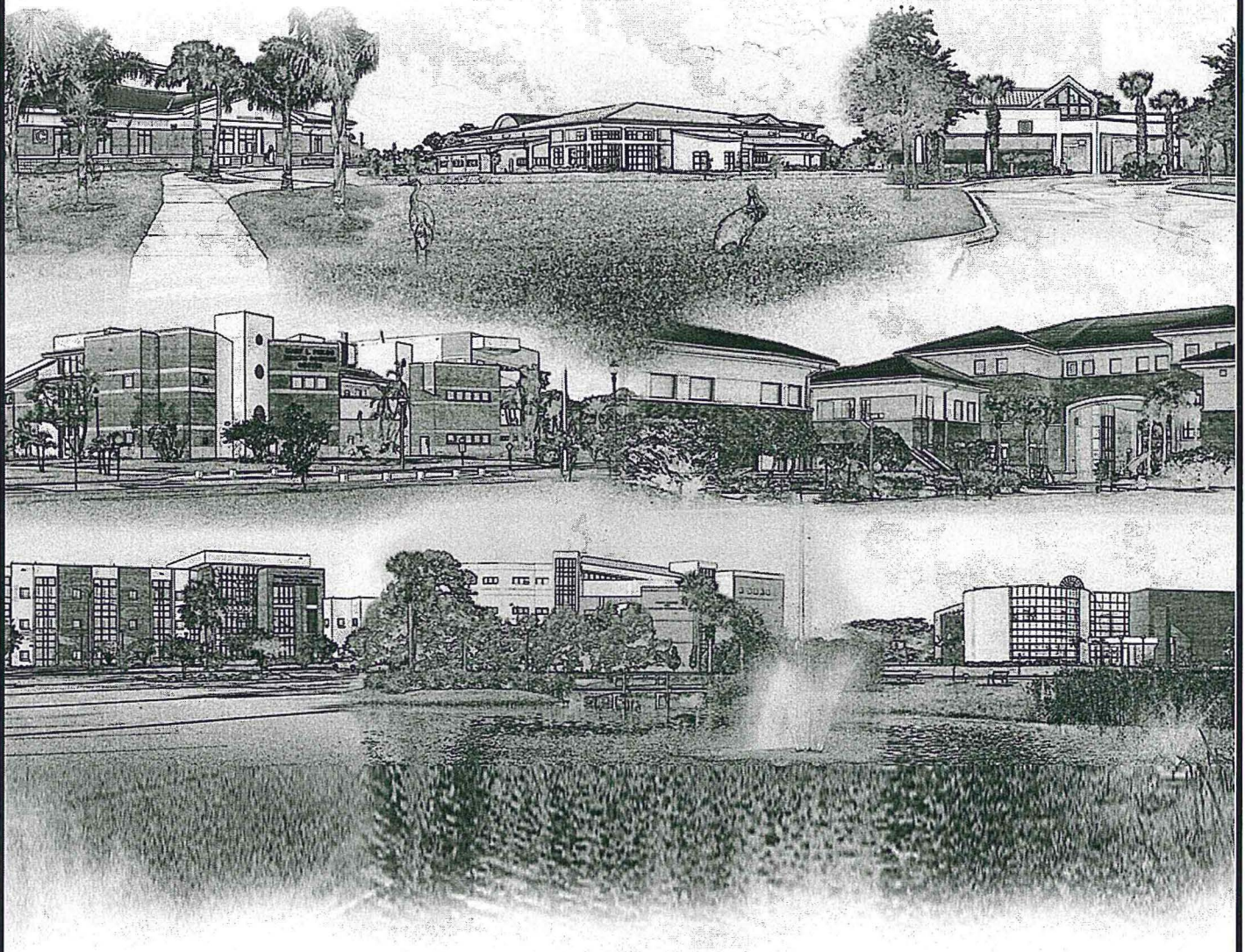


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IRSC awards 1,796 degrees



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Lisa Sparks, 48, of Vero Beach shows her elation after receiving her bachelor's degree in nursing during the Indian River State College graduation ceremony at Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie on Friday. Sparks was one of 43 graduates earning the first four-year degrees at the school.

43 students earned bachelor's degrees, the first given since school's name change

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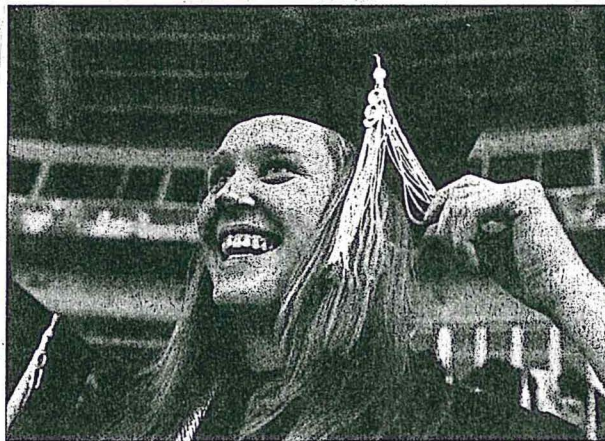
Marci Bono has accomplished something some people would find daunting: She raised four children while working full-time at a hospital and earning a four-year nursing degree at Indian River State College.

"It's a little bit of a juggling act," said the 38-year-old Port St. Lucie resident. "My thing is, you just make up your mind to do it. Don't give up. Don't put off school."

Bono was one of 43 students who were awarded bachelor degrees in nursing, public safety administration, and organizational management Friday night. It was the first time IRSC has awarded four-year degrees since switching its name from Indian River Community College in July 2008.

An additional 1,753 students earned associate degrees, part of a class of 1,796 students invited to commencement ceremonies at Tradition Stadium.

Bono works in the labor and delivery department of St. Lucie Medical Center. She said having college classes close to home and supportive employers helped her accomplish her goal.



Dual Enrollment student Heather Kaup reacts while turning her tassel, graduating with an associate in arts degree.

"I was very fortunate that my co-workers in the hospital allowed me to adapt my schedule around school," Bono said. "There are so many people out there who helped make this possible."

Friday night's commencement filled Tradition Field to capacity with graduates, their families, friends and faculty.

"This is the first time in our history that Indian River State College will award baccalaureate degrees," IRSC President Edwin Massey told the audience, adding that more than 2,000 people have registered to complete their bachelor degrees since the college began its program.



Bono

"In the future, Indian River State College will offer more baccalaureate degrees in high-demand and critical areas, as our area continues to develop," Massey said.

Aileen Pruitt, a graduate of the college and wife of state Sen. Ken Pruitt, took over as keynote speaker when her husband was delayed in Tallahassee by extension of the legislative session. The couple's daughter, Michelle, graduated Friday with an associate of arts degree.

Executive director for the Community Development Association for Central and Northeast Florida at National City Bank, Aileen Pruitt told graduates to value relationships with family and friends.

"Defend them, protect them, be their biggest cheerleader," she said.

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Institution celebrates first graduating class as state college

43 will receive bachelor's degree in inaugural class

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Robert Stone, 28, has attended classes at Clemson University in South Carolina and the University of Central Florida, but to get his bachelor's degree in organizational management, with a specialty in public safety, he chose to come home to Indian River and take classes at Indian River State College.

Mr. Stone will be one of 43 graduates in IRSC's first bachelor's degree graduating class.

"The teachers really pushed us to do our work and really made sure we were getting all the information we need, but there were always there for us too," said Mr. Stone.

When it came time to decide on the best place to complete a bachelor's degree, IRSC seemed like the perfect match for Mr. Stone.

"Location played a huge role in my decision to attend IRSC. It's one of the main reasons I chose it because I could still work with my dad and learn at the same time," said Mr. Stone.

A lot of the public safety classes were only offered online, which made group projects difficult, but overall, the experience was very positive, Mr. Stone said.

He will complete his capstone course over the summer, which will provide opportunities to apply what he's learned in the classroom to real world situations.

"I will work on my capstone with the fire department in St. Lucie County by helping to apply for a federal grant," said Mr. Stone.

"It's really going to cover everything I've learned," he said.

Mr. Stone is glad to be able to apply his studies in an area close to home.

"Indian River is a great opportunity for the area I'm looking to get into, which is emergency management planning especially during hurricanes. The classes and my capstone will help prepare me for those jobs," said Mr. Stone.

Ian Neuhard, director of baccalaureate programs, said the historic graduation is the start of bigger things for the region.

"We are thrilled to be able to increase access to bachelor's degree programs for

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the residents of this region," said Mr. Neuhard.

"This movement is a natural extension of our mission to meet the needs of the students and residents on the Research Coast," he said.

"With our bachelor's degree programs, the class-

es are modular and allow folks that are working, or have families and are not able to commute, to come and get their degree," said Mr. Neuhard.

Mr. Neuhard expects the amount of bachelor-level graduates will double next year.

Currently, bachelor degree programs at the college include organizational

management, public safety administration, health care management, nursing, education in middle and high school math, middle school science, high school biology and exceptional student education.

The graduation ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on May 8 at Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie. A rain date for the ceremony is May 9 at 9:30

a.m.

According to a press release, 1,753 students earned an associate's degree from the college in the 2008-09 year, marking an increase of 203 degreed graduates from last year.

For more information about courses offered at Indian River State College, visit www.irsc.edu.

IRSC plans historic first commencement as state college

Four from Okeechobee County graduate with Bachelor's Degrees

Senator Ken Pruitt to serve as Commencement speaker.

Indian River State College and its largest ever graduating class of 1,796 students will celebrate two historic firsts on Friday, May 8, 2009: the first Commencement ceremony held as a state college and the first Bachelor's Degree graduates. Forty-three highly motivated students will be awarded the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Organizational Management, the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Public Safety Administration and the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.



Ken Pruitt

Demonstrating a strong commitment to continuing their education, the first Bachelor's degree graduates accelerated through their programs, with most beginning their upper-level course work on Jan. 7, 2008, the first day of Baccalaureate level classes at IRSC.

Four of the students graduating with Bachelor's Degrees are Okeechobee residents:

Desiree Davis, Bachelor of Applied Sci-

ence Degree, Organizational Management; Lyn Randi Davis, Bachelor of Applied Science Degree, Organizational Management; Anibal Mull, Bachelor of Applied Science Degree, Organizational Management; and, Elizabeth Register, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Set for 7 p.m. at Tradition Field/Mets Stadium in Port St. Lucie, the Commencement Ceremony marks the seventh consecutive year of record class sizes. 1,753 students earned an Associate Degree from IRSC during the 2008/2009 school year, an increase of 203 Associate degree graduates over last year.

The Commencement speaker will be State Senator Ken Pruitt, a staunch advocate for higher education in Florida and a leader in the establishment of the Treasure Coast as a premier education, research and technology region.

"Throughout his legislative career, Senator Pruitt has exhibited exceptional leadership in support of education and Treasure Coast families," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President. "Through his efforts thousands of students have received Bright Futures scholarships enabling them to pursue a college education. Senator Pruitt is sincerely committed to the expansion of higher education opportunities in our region, and we are honored that he will serve as the speaker for the historic first Commencement as Indian River State College."

Ken Pruitt was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990, serving as House Appropriations Chair for two years. In November 2000, he was elected to Florida Senate District 28, representing Martin, Indian River, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties. During the Commencement ceremony, 64 outstanding graduates will receive transfer scholarships totaling over \$199,000 to continue their education at upper-division universities and IRSC. These graduates will be awarded scholarships based on academic achievement, community services, and leadership thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses, individuals and community organizations to the IRSC Foundation.

In accordance with the expansion of its mission to include Baccalaureate level pro-

grams, Indian River Community College changed its name to Indian River State College on July 1, 2008. Over 1200 IRSC students are now pursuing Bachelor's degrees in Organizational Management, Public Safety Administration, Health Care Management, Nursing, and Education in middle and high school math, middle school science, high school biology and exceptional student education. In addition to the Bachelor's Degrees awarded at the Commencement Ceremony, students will receive Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degrees.

The rain date for the IRSC Commencement ceremony will be Saturday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. Students are advised to monitor WQCS 88.9 FM or www.irsc.edu or to call 1-866-792-4772 in case of rain.



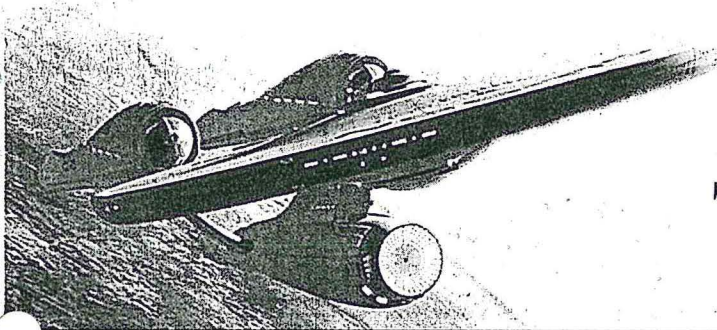
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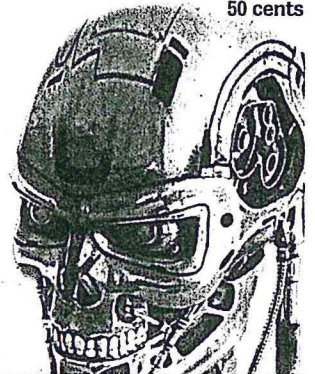
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IRSC plans to build biotech facility

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IRSC president recommends innovation to aid economy

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Edwin R. Massey, president of Indian River State College, told the Economic Council of St. Lucie County Tuesday that innovation is the next wave of economic development and he wants the college to be ready.

"As the economy comes back, it is going to come back in a different way and we have to stay ahead of the curve if we are going to survive," he said.

The traditional three legs of the Treasure Coast economy, tourism, agriculture and housing, will remain important, but more needs to be done "to ignite the transition to the research coast," Massey said.

With that end in mind, funds have been allocated for a 50,000-square-foot life sciences

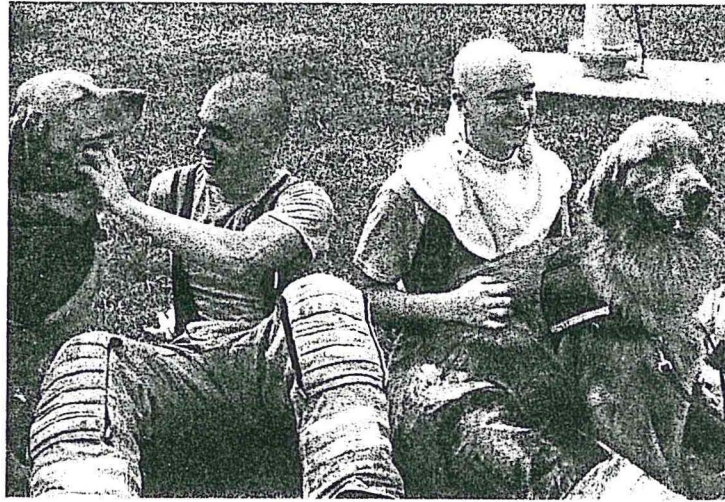
building in Port St. Lucie West. And plans are being developed for a Center for Competitive Economics and Entrepreneurship to open in 2011.

The college's new baccalaureate curriculum has attracted 2,000 applications. Altogether, IRSC has 170 education programs.

Massey said IRSC is working closely with Florida Atlantic University to plan programs and share facilities.

Larry L. Pelton, president of the Economic Council of St. Lucie County, told more than 130 members and guests at a meeting at the IRSC Schreiber Conference Center in St. Lucie West that "Dr. Massey is an incredible asset to our effort to attract industry."

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Indian River State College Fire Academy students Nicholas Graves, left, and Josh Elizer trained with canine response dogs Charley and Georgia at the college's new Public Safety Training Complex. The complex is a national training resource for emergency management, criminal justice and fire science.

Despite blaring sirens and the presence of geared-up fire rescue teams, canine response dogs from around the nation recently learned how to remain calm and interact with people in the midst of a crisis. The training was conducted at Florida's Indian River State College Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex, a \$40 million, 50-acre complex serving as a national resource for public safety education in all aspects of criminal justice, fire science and emergency management. Ten dogs and handlers participated in the mock disaster training, replicating a fire scenario in cooperation with the St. Lucie County Fire District and Melbourne International Airport Police Department. Specially trained and certified dog-and-handler teams from the National Animal Assisted Crisis Response

organization work with local emergency response and mental health agencies to provide emotional assistance to people who have been affected by a crisis or disaster. During an event, the animals must remain focused despite the sounds and smells of crisis situations filled with emotions and chaos, such as a fire or an airline crash. For example, a dog may have to enter a downed plane to reach victims huddling inside who are afraid to emerge. During the four-day training event, handlers learned about animal behavior, stress management and trauma response. Indian River State College employee Becky Douglas and her Golden Retriever, Darby, were among the participants. Indian River State College public safety employees also volunteered as "victims" during the mock disaster exercise.

Economist: 'Worst is behind us'

BY NADIA VANDERHOOF

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Local business got some good news at Wednesday's Treasure Coast Business Summit.

Orlando economist Henry Fishkind predicted that the next commercial center in Florida would be in St. Lucie County because of the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies and new interchanges such as Becker Road on Florida's Turnpike and Crosstown Parkway on Interstate 95.

He also said the national stimulus plan would create 200,000 jobs statewide in 2010 and 2011.

"The worst is behind us and it will start to get less worse," Fishkind said.

Fishkind joined several other motivational speakers who talked about the importance of maintaining optimism through tough economic times at Wednesday's summit at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center.

Sue Kinane received their message loud and clear.

"It's important to be optimistic," said Kinane, owner of Stuart-based commercial printing company Kinane Corp. "The businesses that remain positive and focused are going to make it."

About 100 attendees took inspirational ideas from the event hoping to boost their business strategies.

"You have to have great bait, hook them in the first 30 seconds," said Sasha Zebryk, a speaker at the event.

During breakout sessions and lunch, some business owners choose to network with other local businesses.

"I want to make sure our company is at the forefront of event marketing and apparel," said Robert Sullivan, sales and production director at TeamIP.com, an apparel, novelties and events business based in Port St. Lucie.

Representatives from Workforce Solutions, the Treasure Coast Small Business Administration offices and Indian River State College explained some of the resources available to the business community.

"This is a great opportunity to seize the moment and come together as a community," said Greg Vaday, economic development coordinator for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, a speaker at the event.

Gov. Charlie Crist originally was scheduled to be the opening speaker, but could not make the event, event organizers said. Instead, state Rep. Adam Fetterman, D-Port St. Lucie, spoke about some of the economic issues facing the business community on the Treasure Coast in a taped video address.

200 flock to job resource workshop

BY SUSAN BURGESS
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TRADITION — Rulai Li made the rounds from table to table, consulting with Workforce Solutions, Indian River State College career and financial aid counselors, chambers of commerce and others on Wednesday, hoping someone or something could help him land a job.

Li, the victim of downsizing at a bank where he had been a financial analyst, has two master's degrees, one in business administration and one in linguistics. He has a home, family, mortgage and car payment. He's cut his budget to the bone and counts to a hundred before he spends anything.

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Rulai Li, who attended Wednesday's conference, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Tequesta

questa, in Tradition. About 16 agencies and schools were there to answer questions, dispense advice and discuss options.

"If you fill out a free application and become a student at IRSC, you don't have to sign up for any classes, but you can come to our career center," said Edie Marcelle, an assistant in the IRSC career center.

Enrollment shot up in the past year by 10 to 12 percent, said IRSC Enrollment Specialist Jaime Missimer. "And they keep coming."

Paula Hosein, a recruiter for Workforce Solutions, said they see twice

as many job hunters as a year ago.

"We see about 200 a day now," she said.

Li, in his mid-30s, said his job loss in March stimulated him to look into new possibilities — something he may never have done otherwise.

"This workshop is a starting point for me," he said. "I've talked to the college about improving my technical skills, and I have been thinking about starting my own business using my linguistics and financial and business background."

Small business owners have to take a serious look at how they get their cash flow and how they

lose it, said George Greenstein, chapter chairman of SCORE, an association of retired executives who consult with small businesses. "Those with money at the end of the month survive."

Alex Yahn of Port St. Lucie was laid off from his job in the food and beverage industry in December. He and his cousin are considering starting a business cleaning up foreclosed homes and maintaining the property.

"I'm really open to a lot of things, though," he said. "Today I've been able to accomplish a lot, talking to people about finding a job, changing fields, opening a small business. I think this workshop was a great idea, and it is a perfect example of a way you can do something on your own to help yourself find something."

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Environmental Studies Center receives support

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STUART — The Environmental Studies Center has been a part of Martin County for 36 years and will continue to be part of the community, school officials said Tuesday.

Dozens of community members attended a Martin County School Board workshop and meeting where they spoke out in support of the center. School officials also said they supported the center and had no plans to close it.

"The Environmental Studies Center has taught kids how to conserve and protect this wonderful place," said Francesca D'Amiano, a sophomore at Martin County High. "(It) is not a

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Community members can submit cost-saving ideas at the school district's Web site, www.sbmcc.org, or e-mail submissions to brightideas@martin.k12.fl.us. All submissions must include the sender's name and contact information.

waste of money. It's an investment in our future."

At a workshop Monday, the School Board had a budget workshop where it received a list of possible budget cuts. With the Environmental Studies Center, the options included closing it to having the coordinator position changed to a teaching position.

"My focus is not to diminish the program but to enhance it," Schools Superintendent Nancy Kline said. "I believe through partnerships we can make it even better."

Kline spoke of adding a marine academy at the center and exploring partnerships with Florida Atlantic University and Indian River State College.

Since opening its doors, the Environmental Studies Center has served hundreds of thousands of students. As a special program of the Martin County School District, some 15,000 students a year get to experience nature hands-on at the center through its school curriculum, field trips and summer day camps.

Mary Hutchinson, a city of Stuart commissioner and a member of the Environmental Studies Council, told the board that she feels the center impacts residents' lives.

"There is so much history at the center and the lives that it touches," Hutchinson said. "I surely believe because of the Environmental Studies Center so many of our residents love our environment and want to protect it."

The School Board will hold three town hall meetings in May to get community input and ideas.

"Monday was just a preliminary stage of the process. Nothing was etched in stone over any cuts," board member Maura Barry-Sorenson said.

Charter school may cut teachers

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The oldest and largest charter high school on the Treasure Coast is planning for lower enrollment next year that is being blamed on a revised St. Lucie County School District policy that ends new students traveling north to the school's Vero Beach campus.

Indian River Charter High School plans to employ one less full-time teacher next school year, and cut another teacher from full- to part-time status,

said Cynthia Trevino-Aversa, the school's director. Also, three school administrators who are paid over a 12-month period will take a month without pay.

"If we have to, all 12-month personnel will look at a month reduction," she said.

Unlike teachers at traditional public schools; teachers at the charter school do not work under contracts.

Trevino-Aversa said a worst-case budget scenario plans for 609 students to attend the char-

ter school, where much of the curriculum stresses visual and performing arts. The school can teach up to 650 students and has 626 enrolled.

"We typically have 30 to 40 students from St. Lucie County a year," she said.

That number is waning after the St. Lucie County School Board revised its policy on out-of-district attendance last October. Students already enrolled at the charter high school are being allowed to complete their di-

ploma. But St. Lucie County school officials have said they will not sign off on more students leaving for the charter high school.

Charter schools are governed independent of local school boards. But both traditional public schools and charter schools get state money based on the number of students enrolled.

"As they face declining enrollment, (St. Lucie County school officials) don't want to let go of those dollars," said Gene Wad-

dell, chairman of the board of directors for Indian River Charter High School.

He said St. Lucie County parents who planned on sending their students to the charter school, opened in 1998 on the Mueller Campus of Indian River State College, are disappointed.

"My feeling is, those parents need to take it up with the School Board (in St. Lucie County), because it isn't a problem with us," Waddell said. "We've always taken those students."

Intern helps launch new environmental sensor

BY JEAN PATTON/INDIAN RIVER
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Indian River State College student Krinda Cannon gained hands-on experience by building and launching the world's first "ORCA Kilroy Network," a system of remote-controlled devices to monitor the chemical and biological health of the Indian River Lagoon to protect marine ecosystems.

During a four-month internship with the Ocean Research & Conservation Association, the Port St. Lucie resident installed electronics in the Kilroy sensors and on April 15 launched a unit into the water near the Dockside Inn on Seaway Drive in Fort Pierce. A student in the IRSC Robotics and Photonics Institute, Cannon learned robotic automation and use of laser and optic technology, with both these applications found in the ORCA Kilroy.

"ORCA's innovative approach is creating exceptional educational opportunities," said Dr. Edwin Massey, IRSC president. "We're excited to partner with ORCA on projects that will inspire student interest and achievement in science."

Five students from the college's Digital Media Institute — Jacob Duerr, Ryan McDermid, Bryan Snyder, Brian Schultz and Mike Walters — videotaped the launch using underwater camera technology.

"IRSC students participate in projects that connect science and technology, so they are ready for careers related to 21st century innovation," said Jose Farinos, dean of the IRSC Advanced Technology

Division. "By developing a highly skilled workforce, the college helps to attract high-tech companies with well-paying jobs to our region, which is essential as we transition to the Research Coast."

Cannon brought 15 years of experience in medical laboratory technology, work in the aquatic environment and strong interest in electronics to her 20-hour per week internship with ORCA. She graduated from IRSC on May 8 with an Associate in Science degree in Electronics Engineering Technology.

Cannon completed 20 hours per week with ORCA beginning in December 2008.

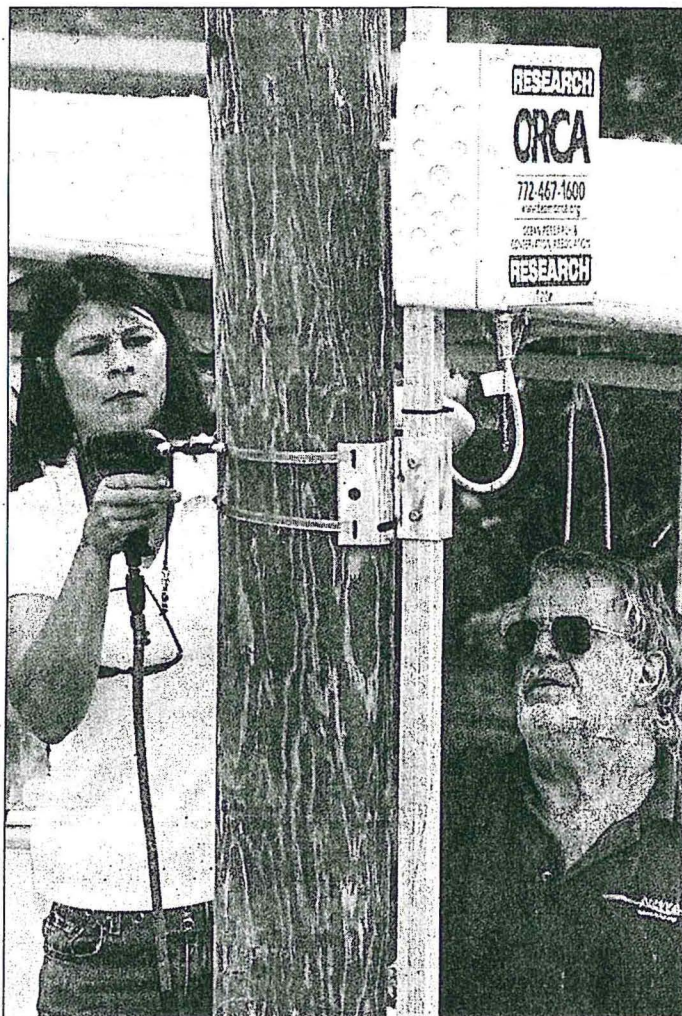
"My interest in electronics and the environment launched me into this project, which helps to protect our local waters," Cannon said. "The Kilroy sensors contain cell phone modules and GPS. Images are sent to the ORCA office to be analyzed to pinpoint sources of trouble; it's fascinating."

ORCA Kilroys protect coastal ecosystems by monitoring the water's speed, direction, temperature, salinity and prevalence of key microorganisms, the vital signs of living waters.

After videotaping the launch of the ORCA Kilroy sensor, the IRSC digital media students will use the latest digital editing technology to create a video about the project to promote public interest.

For more information, contact (866) 792-4772.

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Indian River State College student Krinda Cannon and Jerry Corsaut, research specialist for the Ocean Research & Conservation Association, install electronics for Kilroy sensors that are placed in the Indian River Lagoon to monitor marine ecosystems.

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Indian River State College students recently honored in Tallahassee as members of the 2009 All-Florida Academic Team are, from left, Michael Filipelli, Emily Kandagawa, Georgina Tougher, Lisa Davis, IRSC President Dr. Edwin Massey, Cynthia Blackburn, Christopher Neal and Robin Barnes.

ALL-FLORIDA ACADEMIC TEAM HONORED

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**IRSC BUSINESS STUDENTS
WIN STATE AWARDS**

Members of the Indian River State College Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national business organization that prepares students for careers in business-related fields, returned from the Phi Beta Lambda 59th annual State Leadership Conference in Tampa with several top awards.

First-place honors were awarded to Tracy Stant of Port St. Lucie for Accounting Analysis & Decision Making and for Accounting for Professionals; Brian Lenhart of Fort Pierce for Sports Management & Marketing; and Justin Crooks of Port St. Lucie, for Human Resource Management.

Second-place honors were awarded to Ken Johnson of Port St. Lucie, for Computer Concepts and for Cyber Security; and Jasmine Olivo of Port St. Lucie, for Word Processing.

Third-place honors were awarded to Crooks for Justice Administration and Jeff Zemlik of Port St. Lucie for Sports Management & Marketing.

Fifth-place honors were awarded to Jeff Zemlik for Contemporary Sports Issues; Jennifer Burklo of Fort Pierce for Project Management; and Mikko Yamaguchi of Fort Pierce for Statistical Analysis.

IRSC's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter also was recognized for its participation in the March of Dimes national project and the American Heart Association state project. In addition, IRSC student Jennifer Burklo was inducted into the Florida Phi Beta Lambda Who's Who for her role as a state officer.

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**STUDENT RECEIVES
SCHOLARSHIP**

Lila E. Durkee, a student at St. Lucie West Centennial High School, has been awarded the Ella Schwartz Community Service Scholarship sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8058 in Fort Pierce.

Lila is an outstanding student and has many extra-curricular activities and academic and community service awards.

She hopes to attend Indian River State College and major in Fire Science Technology/Emergency Management.

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GOOD FOR YOU

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IRSC HOSA STUDENTS WIN 4 FIRST-PLACE AWARDS

The members of the Indian River State College Chapter of Health Occupations Students of America returned from the HOSA State Leadership Conference with four first-place awards.

HOSA is a national student organization that promotes career opportunities in the health care field. All 13 IRSC students who attended the event in Orlando will now be eligible to participate in the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on June 22-27.

• First-place winners: Maris Gonzalez, St. Lucie County, for Physical Therapy; Lauren Mitchell, Indian River County, for Sports Medicine; Robert Hall, St. Lucie County, for Dental Terminology; and Julie Vanags, Brevard County, for Nutrition

• Second-place winners: Leon Casabona, St. Lucie County, for Physical Therapy; Elia Lexine, St. Lucie County, for Sports Medicine; Allison Czerwinski, St. Lucie County, for Nutrition; and team members, Sara Schuman, Brevard County; Jennifer Cordero, St. Lucie County; Amanda Vlkojan, Oke-

chobee County; and Whitney Holmes, Okeechobee County, for Creative Problem Solving

• Third-place winners: Amy Mesley, Indian River County, for Sports Medicine; and Ricky Sprafkin, Martin County, for Nutrition

In addition, IRSC student Richel Silecchia of Hollywood was selected to the Courtesy Corps and will represent Florida at the HOSA National Leadership Conference in June.

For more information, contact the IRSC Call Center at (866) 792-4772 or visit irsc.edu.



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Indian River State College nursing students visit Northport K-8 first-graders to teach water safety.

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IRSC culinary students win for best dessert at Taste of Martin

BY JEAN PATTON/
INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

Posted on YourHub.com

Students in the Indian River State College Culinary Arts Apprenticeship program won the Best Dessert Award at the Taste of Martin County fundraising event for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Martin County for their Bananas Foster dessert.

The flavorful concoction combining bananas, butter, brown sugar and cinnamon in a flaming rum sauce, served over French vanilla ice cream, won the students the Best Dessert Award for the past three years.

IRSC Culinary Arts apprentices benefit from paid hands-on experience in some of the region's

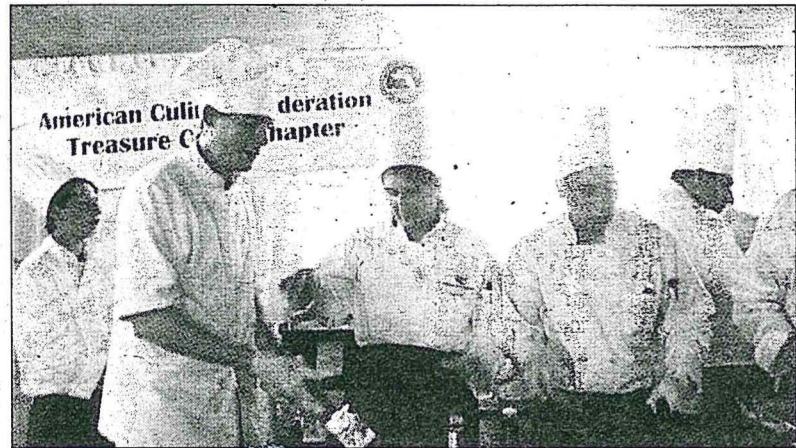
finest restaurants, and beach and country clubs.

Upon graduation, students are prepared for certification from the American Culinary Federation as a cook or pastry cook.

Students complete six courses and nine on-the-job training components over 36 months covering such topics as safety and sanitation, nutrition, cost control, equipment operations, supervision and specialty cooking techniques.

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STUDENTS HONORED BY BOYS, GIRLS CLUB

Clark Advanced Learning Center students **Melissa Garcia** and **Maria G. "Gabby" Fernandez** were recently honored by the Martin County Boys & Girls Club for their leadership, service to the community and involvement in the Keystone Club.



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Fernandez

The Keystone Club is a collaboration with Indian River State College/Clark Advanced Learning Center and the Martin County Boys and Girls Club. Garcia of Stuart is president of the Keystone Club and will graduate from the Learning Center in May with 40 college credits. She plans to attend the University of Central Florida and major in speech/languages.

Fernandez, also of Stuart, is vice president of the

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STUDENTS WIN IRSC BUSINESS CONTEST

Erin Stacey, a senior at South Fork High School, and **Robin Benjouali**, an Indian River State College business administration student, are the winners in the IRSC Student Business Plan competition.

The winners were recognized at the Martin County Economic Council luncheon March 19 at Pipers Landing in Palm City. The competition was sponsored by the IRSC Business and Technology Incubator and both winners received scholarships to IRSC.

The first place winner also received a one-year membership to the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Stacey, selected as the first-place winner in the competition, will graduate from high school and receive her associate in arts degree from Indian River State College in May. She plans to pursue a bachelor



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Indian River State College Provost of Martin County **Patty Alan**, right, and **Karen Schreiner**, left, director of the IRSC Incubator, present **Erin Stacey**, second from right, and **Robin Benjouali**, second from left, winners of the IRSC Business Plan Competition with scholarships to Indian River State College.

of applied science degree in organizational management.

Second-place winner Benjouali will graduate with her associate's degree in business administration from IRSC on May 8 and plans to continue attending IRSC to earn the bachelor's degree in organizational management. She also is enrolled in the Displaced Homemakers Program at IRSC. Benjouali works at the Children's Home Society and her younger daughter also is a student at IRSC.

CLARK STUDENT ATTAINS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Josh Wright, a senior at the Clark Advanced Learning Center, Indian River Chastain Campus, recently attained the rank of Eagle



Wright

Scout from Boy Scout Troop 840.

The Stuart resident will graduate in May with 25 college credits toward an associate's degree and plans to attend Indian River State College.

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CALC students honored by Boys & Girls Clubs

BY JEAN PATTON/
INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE
Posted on YourHub.com

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The Clark Advanced Learning

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Applications are being accepted for the 2009-10 school year.

For more information, call (772) 419-5750.

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CALC students tour the Everglades

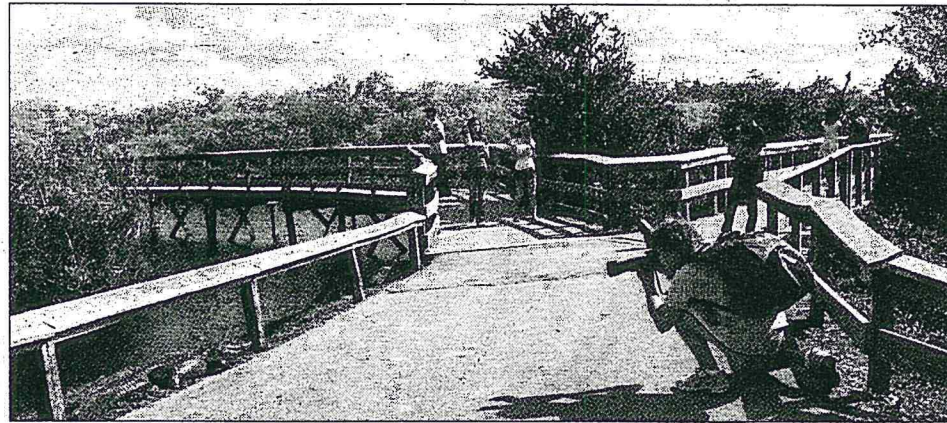
BY JEAN PATTON/
INDIAN RIVER
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Posted on YourHub.com

Exploring the saw grass marsh at the Everglades National Park provided an in-field opportunity for Clark Advanced Learning Center (CALC) students to develop their knowledge of Florida's unique ecosystems.

The 24 environmental science students identified plants and animals and learned about Everglades restoration efforts under the direction of Melinda Cottrell, science teacher, and Susan Roark, CALC assistant director.

The recent Everglades field trip is one of many real-world experiences that motivate and inspire Clark Advanced Learning Center students.

CALC students have



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An alligator attracted the attention of Clark Advanced Learning Center student Ben Price at a recent field trip to the Everglades National Park.

earned the highest regional FCAT scores in science and, in 2008, earned the highest passing rates on the FCAT in reading and math on the Treasure Coast.

The national model high school is located on the Chastain Campus of Indian River State College

in Stuart and provides students with the advantages of a college campus. CALC students earn college credits for free while still in high school and are able to focus on their career interests through internships.

About 200 high school sophomores, juniors and

seniors attend the charter high school where they receive personal attention in a small school setting. Students at the Clark also build advanced technology skills, and each student is assigned a laptop computer for research while enrolled at the school.

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Josh Wright earns Eagle rank

BY JEAN PATTON/INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

Posted on YourHub.com

Josh Wright, a senior at the Clark Advanced Learning Center in Stuart, recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 840.



The Stuart resident will graduate in May with 25 college credits toward an associate in arts degree and plans to attend Indian River State College majoring in Automotive Technology.

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CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER

NO CALC or IRSC classes during Spring Break, April 6-10.

Thank you WQCS 88.9 FM Radio for hosting CALC senior intern, Matt Valente. He enjoys digital, audio editing and recording, and plans to attend Indian River State College.

Congratulations to Chris Mennuto for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout!

Congrats also to Barbara Bordas, Sean Crary, Haley Diggins, Kyle Eder, Alex Henderson, Danielle Lewis, Cassidy Loutos, Emily Orr, Mark Patton, Christiana Pierre, James Relle and Andrea Soto, who were inducted into the National Honor Society on Feb. 28.

New students and parents attend CALC open house on April 14 at 6 p.m.

Tickets available April 20 for Junior-Senior Prom on April 25 at Indian Riverside Park, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Juniors and sophomores: See Mrs. Guyton to take the CPT before fall.

Seniors: Get your panoramic picture for \$15 and order your Class of 2009 cap and gown at the front office.

CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER

A big thanks to CALC parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and student Devin Ruple for speaking at the Open House. They did a great job! Congratulations to Katie Orr selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly. We are proud of our Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges, Sam Neild, Dana Diffie and Chris Mennuto. Chris was also awarded the IRSC General Excellence Award. Visit www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org for information on advisement, testing and scholarships. IRSC DE final exams are April 28 to May 4. CALC DE and high school exams begin May 18. Check the pop-up page for the schedule. Juniors and Sophomores take the CPT before fall schedule. For Seniors attending Grad Bash there is a mandatory meeting April 29 at 2:40 in the Knowledge Room. Get your panoramic photo for \$15 and order class of 2009 cap and gown at the front office. See Mrs. Guyton for graduation tickets.

CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER

CALC students must attend and make their own transportation for IRSC classes on early release, April 22, 12:30 p.m. CALC report cards

were mailed March 25.

Christiana Pierre is CALC's Character Counts winner and received a \$50 savings bond.

Over 30 Martin County high school students participated in the Martin Youth Leadership Career Day. Thanks to participants.

CALC students, Dana Diffie, Ellen Carothers, and Katie Sprauer shared how they accelerated toward an AA degree through college classes while still enrolled in high school during the IRSC Chastain Campus Dual Enrollment Open House.

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MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER

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Bordas, Sean Crary, Haley Diggins, Kyle Eder, Alex Henderson, Danielle Lewis, Cassidy Loutos, Emily Orr, Mark Patton, Christiana Pierre, James Relle and Andrea Soto.

Open house for new students, parents and guests.

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begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday: The Junior-Senior Prom is 7:30-10:30 p.m. April 25 at Indian RiverSide Park. Panoramic senior class picture is \$15. Order caps and gowns in the front office.

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MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Winning a chair for excellence

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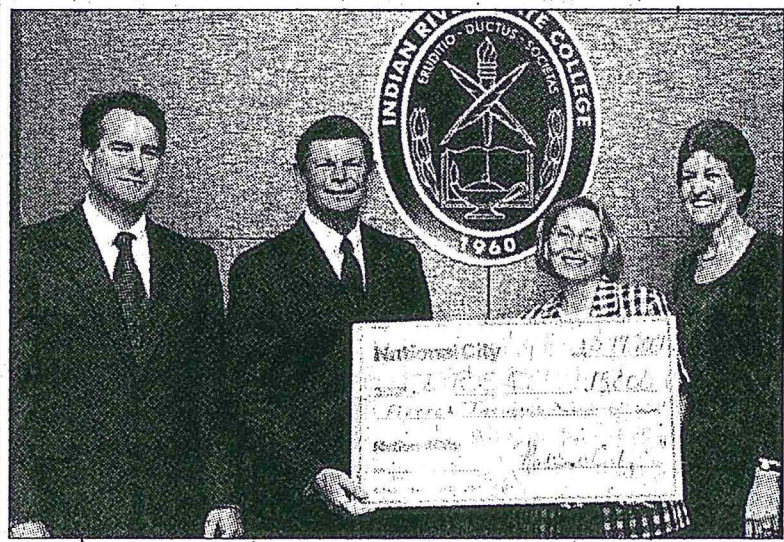


JUAN DALE BROWN • juan.dale.brown@scripps.com

Indian River State College President Edwin Massey presents a blue rocking chair to Teresa Hasenauer, who received an endowed teaching chair designation Monday along with three other IRSC professors for outstanding teaching. With the \$6,000 in annual stipends for three years that comes with the designation, she will create mathematics videos to help students in the school's preparatory math courses. Others who got chair designations were James Mason, John Butler and Deborah Midkiff.

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Mike Brown Jr., Dr. Edwin Massey, Toni Santiuste and Ann Decker celebrate as National City-PNC presents the Indian River State College Foundation with a check for \$15,000 for professional development.



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GOOD FOR YOU

LEMBOS NAMED IRSC 2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Joseph and Diane Lembo have been recognized with the 2009 Indian River State College Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award.

The Vero Beach residents are the first husband and wife team to receive the annual award which has been presented for 21 years. As recipients of the award, Mr. and Mrs. Lembo were the keynote speakers at the College's 2009 College Awards Ceremony.

A highly-respected banker, Joseph Lembo serves as area president of Wachovia/Wells Fargo Bank on the Treasure Coast. He began his banking career for First Bankers in 1978 and was appointed area president for First Union Bank in 1988. His achievements were recognized with the Bank's President's Award for Florida's top performing area in 1998. Active in the community, Joe Lembo is a staunch supporter of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, an Advisory Board member for the Gifford Youth Activities Center and Chair of the IRSC Foundation board of directors.

Diane Walker Lembo operated a successful small



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Diane and Joseph Lembo of Vero Beach were recognized as the 2009 Indian River State College Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award.

business and for the past seven years has served as the office manager for Masteller & Moler, a Vero Beach civil engineering firm.

Passionate about children and education, she

served as president of the Junior League, taking a leadership role in the organization's foster children program. She served on the IRSC Foundation fundraising committee for the Richardson Center and

is a long-time Board member of the Education Foundation of Indian River County and the Riverside Children's Theatre.

JOHN'S ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE AWARDS \$479,210 TO FORTY-THREE LOCAL PROGRAMS

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The John's Island Community Service League board, on behalf of the residents, recently approved the allocation of \$479,210 to forty-three programs and agencies recommended by the philanthropy committee, whose members diligently visited and researched the requests which enable women and children, in crisis and in need, to improve their lives throughout Indian River County.



The John's Island Community Service League, since its inception some 29 years ago, has donated almost six million dollars to Indian River County agencies and programs. The funds are generated by resident support of the League's private fundraisers, dues and donations in honor of loved ones, the Tambourine Shop and through partnerships with local merchants and business professionals who very generously participate in the organization's fundraisers.

The Tambourine Shop is a resale outlet located behind K-Mart at 1619 Tenth Avenue. It is staffed by volunteers with one professional manager. The outlet welcomes shoppers who are seeking "gently" used furniture, clothing, and household goods. The shop gratefully receives donations only.

The generous 2008-2009 grants were issued to the following:

Abilities Resource Center; Alzheimer Parkinson Association Inc.; Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Boys and Girls Clubs; Character Counts; Childcare Resources; Children's Home Society; Crystal Foundation: Gifford Chapter; Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center; Dollars for Scholars; Economic Opportunities Council; Education Foundation; Safe Families Program of Exchange Club Castle; Feed the Lambs; Food Pantry; Gifford Youth Activity Center; Guardians for New Futures; Healthy Start; Hibiscus Children's Center; Homeless Family Center; Indian River State College Foundation, Inc.; Indian River Habitat for Humanity; John's Island Scholarships, Literacy Services; Mental Health Association; Redlands Christian Migrant Association; Safespace; Salvation Anny; Samaritan Center; Senior Resource Center; The Source; Special Equestrians; St. Francis Manor; Substance Abuse Council of IRC; Sun Coast Mental Health Center, Inc.; Sun Up; The Treasure Coast Food Bank; Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council; Visiting Nurse Association; Wabasso School; Winners Walk Tall; Women's Refuge and Youth Guidance.

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St. Lucie County



- ① Susan Parry, Sally Berquist, Tammy Grimes, Janice Douglas and Donna Benton attend the recent United Way for Animals fundraiser held at Archies Seabreeze.
- ② Suzanne Carnell, Sharon Babcock, Bill Reilly, Les Whiddon, Gene Sifers and Heddy Herncane prepare for the Master Gardeners' "Spring Into Gardening" coming up this weekend.
- ③ Presenting the March volunteer Guardian ad Litem graduates! Graduating volunteers participated in a "Swearing In" ceremony at the St. Lucie West Court House.
- ④ Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Auxiliary donates the 2008 Auxiliary Gift Shop proceeds totaling \$20,500 to representatives from WPSL Christmas Kids, Lawnwood Auxiliary Proctor Scholarship Fund, Pregnancy Care Center, Fort Pierce Police Athletic League, Mustard Seed Ministries, Indian River State College Scholarship Foundation, Hospice of the Treasure Coast and St. Lucie Council on Aging.
- ⑤ (Left side of sign) John Wookey, Carol Hoberg, Nancy Marrone, Joanne Bendel, Bruce Alvigi, Maxine Roach, Kim Stoddart, Treva Gilkey, Barbara Farbaksh, (right side of sign) Katie Picca, Alicia Scott, Cynthia Fulmer and Marilyn Rutkowski are members of TEAM QVC as they get ready for CASTLE's Stomp Out Child Abuse Festival.



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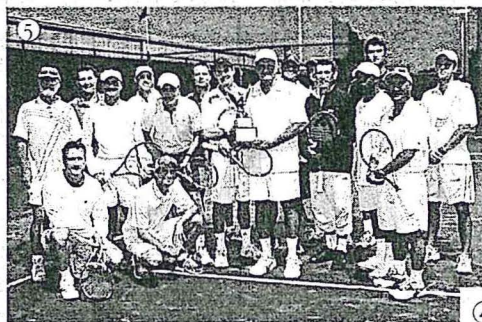
① Louis Forget, Joan Forget, Betty Williamson and Sonny Williamson celebrate at the Entrepreneur of the Year awards reception where Mr. Williamson was presented with this year's honor at Indian River State College Richardson Center in Vero Beach.

② Marlene Putnam enjoys herself at the Grande Masque Ball to benefit the Vero Beach Opera's educational programs.

③ Ron McCall and Kay Brown with Shay and Monica Rowe at the recent "Beyond the Sea" Preview Party at the home of Kathy and Ron Edwards.

④ Sandy Mann, Ann Tharpe, Cynthia Falardeau, Mary Miner and Gail Kinney are putting together plans for Saturday's Education Foundation Charity Shoot at Windsor's Private Gun Club.

⑤ Professional tennis players from clubs from Palm Beach to Melbourne recently competed in the 14th Annual King of the Hill Tennis Tournament to benefit Youth Guidance of Indian River.



Hub Youth

Post your news about young people on www.yourhub.com

4-8-09 Stuart News Your Hub

Erin Stacey, Robin Benjouali win scholarships

BY JEAN PATTON/INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE
Posted on YourHub.com

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Stacey, who was selected as the first place winner, will graduate from high school and receive her Associate in Arts degree from Indian River State College in May.

Stacey plans to pursue a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in the Organizational Management program at IRSC.

Second place winner Robin Benjouali will graduate with her asso-



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Patty Alan, right, Martin County provost for Indian River State College, and Karen Schreiner, left, director of the IRSC Incubator, present Erin Stacey, second from right, and Robin Benjouali with plaques for winning the IRSC Business Plan Competition.

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Congratulations, PAL wrestlers!

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Top writers



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Indian River State College Creative Writing Contest winners and recipients of IRSC scholarships are high school seniors, from left, Shirley Mincey, Yasmine Yousef and Alyssa Fowler, who won first place. **Page 8**

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Alyssa Fowler earns first place for story

BY IRSC - JEAN PATTON
Posted on YourHub.com

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Creative writers earn IRSC scholarships *Okeechobee News 4-3-09*

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Scholarship winners

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Congratulations

to the 2009 Coca-Cola All-State Academic Teams

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Community College

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FOUNDATION AWARDS FOUR TEACHING CHAIRS

Four exceptional Indian River State College professors were surprised with Endowed Teaching Chairs from the Indian River State College Foundation in recognition of outstanding teaching and to implement training institutes benefiting students and the community.

The recipients are **Teresa Hasenauer**, assistant

professor, Learning Assistance Program, BankAtlantic Foundation Endowed Teaching Chair; **James Mason**, master instructor, graphic design technology, J. Douglas Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair in Technology; **John Butler**, assistant professor of business, Dan K. Richardson Endowed Teaching Chair in Business and Entrepreneurship; and **Deborah Midkiff**, chef and instructor, IRSC Culinary Institute of the Treasure Coast, Banack Family Partnership Endowed Teaching Chair in Agriculture.

The recipients will be rewarded with an annual stipend of \$6,000 a year for three consecutive years; \$4,000 to implement training institutes and improve instruction in their field of expertise; and \$2,000 in recognition of excellence in teaching. The Endowed

Teaching Chair program is made possible by contributions to the IRSC Foundation.

Hasenauer will create mathematics videos to enhance understanding of mathematical concepts for students in college preparatory math courses.

Hasenauer joined IRSC in 1992. The Sebastian resident received her bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and master's degree from Florida Atlantic University.

Mason will develop a digital video production academy at IRSC. Students will brainstorm ideas about planning a production, conceptualizing its aims, and bringing the project to completion. A Stuart resident, Mason joined IRSC in 1999. He received his bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees from the Universi-

ty of Central Florida.

Butler will develop a Trans-Disciplinary Entrepreneurship Initiative and lead a focus group for faculty demonstrating ways to integrate entrepreneurial-related topics into the study of fields outside of business. Butler of Vero Beach joined IRSC in 2005 and received his bachelor's degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University and master's degree from St. Leo University.

Midkiff will construct and maintain an organic garden that utilizes captured rainwater, organics, and recyclable materials, encouraging development of healthy farming techniques. A Palm Bay resident, Midkiff joined IRSC in 2006 and holds an associate in applied science degree from Indian River State College.

2009 Pathfinder Awards

BUSINESS



Winner

Michael Pollard

William T. Dwyer High School



Second Place

Douglas Hanna

Dreyfoos School of the Arts



Third Place

Kelsey Mulligan

Spanish River High School



Fourth Place

Donavon Ellingson

✓ Clark Advanced Learning Center

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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Samuel Morales
Cardinal Newman High School, Association of Fundraising Professionals



Melissa Miller
Palm Beach Gardens High School, Audubon Society of the Everglades



Grace Schultz
Jupiter Christian School, Briana Marie Cox Foundation Scholarship



Jeremy Wallace
Pahokee Middle/Senior High School, Briana Marie Cox Foundation Scholarship



Christlna Escobar
Trinity Christian Academy, Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce



Farrah Zahangir
Atlantic High School, Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce



Danna Lauricln
Atlantic High School, Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Mary Lou Hilley Memorial Scholarship



Tori DeLeonardo
Jupiter High School, Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Pat Pepper Memorial Scholarship



Lisa Munoz
Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth Dollars for Scholars Barry Grunow Memorial Scholarship



Kimberly Small
Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth Dollars for Scholars Wayne Akers Ford Scholarship



Crystal Bullard
Inlet Grove High School, The Palm Beach Post Minority Scholarship in Journalism



✓ **Sade Gordon**
Clark Advanced Learning Center, The Palm Beach Post Minority Scholarship in Journalism



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Pope John Paul II High School, Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce ArtiGras Scholarship



Cynthia Salemm
Florida Culinary Institute, The Palm Beach Post Rosa Tusa Scholarship



Akeelah Morgan
Inlet Grove High School, Rotary Club of West Palm Beach Services Above Self Scholarship



Alexander Hedlund
Suncoast High School, Rotary Club of West Palm Beach Services Above Self Scholarship



Matthew Vicari
South Tech Academy, School District of Palm Beach County Pat Oliphant Memorial Scholarship



Julia White
Palm Beach Central High School, South Florida Fair Community Scholarship



Natasha Herrera
John I. Leonard High School, SunFest of Palm Beach County Music Scholarship

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Youth Summit helps students think careers

In March, Workforce Solutions held its eighth annual Youth Summit, bringing together hundreds of Treasure Coast middle and high school students with motivational speakers, a youth forum, employers and colleges plus 20 hands-on workshops on career and life

"I was really pleased," said Diana Rew, Youth Summit coordinator. "This was our eighth year and we had about 350 kids and 200 volunteers."

The teens enjoyed Jeff Yalden, award-winning youth motivational speaker, television personality and MTV MADE Teen Life Coach.

"He had a lot of really positive messages," said Rew.

So did the 20 local experts who

volunteered their time to help the students explore how to achieve more from life, school and their careers.

Beth Mazzouccolo, a career coach, helped students explore why they need to choose a career path. Dr. Torre D.A. Brown helped students find innovative ways to overcome everyday obstacles. Dr. Richard and Pam Houghten, of Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, helped students become research chemists, if only for an afternoon. And Paul Lefavi, of Indian River State College, let students try their skills in a virtual TV studio.

Some of the workshop presenters talked to the newspaper about their workshops below.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Bob Stevenson, long-time youth advocate and co-owner of M&M Petroleum/Dairy Queen in Stuart, addresses students during the eighth annual Youth Summit in March.

IRSC expands Distinguished Lecture Series in Stuart

The popular Distinguished Lecture Series offered through the Indian River State College Lifelong Learning Institute is announcing expansion of its timely topics on current issues to Stuart in the 2009-2010 series.

The Stuart series will be offered at the Wolf High-Technology Center at the IRSC Chastain Campus in Stuart from 3 to 5 p.m. The Series will continue to be offered at the Richardson Center at the IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. generally on Thursdays.

The Dec. 10 lecture is, "A New Focus in the Middle East" with lecturer Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow at the Heritage Foundation's Asian Studies Center.

On Jan. 14, the series will explore "The World's Economic Life Cycle." This will be an upbeat look at the world economy despite recent economic difficulties and adjustments. John A. Weber, associate professor at Notre Dame will present.

On Feb. 11, the series

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will continue with "What's the Latest on Cancer Research & Treatment?" led by Dr. Mark Israel, who directs the Norris Cotton Cancer Research Center at Dartmouth.

On March 11, the series will explore "Is Green a Myth or a Reality?" Asking the questions, is 'green' a sustainable force for change? What are some of the more-exciting developments in the world of 'green'? John Carberry is a former chemical engineering manager at DuPont, where he was Director of Environmental Technology.

The series will conclude on April 1, discussing "Can American Education Be Fixed?" The current administration in Washington is making education reform a major issue. The presenter will be president-emeritus of Nova Southeastern University, Abraham Fischler. He currently serves on the Florida Education Foundation.

Tickets are \$100 for the

series of five lectures and include Lifelong Learning Institute annual membership. Seating is limited. To reserve your series tickets, please call (772) 462-7880. The IRSC Chastain Campus is located at 2400 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart and the Richardson Center is located at 6155 College Lane in Vero Beach.

DETERRING ID THEFT

The seminar "Learn How to Deter, Detect and Defend Yourself Against Fraud & Identity Theft" will be presented by Laura Heatherington and Stephen Johnson at noon on Friday, May 1 at the Richardson Center on the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. Lunch will be provided. This Learn at Lunch opportunity presented by the Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRSC is sponsored in partnership with the Small Business Development Center and Corporate and Community Training Institute at IRSC. To register go to www.irs.edu/ccti or call (888) 283-1177.

Compiled by IRSC

'Pledge to Vote' campaign under way

BY R.J. HARRINGTON
Correspondent

STUART — More than 125 students from the Clark Advanced Learning Center heard county government representatives explain Wednesday the importance of voting.

"You of the Millennium Generation hold the keys to this nation's future when you exercise your right to vote," County Property Appraiser Laurel Kelly told the students at the Wolf Technology Auditorium on the Chastain Campus of Indian River State College.

Kelly told the first "Pledge to Vote" assembly that voter surveys indicate to-

day's high-school students are concerned with the economy, health care, homeland security and the environment.

"Your votes will affect these issues in the next few years," Kelly said.

"Pledge to Vote" is a school voter registration competition between the Clark Advanced Learning Center and the other high schools South Fork, Martin County and Jensen Beach, as well as Hobe Sound Christian Academy, Community Christian Academy and The Pine School.

Winners will be announced May 12 in the County Commission chambers.

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Last year, Clark took second place behind winner South Fork.

The campaign was created by Supervisor of Elections Vicki Davis, who won an Award of Distinction from the Florida Public Relations Association for her efforts.

Davis told students they could pre-register to vote when they are 16.

"You are more and more important to solutions to the problems that Laurel Kelly spoke of today," Davis said.

She said students could vote early and by mail. "You no longer need to give an excuse for using a mailed ballot," she said.

MARTIN COUNTY *Stuart News 4-22-09* **Assembly to be conducted for 'Pledge to Vote' competition**

Clark Advanced Learning Center will conduct the first "Pledge to Vote" school assembly. The assembly is for the high school voter registration competition that takes place every April to encourage students to register to vote and "pledge" to become informed voters.

The competition will be between Martin County High School, South Fork High School, Jensen Beach High School and Clark Advanced Learning Center to see which high school can register the most students to vote.

The assembly will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Indian River State College's Wolf Technology Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Laurel Kelly, Martin County Property Appraiser.

Oxbow Eco-Center to celebrate Earth Day

BY ERICK GILL/
SLC MEDIA RELATIONS
Posted on YourHub.com

Join the Oxbow Eco-Center's 9th Annual Earth Day Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 18 and learn how we can grow green together in St. Lucie County.

This free event is packed with fun for the whole family, including live animals, an eco-challenge, reggae music by INJOY and a wildlife parade.

This year's festival focuses on "Growing Green Together" and includes a plethora of ideas on how you can do your part to conserve and act sustainably. Visit the Healthy Home, and learn from talented Indian River State College students just how easy it is to go green in every room of your house. You'll get some tips on alternatives to harsh chemicals for cleaning and gardening, what to look for when choosing the food you feed your family and how to create a healthy indoor environment at home and at work.

Dozens of exhibitors will be on hand to demonstrate the "slow food" movement, alternative energy, water harvesting and conservation and planting wild and native landscapes. Be sure to visit the Fort Pierce Utility Authority booth and see the difference a light bulb can make. Then make the commitment to "Change A Light" and receive a free compact fluorescent bulb to take home (quantities limited).

The Treasure Coast Wildlife Center will be onsite with some of

What: Oxbow Eco-Center's 9th Annual Earth Day Festival

When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 18

Where: 5400 N.E. St. James

Drive, Port St. Lucie

Cost: Admission, free

Contact: (772) 785-5833 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow

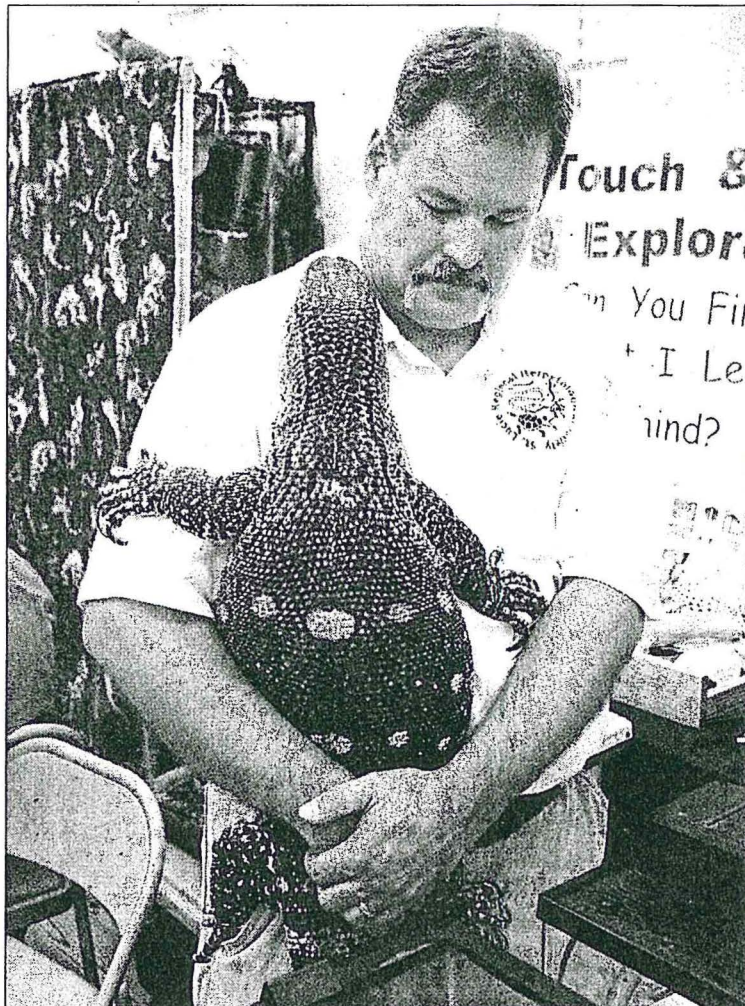
its majestic birds of prey, while the St. Lucie Regional Herpetological Society will have dozens of reptiles and amphibians — always a favorite at Earth Day.

Don't forget to test your nature acumen by taking the Eco-Challenge. Follow the Earth Flags through the festival grounds to find the challenge questions and learn a new Earth-friendly fact. When you answer all the questions, you'll win a prize.

Do you have a favorite animal and like dancing in the woods? Then make a wildlife mask or puppet with some recycled treasures at Crafty Corners or bring one from home along with a musical instrument and join the "Salute to Wildlife" Parade, which will take place around 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

The Oxbow Eco-Center is a St. Lucie County Environmental Learning Center situated on 225 acres on the St. Lucie River. It is located at 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie.

This story has been edited for space. For the full story log on to YourHub.com.



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Matt Lund with the St. Lucie Regional Herpetological Society will help the Oxbow Eco-Center celebrate Earth Day on April 18 with a free event, including music, live animals, educational displays and more. For details visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow.

TREASURE COAST *Press Journal*
SA News Tribune
Cash for College event *4-21-09*
helps students get money

Cash for College at Indian River State College is a one-day event to help new and returning students get money for college.

It is April 25 at IRSC campuses across the Treasure Coast. College-bound individuals of any age can get no-cost, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

Check-in for Cash for College begins at 10 a.m., and the presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m. Attendees should bring their 2008 tax return, along with W2 forms or other income information. Parents should accompany dependent students and bring their tax return.

The event will be held at:

- IRSC Main Campus, Crews Hall/ Building W, corner of 35th Street and Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce;

- St. Lucie West Campus, Schreiber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie;

- Chastain Campus, Clark Advanced Learning Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart;

- Mueller Campus, Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach;

- Dixon Hendry Campus, Room C102, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Okeechobee.

For more information, call (866) 792-4772.

From staff reports

TREASURE COAST *SA News Tribune* *4-16-09*
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From staff reports

TRADITION *SL News Tribune*
**Rooney's office sets up seminar
to help people land a job** *4-24-09*

The district office for Congressman Tom Rooney, R-Tequesta, is having a job resource seminar to assist the constituents of District 16, at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 Civic Lane from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday.

This seminar will focus on:

- Resume writing and interview preparation.
- Making participants competitive with the other candidates.
- Information regarding adult educational programs as well as vocational/technical training programs.
- Guidance in starting a small business.
- Counseling for struggling current small business owners.

Representatives from the following agencies will be present:

Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, Workforce Solutions of Port St. Lucie, Business Development Board of Martin County, Palm Beach Community College, Indian River State College, Small Business Administration, SCORE Counselors to Americas Small Business Owners, Florida Atlantic University, Martin County Chamber of Commerce, AARP.

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VERO BEACH *Stuart News*
4-15-09

**Learn about exporting
at IRSC seminar**

The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce and Indian River State College invite businesses from throughout the region to an export seminar from 8:30 a.m. to noon April 24. "Business Opportunities in International Trade" will be at the Richardson Center at the IRSC Mueller Campus.

Speakers are Kathryn Dye from the U.S. Department of Commerce and John Diep from the Enterprise Florida-International Trade Office. Representatives from the Small Business Development Center will be available. Dye and Diep will schedule one-on-one appointments with business owners from 1 to 3 p.m.

Topics will cover aspects of selling products and services overseas, including: current trade situations; resources for new and expanding exporters; identifying the right products for the right markets at the right price; cultural differences and documentation.

The seminar is \$25. Reservations for it and the one-on-one appointments will be taken through April 21, and can be made by calling the chamber at (772) 567-3491, ext. 110, by phoning IRSC at (888) 283-1177 or online at irsc.edu/ccti.

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SEBASTIAN

**Going back to
school? Check IRSC**

Indian River State College offers college classes for adults returning to school and adults ready to take college classes for the first time.

The business and marketing courses will be offered one night a week in Sebastian at the Historic Sebastian Elementary School, 1235 Main St. Information sessions about these classes will be held on Monday evenings on the second floor of the Historic Sebastian Elementary School, at 6 p.m. Interested students are encouraged to attend any of the following sessions that best fits into their schedule:

May 11: Registration, financial aid

June 15: Registration, financial aid, overview of business degrees, and

July 20: Registration, financial aid, overview of business degrees.

Additionally, Indian River State College personnel are on the second floor of the school from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information, contact Mueller Campus Program Director Katie Nall, at knall@irsc.edu.

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Job Source Notes & News

Surviving the disaster: Business Continuity Planning

A Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is the least expensive insurance any business can have — it costs virtually nothing to produce, yet is priceless. According to a study conducted by the University of Missouri, after only two days of total data center failure, the average business experiences a 30 percent drop in its essential business activities. But after the fifth day, 70 percent of its capabilities are lost, and by the 10th day, the typical business is functioning at only 10 percent capacity. The effects can be devastating to a small company.

Unfortunately, many companies have never taken the time to develop such a plan. The Corporate and Community Training Center at Indian River State College is having a free Business Continuity seminar with Tom Gallman, senior area manager SBA Keith Holman, director of the Martin County Emergency Management Agency.

It will be conducted 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Wolf High Technology Center IRSC's Chastain Campus in Stuart. Call the CCTI at (888) 283-1177 for more information.

From Web site to Lead Generation Machine

Capture double the leads with one change to your Web site. A free seminar with Kim Albritton, the executive vice president at GlobalMind from the Corporate and Community Training Center at IRSC, will help you quickly create an attention-grabbing Web site.

In the same seminar, learn about "Charitable Involvement-Why It's Good for Business."

It's 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, IRSC Main Campus, Fort Pierce. Call the CCTI at (888) 283-1177 for more information.

IRSC to host *Okee-News* 'Credit repair' seminar *4-12-09*

The Entrepreneur Development & Corporate & Community Training Institutes @ IRSC, Small Business Development Center @ IRSC, the Economic Council of Okeechobee and the SBDC @ Florida Gulf Coast University cordially invite you to a FREE seminar, "Restoring your credit," on **Thursday, April 16, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.** at the Williamson Conference and Educational Center, IRSC - Dixon Hendry Campus, Okeechobee. Everyone is invited to attend the FREE "Learn @ Lunch" seminars. Please feel free to bring your own lunch. Seating is limited. You must RSVP to attend. To register go to the CCTI website @ www.irsc.edu/ccti.

'Learning to Lead in Turbulent Times'

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Indian River State College is sponsoring a seminar for all employers and HR directors by Thom Epsky, commissioner with the Florida Unemployment Appeals Commission.

Epsky will review economic conditions and projections, discuss doing more with less, offer ideas to assist your employees to deal with stress, help supervisors understand workers' concerns and maximize performance and job satisfaction.

The seminar costs \$29 per person. It will be 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21, at Indian River State College Richardson Center - IRSC Vero Beach Mueller Campus.

Register by May 18 at (888) 283-1177.

'The ABC's of *SL NEWS Tribune* Unemployment Compensation' *4-6-09*

This \$29 seminar is for employers and HR directors by Thom Epsky, Florida Unemployment Appeals Commissioner and sponsored by Indian River State College Corporate and Community Training Center. He will cover employer and employee rights, how employer taxes are affected by a claim and how to present a claim that will disqualify a laid-off employee from receiving unemployment benefits.

It's 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at Indian River State College's St. Lucie West campus. For more information. Call (888) 283-1177.

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Jan Pagano, Jane Rowley and Susan Bergstrom at the "Stomp Out Child Abuse Giving Society" breakfast, raising \$100,000 to benefit CASTLE.

Actors-in-training

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Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Indian River State College students Toni Karam and Alicia Tomasko-Taylor perform a scene during the college's production of 'Sylvia' Wednesday, March 25. Ms. Tomasko-Taylor played Sylvia, a loveable dog, and Ms. Karam played the jealous wife.

TREASURE COAST

McAlpin OnStage sets summer season

Join the Indian River State College McAlpin OnStage for a season to remember.

There is Greek tragedy classic comedy and popular music and song from times past.

Renewals for the IRSC 2009 Fine Arts Season Subscription Series tickets are now on sale. Individual tickets are \$12 and will be available beginning May 23.

The Summer Series Subscription is \$40 and includes four summer shows: "Antigone, A Tragedy" by Jean Anouilh, "Whose Wives are they Anyway?" by Michael Parker, rousing vocal performances in "Jerome Kern: The Original American Songwriter" as well as a performance by the IRSC Company Singers and Jazz Band in the Hot Summer Nights variety concert.

Purchase tickets online at www.irsc.edu or at the box office in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with a credit card.

Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office at (772) 462-4750 or toll-free at (800) 220-9915.

IRSC presents 'Around the World' program

Around the World in Eighty Minutes," April 16-18, at 8 p.m. and April 18, at 2 p.m. McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. The IRSC Wind Ensemble features the richness and beauty of music around the world. Tickets are \$12. Call the IRSC Box Office at 1-800-220-9915.

TREASURE COAST IRSC stage to have wide variety

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From staff reports

Education Foundation to host fundraiser drama production

The Okeechobee Educational Foundation is hosting the IRSC Traveling Drama Production, "Technology of a Murder." The event will take place on Friday, April 24, from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in the Freshman Campus Auditorium. The mission of the program is to raise funds for scholarships and mini-grants for teachers. To date, the Foundation has taken part in providing over \$1 million dollars to high school graduates for college and over \$30,000 in mini-grants for teachers. Please join us for a night of hilarious entertainment while we raise funds for such a great cause. Tickets are \$20 per person and includes a wide variety of specialty desserts. For more information, please call 863-462-5000, ext 261.

FORT PIERCE McAlpin OnStage to feature Greek classics

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WQCS Young Musicians Spotlight Auditions: Open for area music students for local radio show. WQCS Performance Studio, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, 2-6 p.m. April 23. Ages 21 and younger. Appointment: auditions@wqcs.org.

Planetarium puts on special show

Okeechobee News 4-5-09

Audiences will enjoy a retelling of the many beautiful Native American Indian stories about the sky and its stars in Daughter of the Stars at the Indian River State College Hallstrom Planetarium, Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Ft. Pierce. History and folklore combine for a unique and entertaining storytelling event. According to Indian legend, Shenandoah, which means Daughter of the Stars, came from the sky country, a special place that could be visited by the strong, the brave, or the fortunate. Hear her story and more about the mystical sky coun-

try of the Native Americans.

Daughter of the Stars will be presented on April 24-25, May 15-16, and June 5-6. Planetarium show times are Friday evenings at 7 and 8 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 1 and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased online at www.irsc.edu or at the IRSC Box Office, Main Campus, in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Call the IRSC Box Office today 1-800-220-9915 to reserve your seats, as shows sell out quickly.

WHAT A WEEKEND! ST. LUCIE COUNTY

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St. Lucie County Master Gardeners will hold the annual **Spring into Gardening Festival and Plant Sale** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Office, 8400 Picos Road, Fort Pierce. Plants from the master gardeners' nursery will be sold; other local vendors will participate; and 4-H Club students will sell horse manure (for fertilizer purposes only, please). For details, call (772) 462-1660 or visit <http://stlucie.ifas.ufl.edu>

Archaeological walk: Tour ancient Indian mound at Spruce Bluff; 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, 611 S.E. Dar Lane, Port St. Lucie; free; register at (772) 462-2525, www.stlucieco.gov/erd

Boxing championships: Junior Olympics, men, women; 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Fort Pierce Police Athletic League Center, 1401 N. Second St., Fort Pierce; \$10-\$15; (772) 466-0606.

Auditions: Open to area music students 21 and under for radio show; 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, WQCS Performance Studio, 3209 Virginia

Ave., Fort Pierce; auditions@wqcs.org

Craft show/flea market: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sons of Italy Lodge, 765 Dalton Circle, Port St. Lucie; (772) 336-4839.

Bridge event: Show support for Hibiscus Children's Center; 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Seaway Drive Bridge (South Bridge), Fort Pierce; free; (772) 978-9313, ext. 314; BridgeEvent.org

Yappy Hour: Booths, games, demonstrations; 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, St. Lucie Surgery Center, 1310 S.E. West Star Ave., Port St. Lucie; donations benefit St. Lucie County Sheriff's K-9 Unit; (772) 337-5200; jill.logan@hcahealthcare.com

'Daughter of the Stars': American Indian stories of stars, sky; 7 and 8 p.m. Friday, 1 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Hallstrom Planetarium, Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce; ages 4 and older; \$3; (800) 220-9915; irsc.edu

Grass workshop: With botanist George Rogers; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Savanna Preserve State Park Education Center, 2541 Walton

Road, Port St. Lucie; \$20; teens and older; (772) 398-2779; floridastateparks.org/savannas

Christian concert: Icarus Account, John Stone, Abbie Weise; 7 p.m. Saturday, Grace Emmanuel Church, 1470 Huffman Road, Port St. Lucie; \$5/5 canned goods; (772) 337-2644.

Florestival: Yard sale, festival to benefit PTO, Relay for Life; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Floresta Elementary School, 1501 S.E. Floresta Drive, Port St. Lucie.

Electric car rally: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Advance Auto Store, 4158 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce; free; call to show your vehicle; (561) 352-6622; Greenshedconversions.com

Yard sale/blood drive: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Southport Middle School, 2420 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie; (772) 260-7624.

Fun Fest: Noon Saturday, Light of the World Church, 2730 S. U.S. 1 Fort Pierce; (772) 465-5800.

WQCS auditions open for young musicians

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BY ADRIENNE MOORE
Posted on YourHub.com

Public radio station WQCS / 88.9 is offering an April audition call for area students studying classical music and jazz to be considered for an appearance on its locally produced "Young Musicians Spotlight."

Similar to National Public Radio's popular student performance program, "From the Top," which is broadcast on Sundays on WQCS, this one-hour radio program features students performing on piano, violin, cello, harp, vocals and more. It is scheduled for broadcast in May.

WQCS "Arts Spotlight" host Willi Miller will coordinate the program, which includes performances from 10 or more individual students or a mixture of individuals and groups selected from the auditions in the WQCS Per-

What: WQCS "Young Musicians Spotlight" auditions

When: 2-6 p.m. April 23-24

Where: Main Campus of Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce

Contact: E-mail auditions@wqcs.org

formance Studio at the radio station on the main campus of Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

Auditions will be available April 23 and 24 between 2 and 6 p.m. Each participant is allocated a 15-minute audition time and all auditions are recorded. The audition performance, if selected, is the one that will be used in the final program. Performances will not be re-recorded.

Participants must be 21 years old or younger, live within the WQCS listening area from northern Palm Beach County to southern Brevard County, perform a classical, Broadway or jazz music selection less than 4 minutes in length, and be willing to be interviewed about music, personal interests and more.

Solo performances or ensembles of five or fewer are accepted for a studio audition. For larger groups, professionally-recorded CDs will be considered.

Students who need an accompanist must provide their own. A piano is available in the WQCS Performance Studio.

Recorded accompaniment is not recommended.

Participants are asked to complete a registration form online at www.wqcs.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the Home Page and click on application. After com-

pleting the form, submit it to WQCS at auditions@wqcs.org and sign a copy to be presented on the audition date.

The application requests personal information, the name of the composer and the music selection, and other general information about awards received in music and other school and performance recognition.

If you have problems completing the form online, print it out and fax to (772) 462-4743.

WQCS has presented "Young Musicians Spotlight" for more than 10 years, featuring the music talent of many area students. Several students have gone on to Interlochen School of Music, Duke University, Manhattan School of Music and other college and conservatory programs.

For additional information and to make an appointment, e-mail auditions@wqcs.org.

JUNIOR COLLEGE AWARDS

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Indian River honors athletic standouts

8 athletes receive Pioneer Pride awards

From staff reports

FORT PIERCE — Indian
River State College ath-
letes were honored Thurs-
day at the school's annual
Athletic Awards Banquet
in the Koblebard Student
Union.

Eight athletes were hon-
ored with the Indian River
Pioneer Pride Award for
the 2008-09 season.

The honorees:

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Albert
Abrahams

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:
Courtney Brox

VOLLEYBALL: Fawn Story

MEN'S SWIMMING: Em-
mett Walling

DIVING: Jordan Horsley

WOMEN'S SWIMMING:
Jennifer Marquez

BASEBALL: Kyle Robin-
son

SOFTBALL: Kelley Smiley
State Farm agent Bill
Knight Jr. and other local
State Farm agents recog-
nized Indian River athletes
for outstanding sportsman-
ship.

The sportsmanship
awards included:

MEN'S BASKETBALL:
Stanley Honorat

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:
Maggie St. Louis

VOLLEYBALL: Jennifer

Thomas

MEN'S SWIMMING: Zack
Stockman

WOMEN'S SWIMMING:
Mary O'Sullivan

BASEBALL: Robert Wall

SOFTBALL: Sophia Pre-
sutti

HALL OF FAME

Longtime IRSC support
Scott VanDuzer was in-
ducted into
the Pioneer
Hall of Fame.



VanDuzer
Hall of Fame
inductee

VanDuzer's financial
support
through the
baseball-soft-
ball field sign
sponsorship
program has
been in effect since the
program's inception.

VanDuzer is a familiar
figure at Indian River
games and events.

In November, the IRSC
athletic department part-
nered with The VanDuzer
Foundation to collect food
for the Salvation Army
and Mustard Seed Minis-
tries.

The efforts produced
more than 34,000 pounds of
food distributed to local
citizens in need.

JUNIOR COLLEGE ROUNDUP

4-2-09
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IRSC beats Brevard on Martir's 5-hitter

From staff reports

Manny Martir pitched a complete game five-hitter and struck out nine Wednesday as the Indian River State College baseball team beat Brevard Community College 5-3 in Fort Pierce.

Andrew Durden had an RBI triple and Roberto Sanchez had an RBI double for the Pioneers (16-16, 4-10 conference).

Yogi Gunther and Terry McClinton each had an RBI single. Jeff Eubank had two stolen bases and scored two runs.

Indian River plays at Broward at 4 p.m. Friday.

SOFTBALL

INDIAN RIVER 8-5, PALM BEACH 0-0: Dani Siebert (23-2) and Samantha Graham (8-0) pitched shutouts for the Pioneers.

Sophia Presutti hit a solo home run, Carly Speerin hit a two-run double, and Leilani Ankiel and Sarah Spiering had two-run singles in the first game.

Alisha Claxton hit a three-run home run in the second game and Kelley Smiley had an RBI single. Presutti added two hits.

Indian River (41-7, 11-1 Southern Conference) is ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 2 nationally.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

BROWARD 11, INDIAN RIVER 1: The No. 2-ranked Seahawks scored five runs in the third inning and beat the Pioneers in a Southern Conference game.

Roberto Sanchez went 2-for-3 for Indian River (16-17, 4-11 conference).

Indian River plays at Brevard at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Broward 11, IRSC 1

Indian River	000	010	0--	1	4	0
Broward	105	212	x--	11	13	0

Dedmon, Betscha (5) and Flannery; Whalen, Sergey (7) and Cupeiro. **WP:** Whalen. **LP:** Dedmon (2-4). **2B:** Sanchez (IR), Robinson (IR), Feliciano (B), Rodriguez (B). **3B:** Ragoli (B), Cupeiro (B). **HR:** Donahue (B), Johnson (B). **Records:** Broward 26-10, Indian River 16-17.

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Local sports

No. 1 Indian River clinches Southern tie

From staff reports

Danielle Siebert (25-2) pitched a four-hitter Saturday as the Indian River State College softball team beat Miami-Dade 4-1 in the first game of a doubleheader in Miami. The second game was rained out.

The Pioneers, ranked No. 2 nationally, clinched a tie for the Southern Conference title.

Kelley Smiley had two hits and two runs and Siebert had an RBI double for the Pioneers.

Monica Hatcher added a solo home run in the seventh inning for Indian River (44-7, 14-1 conference).

On Friday, the Pioneers swept Broward 3-0 and 10-1.

Indian River 4, Miami-Dade 1

Indian River	011	010	1--	4	6	1
Miami-Dade	000	001	0--	1	4	3

Siebert and Ankiel; Bennett and Morimoto. **WP:** Siebert (25-2). **LP:** Bennett. **2B:** Siebert (IR), Smiley (IR). **HR:** Hatcher (IR). **Records:** Indian River 44-7.

BASEBALL

BREVARD 4, INDIAN RIVER 3: The Titans scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday to win a Southern Conference game in Melbourne.

Andrew Durden went 4-for-4 with a three-run home run for Indian River (16-18, 4-12 conference).

T.J. Thornton pitched seven strong innings and struck out five for the Pioneers.

Brevard 4, Indian River 3

Indian River	000	030	000--	3	8	1
Brevard	000	003	10x--	4	5	0

Thornton, Wall (8) and Sickler; Jordan, Mears (8), Glessner (8), Ekey (9) and Lewis. **WP:** Jordan. **LP:** Thornton (3-3). **2B:** Robinson (IR), Riebsame (B). **HR:** Durden (IR). **Records:** Indian River 16-18.

Local sport

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Pioneers squander big lead

Once trailing 12-2, Lake-Sumter wins 14-13

From staff reports

FORT PIERCE — A 10-run lead wasn't enough for the Indian River State College baseball team Friday.

Lake-Sumter overcame a 12-2 deficit by scoring three runs in the seventh inning, seven in the eighth and two in the ninth for a 14-13 win.

Yogi Gunther went 3-for-6 with a run and an RBI and Roberto Sanchez went 2-for-4 with a home run and five RBIs for the Pioneers (16-20).

Andrew Durden went 2-for-5 with three runs and Kyle Robinson went 2-for-3 with a double, two runs and an RBI.

T.J. Thornton pitched six strong innings, giving up three hits and two unearned runs for Indian River.

Indian River plays at Palm Beach at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Lake-Sumter 14, Indian River 13

Lake-Sumter 000 002 372—14 12 2
Indian River 227 010 001—13 15 6
Blake, Decker (3), Wilson (3), Bonilla (5), Jagodzinski (5) and Schneider; Thornton, Betscha (7), Gunther (8), Dedmon (9) and Sickler, Durden (7). **WP:** Jagodzinski. **LP:** Dedmon (3-4). **2B:** Garcia (IR), Robinson (IR), Johnson (LS), Schneider (LS), Bellantoni (LS), Labrador (LS). **HR:** Sanchez (IR). **Records:** Lake-Sumter 20-19, Indian River 16-20.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

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Pioneers knock off Miami Dade

Staff report

FORT PIERCE — Herbie Sickler went 3-for-3 with two home runs and five RBIs and Andrew Durden went 3-for-5 with two runs as the Indian River State College baseball upset Miami Dade 12-11 in a Southern Conference game.

Rolando Garcia went 3-for-4 with a run and a RBI and Shawn Swaringen (4-1) picked up a win in relief by going three innings for the Pioneers (17-24, 5-16 conference).

Indian River plays host to Brevard at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Indian River 12, Miami-Dade 11

Miami-Dade 111 032 300—11 15 1
Indian River 302 210 04x—12 16 0
Laney, Watson (4), Oviedo (5), Sanchez (8) and Betancourt, Behar (7); Wall, Lower (6), Swaringen (7) and Sickler. **WP:** Swaringen (4-1). **LP:** Oviedo. **2B:** Durden (IR), Metz (IR), Robinson (IR), Barosso (MD), Morales (MD). **3B:** Pelaez (MD). **HR:** Sickler (IR) 2, Barosso (MD), Jones (MD). **Records:** Indian River 17-24, Miami Dade 37-8.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

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IRSC falls to 16-19

Broward beats the Pioneers 7-4

From staff reports

Patrick Donahue went 2-for-4 with a two-run home run and two runs Tuesday as Broward (27-10, 13-4 conference) beat Indian River State College 7-4 in a Southern Conference game in Fort Pierce.

Andrew Durden went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a stolen base and Kyle Robinson went 2-for-4 with a double, triple, two runs and one RBI for the Pioneers (16-19, 4-13 conference).

Indian River plays at Broward at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Broward 7, Indian River 4

Broward 222 000 100—7 13 2
Indian River 000 211 000—4 6 3
Seguen, Mata (6) and Pettibon; Martir, Deadmon (7) and Sickler, Flannery (9). **WP:** Seguen (4-1). **LP:** Martir (3-3). **SV:** Mata (7). **2B:** Gunther (IR), Robinson (IR), Reilly (B), Diaz (B), Regola (B). **3B:** Robinson (IR). **HR:** Donahue (B). **Records:** Broward 27-10, Indian River 16-19.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

SL News Tribune 4/16/09

IRSC falls to 16-23

From staff reports

FORT PIERCE — Palm Beach Community College's baseball team collected 12 hits and scored at least three runs in three different innings Wednesday to beat Indian River 12-1 in a Southern Conference game.

Kyle Metz went 2-for-4, including a solo home run in the ninth inning, for Indian River (16-23, 4-16 conference).

Palm Beach is 26-18, 11-11.

Indian River plays at Miami-Dade at 4 p.m. Friday.

Palm Beach 12, Indian River 1

Palm Beach 310 004 013—12 12 1
Indian River 000 000 001—1 3 4
Oelerich, N/A (8) and Roedel; Thornton, Swaringen (7) and Flannery, Griffin (8). **WP:** Oelerich. **LP:** Thornton (3-3). **2B:** Scheffler (PB), Leonard (PB), Walicki (PB), Thompson (PB), Robinson (IR). **3B:** None. **HR:** Scheffler (PB), Metz (IR). **Records:** Palm Beach 26-13, Indian River 16-23.

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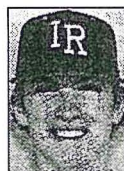
Bottom of the ninth for Pioneers' playoff hopes

Indian River needs two wins to reach conference tournament

BY BILL WHITEHEAD
Correspondent

FORT PIERCE — Two more wins over the next two days by the Indian River State College baseball team and an offensive hot streak by its best hitter may just turn the Pioneers' season around.

IRSC, beset by injuries after starting 14-9, has a chance Tuesday to get its season on the right track. A win Tuesday in its final home game (4 p.m.) and Wednesday at Brevard Community College — both games against the Titans — will earn the Pioneers a spot in the Southern Conference tournament next week.



Robinson

"We've had a disappointing season with the injuries we've had, but we're in position to win two games in a row and get in to our playoffs," said third-year IRSC coach Bob O'Brien.

Two wins over BCC would earn the Pioneers (17-23, 5-17 in conference) the No. 4 seed. The club would then travel south on Monday for a one-game playoff with Palm Beach Community College, the No. 3 seed.

A victory there would force a best two-of-three playoff with Broward College for the runner-up spot in the conference. Top-seed Miami Dade College automatically advances.

The team has suffered five season-ending injuries. No. 1 starter Jason Kitchen (labrum) was lost after just three innings pitched, while

top closer Sean Tighe (labrum) of South Fork was lost after just two innings tossed.

"We had three labrum injuries this year, and I had two in 23 years before this season. We've had seven healthy arms most of the season," said O'Brien, who also lost Joe Keebler to the same shoulder injury while swinging a bat.

Robinson has been nothing short of spectacular. The Boca Raton native has hit in 38 of the club's 40 games. He opened the season by hitting in 16 straight, and is currently on a 13-game streak, pushing his average to .440.

"To be honest, I didn't even know about it until two games ago when coach told me about it," said Robinson, who has 18 multi-hit games. "He said, 'I don't want you to change your approach, but you're close to setting the school record.'"

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

Pioneers right fielder Kyle Robinson is currently hitting .440, dropping 10 points after going 2-for-7 in the past two games. Here are the numbers he needs to put up over the next two games (possibly six) that will eclipse or tie the school batting average record of .450 set by Andre Lambros in 1984:

4-for-4=.451
5-for-6=.452
6-for-9=.450
7-for-10=.453

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SOFTBALL COLLEGE SIGNING

Appell picks IRSC

The Centennial
standout will play
second base or
shortstop for the
Pioneers

BY LAUREL PFAHLER
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St. Lucie West Centennial senior Rachael Appell will continue her softball career at Indian River State College.

Appell was looking at some other schools as well, but only the Pioneers extended a full-ride scholarship offer, so she seized the opportunity. Appell will play second base or shortstop and plans to study EMT training.

"I'm just excited to play," Appell said. "It's a good opportunity."

Appell also was influenced by the success the Pioneers have had on a national level, earning



Appell

five top-five finishes in the NJCAA National Championships during coach Dale Atkinson's 11-year tenure.

She already was familiar with the Pioneer program because she plays for the St. Lucie Panthers travel team, which Atkinson helps out with.

"When he first saw me playing, he told my coaches he liked my energy and enthusiasm," Appell said.

"It takes a lot of weight off my shoulders knowing where I'm going," Appell added.