussion among his students, Knapp highlights passages from Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness" using an electronic pen and the Internet — a supped-up version of the overhead projector teachers have used for years.

"Students like technology because

it breathes new life into ancient text. It helps connects Shakespeare to the modern world," Knapp said.

IRCC is ramping up instructional technology this year, spending a record \$3 million to incorporate the latest gadgets and computer software into all classrooms.

From the i-Pen Knapp uses to a program allowing students and teachers to interact online through recorded video messages, a wave of technology is rolling through the college.

For Matthew Brooks, who also teaches English, the shift is less about equipment.

To help students construct better long-form essays, he has them write short blogs — a collection of commentaries on a particular subject posted online.

"The blogging has made many students develop more of a personal connection with their writing," Brooks said. "And it's part of writing and communicating in the 21st century."

Students like Elishia McKay, who have grown up using computers, say technology helps keep them engaged in class.

"Young people today are so into computers. It's how we study and

how we spend our free time," said the 20-year-old Port St. Lucie resident. "It relates to us better."

But getting a grip on technology is challenging for some students.

"I have my 14-year-old stepdaughter teaching me how to use the computer," said Raul Izaguirre, 45, a former house painter who enrolled at IRCC in March after being laid off because of the housing slump.

"For me, it's stressful," said the Port St. Lucie resident. "Not only do I have to focus on the subjects of my classes, but I have to learn all the technology that comes with it."

Still, he said, "I'm determined to one day bring a laptop with me to class instead of a notebook."

Technology at IRCC not only is enriching the classroom experience but is allowing students to bypass it entirely. With a majority of classes online, students now can earn many degrees remotely, taking all of their classes on the Internet.

"They do come to campus for orientation but theoretically they can get a full degree through distance learning without ever coming to campus for classes," said Fontley Corrodus, assistant dean of communication and social sciences.

"The bottom line is that technology enhances learning and increases access for students who would not be able to get to IRCC otherwise," he said.

I.R.C.C. prepares students for future

By: Lorna Jablonski
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Indian River Community College is gearing up for fall class registration and their new bachelor's degree programs in nursing, education and management program that will be offered for the spring 2008 semester.

Registration for the fall 2007 semester will begin on Monday, July 9, at I.R.C.C. campuses in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Stuart, Okeechobee and Saint Lucie West. Classes for the fall semester will begin on Thursday, August 23.

There will be an informa-

tion session for area residents who are interested in the new bachelor's degree programs on Wednesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. in room A-102 of the Dixon Hendry Campus here in Okeechobee.

One of the most high profile Treasure Coast industries is biotechnology, a growing field that promises to foster some of the most important discoveries of the 21st century. Research to find an early detection marker for cancer, development of medications to combat diabetes, new vaccines to ward off illness-these lifesaving endeavors

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Okeechobee News/Victoria Hannon
Indian River Community College is gearing up for fall class registration and their new bachelor's degree programs in nursing, education and management that will be offered for the Spring 2008 semester. A special information session concerning the new bachelor degree programs will take place on July 18 at 6 p.m. in room A-102 of the Dixon Hendry campus.

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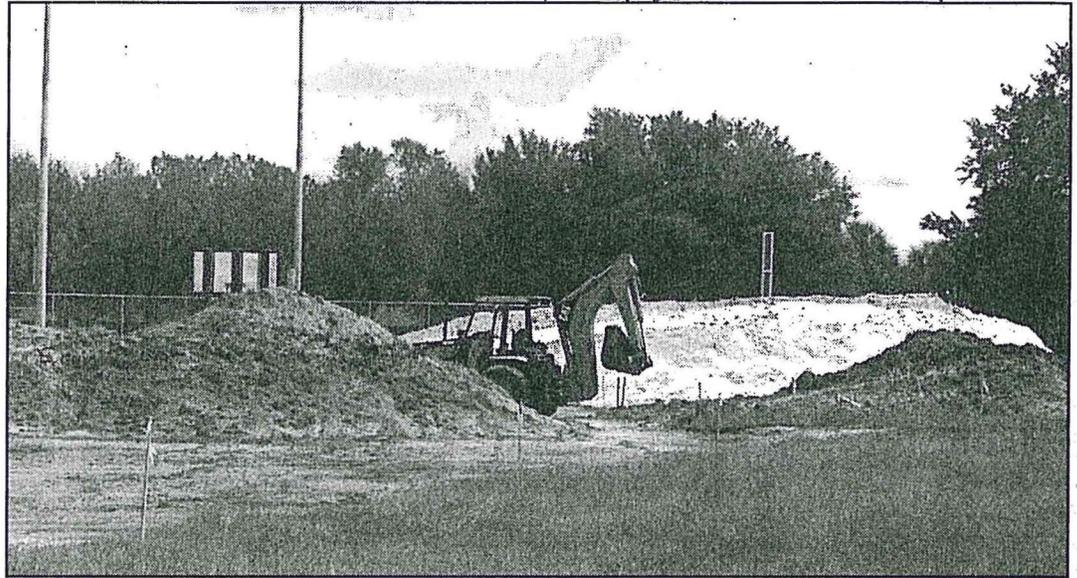
ors are within the repertoire of the biotechnology industry.

I.R.C.C. will offer a new associate in arts degree in this exciting field starting with the fall semester. The overview course, introduction to biotechnology, will be held on Monday and Wednesdays from 3:30 until 4:45 p.m. at the main campus in Fort Pierce and includes laboratory instruction on Wednesday evenings. The course will introduce the theoretical basis of biotechnology and provide a survey of biotechnology applications and issues. Students are also encouraged to enroll in biology I, which is offered at all I.R.C.C. campuses.

Students who earn a degree in this field will be ready to transfer to a state university.

I.R.C.C. will also offer new courses in their Hallstrom Planetarium. Life science laboratory classes and biology I classes will also be held at the Schumann Center, which will open in August.

A music therapy program will be offered and will prepare students for the use of music as a therapeutic tool in hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities. Students will be able to earn an associate in arts degree from I.R.C.C. and then be able to transfer to Florida State University for upper-division coursework.



Construction is under way for the new addition to the Indian River Community College, Dixon Hendry campus.

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Foreign language courses will also be featured. Chinese, French and German will be added. Elementary Chinese I satisfies the college language requirement. It will be available at all campuses through live television, with an Internet component. Elementary German will be offered online and on Thursday evenings at the Saint Lucie West campus. Elementary French students will be able to meet on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Spanish will continue to be offered at all campuses.

There will an eight-week nursing assistant program to prepare

students for employment. Many students who successfully complete this program go on to become licensed practical nurses, patient care technicians or specialists in health information management.

The one-year medical assistant program focuses on the clinical, laboratory and administrative roles of the medical assistant.

The pharmacy technician program develops the skills needed to assist a pharmacist.

If you are interested in automotive service technology, I.R.C.C. is the place to be. This open-entry program builds skills

in all automotive systems. A new online program prepares students for the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification program.

Other career choices are cosmetology and barbering, with hands-on preparation on campus in hair cutting, styling, coloring, skin care and salon management.

For more information about the programs and services offered at I.R.C.C., call the Information Call Center at 1-866-4722.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com.

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Former Sebastian River High student now in community college

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SEBASTIAN — For most of his junior year in high school, all Randy Kinchen did was go to school and work.



Kinchen

It became too much. "I couldn't focus on school or anything. I was always tired," he said.

So Kinchen, 18, opted out of his senior year of Sebastian River High School, deciding to enroll in a GED program in Vero Beach. Since he was still under 18, state law required him to attend a GED prepara-

tion program for six hours a week or lose his driver's license. Kinchen said he went for about two hours three days a week.

The rest of the day was his — until about 2 p.m., when he left for work cooking at the Eagle's Nest in Sebastian.

In December, still just 17, he took and passed the GED test, allowing him to legally quit school.

According to Florida Department of Education calculations, Kinchen is not a dropout even though he failed to earn a high school diploma.

He is counted as a "W26," a student who leaves high school for an adult ed-

"I couldn't focus on school or anything. I was always tired."

Randy Kinchen

ucation program and does not have a negative effect on the district or state graduation rates.

He said he doesn't regret his decision to drop out of school and pursue a GED. He said he never had time for extra-curricular activities because he always had to be at work.

The teachers at the GED preparation

classes, held at the adult education department near the Freshman Learning Center in Vero Beach, were ready to help with any work that became too difficult, he said. While at the lab, Kinchen said he used workbooks to study for the test.

Most of the material was basic, he said, adding he needed a lot of help with the math.

That's a reality IRCC adult education officials said is a barrier to many students hoping for a GED as an alternative to a high school diploma.

Anthony Iacono, an Indian River Community College dean involved with adult education, said students of-

ten find the math section on the five-part test the most difficult. But Kinchen pulled through.

He recently got the Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation scholarship, which will help pay for two years of tuition, books and lab fees at Indian River Community College. He plans to study culinary arts.

Kinchen said he never thought about college while he was in high school, but is glad now to have that opportunity.

"You learn you have to have an education to be successful," he said.

Staff Writer Margot Susca contributed to this report.

Former St. Lucie student took GED for time to work on his music

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FORT PIERCE — Ben DeWitt is the youngest of five children from a Fort Pierce family and the first to leave high school without a diploma.

Whereas past generations counted benchmarks like being the first in a family to finish high school or college among achievements, DeWitt is among a growing trend of teenagers who see education not as a chance to get ahead—but as a barrier to what life offers outside the walls of school.



DeWitt

“My main reason that I got (a GED)

is I wanted to have it done so I could get a job and make money,” DeWitt said. “Eventually I’m going to have to pay insurance and a car payment, and I’ll have that free time to work on my music.”

The 19-year-old withdrew from Fort Pierce Westwood High School to attend a GED program at Indian River Community College two months before he should have graduated in 2006.

“I didn’t complete the classes that I was supposed to, and I think I took the easy way out, but I don’t want to say I’m a dropout,” DeWitt said. “It’s not like I just dropped out and I’m sitting on the couch.”

Though he doesn’t hold a traditional diploma, Ben is not a dropout,

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Ben DeWitt

according to Florida Department of Education calculations.

Instead, he is counted as a “W26,” a student who leaves high school for an adult education program and is factored the same as a student who dies—

neither would have a negative effect on either the St. Lucie County or state graduation rate.

For him, school was as boring as it was irrelevant. A musician since elementary school, DeWitt couldn’t get in to band and found little to keep him interested in coursework.

He began skipping school. By senior year, he racked up three dozen skipped days and knew he wouldn’t get enough credits to finish in time.

Despite urgings from his family to stay in school, he withdrew.

Now, DeWitt works 20 hours a week as a handyman. Despite national research that shows life outcomes for GED recipients are more like dropouts, he enjoys his work and takes time to

write music, a passion started when he began playing guitar 10 years ago.

While DeWitt knows he couldn’t have taken seven periods of guitar lessons, he said even one class where a teacher was serious about music could have kept him interested in other subjects long enough to earn a diploma. But he takes responsibility for his decision to leave and says talks with IRCC officials all helped form his decision to leave school.

“I really think that one of the main problems with the kids that are dropping out are the kids themselves,” DeWitt said. “They also told me the GED was a real diploma. That’s kind of why I did, because they told me it was.”

IRCC athletes named to NJCAA Academic All-America Team

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The National Junior College Athletic Association has named 5 Indian River Community College students to the NJCAA Academic All-America Team. Three IRCC students were named Distinguished Team Members. For the honor, students are required to have a minimum of 45 semester Hours and a 3.60 grade point average. For the distinguished recognition, a GPA of 3.80 is required. The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) is dedicated to providing quality opportunities to enhance the entire collegiate learning experience for its students while supporting

the high academic standards of Indian River Community College and the NJCAA's other 509 member institutions.

*Justine Pittman -Volleyball
-3.75

*Natalia Buso-Women's
Swimming-4.00-*Distinguished
All-American

*Erin Linley--Women's Swim-
ming--3.63

*Alexis Omans--Women's
Swimming--3.90--*Distinguished
All-American

*Cortney Place--Women's
Swimming--3.95--*Distinguished
All-American

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LINDSAY ON DEAN'S LIST

Tracy Nicole Lindsay, a junior, was named to the dean's list at Indian River Community College.

She is dual enrolled in the IRCC Honors program.

She will pursue a career in psychiatry after graduation in 2009.



Lindsay

Judge: prosecutors may present witnesses

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the accidents should be considered as separate but similar acts that establish a pattern leading up to the September 2003 crash.

"I can't imagine what detriment it does to the defendant to give the state a full opportunity at a fair trial," Bakke-dahl told Schack.

Gabriel told Schack prosecutors had failed in an attempt to get the prior incidents into evidence, missed their opportunity to argue another legal theory and didn't deserve another chance. Schack disagreed, saying the two parties were "trying evidence on two different paths"

during hearings in the case late last year.

Schack said the hearing would allow prosecutors to present testimony from witnesses in the case.

"I'm disappointed that the state gets another bite at the apple, but I'm not worried about it," Gabriel said, adding that he believes Schack will rule in his favor again after the next hearing.

Duckworth sat silently in court as the two sides argued Tuesday.

Also in the courtroom was Edwin Goralski, Danielle's father, who knew the charges against Duckworth would have been dropped if Schack had ruled differently.

Goralski, who said he was nervous shortly before the hearing, pointed his thumb up once Schack ruled in the prosecution's favor.

"I feel relieved, but now we have to see what happens next," he said afterwards.

Goralski said the ruling Tuesday came on his 6-year-old grandson Antonio's birthday. The boy was just two when his mother died. Goralski had brought him to the IRCC campus to pick up Danielle the day of the accident.

"I don't tell him anything about what's going on here," Goralski said. "All he knows is that his mommy is in heaven."

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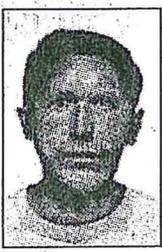
Evidence hearing in IRCC death set

Prosecutors try a new tack to get records of prior accidents admitted against a man in a 2003 crash.

By DAPHNE DURET
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

STUART — Nearly two months after a judge's ruling almost ended their case, prosecutors will get another chance to introduce evidence of prior accidents in the manslaughter case against a motorist who hit and killed an Indian River Community College student after suffering an epileptic seizure.

Roy Duckworth, 49, of Stuart is accused of manslaughter in the September 2003 death of Danielle Christine Goralski, 20, who was waiting for her father and son to pick her up near IRCC's Chastain campus in Port Salerno.



Duckworth

The case has made a trip to an appeals court, which last year decided prosecutors could not require the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to submit key records related to the case. Duckworth's license had been revoked for medical reasons but had been reinstated months before the accident.

Assistant State Attorney Linda Bach had planned to use parts of Duckworth's driving record in her case against him, including two 2002 accidents investigators suspect may have been related to his condition. But in May, Circuit Judge Larry Schack sided with Duckworth's attorney, Brian Gabriel, who had asked the court to throw out the evidence.

In a hearing Tuesday, Assistant State Attorney Tom Bakkedahl said that prosecutors tried to have the previous accidents included by saying that they were part of the manslaughter case. He said they now want the chance to argue that jurors should still hear about those cases based on the argument that

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IRCC UPDATE

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Stuart News 7-10-07

Register now for IRCC fall semester

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Students earning the degree are ready for transfer to a state university. In fact, bachelor and graduate degrees in biotechnology are being added in this emerging field of life science each year. Whether you are interested in research, biomanufacturing, laboratory technology, computer data work in bioinformatics, or managing work places involved in biotechnology, the Associate in Arts Degree will prepare you for university studies

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peutic tool in hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities. Students will earn an associate's degree from IRCC and then transfer to Florida State University for upper-division coursework. Contact Dr. John Southall, IRCC Director of Instrumental Music, at (772) 462-7810 for information on the audition process.

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Also new is an expanded schedule of foreign language courses. Chinese, the language spoken by the largest population in the world, is the newest addition. Elementary Chinese I satisfies the college language requirement and can serve as a very valuable career asset. It will be available at all IRCC campuses via live TV, with an Internet component.

Elementary German will be offered online and on Thursday evenings at the St. Lucie West Campus. Elementary French students will have a choice of a Tuesday or Thursday evening class. Language courses in various levels of Spanish are offered at all IRCC campuses and online.

Treasure Coast residents who are interested in building career skills in a short-term training program have a wide variety of choices. The eight-week Nursing Assistant program prepares students for employment, and many students who complete the program continue their education to become a licensed practical nurse, patient care technician or specialist in health information management. The one-year Medical Assisting program focuses on the clinical, laboratory and administrative roles of the Medical Assistant, while the Pharmacy Technician program develops the skills needed to assist a pharmacist.

IRCC offers an open-entry program in Automotive Service Technology that builds skills in all automotive systems. In addition, a new online program prepares students for the valuable ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification exam.

Another career choice is cosmetology and barbering, with hands-on preparation at IRCC in hair cutting, styling, coloring, skin care and salon management.

For more information about programs and services at IRCC, call the Information Call Center at 1-866-866-4722.

More training leads to better police

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Port St. Lucie Police Officer Richard Dewey, center, and Capt. Wayne Boxer, right, of the Florida Atlantic University Police, walk into a mock shooting scene inside Oak Hammock K-8 school in Port St. Lucie on Tuesday. The PSL Police were conducting their annual Active Shooting training at the school, which prepares officers for a shooting situation in schools or businesses. "The more training an officer can get, the better they are," said Jim Olson, the officer in charge of the training.

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HUB MILESTONES

Sirmons selected for national council

BY IRCC - JEAN PATTON
Posted on YourHub.com

Mary Sirmons of Fort Pierce was selected as an item writer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination.

NCSBN, headquartered in Chicago, is responsible for developing and administering the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN licensing exams.

Sirmons, R.N., M.S., assistant professor, Indian River Community College, was approved by the Florida Board of Nursing and selected by NCSBN to participate on the NCLEX item development panel of subject matter experts that was held in Chicago, Ill. on June 6 to 9.

Sirmons was one of 18 nurses from across the nation to be selected for this assignment. She was nominated on the basis of clinical specialty and nursing expertise.

All nurses in the United States and its four U.S. territories must take the NCLEX. The licensing exam identifies those candidates who demonstrate minimal competence to practice nursing at the entry level.

Passing the NCLEX exam is one of the requirements necessary for attending a nursing license.

Nurses interested in contributing to the profession through volunteering to serve on NCLEX item development panels, should apply by completing the application online at www.ncsbn.org.

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IRCC's Patty Winterburn leads United Way campaign

BY DIANE TOMASIK

Posted on YourHub.com

Patty Winterburn, the Indian River Community College provost for Martin County, will be the United Way of Martin County's campaign chair for 2007-08.

She succeeds Richard Levine, the vice president and general manager of Macy's, who was the campaign chair for 2006-07.

Winterburn will lead the campaign team, whose role is to set and achieve a campaign goal that will help advance the common good in Martin County.

She already has been

helping United Way plan activities to kick off the campaign. Included in the plans is a Campaign Kickoff "Pep Rally" Breakfast at IRCC on Sept. 26 and a Community Leader Golf Outing on Aug. 17 at Martin Downs Country Club.

"United Way is observing 35 years in Martin County, and we will be emphasizing the role of business and community leaders past, present and future in making United Way a success," Winterburn said.

Winterburn is a longtime resident of Martin County, having lived in Jensen Beach for 20 years. She has been with

IRCC since 1991, and was formerly a teacher with the Martin County School District.

She began her career with IRCC as a tech prep coordinator and then became the provost in 1996.

In addition to her role at IRCC and her leadership with United Way, Winterburn also serves on the boards of the American Red Cross, the Business Development Board, the Martin County Economic Council, and the Clark Advanced Learning Center Management Board.

For more information about United Way of Martin County, call (772) 283-4800.

^{PALM BEACH POST 7.15.2007} IRCC provost chairs United Way

◆ Longtime Martin County resident, college provost and former schoolteacher Patty Winterburn has been named United Way of Martin County's 2007-08 campaign chair.

◆ Winterburn, a 20-year resident of Jensen Beach, succeeds Richard Levine.

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Stuart News 7-7-07

In other business news

Lecture July 13 at manatee center: Manatee Observation and Education Center is hosting a free brown bag lunch lecture July 13 on aquatic farming at 480 N. Indian River Drive.

LeRoy Creswell, a Sea Grant Marine Extension Agent for the University of Florida, will explore the history, current trends and opportunities in aquaculture. For information, call (772) 466-1600, ext. 3071, or visit www.manateecenter.com.

Citizens Insurance lines up credit: Citizens Property Insurance Corp. has lined up almost \$2 billion in credit.

The state's insurer of last resort said it arranged a \$1 billion line of credit and completed a \$950 million bond issue.

The money will be invested in short-term securities until needed to pay claims.

Citizens Chief Financial Officer Sharon Binnun said that Citizens now has more than \$9.4 billion available to pay claims after a storm.

Veterans group honors Wackenhut: Wackenhut Corp., which provides security-related services, has received the American Legion Employer of Veterans of the Year Award in the large business category by the American Legion Department of Florida.

IRCC provost to head United Way campaign: Patty Winterburn, Indian River Community College provost for Martin County, has been named the United Way of Martin County's campaign chairwoman for 2007-2008.

From staff reports

PSL, Tribune, Stuart News
Patty to lead the Way 7-16-07

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WINTERBURN TO BE UW CAMPAIGN CHAIR PSL News 7/15/07

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Link Foundation

Jimmie Anne Haisley named to advise Link Foundation



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"I am honored to share my expertise with the Link Foundation, which has generously supported IRCC and its students for more than eight years," Jimmie Anne said.

The Link Foundation has provided

Distinguished Scholar Awards to 49 IRCC graduates, totaling more than \$118,000. The transfer scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, intellectual curiosity and a desire to expand their knowledge through research.

Jimmie Anne was employed by IRCC for 25 years prior to retiring in March. She was named 2006 Administrator of the Year by the Florida Association of Community Colleges and Professor of the Year in 1991.

The Link Foundation is a Charitable Trust established in 1953 by the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Link. The Foundation has made grants exceeding \$10 million over the years to universities, colleges and nonprofit organizations. Its major programs include fellowships and scholarships in the fields of simulation and training, energy resources development and conservation, and ocean engineering and instrumentation.

Additional grants have been made in Broome County, N.Y. and Southern Florida, communities in which the founders spent the major portion of their lives.

PSL + Tribune 7-22-07
ADAMS A FINALIST

Bud Adams of Fort Pierce joins nine other Southeastern state winners as a finalist for the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year Award for 2007, which will be announced during the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie, Ga., on Oct. 16.

As the Florida state winner, Adams will receive \$2,500 and an expense-paid trip to the Sunbelt Expo from Swisher International of Jacksonville, a jacket and a \$200 gift certificate from the Williamson-Dickie Co., a commemorative fireproof home safe from Misty Morn Safe Co., and a \$500 gift certificate from Southern States. He is eligible for the \$14,000 that will go to the overall winner and the use of a Massey Ferguson tractor for a year from Massey Ferguson North America.

Adams and his wife, **Dorothy**, have three grown sons who are actively involved in the farming operation. **Lee** manages the Osceola County ranch, **Mike** is president of Adams Ranch and **Rob** manages the Adams Ranch Citrus operation.

Previous state winners from Florida include **Sonny Williamson** of Okeechobee in 2003 and **Louis "Red" Larson** of Okeechobee in 2005.

Tribune 7-22-07
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7-21-07 Palm Beach Post

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— Compiled by Sharon Wernlund

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Treasure Coast Phil-Am marks 22nd anniversary

BY ANJE DEOCAMPO
Posted on YourHub.com

The Philippine American Association of the Treasure Coast (PAATC) celebrated its 22nd anniversary with the Annual Dinner and Dance ball held at the Pelican Yacht Club on May 27, followed by the traditional Memorial Day picnic at Jaycee Park in Fort Pierce the next day.

With close to 300 members and guests in attendance, the evening ball was one of the best events the Phil-Am has organized in years. From the newly-made entrance and the stage backdrop of picturesque Philippines to the elegant arrangement of hors d'ouvres in the silent auction room and the table centerpieces, the thematic decor gave an ambience to being home in the Philippines. The preparations were certainly in tune with this year's theme — Live the Bayanihan Spirit.

Kyle Tesalona opened the evening gala with a violin rendition of the "Star Spangled

Banner" and Lupang Hinirang followed by the singing of the Phil-Am Hymn headed by its writer and the best emcee in town, Ari Reyes. Then, Daisy McGinnis led the invocation after the President Vic Ventulan delivered his welcome address.

Later that evening, the Phil-Am awarded the traditional scholarships for this year's eight high school graduates: Matthew Frias, Santi Reyes, Brooke Ragamat, Monica Caday, Marvin Prietos, Matthew Canoy, Ayesha Shakoor, Megan Johnson and Scott Silvers.

The awards totaled to \$4,700, as one of the highlights for the evening, the Phil-Am presented a \$10,000 check to Ann Decker of the Indian River Community College for the Phil-Am Scholarship Endowment Fund. In addition to the traditional scholarship, Decker also handed a \$1,200 award to the first recipient of the Phil-Am Endowment Fund to Brooke Ragamat of Oke-



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PAATC President Vic Ventulan, Vince and Isabela Ventulan, and Eric Matamoros present a \$10,000 check to Ann L. Decker of IRCC Scholarship Foundation.

chobee. Also recognized were six outstanding college graduates who each had excelled in their chosen field.

After the scholarship presentation, the father and son duo of Ari and Santi Reyes entertained the audience with their

surprise number followed by the main event of the evening — the long-awaited cultural presentations of seven different folk dances headed and choreographed by Maita Reyes. Through her hard work and dedication, Reyes has been in this capacity for the last 18 years.

The Phil-Am would like to thank the members and officers for their all-hands effort in making the 22nd anniversary a huge success. Each committee member had executed his or her task flawlessly. Also, the Phil-Am would like to thank the parents of each participant who took their time taking their children to numerous rehearsals.

And of course to the participants, who for months had been practicing their moves — thank you.

Last but not least, the Phil-Am also would like to thank its supporters for their financial contribution to the association.

IN BOYNTON: Arrest warrant issued for man who allegedly shot, killed girlfriend in front of her mother, **3B**

Lagoon odyssey yields book aimed at preservation

By SHARON WERNLUND
Palm Beach Post Staff writer

Together, landscape artist Rick Kelly and writer and ecologist Camille S. Yates have retraced the watery footsteps of American Indians and pioneer settlers by cruising the entire 157 miles of the Indian River Lagoon.

Since March 2006, they've trekked through six counties, starting north of the Ponce de Leon Inlet in New Smyrna Beach and snaking south, through Martin County to the Jupiter Inlet.

With 8 inches of draft, their 20-foot johnboat glided through large bodies of water such as the Mosquito Lagoon, Banana River and Indian River as well as shallow, grassy flats, to reach some of nature's most intimate and pristine hideaways.

As North America's most diverse estuary, the lagoon was a stunning showcase of plants, animals and birds around every bend: white ibis wading in the shadows of mangroves, a pack of red foxes, manatee mothers and babies, leaping mullet and playful river dolphin off the bow.

And when their journey ended, the pair were more committed than ever to help preserve these remarkable sights with their book, *Treasured Waters — the Indian River*

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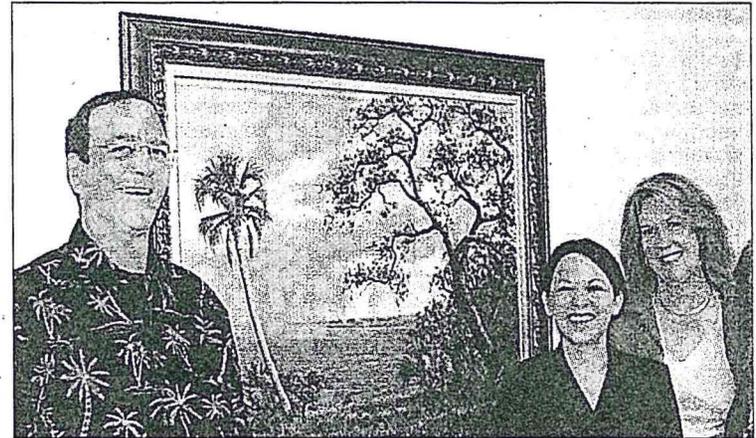
• RICK KELLY
Vero Beach landscape artist

Lagoon.

"I spent my entire childhood in Fort Pierce fishing, boating, wading and chasing sting rays," says Kelly, 55, of Vero Beach. "My passion for painting comes from the awesome beauty of our surroundings."

"But the land and the lagoon have changed dramatically with building and development. Twenty-five years from now, I don't know how much it's going to be preserved or whether my children and

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Courtesy Indian River Community College Foundation

Artist Rick Kelly and writer-ecologist Camille S. Yates (right), shown with Indian River Community College Foundation project manager Monique Walker, are collaborating on a book titled *Treasured Waters — the Indian River Lagoon*. The pair traveled the 157-mile length of the lagoon, retracing the steps of American Indians and pioneers.

Book will feature about 80 to 100 original landscapes

► LAGOON from 1B

their children will be able to see what it was at one time.”

His solution was to document the lagoon's beauty in a book with original landscape paintings from beginning to end. In November 2005, he reached out to Yates to speak for his passion as narrator for the estuary's history, species and importance to the ecosystems.

For Yates, the choice was a no-brainer.

“I've always enjoyed educating people about wildlife and ecology, and I just thought this would be a great opportunity to further that goal,” says Yates, 47, of Fort Pierce.

“The more people are aware of their surroundings, the more conscientious they will be to try to protect it.”

With the Indian River Community College Foundation's Pioneer River Press as publisher, the full-color, coffee-table style book with 80 to 100 of Kelly's original landscapes is slated for release

this winter through local bookstores, gallery and museum shops.

Proceeds from book sales will support IRCC scholarships and Indian River Lagoon conservation and education efforts.

Like Kelly, Yates was no stranger to the lagoon. From 1999 to 2005, the Texas native was curator of the Manatee Education and Observation Center in Fort Pierce.

As a former biologist, she published several manuscripts on birds and habitat management and worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as the Smithsonian Marine Station.

She also was a contributing writer for the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation Management



Yates
Has biologist background, is writing book's narrative

Plan while employed with the St. John's River Water Management District.

The collaborative effort on their first book has meant hundreds of hours on the lagoon with spouses in tow to scout subjects for Kelly to paint.

Clay Yates also piloted the couple's johnboat from one scenic place to the next, such as Herman's Bay, Savanna State Park, Canaveral National Seashore and the South Fork of the St. Lucie River.

For every trip, Kelly would bring sketch pads to capture the essence of his subjects before painting them in oil on large canvases in minute detail. Photographs also served as a reference for colors, shadows, sunlight and even wind direction.

While Kelly worked in his studio, Yates discovered surprising facts in her research. One stunner was the hardship of living with mosquitoes on the shorelines. American Indians covered themselves in a thick layer of mud. Early white settlers warded off the

pesky insects with palmetto fans and smudge pots.

In the book, she writes: “It is said, during these early times, livestock, as well as people, were killed from being smothered by inhaling mosquitoes.”

Kelly learned about the lagoon's ever-changing habitats and channeled that knowledge into his landscapes, from the spartina grass marshes in the north to the worm rock reef and the mangroves in the south.

“This whole project has humbled me in the lack of knowledge I had about the northern part of the lagoon,” Kelly says. “It's been a big learning curve.”

Landscapes of the lagoon's watersheds also will be represented. When possible, the johnboat was hauled to boat ramps and when it wasn't, the foursome hiked.

One stop was the Allapattah Flats in northern Martin County and west of the St. Lucie River where marshes and swamps eventually drain into

the lagoon.

“Allapattah is a Seminole word for alligator,” Yates writes. “With its mosaic of small wetlands that dot the landscape, the Allapattah Ranch holds true to its name, for it has a good population of alligators.”

Ironically, the book is the highlight of an artistic career that Kelly never intended. He started painting in 1985 as a stress reliever from his former career as a St. Lucie County firefighter.

His teacher was the late, legendary landscape artist A.E. Backus, whom Kelly describes as “one of the most kind men that I'd ever known in my life.”

For 20 years, Kelly's landscapes have appeared in galleries, special exhibits, and at charity fund-raisers.

In April, Kelly was awarded the Florida Senate Medalion of Excellence for his outstanding cultural and artistic contributions to Florida. Several of his paintings hang in the Florida Capitol.

Still, Kelly is humble about his success.

“I am absolutely and firmly convinced that it is a gift from God,” he says. “There's times when I don't even paint. I hold the brush and it just leads me and I go with the flow.”

Meanwhile, Kelly has another 10 or so landscapes to paint for the book. These days, he kayaks in the lagoon to further search for scenic spots.

But no matter what he paints, his landscapes share one purpose.

“Maybe, someone will jump on board to help one of the environmental causes, whether it's saving the manatees or the turtles or cleaning up one of the spoil islands.”

He'd like to see people be more respectful of what we have. “Don't throw a beer can or a piece of paper,” he says “Leave nothing more than your footprint.”

For information, visit these Web sites: (www.treasuredwaters.com) or (www.pioneerriver.com).
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HENRY CLAYTON

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Tobias King arrives at Indian River Community College to pick up books purchased by American Legion.

American Legion awards scholarship

BY HENRY CLAYTON

Posted on YourHub.com

It's that time of the year when our young boys turn into young men and charge forward to what ever life has for them.

American Legion Post 171 is very proud to give **Tobias King** a scholarship to help him with his goal as a biology major at Indian River Community College. He was also selected to attend Boys State by Post 171 during 2005-06, where he was elected a city councilman and tax collector (Air Force County).

He is the son of **Jeffery** and **Charlene King**. He graduated this year from Lincoln Park Academy.

While there he was president of the Lamplighters Omega P.S.I., maintained a 3.7 grade point average, played basketball for three years, ran track for two years and was 2007 Student of the Year in American Government.

He is looking forward to attending IRCC because it gives him a chance to study and be able to still enjoy Mom's home cooking. He feels that with all the biology-related jobs opening up in the area, he will be ready by the time they are available.

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ELSER AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

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Wendy Elser of Vero Beach was awarded a one-time scholarship of \$1,500 by Simon Youth Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational and career development opportunities to youth.

Elser was awarded the scholarship by representatives from Vero Beach Mall.

Elser is a recent graduate of Indian River Charter High School, and exemplified herself through academic excellence, leadership skills, and participation in school and community activities. She plans to study at Indian River Community College in the fall.



Elser

PSL, Tribune + Stuart News 7-16-07 Scholarship recipient named

The first ever **Bob Betcher Scholarship** recipient has been named. **William Jennings**, majoring in sports journalism at Indian River Community College, is the first student to be awarded funding through the IRCC Foundation's scholarship in memory of former **Stuart News** employee Bob Betcher.

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Book sales to support IRCC scholarships

Area writer and ecologist Camille S. Yates and landscape artist Rick Kelly have teamed up with the Indian River Community College Foundation to produce a book called "Treasured Waters - the Indian River Lagoon."

Kelly, who studied under Florida artist A. E. Backus, is painting almost 100 new paintings for the book, which will be released this winter. Yates describes the history and ecology of the 157 mile-long lagoon from New Smyrna Beach to Jupiter.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will support IRCC scholarships and Indian River Lagoon conservation and education efforts.

For more information, visit www.treasuredwaters.com or www.pioneerriver.com.

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FORT PIERCE Health care scholarships available

Throughout the past 30 years, more than 1,000 St. Lucie County residents have received health care scholarships through the Basil L. King Scholarship Program.

The program was established after the 1978 closing of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital when it was determined that remaining financial assets should be utilized to establish the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Scholarship Foundation.

Basil King, who was chief executive officer of the hospital and then held the same position later at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, served as the chairman of the Foundation for more than 20 years. In 2002 the Foundation changed its name to the Basil King Scholarship Foundation in his honor.

The scholarship's board of directors remains committed to awarding over \$285,000 each year to students through the IRCC Foundation. Students who are awarded the scholarship prepare for careers in the medical and health care fields.

For more call the IRCC Foundation at (772)462-4786.

IRCC, Harbor Branch partners in expanded aquaculture program

Scripps, PSL News 7/22/07

Aquaculture, the farming of aquatic organisms, is the fastest-growing segment of agriculture in the United States. Aquaculture has become Florida's most diverse form of commercial agriculture, with 800 commercial farmers producing the greatest variety of aquatic organisms of any state in the nation.

Scientists at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution have partnered with Indian River Community College to offer an educational program where area residents are learning new methods to farm local species of fish and shellfish. Harbor Branch has the largest marine foodfish research center in the Southeast, as well as research culture facilities for clams, oysters, conch and lobsters.

IRCC aquaculture students complete most of their classes on the Harbor Branch campus, where they can work toward a one-year aquaculture technology certificate, a two-year associate's degree, or simply sign up for introductory classes to learn more about the field or to explore the possibility of a career in aquaculture. Thanks to the continuing expansion of the Treasure Coast aquaculture industry, the program has now achieved a nearly 100 percent job placement rate for its students.

Classes for the aquaculture education program are taught in evening hours by Harbor Branch aquaculture research staff at the Harbor Branch Campus in Fort Pierce. Registration for the fall classes should be completed through IRCC, and classes begin Aug. 23.

Classes are:

FAS1010 Introduction to Aquaculture: For those interested in learning more about opportunities in aquaculture, this course will teach the principles and practices of farming

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fish, clams and shrimp. Water quality, site selection, health management practices, nutrition, business decision-making, career choices and job requirements will be covered in the Tuesday evening course.

FAS 2151 Principles of Molluscan Aquaculture: This Thursday evening course focuses on methods of culturing molluscan species with an emphasis on hard clams and includes hands-on activities.

FAS 2252 Aquatic Animal Health Management: This Wednesday evening course provides practical training in health management relating to diagnosis and treatment of diseases of cultured fish, bivalves

and shrimp. Instruction emphasizes the benefits of maintaining healthy stock and preventing disease.

GROWING A LANDSCAPING BUSINESS

Florida's nursery and landscape industry continues to grow with significant economic impact throughout the state. Florida ranks second only to California in terms of overall industry value.

IRCC will offer several landscaping courses at the St. Lucie West Campus in Port St. Lucie beginning Aug. 23. On Tuesday evenings, Fundamental Principles of Arboriculture will provide a thorough understanding of tree care, while on Wednesday evenings Funda-

mentals of Horticulture will focus on plants.

On Thursday evenings, Application of Pesticides will develop skill in the safe handling of pesticides, selection of appropriate application equipment, calibration and mixing of chemicals.

An advanced course, Irrigation Systems II, will address complex pumping situations, flow control systems, computer-assisted functions and the business of specifications and contracting.

Landscape Design will be offered with emphasis on effective and profitable landscape maintenance techniques, as well as public relations; efficiency; plant, grass and pest management; and other areas.

SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS

Treasure Coast residents who are interested in building career skills in a short-term training program have a wide variety of choices. The eight-week nursing assistant program prepares students for employment, and many graduates continue their education to become a licensed practical nurse, patient care technician or specialist in health information management. The one-year medical assisting program focuses on the clinical, laboratory and administrative roles of the medical assistant, while the pharmacy technician program develops the skills needed to assist a pharmacist.

IRCC offers an open-entry program in automotive service technology that builds skills in all automotive systems. In addition, a new online program prepares students for the ASE (automotive service excellence) certification exam.

Another career choice is cosmetology and barbering with hands-on preparation at IRCC facilities in Fort Pierce and Stuart.

IRCC also offers free GED preparation.

For more information about programs and services at IRCC, call the Information Call Center toll-free at (866) 866-4722.

Compiled by IRCC staff

Trib, PSL News + Stuart News 7.29.07
Build your future

To help residents learn how they can gain the training and education they need, IRCC is holding a Building Construction and Design Information Session Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at IRCC's main campus, off Virginia Avenue and 35th Street in Fort Pierce.

The session will focus on architecture, interior design, building construction, carpentry and drafting and design, beginning with an overview presentation followed by break-out sessions in areas of interest.

IRCC is introducing an associate in arts degree in architecture to prepare students for transfer to a university-level program. They also offer a two-year associate in science degree in building construction technology, a residential carpentry in partnership with the Treasure Coast Builders' Association, an associate in science degree program in drafting and design technology and an associate in science degree program in interior design endorsed by the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

For more information, call the IRCC Information Call Center toll-free at 1-866-866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

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FORT PIERCE
**IRCC will host
architecture seminar**

Indian River Community College will feature a Building Construction and Design Information Session at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the IRCC Main Campus, off Virginia Avenue and 35th Street in Fort Pierce.

The session will focus on how to develop a career in architecture, interior design, building construction, carpentry, and drafting and design.

For information, call the IRCC Information Call Center at (866) 866-4722 or visit: www.ircc.edu.

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FORT PIERCE
**Construction workshop
slated at IRCC**

Indian River Community College will host a building construction and design information session at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Knight Center for Emerging Technologies at the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

The session will focus on architecture, interior design, building construction, carpentry, drafting and design beginning with an overview presentation followed by break-out sessions in areas of interest.

For more information, call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

IRCC event to demonstrate 7 steps for business success

Individuals looking for the skills to get ahead in business on the Treasure Coast can attend "Advance in Business on the Treasure Coast — The Seven Steps you Need to Know," 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Schreiber Conference Center at the IRCC St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.

Participants will learn about business careers and how Indian River Community College can help students achieve their goals at this free networking and professional development event.

Attendees will learn the "7 Steps to Success" in a presentation by IRCC master instructor Ray Carpenter.

Participants also can join in a panel discussion with business professionals from National City, Liberty Medical and other area employers.

For more information, call toll free at (866) 866-4722, visit www.ircc.edu, or e-mail rjcarpen@ircc.edu.

IRCC BUSINESS DEGREES

IRCC offers associate degrees in business administration and marketing management, and a new bachelor of applied science degree in or-

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ganizational management.

The associate in applied science degree in business administration equips students to excel in real-world business situations.

The associate in applied science degree in business administration offers specializations in retail marketing, hospitality management, insurance, real estate, customer service and finance.

Students will gain the competitive edge with a broad base of skills, emphasizing leadership, planning, vision, team building, motivation, fiscal and ethical responsibility, innovation, new product/market development and entrepreneurship.

The associate in science degree in marketing management emphasizes development of marketable skills in sales techniques, promotional strategies and effective management practices.

Population growth, increase in technology-based businesses and sophisticated job requirements fuel the demand for more managers with four-year degrees.

Starting in the spring, stu-

dents can continue their education with a bachelor's degree at IRCC.

Students who have an associate in science degree or an associate in applied science degree will be able to enter the bachelor of applied science in organizational management program.

This program offers seamless transfer of your credits into the bachelor's degree program.

AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM

Anyone interested in preparing for a career as an automotive technician or manager is invited to a free open house at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Indian River Community College Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce to find out more about this career field.

IRCC offers automotive training that builds increasingly sophisticated skills in all aspects of automotive repair, maintenance and service. Students can complete courses in transmissions, steering and suspension, braking, engine overhaul and more.

IRCC programs are certified in all eight categories by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence, and

students gain valuable skills for ASE certification. IRCC is introducing an online program to prepare for the ASE certification exam.

Students can begin the automotive technology program at any time or choose the degree program in automotive service management. Upon completion, graduates are ready for employment in a variety of positions in dealerships, independent repair shops, or fleet maintenance facilities.

The program meets in the

Auto Lab at Martin County High School, where the open-entry career training certificate program is offered, and students can take advantage of flexible scheduling. The degree program is offered at the IRCC Main Campus. Both programs will prepare students for the ASE exam.

"IRCC offers top-quality education at reasonable cost with small classes and personal attention," says Donna Rivett, IRCC assistance dean of industrial technology. "There are

many opportunities for financial aid to help people get the training they need to launch a new career, and we encourage people to find out more at this open house."

The open house will be in Building B, Room 111 at the Main Campus. For more information, call the IRCC Information Call Center toll-free at (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

Compiled by IRCC staff

7 steps you need to know to advance in business

Okeechawee News 7-23-07

Looking for the skills you will need to get ahead in business on the Treasure Coast? Learn what you need to know about great business careers and how Indian River Community College can help you achieve your goals at a free networking and professional development opportunity. "Advance in Business on the Treasure Coast - The Seven Steps you Need to Know," will be

Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at the IRCC St. Lucie West Campus, located at 500 N.W. California Boulevard in Port St. Lucie. This is a must attend event for anyone interested in pursuing a business career on the Treasure Coast or looking for ways to advance in their current career.

Learn how education opportunities offered through the business division at the

IRCC St. Lucie West Campus can help you achieve your greatest potential. Attendees at the event will learn the "7 Steps to Success" in a special presentation by IRCC master instructor Ray Carpenter. Participants will also have the opportunity to join in a panel discussion with business professionals from National City, Liberty Medical and other area employers on the skills and

keys to business success on the Treasure Coast.

Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m., at the IRCC St. Lucie West Campus. For more information on "Advance in Business on the Treasure Coast - The Seven Steps you need to know," call toll free at 1-866-866-4722, visit us online at, www.ircc.com, or e-mail rjcarpen@ircc.edu.

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The 7 Steps to Success

Looking for the skills you will need to get ahead in business on the Treasure Coast? Learn what you need to know about great business careers at a free networking and professional development event at Indian River Community College.

IRCC master instructor Ray Carpenter will present the "7 Steps to Success." Attendees may participate in a panel discussion with professionals from National City, Liberty Medical and other area employers on the skills and keys to business success on the Treasure Coast. And learn about business educational opportunities.

"Advance in Business on the Treasure Coast - The Seven Steps you Need to Know," will be Wed., Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at the IRCC St. Lucie West Campus, located at 500 N.W. California Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.

For more information, call toll free at 1-866-866-4722, visit online at www.ircc.com, or e-mail rjcarpen@ircc.edu.

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7-22-07

Business seminar coming to IRCC

A free networking and professional development program, "Advance in Business on the Treasure Coast - The Seven Steps you Need to Know," will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 1 at Indian River Community College's St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie.

Participants will learn the "7 Steps to Success" in a special presentation by IRCC master instructor Ray Carpenter. Participants will also have the opportunity to join in a panel discussion with business professionals from National City, Liberty Med-

ical and other area employers on the skills and keys to business success on the Treasure Coast.

For information, call (866) 866-4722, visit www.ircc.edu or e-mail rjcarpen@ircc.edu.

Organize your business for success with IRCC seminar

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The Indian River Community College Business Incubator in partnership with the Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRCC and the Economic Council of Martin County cordially invites you to a FREE seminar, "Organizing Your Business for Success."

Anyone interested in tips on effective business organization is invited to attend the FREE "Lunch & Learn" seminar, on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, presented at noon at the Wolf High Technology Center, IRCC Chastain Campus, 2400 SE Salerno Road. The Entrepreneur Development Institute (EDI) will be providing snacks, beverages and dessert.

This one hour "Lunch and Learn" seminar will cover everything from "how and why to structure your business initially" to "maximizing efficiencies" to "what to know when it comes time to sell." The discussion will include LLCs vs. corporations; budgeting and cash flow planning; business accounting (what is the difference between cash and income); developing banking relationships; and answering the question, "How afraid should I be of the IRS and are there others out there I should be more afraid of?" and "What can and will go wrong?" The format is lecture with open discussion and ques-

tions and answers throughout the presentation.

The guest presenter is Mark Brechbill, CPA, founder of Mark Brechbill, Certified Public Accountants. He also sponsors and hosts a series of call-in radio programs entitled "Treasure Coast Solutions" that answers listeners' questions pertaining to business, financial planning, real estate, construction and community activities. Prior to founding the firm in 1994, Mr. Brechbill spent over thirteen years in the banking industry. He began his career in public accounting with Arthur Andersen & Co. Brechbill has a bachelor's degree in accounting

from Western Illinois University, is licensed as a CPA in Florida, and is a member of the FICPA and AICPA.

Seating is limited. To RSVP or to obtain more information, call Karen Schreiner at (772) 419-5690 or email kschrein@ircc.edu. For more information on the EDI or other business solution and employee training opportunities, call the IRCC Corporate and Community Training Institute at 1-888-283-1177.

Stuart / Tribune / PSC News 7/19/07 In other business news

Golf instruction features to air: The PGA Golf Club is launching a series of golf instruction features this month that air on Comcast/Charter Southeast Sports Network's "Southern Golf Weekly," and televised in 13 southeastern states.

The instructional pieces are led by Bob Baldassari, PGA general manager at The PGA Golf Club. These segments will air during "Southern Golf Weekly," a 30-minute golf show on CSS.

July 24 seminar on organization: The Indian River Community College Business Incubator, in partnership with the Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRCC and the Economic Council of Martin County, will hold a free seminar on "Organizing Your Business for Success" at noon on July 24 at the Wolf High Technology Center, IRCC Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road. The one-hour seminar will focus on items from on how to structure business at start-up to knowing when to sell. For information, call (772) 419-5690 or email kschrein@ircc.edu.

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IRCC to hold seminar on employment law

TUESDAY: "Employment Law: Your Business and Your Employees," will be offered at noon at Indian River Community College Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, south of Stuart. The one-hour seminar covers topics ranging from the hiring stage to examples of on-the-job issues. The guest speaker will be Sheila Daniels, assistant dean of human resources at IRCC. Refreshments provided. Seating is limited. For reservations, call (772) 419-5690.

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Seminar July 10 on employers, employees: The Indian River Community College Business Incubator, in partnership with the Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRCC and the Economic Council of Martin County, will host a free seminar, call "Employment Law: Your Business and Your Employees," July 10 at the Wolf High Technology Center, IRCC Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road. The institute will provide snacks at the noon seminar. For information, call (772) 419-5690 or email kschrein@ircc.edu.

IRCC automotive program open house planned

Okla News 7-21-07

Get ready to jumpstart your career options in one of the fastest growing career fields on the Treasure Coast. Anyone interested in preparing for a career as an automotive technician or manager is invited to a free Open House on Tuesday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Indian River Community College Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce to find out more about this in-demand career field.

IRCC offers automotive training that builds increasingly sophisticated skills in all aspects of automotive repair, maintenance and service. Students can complete courses in transmissions, steering and suspension, braking, engine overhaul and more. IRCC programs are certified in all eight categories by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), and students

gain valuable skills for ASE certification.

Students can begin the Automotive Technology program at any time or choose the degree program in Automotive Service Management. Upon completion, graduates are ready for employment in a variety of positions in dealerships, independent repair shops, or fleet maintenance facilities. The Automotive Technology program meets in the Auto Lab at Martin County High School, and students can take advantage of flexible scheduling. The degree program is offered at the IRCC Main Campus.

"IRCC offers top-quality education at reasonable cost with small classes and personal attention," says Donna Rivett, IRCC Administrative Director of Industrial Technology. "There are many opportunities for financial aid to help people get the training they need to launch a new career, and we encourage people to find out more at this Open House."

The Open House will meet in Building B, Room 111 at the Main Campus. For more information, call the IRCC Information Call Center toll-free at 1-866-866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

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Automotive training offered at IRCC

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Night/Grass: Ron Mann and actor/activist Woody Harrelson in documentary on marijuana. 430 Colorado Ave, Stuart. \$5 offering. 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday. (772) 219-4093, knowledgetree4u@yahoo.com.

Adult CPR/AED: Certifies skills in adult CPR, automatic external defibrillator, rescue breathing and choking skills. Red Cross Martin County Chapter, 2750 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart. \$25. 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tuesday. (772) 287-2002.

Automotive Program: Open house for those interested in a career as an automotive technician, manager. IRCC, 3209 Virginia Ave., B111, Fort Pierce, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. (866) 866-4722.

Advance in Business on the Treasure Coast: Learn the seven steps to success; panel discussion with business professionals. IRCC St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie, 6 p.m., Aug. 1. (866) 866-4722, e-mail: rjcarpen@ircc.edu.

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IRCC invites auto techies to open house July 31

Anyone interested in preparing for a career as an automotive technician or manager is invited to a free open house at 6:30 p.m. July 31 at the Indian River Community College Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

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The open house will meet in Building B, room 111. For more information, call the IRCC information call center (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

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Information session on construction, design is Aug. 15

Indian River Community College is conducting a building construction and design information session at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Knight Center for Emerging Technologies at the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

IRCC offering automotive training

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Anyone interested in preparing for a career as an automotive technician or manager is invited to a free Open House on July 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Indian River Community College main campus at 3209 Virginia Ave.

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The degree program is offered at the IRCC Main Campus.

The Open House will meet in Building B, Room 111 at the Main Campus. For more information, call the IRCC Information Call Center toll-free at (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

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The session will focus on architecture, interior design, building construction, carpentry, drafting and design beginning with an overview presentation followed by breakout sessions in areas of interest.

For more information, call the IRCC information call center at (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

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Automotive training available at IRCC

Anyone interested in preparing for a career as an automotive technician or manager is invited to a free open house at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Indian River Community College Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

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The open house will meet in Building B, room 111. For more information, call the IRCC information call center (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

From staff reports

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In other business news 7-31-07

E-Commerce seminar Aug. 14: The Indian River Community College Business Incubator, in partnership with the Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRCC and the Economic Council of Martin County, will hold a free seminar on E-commerce Aug. 14.

The noon seminar, "E-Commerce: Website Design & Search Engine Optimization," will be held at the Wolf High-Technology Center, IRCC Chastain Campus, 2400 SE Salerno Road. For information, call Karen Schreiner at (772) 419-5690 or e-mail kschrein@ircc.edu.

Simon reports gains: Simon Property Group Inc. (NYSE: SPG), which owns and operates the Treasure Coast Square and Indian River malls, reported that quarterly funds from operations grew 4.1 percent, due to higher rents and increased occupancy.

From staff reports

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Registration starts Monday for fall semester at IRCC

Registration for the fall semester at all Indian River Community College campuses begins Monday. Classes begin Aug. 23.

Students can start registering for new bachelor's degree programs in nursing, education and management program that will be offered in the spring semester.

There will be an information session on July 18 at 6 p.m. in Room A-102 of the Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee.

Luminaries
We're here for you 7-23-07

Seeing the need for volunteer recruitment, Luminaries is here to help. So, coming up in September, Luminaries will partner with Indian River Community College and offer an opportunity for the public to visit with representatives from area nonprofits — all in one building. What better way to decide how best to donate your time and treasure? Look for more information on **Volunteer Recruitment Day**, which will be held in each of our three counties, in future editions of Luminaries.

FORT PIERCE *Stuart News*
IRCC workshop on *7-10-07*
flood insurance

The Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River Community College will offer a National Mandated Flood Insurance Workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Room 120, Building B at the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

All Florida licensed insurance agents who sell flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program must complete a training course.

The cost is \$29 and agents can register online at www.ircc.edu/ccti.

For detailed information, call Kenneth Hoff at (772) 462-7632 or call the IRCC Information Call Center at (866) 866-4722.

Join the IRCC *Tribune*
insurance workshop *7-3-07*

The Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River Community College will offer a National Mandated Flood Insurance Workshop July 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce in Building B, Room 120.

All Florida licensed insurance agents who sell flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program must complete a training course through the NFIP.

The cost is \$29 and agents can register online at www.ircc.edu/ccti

For detailed information, call Kenneth Hoff at (772) 462-7632 or call the IRCC Information Call Center at (866) 866-4722.

PSL News 7.30.07

Once again, the Florida Abuse Hotline Number is (800) 96-ABUSE.

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Workshop offered on disaster preparedness

A workshop on disaster preparedness will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Aug. 23 at Indian River Community College's Kight Center for Emerging Technologies.

This workshop, called "Keep On Keepin' On," will prepare organizations to anticipate and meet survivors' immediate and long-term disaster-related needs; strategically share scarce resources; and collaborate in new ways to help the community.

The workshop is free, but register by going to www.regonline.com/143732 is required by Aug. 17.

The program will be at Building V, Room 110, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

From staff reports

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United Way breakfast

The United Way of Martin County will officially kick off its 2007-08 campaign on Sept. 28 with a breakfast and pep rally at the Wolf High Technology Center on the Chastain Campus of Indian River Community College in Stuart.

The campaign team under the direction of **Patty Winterburn**, the provost for IRCC in Martin County, has been organized and includes **Bill Dahl, Vicki Davis, Chris Higgins, Denny Hudson, Wendy Hudson, Rachel Scott, Steve Strickland** and **Carolann Wegener**.

Also: **Steve Weil, Michel Weinberg, Angelina DeWald, Jill Hanson, Pat Cook, Tiffany Gumela, Frank Salerno, Miguel Coty, Curtis Coulter, Marsha Makemson, Arlene Green, Paul Harris, Chad Hastings, Lorie Shekailo, Sharon Slattery, Valerie Graham, Nick Blount, Mary Palczer** and **Dawn Mitchell**.

For more information on the United Way campaign or about the free "Community Leaders" golf outing that is scheduled for Aug. 17, call (772) 283-4800.

United Way offers workplace workshop

M.C. Hometown News
7-13-07

Character counts! is presenting "The Conflicted Employee," another in its series of professional seminars designed to help managers increase productivity, decrease costs and maintain ethical standards.

Cindy Krosky will lead the presentation, which is being held from 8 a.m. to noon, Aug. 14 at the Wolf High-Technology Center on the Chastain Campus of IRCC, Salerno Road, Stuart.

The cost is \$35 and includes a continental breakfast.

For reservations, please call (772) 283-4800, ext 234 or hlaiben@unitedway-martincounty.org.

IRCC July Calendar of Events

Monday, July 9 - 12; 16-19 & 23-26 **SUMMER ACADEMIES IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES** For high school juniors and seniors, the Summer Academies focus on photonics, robotics, digital media and cyber security.

8 a.m. to noon Kight Center for Emerging Technology

July 9-13 **SOFTBALL CAMP** Improving softball skills for girls 6 to 13 from July 9 through 13. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Campus

July 9 - 12 **VOLLEYBALL CAMP** Volley Skills Camp III will meet on July 9 through July 12, ages 8-14 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and ages 15-18 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. At left Main Campus

July 9 - 13 **AQUA SPORTS CAMP** Campers will participate in swimming, diving, trampoline, and aquatic games. For ages 6 through 12 Session #3: July 9 through July 13 8:45 to noon Anne Wilder Swimming Complex, Main Campus

July 9-20 **CAMP OPERATION 2007 - FOR FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** This camp provides an overview of health careers with field trips to healthcare facilities and other off-campus locations, with emphasis on related hands-on activities. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Main Campus

Tues. July 10 **FREE LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES** "Employment Law" presented by the IRCC Employee Development Institute Noon Chastain Campus, Stuart

Tues. July 10 **HEALTH INFORMATION MGT. AND CODER/BILLER INFORMATION SESSION** Learn about IRCC's Health Information Management and Coder/Biller programs. 2:00 p.m. Health Science Center, H-307, Main Campus

Wed. July 11 **STUDENT ORIENTATION** Learn about IRCC programs and services 3 to 5 p.m. Chastain Campus, Stuart, A103

Wed. July 11 **MEDICAL ASSISTING INFORMATION SESSION** Find out about this versatile career that combines administrative and clinical duties 4 p.m. St. Lucie West Campus, A119B

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Wed. July 18 **STUDENT ORIENTATION** Learn about IRCC programs and services 3 to 5 p.m. Crews Hall, Main Campus, W227

Wed. July 18 **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN INFORMATION SESSION** Learn how you can prepare for a career helping animals as a veterinary technician 4 p.m. Health Science Center, Main Campus, H-107

Thurs. July 19 **STUDENT ORIENTATION** Learn about IRCC programs and services 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Crews Hall, Main Campus, W227

Thurs., July 19 **MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SESSION** Learn about IRCC's Medical Lab Technology program. 3:00 p.m. Health Science Center, H-229, Main Campus

Thurs., July 19 **NURSING, PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN, & SURGICAL TECHNICIAN INFORMATION SESSION** Learn about IRCC's Nursing, Patient Care Technician, & Surgical Technician programs. 4:00 p.m. Health Science Center, H-110, Main Campus

Thurs. July 19 **MEI MEI LUO CHAMBER TRIO** Presented by the Lifelong Learning Institute 8 p.m. Wynne Black Box Theatre, Main Campus

July 23 - 27 **BASEBALL CAMPS** Session #2 will meet from July 23 through July 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For boys & girls ages 6 through 12. At left Main Campus

Tuesday, July 24 **STUDENT ORIENTATION** Learn about IRCC programs and services 6 to 8 p.m. Crews Hall, Main Campus, W227

Thurs. July 24 **FREE LUNCH & LEARN SERIES** How to set up your Business, Corporation or Sole Proprietorship Noon Chastain Campus, Stuart, Wolf High Tech Center

Tues. July 31 **AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY OPEN HOUSE** Learn about careers and training in automotive technology and management 6:30 p.m. B-111, Main Campus

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Treasure Coast High School (TCHS)

Thirty students from the Manufacturing/Pre-Engineering Academy at Treasure Coast High School (TCHS) began a six-week Summer Manufacturing Institute at Indian River Community College's Fort Pierce campus on June 20.

Students are learning the work readiness skills and will begin a 90-hour manufacturing work experience with local manufacturers such as Tropicana, Tamlite and C & L Technologies.

The students will earn Work Readiness Certification from the Workforce Board of the Treasure Coast, high school credits from the St. Lucie County School Board and college credits from IRCC.

"C&L Technologies is pleased to participate in programs such as this," said Tom Wouters, vice president at C & L Technologies. "Manufacturing has an urgent need for skilled workers with employable work ethics."

"Schools working with business partners make the difference in creating workers with the core competencies necessary to build tomorrow's workforce," he added. "The growth of the manufacturing industry and the community are dependent on the success of these types of programs."

For more information about the Summer Manufacturing Institute, contact Diana Rew at the Workforce Development Board at (772) 335-3030 X *839 or at drew@tcjobs.org.

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Commercial producers at playback

STUART - (From left) Jacob Walker, 16, of Palm City, and Kevin Peavler, 14, Ralph Torres, 15, and Chelsea Grass, 15, all of Stuart, review their commercial skit Tuesday during a Techno Camp at the Clark Advanced Learning Center at Indian River Community College.

AMANDA VOISARD
Staff Photographer

IRCC plans summer seminars

United Way/IRCC school supplies drive

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Automotive Technology Open House ✓

Learn about careers and training in automotive technology and management will be held Tuesday, July 31, at 6:20

p.m. at the main campus in Room B-111.

Business Careers

Open House

Learn about IRCC's business education programs, including the AAS degree in business administration and bachelor of applied science in organizational management as well as training in golf course operations, agriculture, aquaculture and other fields will be held on Wed. Aug. 1 from 6 until 7:30 p.m. at the St. Lucie West Campus, Schrieber Conference Center.

IRCC announce upcoming events

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Camp Operation 2007: For future health care professionals

High School students learn about health care careers, activities include visits to local health care facilities on

Tuesday, July 10, with a tour of Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Fort Pierce, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Expanding Horizons for High School students

Treasure Coast High School students explore careers, complete college courses, earn stipends-based on performance and compete for scholarships. In addition, Eldrich Gardener, will be introducing Expanding Horizons students to a lab environment, teaching them about DNA. Working with the students, Gardener will be extracting DNA from an onion. As a youth, Gardener was a participant in Expanding Horizons and is now excited to be giving back to the program on Wednesday, July 18, 10 a.m., main campus, Room B-120.

International disaster relief training exercise

Interview students in the Emergency Administration & Disaster Management program who have just returned from a training exercise in disaster recovery and humanitarian aid in a culturally diverse international environment in Eastern Europe.

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Swimming Camps

Session V Swim Camp will meet July 2 through July 13 at Anne Wilder Swimming Complex, Main Campus

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through July 20 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the main campus.

Free lunch and learn series

"Employment Law" presented by the IRCC Employee Development Institute will be held Tuesday, July 10, at noon at the Chastain Campus in Stuart.

Health Information Mgt. and Coder/Billing information session

Learn about IRCC's Health Information Management and Coder/Biller programs. Class will be held Tuesday, July 10 at 2 p.m. at the Health Science Center, H-307 at the main campus.

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IRCC Bachelor's Degree information session

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July 19 - Mueller Campus, Richardson Center, Vero Beach

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Summer Academies in Emerging Technologies

For high school juniors and seniors, the Summer Academies focus on photonics, robotics, digital media and cyber security will meet Monday, July 9-12, July 16-19, and July 23-26 from 8 a.m. until noon at Kight Center for Emerging Technology.

Softball Camp

Improving softball skills for girls ages 6 to 13 from July 9 through 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the main campus.

Volleyball Camp

Volley Skills Camp III will meet on July 9 through July 12, ages 8-14 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and ages 15-18 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the main campus.

Aqua Sports Camp

Campers will participate in swimming, diving, trampoline, and aquatic games. For ages 6 through 12. Session # 3 from July 9 until July 13 from 8:45 until noon at the Anne Wilder Swimming Complex, main campus.

Camp Operation 2007- for future healthcare professionals

This camp provides an overview of health careers with field trips to healthcare facilities and other off-campus locations, with emphasis on related hands-on activities. Camp will begin July 9

WHAT A WEEKEND! ST. LUCIE COUNTY

ENJOY HOT FUN WITH SOME COOL WEEKEND EVENTS

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Continued downpours and highs in the upper 80s might soak your spirits, but stay upbeat with this weekend's fun events.

- Stay classy at the **Classic Car Cruise In** all day Friday on Second Street and Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce. Featuring all classes of cars, from hot rods to antiques, the event is free. (772) 618-0989.
- Grab the kids for the **Sixth Annual Family Day: Port St. Lucie Worship Center Picnic** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Frederick Douglas Park, S.R.tate Road A1A, South Hut-

chinson Island. Free. (772) 337-9111.

- **Symphony of the Americas: Arpeggione, chamber orchestra from Austria** 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Henegar Center for the Arts, Melbourne. \$25 for adults, \$20 for age 65 and older. (321) 723-8698.
- Get your feet moving at the **Concert in the Park Music Series: Afternoon Jammin with**

Bobby and the Blisters from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Indian Riverside Park, 1707 N.E. Indian River Dr., Jensen Beach. Free. (772) 219-4955.

- **Reptile Adventure** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Robert Morgade Library, Anderson Room, Chastain Campus, Indian River Community College, 5851 S.E. Community Drive, Stuart. All ages, free. (772) 221-1403, www.library.martin.fl.us.

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Reptile Adventure: Hands-on, interactive demonstrations of more than 20 reptiles. Robert Morgade Library, Anderson Room, Chastain Campus, IRCC, 5851 S.E. Community Drive, Stuart, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., Saturday. All ages. Free. (772) 221-1403, library.martin.fl.us.

Nitro Maniac: Hands-on activities featuring liquid nitrogen. Cummings Library, Donahue Room, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave., Palm City, 11 a.m., Saturday. **Also:** Elisabeth Lahit Library, Elisabeth Lahit Community Room, 15200 S.W. Adams Ave., Indiantown, 2 p.m., Saturday. Free. Suggested for grades 1-10. (772) 221-1403.

"Shark Tale": Family film fest. Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 9 a.m., Saturday. \$3 children; \$5 adults.

Jewish Veterans, Irving Wallman Post No. 705: Temple Beth Israel, 551 S.W. Bethany Drive, St. Lucie West, 10:30 a.m., Sunday. (772) 785-7178.

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Q&A

Life's biggest lesson learned the hard way: You can do whatever you want to do if you want it enough.

One thing people don't know about me: I wrote a romance novel when I was 19 that almost got published. Someday I'm going to write another one.

Person I admire most: My father.

Favorite quote: Smile and the world smiles with you; cry and you cry alone.

Lynn Flynn

Santa's friendly helper

Lynn Flynn sounds like she could be a character in a Dr. Seuss novel. In reality, however, she's just about the most real, down-to-earth person you'll ever meet.

One of Lynn's pleasures in life is ensuring that every child has a filled-to-the-brim Christmas stocking. An idea sneaked up on her about six years ago, as she was looking at an Oriental Trading magazine that she could fill lots of stockings for the same amount of money she spent on those she was doing for her three sons. So she decided to put her thoughts into action.

The first year Lynn and her support team of family and friends filled 30 stockings. The next year it was 100, the following year 300, then 500. Last year, the grand total was 612. What really makes last year's figure so special is that the stockings weren't only filled, but made from scratch by Lynn and her merry band of elves. One of the nicest things about this grass roots program is that the filled stockings are presented to parents well in advance of Christmas eve, so they can tell their children that Santa brought them.

Lynn says she's a power shopper, on the hunt for bargains all year 'round, with lots of help from her equally-sleuthing mom and three sisters. Although she's donated to Head Start programs in Indiantown and Port Salerno, as well as

Tykes and Teens, all anyone has to do is let her know that someone is a bit down on their luck and she'll make sure each child in the family has a stocking of his or her own.

Her kind and unselfish efforts with this project brought her to the attention of Jeff Ralicki, executive director of Tykes & Teens, who approached Lynn about heading up their developing volunteer program. She said yes, and in spite of the fact that she's a full time home health nurse for Caretenders, she's brought a great level of success to the undertaking. As a matter of fact, she'll be attending Indian River Community College's Volunteer Coordinator Certification program, courtesy of Tykes & Teens.

Lynn says doing for others is in her blood — her mom was constantly bringing homeless people to their house for dinner. And when she talks about her dad, she simply says he's one in a million, the world's most caring person. Each year as the holiday approaches, her husband smilingly puts up with the inventory that piles up in every nook and cranny of their home.

Thanks and kudos are the last thing that Lynn Flynn is seeking. As a matter of fact, she said that to her, the most important part of this article is asking anyone who has a need for Christmas stockings to contact her at Flynn600@bellsouth.net.

Job Source Notes & News

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HR Seminar

The Treasure Coast Human Resource Association (TCHRA) in Vero Beach is holding a half-day seminar. Guest speaker Michael Bayer with the Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division will help clarify the Fair Labor Standards Act. Joseph Godwin with F&H Solutions will cover the Family Medical Leave Act. The seminar will cover not only the laws, but their correct application and administration in the workplace.

The seminar is Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 16, at the IRCC Richardson Center at 6155 College Lane in Vero Beach. The center is south of Highway 60 and west of 58 Street. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$50 if you RSVP in advance or \$60 at the door. Contact Heather Jackson at (772) 567-0138, by fax at (772) 778-2782 or by e-mail at heather.jackson@parker.com.

The guide

OUR PICK

Violinist **Mei Mei Luo** and her Chamber Trio perform at 8 p.m. at the Wynne Black Box Theatre, on the Indian River Community College campus in Fort Pierce. Admission is \$10; call (866) 866-4722.

OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO

TODAY

Mary J. Blige: The R&B singer is in concert at 8 p.m. at the Hard Rock Live, 5747 Seminole Way, Hollywood. Tickets are \$60-\$100 through ticketmaster.com.
Garden of Art Gallery: 8905 U.S. 1, Wabasso, (772) 589-7889. Watercolor Magic in July featuring Judy McNamara, Vern Sitar, Ernest Smith and Lilly Taylor. Hours: noon-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.



Photo provided by IRCC

Classical music benefit

THURSDAY: The Mei Mei Luo Chamber Trio will perform at 8 p.m. at the Wynne Black Box Theatre, Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Refreshments will be served from 7:15 to 7:45. Reservations are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For reservations, call (866) 866-4722, Ext. 7880. Proceeds will benefit the Lifelong Learning Institute.

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Don't forget non-profits when preparing for storm season

By now, all your personal hurricane plans are in place and you've moved on to making sure your favorite non-profit organization is just as prepared as you are. Included in your list of supplies for your family and for that organization should be a battery-powered radio and a list of stations to tune to for information.

NPR affiliate WQCS, located on the Fort Pierce campus of Indian River Community College, is the Treasure Coast's Emergency Alert Station and has been designated by the state to broadcast evacuation alerts in an emergency.

Full disclosure: I produce arts programs for the station and will be reporting for WQCS from Indian River County if hurricane coverage is required.

Speaking of WQCS, congratulations to Janie Gould and the station on receiving the Florida Historical Society's Hampton Dunn Broadcasting Award. Gould coordinates and facilitates interviews for the Oral History Project heard on the station, whose frequency is 88.9FM.

She has talked to — and recorded — long-time residents from pioneer families, veterans of three wars and politicians who have made the Treasure Coast home. Her interview with former Lt. Gov. Tom Adams, who served under Gov. Reuben Askew in the 1970s, was his last before being killed in a traffic accident. That recording was broadcast statewide and a copy of the raw interview was requested for the state archives.

HURRICANE READY

This is the month New Hope Baptist



NONPROFIT INSIDER
WILLI MILLER

Church collects hurricane supplies for needy families in St. Lucie County. Drop-off hours are limited but an appointment can be made to fit donors' schedules.

Requested items include the standard batteries, flashlights, water and canned food, but the organizers are looking ahead and asking for contributions of tarps, too. The church is at 5200 Oleander Ave. in Fort Pierce, and can be reached at (772) 461-0400.

There are plenty of non-profits on the Treasure Coast collecting supplies, so ask around to see which one's needs match up with what you have to offer.

MARTIN VOLUNTEERS

On the far side of hurricane season is Martin Volunteers. During the week of July 9, that group will be sending its signature "little red schoolhouses" to collection points around the county, hoping residents will once again come up with school supplies to be distributed to students from preschool to 12th grade in August, before school starts up again.

Last year, close to 51,000 items were collected and distributed. If you don't like shopping for pencils, glue, notebooks and the like, hard cash will be gratefully received. Check the Web site, www.martinvolunteers.org/schoolsupplies, for more information.

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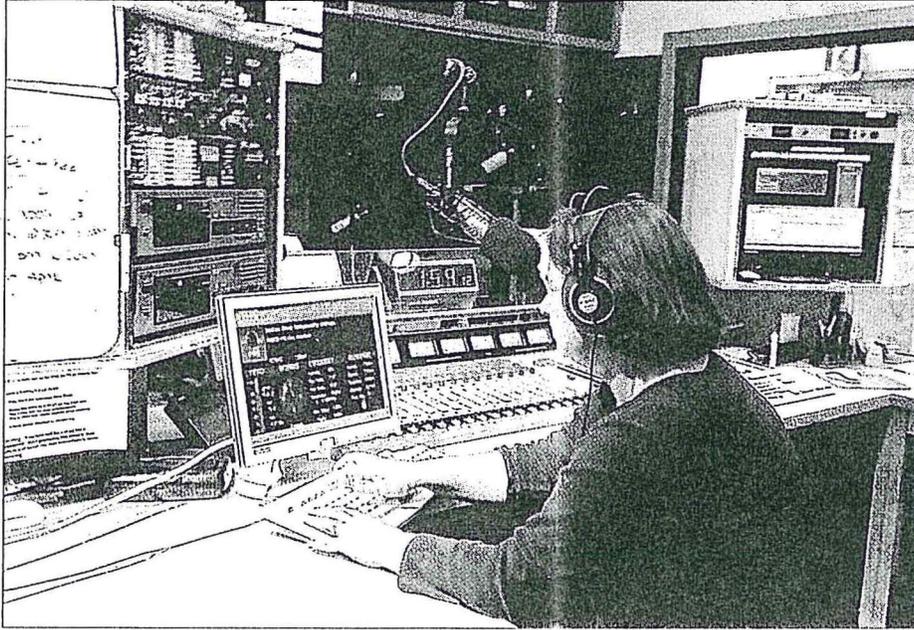


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Jill Roberts, news director for radio station WQCS, gets ready for hurricane coverage in what is forecast to be a busy season. WQCS, 88.9 FM, is the primary Emergency Alert System station on the Treasure Coast as designated by the State of Florida and the Federal Communications Commission.

NONPROFIT

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Anne Lalley is the project coordinator. She reports that just a \$20 bill can get a student what he needs to get started in the new school year. And how's this for moving into the 21st Century? You can make a contribution through PayPal! The office phone number is (772) 220-4472, ext. 232.

GIFFORD YOUTH

The Gifford Youth Activity Center is again looking for businesses and individuals to sponsor youngsters in the summer programs at GYAC. Summer "Sponsor-a-Child" donations are \$500 but year-round and after-school scholarships are also in need of funding. Call (772) 794-1005, ext. 34 for details.

FRIENDS WITH BOOKS

The Friends group attached to the Martin County Library system operates a hugely popular used-book shop at the B&A Flea Market in Stuart. It's so successful, in fact, that the volunteers have now added Sunday to its schedule. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and

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Donations of books, CDs, DVDs and audio books can be dropped off at any of the six branches of the library. More hours open means more volunteers needed, which reminds me: Winter residents, many of whom volunteer for our non-profit organizations, have gone north, leaving a need for more year-round volunteers.

Don't forget to e-mail information. Let me know if photos are available, but please do not send them unless requested.

Willi Miller writes about non-profit organizations. Contact her at caribsea@bellsouth.net.

WHAT A WEEKEND! ST. LUCIE COUNTY

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GET READY FOR SOME MAGIC THIS WEEKEND

While summer rolls on with highs in the low 90s and scattered thunderstorms, add a spark of magic to your weekend as the "Harry Potter" series comes to an end.

- Get your wands ready for the **Harry Potter Celebration** at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Morningside Branch Library, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. With refreshments and trivia contests, don't forget to dress up! Free. (772) 337-5632.
- Gear up for an adventure at **"Robin Hood"** at 7 p.m. Friday at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second St., Fort Pierce. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. (772) 461-4775.
- Enjoy the arts at the **Mei Mei Luo Chamber Trio: Classical Music** at 8 p.m. today at the Wynne Black Box Theatre, on the Indian River Community College campus in Fort Pierce. Refreshments will be served prior to the concert. \$10. (866) 866-4722.
- Tickle your kids with laughter at **Phil Kavanaugh: Juggling, jokes for children** at 2:30 p.m. today at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 451 S.W. Ravenswood Lane, Port St. Lucie. Free. (772) 871-5450.
- Grab some popcorn for **Hiding Victoria: St. Lucie Film Festival** at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second St., Fort Pierce. (772) 343-1818.

WQCS Oral History Project receives state broadcasting award

BY ADRIENNE MOORE

Posted on YourHub.com

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Gould is a native of Florida and a graduate of the Uni-

versity of Florida. She has a lengthy journalism career and came to WQCS about four years ago to cover Indian River County news stories. She was later assigned to the Oral History Project.

The award is named for long-time journalist Hampton Dunn, who worked in newspapers and television. He pioneered efforts to preserve Florida history through photographs and a series of well-known books.

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Oral History Facilitator Janie Gould, left, presents Education Director Anne Sinnott of the St. Lucie County Historical Museum and director John Donlon with a series of CDs of interviews collected from St. Lucie County residents.

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Popular WQCS media specialist Moore to retire

After 25 years with WQCS 88.9 FM, Adrienne Moore is gearing up to step down as the public radio station's popular media specialist.

While her official title is public relations development specialist, Moore is also known for her extensive knowledge of not only the station's history but the entire Treasure Coast.



Moore

Moore said she plans to leave her post Sept. 7.

"I have all these projects I want to do ... and you want to be young enough to do them all," said Moore, 60, who lives in Stuart.

Her decision comes just a few months after longtime WQCS general manager Jim Holmes also decided to retire.

The station's new boss, Madison Hodges, said that while they will hire a membership development/special events specialist, replacing Moore would be impossible.

"Adrienne has this remarkable knowledge of the history of the entire Treasure Coast area — the people, the personalities, the events," Hodges said. "You'll never replace that kind of knowledge and it's a tremendous loss to the station."

But Moore won't be goofing off for long.

She plans to form a small public relations firm and, as a former Fort Pierce Tribune newspaper writer — and the first reporter hired in the 1970s at WPTV TV 5 to cover the Treasure Coast — she said she might write a book, or two.

"I was a reporter during the heavy drug-smuggling days in Martin and St. Lucie counties and I knew most of the players," she recalled. "With a lot of the new people who have moved here over the years, they have no idea about the background of some of these places."

I hope she does write such a book; I know I'll buy it.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

IRCC athletes earn academic honors

Five Indian River Community College athletes have been named to the NJCAA Academic All-America Team. Swimmers Natalia Buso (4.00 GPA), Alexis Omans (3.90 GPA) and Cortney Place (3.95 GPA) made the Distinguished All-American list, for which a 3.80 or higher GPA is required.

Volleyball player Justine Pittman (3.75 GPA) and swimmer Erin Linley (3.63 GPA) were also named to the team, which requires a minimum of 45 semester hours to be completed.

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IRCC basketball camp scheduled for next week

From staff reports

FORT PIERCE —The Indian River Community College boys basketball camp will be next Thursday through Saturday on the IRCC campus in Fort Pierce.

Players age 6-12 will practice from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and players 12-18 will practice from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

The camp includes fundamental studies, video-tape studies, a foul contest and a 3-point contest. Daily swimming also will be included in the camp.

For more information, call Indian River men's basketball coach Mike Leatherwood at (772) 462-7766.

Softball Camp: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 16-23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. \$110. Girls, ages 6-13. Learn softball fundamentals, improve skills. Games every day, as well as other sports. Campers grouped by age. "Parent's Participation Day" conducted Fridays. Contact: Dale Atkinson, IRCC softball coach, at (772) 462-7410 or dlatkinson@ircc.edu. Register in the W building at the Cashier's Window. (Do not mail checks.)

IRCC Summer Youth Basketball Camps: Ages 6-18. Girls' camp July 17-21. Boys' camp July 24-28. Call Mike Leatherwood (772) 462-7766 or Glenda Montgomery at (772) 467-9121. Fort Pierce campus.

Summer Reading Camp: Through July 19, Morningside Branch Library, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. (772) 337-5632.

Future Generations of St. Lucie County Summer Camp: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. through July 27, House of Prayer Pentecost Church, 3300 Ave. L, Fort Pierce. Ages 6-18. \$25/week, excluding field trips. Breakfast and lunch provided. No camp Wednesday. (772) 528-9831.

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Free. (772) 464-4672.

Indian River Lagoon Wildlife Boat Tours: With Capt. Barry "Chop" Lege. Tuesday-Saturday, 1 p.m., Reservations suggested. \$19 adults; \$12 children ages 3-12; under 3, free. (772) 460-6445.

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Special Presentations: at 10 a.m. at Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7605 Santa Barbara Drive, Fort Pierce. All ages. Free. (772) 462-6870.

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Racquetball: Players wanted 9 a.m. Indian River Community College, Fort Pierce. (772) 879-3958.

Veterans

Civil Air Patrol USAF Auxiliary, Treasure Coast Composite Squadron: Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Lucie County International Airport, 2858 Curtis King Blvd., Fort Pierce. (772) 460-1393.

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Former IRCC pitcher Gabbard has career night for Red Sox

BY HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Rookie Kason Gabbard, who lives in Vero Beach during the offseason and pitched at Indian River Community College, gave the Red Sox a good reason not to rush Curt Schilling back from the disabled list.

Facing more than three batters in just one inning, the lefty pitched Boston's second complete game shutout of the season — Schilling

threw the other — and beat the Kansas City Royals 4-0 on Monday night.

Gabbard (3-0) breezed through the two-hour, 18-minute game and got the last two batters, Mark Grudzielanek and Mark Teahen, to swing at third strikes. He then used his left hand one more time, making a fist and pumping it in the air as the crowd stood and applauded.

"Your adrenaline takes over, but

you have to kind of settle yourself down," Gabbard said.

He struck out a career-high eight batters, walked one and hit two with pitches in his first complete game since high school. He was helped by solo homers by Dustin Pedroia and Manny Ramirez in the fourth inning and a two-run shot by David Ortiz in the sixth.

The 25-year-old Gabbard was drafted by Boston in the 29th round in 2000 but was held back by in-

juries.

"The kid has had a lot of roadblocks coming through the minor leagues," manager Terry Francona said. "He has very good stuff."

Gabbard began with 4 1/3 hitless innings, the second consecutive game he's done that at Fenway Park.

"Pretty good," Royals manager Buddy Bell said. "We've never seen him before."



Gabbard
Innings: 9
Hits: 3
Runs: 0
Walks: 1
Strikeouts: 8

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

IRCC alum on way back to the 'big's'

On verge of major breakthrough, injury brings Shawn Riggans back to Treasure Coast

BY ANDY VASQUEZ
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Shawn Riggans had been waiting six years for this opportunity.

It was the end of May and Riggans, a former Indian River Community College catcher, had been called up to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

He was in a position to earn a permanent spot on a major league roster for the first time in his career.

But in his second game of the season, a foul tip crashed into the top of his right forearm and aggravated an injury. It was nearly impossible for Riggans to straighten his right arm and within days he was on the disabled list.

"Knowing that I've got the opportunity to earn a spot on a major league team, and physically not being able to do it because of my arm, that was pretty tough," Riggans said.

"I think that with a good showing right there, I could have put myself out there as a candidate to be a major league catcher."

Riggans, has been in Vero Beach for the past few weeks, rehabbing his arm. Riggans says he feels good. He has ramped up to catching a full nine innings, doing so for the first time over the weekend.

"It's been a long process," Riggans said. "And it's been tougher mentally than it has been physically, because I basically had a chance to win the job ... I'm confident in my skills.

"I know that I will get back there. It's just a matter of staying healthy and being able to play every day."

Riggans expects to be promoted to Triple-A Durham within the next 10 days and hopes if things go well, he could earn a promotion to the big-league squad in September, when major league rosters expand.

"I'm going to plan for the

SHAWN RIGGANS FILE

Age: 26
Hometown: Fort Lauderdale
Position: Catcher



How do you like (Tampa Bay) Devil Rays manager Joe Maddon?

"As a person, Joe likes to just talk to you and see how you're doing. He's big on the mental part of the game, also. It's nice to know you can talk to him as a friend, not just as a coach."

As an IRCC grad, it must be nice to rehab in Indian River County?

"I like Vero Beach. I'd actually rather be there more than anywhere else while I'm doing my rehab. You've got the beach, and usually good weather. I like it there and the fact that I went to IRCC is pretty cool, because I get to play near where I played in college."

What impact did former IRCC coach Mike Easom have on your career?

"He basically gave me my first opportunity to play. If it wasn't for him, I don't know where I'd be. I don't even know if I'd be playing baseball. So, IRCC was great for me."

worst, and if something else happens then that's just a positive," Riggans said. "I'm going to probably have to prove that I can play a couple games injury-free and pain-free, and I understand that."

STARTING A CLOSER: Tampa Bay Devil Rays closer Al Reyes is scheduled to begin a rehab assignment in Vero Beach tonight against Fort Myers.

According to the Tampa Tribune, Reyes will pitch the first inning of tonight's game, drive back to St. Petersburg for a day of rest and be ready to pitch for the big league squad on Wednesday when he is activated, if all goes well.

MOVING ON UP: B.J. Upton was called up from Vero Beach to Tampa Bay following the All-Star break. Upton went 3-for-4 with an RBI in Sunday's loss to the New York Yankees.

O.G. & C.C. Weekly Results

PI.G.S. League

June 25: First place-Russ Adams. Second place-Mike Knapp. Last place-(tie) Max Sherry and Kenny Curran.

Closest to pin-(2) Max Sherry, (8) Max Sherry, (11) Bob Knapp

and (17) Mike Knapp.

June 29: First place-Gizmo. Second place-Russ Adams. Last place-Carl Hanson. Closest to pin-(2) George Earl Goudy, (8) Ida Curtis, (11) Bruce Syjud and (17) no one. Big winner-Harry White.

Sports Briefs

Looking for team bowlers

Stardust Lanes is looking for bowlers for their mixed league (four bowlers, two men and two women). Teams are now forming to start on Friday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Individuals or teams contact (863) 763-4496 or (863) 467-6596.

I.R.C.C. hosts softball camp

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YMS hosts open gym

Yearling Middle School will host an open gym starting in July for any girl interested in playing volleyball. Any girl that will be attending YMS in the upcoming school year may participate. Girls must have a completed physical form and parental consent form before being allowed to participate. Forms can be picked up in the main office of YMS. Open gym will begin July 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., and continue every Tuesday and Thursday. For information contact Melinda Gray at (863) 697-2795.

O.G. & C.C. junior golf clinics being held

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club will offer junior golf clinics

throughout the summer. The clinics will focus on the golf basics for the inexperienced, as well as intermediate training for the more advanced player. Clinics will include golf etiquette, rules, putting, chipping, full swing and actual play on the course. These clinics will be offered every Tuesday and Wednesday beginning on July 10 and concluding on Aug. 15. Clinics will be instructed by PGA professionals who are on staff. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 12 Noon. Students may participate in as many sessions as desired. Fees for the clinics will be \$25 per student per day or \$20 per student if they participate both days. Students must be between the ages of 10 to 16-years-old. There will a maximum of six students per session. For information contact Terry Lanman, head golf pro and general manager, at (863) 763-6228.

OHS sponsoring baseball/softball camp

The Future Stars baseball/softball camp, sponsored by the Okeechobee High School baseball and softball programs, will take place on Aug. 6-10, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon, at O.H.S. for boys and girls ages 7 through 16. This camp will provide quality baseball/softball instruction by college and high school coaches including the head softball and baseball coaches from Indian River Community College and Stetson University. This camp is designed and geared for the serious player and all potential little league coaches. The camp will consist of two days for pitching and catching, two days for hitting and the final day for infield and outfield play. There is no charge for this camp, but space is limited. Forms can be obtained at Hibbett Sporting Goods and Beef O'Bradys or by calling Jess Manson at (863) 634-5020, Bobby Steiert at (863) 634-6523 or Russ Brown at (863) 634-4457. The application deadline is June 30.

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