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## OUR VIEW

# Biotech boost for the region

State college hopes to train work force  
for research with new science building

**B**iototechnology is expected to play a major role in the future of the Treasure Coast, with its cutting-edge research and manufacturing and the economic boost that it can provide.

Biotech already has made its mark at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and Florida Atlantic University, the Ocean Research and Conservation Association, the Smithsonian Marine Station and, most recently, the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies and Oregon-based Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute.

To spur that research and provide a trained work force to help attract additional biotech firms, Indian River State College recently announced plans to construct a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math building on its campus in St. Lucie West.

Casey Lunceford, the school's assistant dean of arts and sciences, said the three-story, \$18.5 million facility will provide hands-on training in zoology, botany, microbiology, genetics, chemistry, ecology and engineering.

IRSC has, especially in recent years, been at the forefront of innovative teaching for future work forces. It's been recognized nationally for its technology. Its Kight Center for Emerging Technologies on its Fort Pierce campus offers state-of-the-art programs in such disciplines as photonics and robotics and compares with science facilities at major universities.

Before announcing the new science building, IRSC began offering programs for would-be biotech researchers and technicians.

The new facility is particularly significant in that it will be located so close to the private biotech research firms in the Florida Center for Innovation at Tradition, a short trip down Interstate 95.

Construction of the 48,500-square-foot building is scheduled to begin in the fall and be completed in time for the 2011 spring semester.

As the biotech industry evolves on the Treasure Coast, the partnerships developed have been impressive. Harbor Branch is now part of FAU. When FAU built a research facility at Harbor Branch, Torrey Pines occupied space there until its building was completed. Now, VGTI is occupying space at Torrey Pines while its building is being constructed. IRSC's new facility is on the campus it shares with FAU in St. Lucie West.

And, the marine and biotech research agencies also have strong partnerships with the county school systems on the Treasure Coast.

Educators, researchers, government policy-makers and economic developer leaders should be commended for putting the Treasure Coast in a unique position as it becomes Florida's Research Coast.

A springboard has been built. Despite the recession, the future looks limitless for education and science on the Treasure Coast because of visions and commitments.



# A model one-stop public safety complex

Fla. college facility includes police, fire and emergency training

By GARRY BOULARD

Indian River State College (IRSC) in Florida may have appeared to be under siege as some three dozen law enforcement agents from around the country descended on the campus earlier this year to check for nuclear radiation.

But in an event that college officials hope will be the first in a series of security and defense seminars, the officers were in fact learning firsthand the intricacies of how to prevent a catastrophic nuclear or radiological attack.

And the timing could not have been better.

"The officers were preparing for the Super Bowl in Tampa and also for the presidential inauguration," says Stephen Huntsberger, the dean of public safety education at IRSC. "Our goal was to teach them as much as possible through the preventive radiation nuclear detections course that we offer here."

Until recently, the college in Fort Pierce, Fla., may have seemed like an

unlikely place for such multi-layered, high-tech training, but that was before IRSC committed to build the eight-structure, \$40 million Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex that is designed to provide training in all aspects of emergency management, criminal justice and fire science education.

"We feel that this is really a one-of-a-kind operation in that we are bringing together so many different training elements into one single program," says IRSC President Edwin Massey.

The college moved ahead with the plan for the facilities after its police and fire academies suffered extensive hurricane damage in 2004, Massey says.

"We obviously were going to rebuild from the ground up, but looking at the destruction from the hurricane and what had happened on 9/11, as well as the larger challenge of world terrorism, we thought if we build only a police and fire academy, it would be limited to today and would not meet the needs of the future in terms of some of these major events

that we had seen take place," he says.

After consulting with a variety of national and state law enforcement experts, U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials and international relief organizations, the college made a daring decision.

"Across the board, everyone told us to put everything together into one program so that our criminal justice enforcement, fire science, emergency management, human services, international and domestic emergency response and disaster relief would be uniquely under one umbrella," Huntsberger says.

The college's all-inclusive approach not only affected its course offerings, but it also determined the physical design of the safety training complex. Among the interior infrastructure innovations is a mock courtroom and jail cell, along with a fire station that "looks and feels like a real fire station, with the exception of where there would be sleeping and eating quarters we have classrooms and labs," Huntsberger says.

The complex also includes a crime laboratory and tactical building with moveable walls.

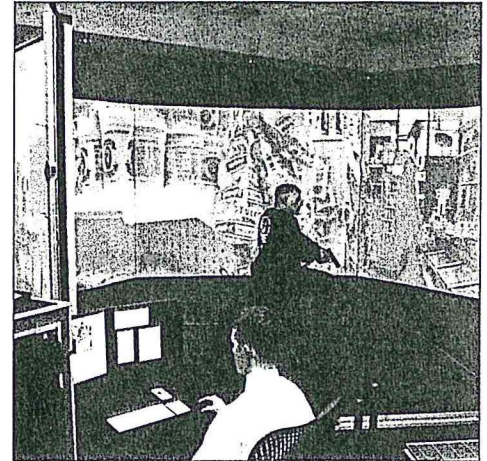
Exterior innovations include a mock village used for what is known as "scenario-based" training that might include a mass casualty, gas leak or natural disaster requiring students to respond in ambulances.

"We also have cameras that stream videos so that the incident managers can be there managing the event, making decisions and then seeing through playback the immediate effect of what their decisions were, what worked and what didn't work," Huntsberger says.

Working in conjunction with the Florida Office of Homeland Security, the public safety training program at IRSC may well represent the future of such training at two- and four-year higher education institutions across the country.

"More and more, we are going to be seeing these sorts of combined efforts that did not really exist before," says Steven Fenton, a consultant with the Center of Excellence Homeland Security at Pierce College (Washington). "There is a recognition today that a discipline that may not have been regarded as security-related before 9/11 is now very much related to security and defense."

That means that it is no longer a matter of just practicing for a fire drill, but also practicing what to do in the event



Using a simulator, a police officer tests his skills at the college's homeland security center.

of an earthquake or a weapons of mass destruction attack, Fenton adds.

"It doesn't matter what field the job is in—health care, emergency management, fire or law," Fenton says. "There are certain things that all of these jobs entail now that is required as part of a homeland security skills set."

Even community college public safety training programs established before 9/11 and the creation of the federal Homeland Security Department have adopted a more comprehensive educational approach.

At Onondaga Community College (OCC) in New York, the 30-year-old public safety training program emphasizes team work.

"We have law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services and industrial response teams all together in the same room, actually doing their training and taking courses and getting involved hands-on," says Amy Kremenck, the chief of public affairs at OCC. "In the real world, when an emergency occurs, everybody has to work together, so we emphasize that here."

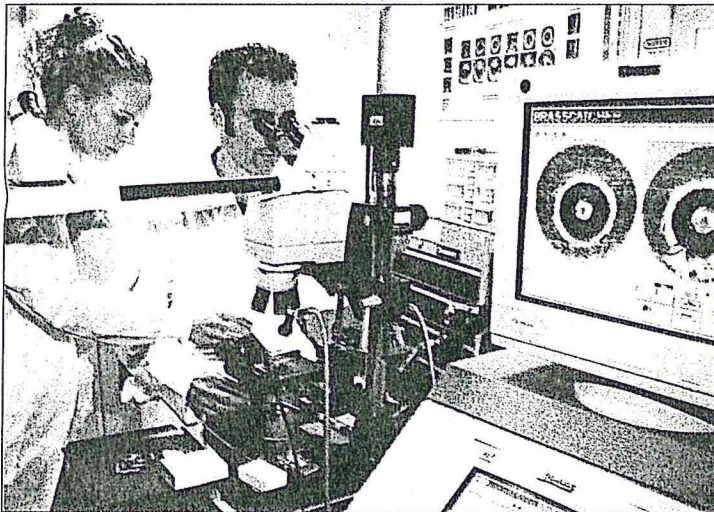
More recent homeland security programs at community colleges also include a growing variety of course offerings.

"There really is no one standard for what a homeland security degree should look like in our state," says John Heller, of the homeland security program at Laramie Community College (LCC) in Wyoming.

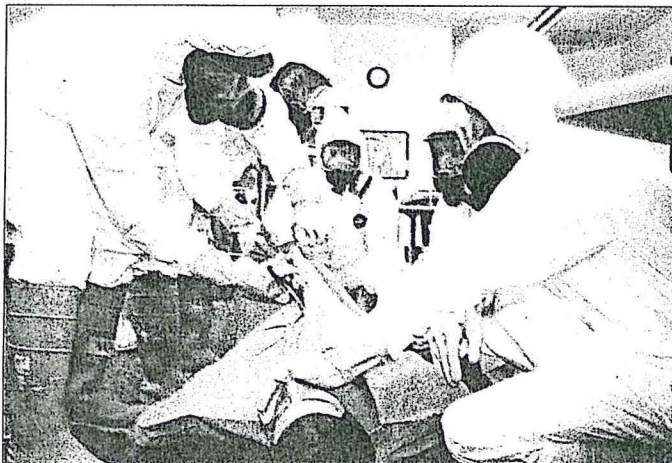
Launched jointly in 2005 by LCC and the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, the college's homeland security degree and certificate program offers more than 20 courses, including the theory and psychology of terrorism, history of terrorism, cyber terrorism and politics and terrorism.

"We have also cross-listed a fire science course and introduction to emergency responders course," says Heller. "There is a lot more material and wider range at the associate's level for this sort of thing than at most of the master's programs we have examined."

That's the way it should be, notes Huntsberger.



Jodi Pietrantuono receives forensics training on a comparison microscope with Mark Chapman, a fire arm and tool mark examiner, at the Indian River Crime Lab.



Indian River State College students in the humanitarian aid program practice a rescue mission during a simulated disaster scenario.





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## FAU, IRSC plan to offer more education options

Institutions want to take effort to turn area into Research Coast to the next level

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**PORT ST. LUCIE** — Treasure Coast residents will have more higher education options — including increased graduate degree and research programs and additional

bachelor's degree programs, officials with Florida Atlantic University and Indian River State College said Tuesday.

At a joint meeting of FAU's Board of Trustees and IRSC's Board of Trustees, officials with the two institutions out-



**Massey**  
IRSC president

lined plans on taking their partnership to the next level as the region works to develop from the Treasure Coast into the Research Coast.

IRSC would take a lead role in providing associate and baccalaureate programs to the region, while FAU would

focus on expanding its graduate and research programs locally.

"We want to partner with you and continue to partner with you as we always have," IRSC President Ed Massey said. "This is critical for this area and this region of the state of Florida to continue to grow into the Research Coast.

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## EDUCATION

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You have to have graduate programs to be the Research Coast.”

FAU officials said they wanted to increase the number of graduate courses and programs offered on the joint IRSC/FAU campus in St. Lucie West. Depending on student interest and demand, FAU would also expand MBA opportunities to the region.

In the fall 2008 semester, FAU had about 141 students taking graduate courses in business administration, education and nursing. About 542 students were enrolled in FAU's undergraduate courses on the Treasure Coast campus last fall.

“Education, nursing and business are the most likely places to start,” said FAU President Frank Bro-

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gan. “We'll get off to a great and fundamental beginning.”

Massey said IRSC would like to add more bachelor's degree programs in the future — when the economy will allow for it. There are currently 2,100 students enrolled in the college's nine bachelor's degree programs, which began in January 2008.

“We have about 30 programs on the books that we would initiate moving into the future in the baccalaureate level,” Massey said. “Those programs would range from life sciences, digital technology,

digital animation, civil engineering and programs of that nature according to needs assessment within the community.”

The college has 35,000 students enrolled in its 150 associate degree programs.

In these economic times, expanding the partnership between FAU and IRSC is even more prudent, officials said, adding that the two schools would work together to avoid duplicating courses and programs.

“We want to make sure we become an even more vibrant community for those students who live here, have grown here, have been educated here,” said Brogan, a former Martin County schools superintendent. “We want them to stay here and raise their own families here and work here and contribute back not just to the economy but to the quality of life that we enjoy here on the Treasure Coast.”



## IRSC offers nine bachelor's degrees one year after transition

This month, the first students with bachelor's degree were graduated from Indian River State College, a little more than a year since the college's new four-year programs were accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

According to the report at TCPalm.com, 43 students were awarded bachelor's degrees in nursing, public safety administration and organizational management, three degree programs that turned Indian River Community College into Indian River State College, IRSC, a year ago.



The college now offers nine accredited bachelor's degrees in high-demand fields.

They have Bachelor of Applied Science degrees in Public Safety Administration, Health Care Management and Organizational Management; a Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and Bachelor of Science degrees in Middle Grades Mathematics, Secondary Mathematics, Middle Grades Science, Secondary Biology and Exceptional Student Education with ESOL which lead to a teaching certificate.

"All of our degrees are in areas of critical workforce need for the State of Florida," said Ian Neuhard, administrative director of Baccalaureate Programs for IRSC.

"The education degrees we have are all listed on the Florida DOE's (Department of Education) Critical Teacher Shortage List for 2010. Nurses are also in very short supply in Florida and across the nation," he said. "Businesses of all kinds need well-trained managers and leaders for positions that are typically very well compensated."

**Very well compensated.** According to the IRSC Web site, nationwide, workers with bachelor's degrees earn an average of \$59,365 a year, compared to \$33,609 for a high school grad and \$41,447 for a worker

with an associate's degree.

And there are many more benefits, Neuhard said.

Higher-ed grads enjoy increased personal and professional mobility, decreased levels of prejudice, better health for individuals and offspring, better job security and more career opportunities.

"Needs assessments showed that area employers wanted and needed more baccalaureate-trained individuals for their organizations," he said.

And student surveys indicated a preference for staying close to home and being able to finish a four-year degree at the institution they know and are comfortable with, he added. And with more than 75 percent of IRSC bachelor's degree students between the ages of 25 and 59, work, family and community obligations prevent them from going away to school.

"Cost is also a factor for many people during these difficult economic times. The cost of tuition at IRSC is about 33 percent less than state university tuition," Neuhard noted. "That is a big savings for people who are also trying to support their families."

Neuhard also noted that 30 percent of students for the summer term come from racial and ethnic groups that are historically under-represented on college campuses.

"By offering these degrees on the Research Coast, IRSC increased access for students who cannot go away to college, who cannot afford private school tuition, and who do not have the ability to commute long distances," he said. "It is a win-win situation for employers and for the students."

"It was amazing to have our first commencement as IRSC, and our first ceremony with baccalaureate graduates," Neuhard recalled. "The whole crowd was cheering for each of our bachelor's degree recipients as they walked across the stage. Overall, it was a magical night for all of our graduates who are now entering a new and exciting phase of their lives as college degree recipients."

Applications for the bachelor's degree programs at IRSC are ongoing and there are still openings for Summer II term. Call (866) 866-4722 for information. And go to [www.IRSC.edu](http://www.IRSC.edu) and click on the Bachelor's Degrees graphic on the right.



# Special training for the real thing

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St. Lucie County firefighter Bill Garrigan looks out from under a rolled over tractor trailer to relay the condition of a mock victim during a special operations training exercise class on the grounds of the new Indian River State College's Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex in Fort Pierce on Thursday. Members of the Special Operations Team worked with a 75-ton crane truck and crew from Kauff's towing to learn how to work together to lift heavy equipment and help save accident victims. Every three weeks the Special Operations Team has about eight hours of training on various scenarios to stay prepared for emergencies.



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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Oxford Management Services to get grant, add jobs in FP

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FORT PIERCE — The City of Fort Pierce, the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Inc. and Indian River State College announce that Oxford Management Services (OMS) has received a Quick Response Training (QRT) grant commitment for \$257,000 from Workforce Florida, Inc. in Tallahassee for the addition and training of 303 new employees.

In October 2008, OMS, a national accounts receivables management firm, opened a 22,500-square-foot facility in Fort Pierce after the EDC and St. Lucie County were instrumental in assisting OMS with a job growth investment grant. Since opening in Fort Pierce six months ago, OMS has added call center, management, administrative, IT, and executive jobs by offering competitive wages, unlimited bonus potential, career growth, and extensive benefits.

Most recently, the EDC supported efforts by OMS to obtain QRT training grant dollars. Through the Small Business Development Center at IRSC, OMS worked closely with the college's experienced business analysts to write the successful grant application. IRSC will also serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

OMS plans to use the QRT training grant dollars to accelerate hiring and to enhance its current training program.

"The announcement that Oxford Management Services is hiring and looking to add a significant number of jobs couldn't come at a better time and will help offset the current unemployment," said Fort Pierce Mayor Bob Benton. "The City of Fort Pierce is committed to adding new jobs to our existing workforce."

"OMS' ability to expand existing relationships and to develop new partnerships continues to foster growth in difficult economic times," said Carlos Novelli, OMS chief operations officer. "OMS is committed to creating new jobs to support increased business development and this QRT grant will help us to exceed our employment forecasts."

"A variety of employment opportunities are necessary to build a sustainable economy in our county and region," said Thom Jones, chairman of the EDC, "and the announcement from OMS could not be more welcome."

Partners who endorsed the QRT grant in support of the OMS expansion include: the City of Fort Pierce, IRSC, the EDC, Workforce Florida, Inc., and Workforce Solutions.

For more information about career opportunities with OMS, email OMS at [Careers@oxfmgt.com](mailto:Careers@oxfmgt.com) or fax your resume to (772) 465-8421, attention: Human Resources.

The mission of the EDC is to encourage a competitive environment that nurtures clusters of industries employing state-of-the-art technologies, a skilled workforce, and that stimulates economic growth through expansion of the p

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Port Salerno Elementary School fourth-grader Ry'keria Wright, center, gets some instruction from Robyn Monte, the school's writing coach, while writing out scenes on a sheet of paper as part of the development of a realistic fiction story Thursday morning in Port Salerno. FCAT results for the writing portion of the test showed 95 percent of Port Salerno Elementary fourth-graders scored at grade level.

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**MARTIN COUNTY** — Martin County's eighth-graders had the highest percentage of students in the state who scored at or above grade level in writing on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test this year, while the county's 10th-graders tied with three other counties for first in the state.

"You'll see gains all across entire grade levels," Schools Superintendent Nancy Kline said of FCAT writing scores received from the state Thursday. "We are not just addressing students in the highest category. We are addressing students across the board."

District-wide, 89 percent of fourth-grade students scored at or above their grade levels. According to Florida Department of Education data, that ties Martin County's elementary school writers in eighth place

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- Which schools' scores went up? **A3**
- Martin, Indian River and Brevard County scores. **A3**
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statewide.

At Hobe Sound Elementary the number of fourth-grade students writing at or above grade level increased 18 percentage points since 2008, to 91 percent.

Hobe Sound Principal Joan Gibbons said she met with fourth-grade teachers Thursday.

"They told me they thought this group of students arrived at fourth grade better prepared to excel because the teachers (in lower grades) prepared them better," she said.

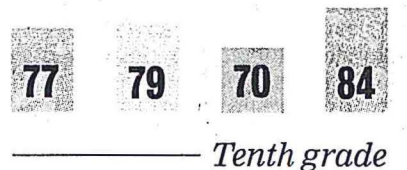
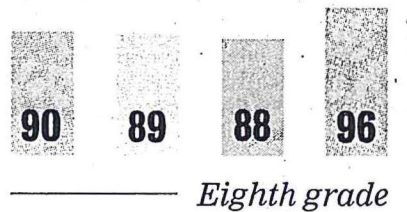
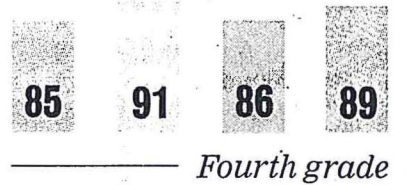
The average score of Martin County sophomores given the FCAT writing test showed 84 percent of them at four high schools scored at or better than

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**LOCAL VS. STATE**

Percent of students scoring at or above grade level on the FCAT writing exam:



**WHEN CAN YOU GET YOUR CHILD'S SCORES?**

While Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test writing scores were released Thursday, parents might not see how their children fared until next week. Schools and districts will send individual written notification of a child's test scores home. Last year, parents could look online for their child's scores. But the state discontinued the FCAT Parent Network last November to save money.



# FCAT writing scores up across the board

Martin County eighth- and 10-graders are first in the state

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## MARTIN COUNTY

### HIGH SCHOOLS (TENTH GRADE)

School	Students tested	Average essay score (1-6 points)	Percent at grade level	
			2008	2009
Clark Advanced Learning Center	52	4.0	91	92
Jensen Beach	370	4.1	92	88
Martin County	467	4.0	87	85
South Fork	485	4.1	78	82
Spectrum	17	3.3	55	59

**Average essay score:** Essays graded on a scale of 1 to 6 points with 3.5 or higher considered at grade level.

**Percent at grade level:** Students who earned a score of 3.5 points or higher on the essay portion of the test.

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10th grade level. Leading the high school averages was Clark Advanced Learning Center, where 92 percent of 10th-graders wrote at grade level or above.

The average score by Martin County 10th-graders tied for first in the state with St. Johns, Sumter and Wakulla counties.

"These are tremendous scores," Kline said.

Schools with standout improvement included Bessey Creek Elementary and Port Salerno Elementary. The average FCAT writing score among fourth-graders showed 95 percent at both schools reading at or above grade level.

In both instances, these were the highest scores posted by either school since the writing test began in 2002.

"We have some really good teachers who are dedicated to the process of teaching our students to write well," said Frank Raffone, Martin County schools assistant superintendent.

"There's a writing formula that most are using," Raffone said. "(It teaches) to respond to the prompt and how to use sentence structure to write more colorful sentences and to expand a single thought to more complex kinds of thinking."

Fourth-, eighth- and 10th-graders took the writ-

### WHOSE SCORE IS UP?

**18 percentage points: Hobe Sound Elementary** jumped from 73 percent scoring at or above grade level in 2008 to 91 percent this year.

**13 percentage points: Bessey Creek Elementary** jumped from 82 percent scoring at or above grade level in 2008 to 95 percent this year.

**12 percentage points: Dr. David L. Anderson Middle School** jumped from 83 percent scoring at or above grade level in 2008 to 95 percent this year.

### WHOSE SCORE IS DOWN?

**7 percentage points: SeaWind Elementary School** declined from 91 percent scoring at or above grade level in 2008 to 84 percent this year.

**4 percentage points: Jensen Beach High School** declined from 92 percent scoring at or above grade level in 2008 to 88 percent this year.

**2 percentage points: Martin County High School** declined from 87 percent scoring at or above grade level in 2008 to 85 percent this year.

ing portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test in February. Students were asked to tell a story, explain or persuade.

The test was slightly different from last year in that students did not have to take a multiple-choice test. Students could score up to a 6.0, with a 3.5 being considered scoring at

grade level.

Writing scores are used by the state when computing a school's grade, but they do not affect a student's diploma or end-of-year promotion. High school students have to pass FCAT reading and math to get a diploma, while third-graders have to pass reading or risk repeating the grade.



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# FCAT scores arrive to smiles at local schools

## Martin County students outperform state averages at all levels

BY KELLY TYKO  
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**STUART** — Martin County students continued their trend of earning some of the state's best scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, according to results released Thursday.

The state Department of Education released results for grades four through 10 on the reading

and math portions of the FCAT, along with results from the science section, which students in grades five, eight and 11 took.

At each grade level and in each subject, Martin County students scored significantly higher than the state averages.

"We are continuing to outperform the state average, and we are very pleased about that," said

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### AMONG THE BEST GAINS

- Citrus Grove Elementary, the county's newest school, had the highest percentage of fourth-graders scoring at or above grade level on both the reading and math sections of the FCAT among the district's elementary schools. Ninety-five percent of the Palm City school's students scored at or above proficiency.
- Jensen Beach High had the largest increase in students scoring at or above grade level and the highest percentage of students scoring at or above proficiency in reading, math and science among the district's three traditional high schools. At the Clark Advanced Learning Center, a charter high school at Indian River State College, 96 percent of 10th-graders scored at or above grade level in math.

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MARTIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS	Percent at/or above grade level	
	2008	2009
(Grade 11)		
✓ Clark Advanced Learning Center	58%	56%
Jensen Beach High	51	59
Martin County High	47	48
South Fork High	53	50

## Science results

On Thursday, the state Department of Education released the results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. Here are the results from the science portion, which was taken by students in grades 5, 8 and 11.

Percent at or above grade level: There are five achievement levels on the FCAT, 1 through 5. To be considered on grade level, students must achieve Level 3 or higher. Levels 4 and 5 are considered above grade level.



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Delores Oliver Calloway, Martin County School District's executive director of instructional services. "From our preliminary projections, we think it's a very good indicator that our school grades will look very good."

While only 37 percent of the state's 10th-graders scored at or above grade level on the reading portion of the FCAT, Martin's sophomores ranked third in the state with 50 percent of sophomores scoring at or above grade level. In 2008, 55 percent of Martin's 10th-graders scored at or above grade level.

Students must pass both the reading and math portions of the state-mandated exam to graduate with a standard high school diploma. A passing score can be below grade level. A Level 1 score is considered failing. Levels 3, 4 and 5 are considered at or above grade level, also referred to as proficiency.

In math, 83 percent of sophomores in the district scored at or above grade level a three percentage point increase from last year's sophomores and 14 percentage points above the percent of students scoring at or above grade level statewide.

Test results show that Martin County sophomores ranked second in the state for having the second highest percent of students scoring at or above grade level. The district's ninth-graders also ranked second in the state with 80 percent of students scoring at or above grade level in math.

Jensen Beach High has the largest increase in students scoring at or above grade level and the highest percentage of students scoring at or above grade level in reading, math and science among the district's three tradi-

## FCAT results are here

Here are the results released Thursday from the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test for students in grades 4-10 in reading and math, along with science scores for grades 5, 8 and 11.

Average scores: Scores range from 100 to 500 points on the reading, math and science portions of the FCAT.

The averages are the average score of all students in each grade level per school. Percent at or above grade level: There are five achievement levels on the FCAT, 1 through 5. To be considered on grade level, students must achieve Level 3 or higher. Levels 4 and 5 are considered above grade level.

		READING RESULTS				MATH RESULTS			
		Average score (100 - 500)		Percent at/ or above grade level		Average score (100 - 500)		Percent at/ or above grade level	
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
<b>MARTIN COUNTY</b>									
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>									
✓ Clark Advanced Learning Center	Grade 10	352	338	67%	64%	354	348	100%	96%
Jensen Beach	Grade 9	338	339	66	69	332	335	83	85
	Grade 10	341	339	63	64	343	348	85	91
Martin County	Grade 9	328	329	60	57	324	327	79	79
	Grade 10	331	321	58	48	336	339	80	81
South Fork	Grade 9	328	324	59	53	325	323	81	78
	Grade 10	322	320	49	44	339	340	80	82

**TCPALM.COM:** Complete FCAT results for all Treasure Coast counties.

tional high schools. However, at the Clark Advanced Learning Center, a charter high school at Indian River State College, 96 percent of 10th-graders scored at or above grade level in math compared to 85 percent of Jensen sophomores.

Sixth-graders at Dr. David L. Anderson Middle improved over the scores last year's sixth-graders posted in both reading and math.

The percent of sixth-graders scoring at or above grade level increased by 18 percentage points in math and by 9 percentage points in reading.

"I was expecting 100

percent because our teachers have worked 100 percent and our students have given us the best they could give us," Principal Larthenia Howard said.

And at Citrus Grove Elementary, which opened in August 2009, fourth-graders had the highest percent of students scoring at or above grade level in both reading and math. Ninety-five percent of students scored at or above proficiency in both subjects.

"We are ecstatic that our students performed well," Principal Tyson Villwock said. "Even with great success we are busy (analyzing) the data to learn more about our students' performance, and already shifting our focus to instruction for next school year."



# CALC graduates gain high school, college credits

With a head start on college, expertise in the latest technology and real-world experience gained in business internships, 95 high school seniors graduated from the Clark Advanced Learning Center (CALC) on Saturday. The graduation ceremony represents the fifth graduating class for the national model high school for sophomores, juniors and seniors in Martin County. Attorney and former state Representative Tom Warner, along with Supervisor of Elections Vicki Davis, who was chair of the Martin County School Board when the CALC opened in 2003, attended the ceremony and

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were recognized for their enthusiastic support of the school.

A public charter high school on the Chastain Campus of Indian River State College in Stuart, the Clark Advanced Learning Center affords students with the opportunity to earn high school and college credits — tuition free — through dual enrollment. Students graduate with their high school diploma and a year or more of college completed. Fifteen of the graduating seniors graduated from the CALC with an associate degree awarded by IRSC, enabling

them to continue their studies as juniors at the university level.

The AA degree graduates are Thomas Baral, Matthew Barrett, Dana Diffie, Maria G. Fernandez, Amanda Geiler, Sade Gordon, Steven Haering, Katherine Higgins, Nicholas Lang, Kristi Magazino, Samantha Robinson, Jordan Schwartz, Zachary Selfe, Katie Sprauer and Kelsey Stastny.

Samantha Simpson was valedictorian. The Palm City resident completed her senior year internship at J.D. Parker Elementary School. Simpson earned 57 college credits while attending the CALC and is a Florida Academic Scholar. She

completed 365 hours of community service and has been accepted into the honors program at the University of Central Florida in preparation for a law career.

Salutatorian Sade Gordon of Jensen Beach earned her associate degree while still in high school. Gordon will transfer directly into the University of Florida School of Journalism. She received the Palm Beach Post Minorities in Journalism Scholarship. The Florida Academic Scholar completed her CALC senior year internship at Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers, gaining real-world journalism experience.

The top 10 graduating seniors — 11 due to a tie — are Matthew Barrett, Dana Diffie, Donovan Ellingson, Sade Gordon, Casey Mallin, Christopher Mennuto, Timothy Preman, Lindsay Richards, Samantha Simpson, Kelsey Stastny and Jade Vreeland.

More than \$100,000 in scholarships have been awarded to CALC graduates.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009/2010 school year. For more information visit [www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org](http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org) or call (772) 419-5750.

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CLARK ADVANCE LEARNING CENTER GRADUATION DAY

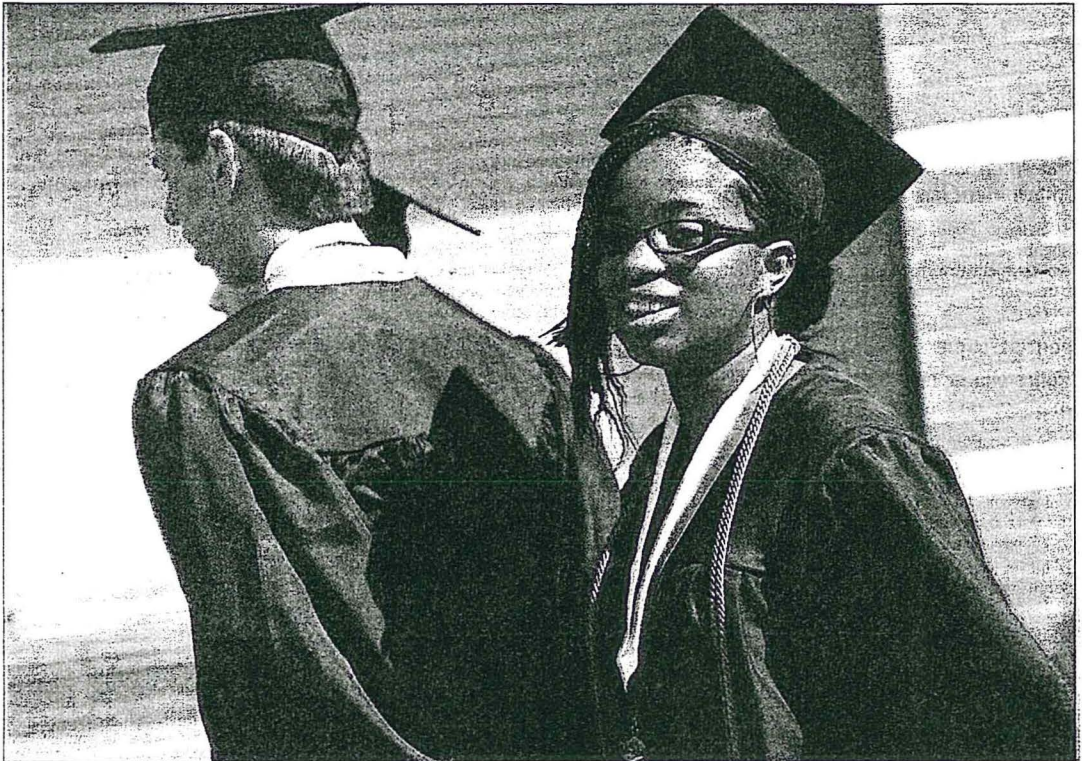
# Clark seniors graduate

Saturday marked a new day for more than 100 Martin County youngsters as they made their way out into the world following their high-school graduations.

At Clark Advance Learning Center, 95 seniors made up the fifth class to graduate from the school. Their graduation ceremony took place at Jensen Beach High School.

At the Pine School, 26 of the school's 27 seniors paraded past their parents as part of the school's first high-school graduating class. The school's graduation ceremony took place on the school's Hobe Sound campus.

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Chantelle Lewis, one of Clark Advance Learning Center's 2009 graduating seniors, looks at the crowd waiting outside of Jensen Beach High School's gymnasium just before the start of her graduation ceremony.



Clark Advance Learning Center's 2009 graduating seniors walk around to the front of Jensen Beach High School's gymnasium just before the start of a graduation ceremony in Jensen Beach on Saturday.

Photos and story by correspondent Guy Kitchens



Lorraine and Greg Cherisol cheer for Fabiola Cherisol, as she graduates Saturday from Clark Advance Learning Center.





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## Palm City woman elected for Congressional Fellows program

By Staff report

Thursday, May 21, 2009

PALM CITY — Melanie "Storm" Ford — the first student government president who pursued a bachelor's degree at Indian River State College — has been selected for the Congressional Fellows program.

She will be one of 15 students nationwide to go to Washington, D.C., on May 25 for a 10-week program. She will work with Sen. Bill Nelson in his congressional office, do community service and participate in leadership development activities.

A Palm City resident, Ford, 31, earned a bachelor of applied science degree in organizational management. She plans to work in some aspect of public service and is going to Florida State University for graduate studies in social policy administration.



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## IRSC Student to Intern in Washington D.C.

Contributed by: Robert Lane on 5/21/2009

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A Palm City resident, Ford, 31, earned a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Organizational Management and felt that the program related to real life. "The opportunity to hold a leadership role in the Campus Coalition Government was truly life changing," according to Ford. She plans to work in some aspect of public service and is going to Florida State University for graduate studies in social policy administration.

The Internship program consists of three parts, a congressional internship where the Fellows spend three days a week interning in a Congressional office to learn more about government service and life on Capitol Hill; community service doing various service projects within the community to gain a deeper understanding of our culture; and seminars about leadership from members of Congress, ambassadors, and business and community leaders.

In 1990, Congressional leaders started the first annual National Student Leadership Forum to encourage, challenge and inspire this select group of young leaders. Then Vice-President Dan Quayle, U.S. Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM), U.S. Representative Jim Slattery (D-KS) and then Missouri Governor John Ashcroft convened a group of university student leaders who were politically, culturally and religiously diverse. Student Leadership is an actively growing vision that includes state and regional forums, a nine-month, post-graduate internship opportunity, the Congressional Fellows internship program for college students, and a housing opportunity for college students interning during the summer in Washington, D.C.



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# Eight IRSC students among best in state

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

An outstanding group of eight Indian River State College students were honored in Tallahassee as members of the All-Florida Academic Team representing the best college students in the state.

The students were recently recognized by Florida state leaders, representatives of the Florida College System and the Phi Theta Kappa Florida Region for their academic accomplishments and leadership.

The IRSC students were Robin Barnes of Jensen Beach; Cynthia Blackburn of Vero Beach; Lisa Davis of Vero Beach; Michael Filippelli of Port St. Lucie; Kathleen Hall of Palm City; Christopher Neal of Okeechobee; Emily Kandagawa of Port St. Lucie; and Georgina Tougher of Stuart.

The All-Florida Academic Team recognizes highly accomplished students who excel in academics, leadership, and community service. Students must show achievement in a variety of endeavors, a strong community service record, have a 3.25 or higher GPA and represent a



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two-year college. IRSC team members plan to seek advanced degrees in a wide variety of fields including medicine, education,

engineering and law.

The 2009 Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team is sponsored by USA Today and the Phi

Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



## Student interns with ORCA

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

During a four-month internship with the Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA), the Port St. Lucie resident installed electronics in the Kilroy sensors and on April 15 launched a unit with ORCA scientists into the water near the Dockside Inn on Seaway Drive in Fort Pierce. A student in the IRSC Robotics and Photonics Institute, Can-

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non learned robotic automation and use of laser and optic technology, with both these applications found in the ORCA Kilroy.

Five students from the college's Digital Media Institute videotaped the launch using underwater camera technology, including Jacob Duerr, Ryan McDermid, Bryan Snyder, Brian Schultz, and Mike Walters. The video they create utilizing the latest editing technology will promote public interest in the ORCA Kilroy project.

Cannon will graduate from IRSC on Friday with an associate in science degree in electronics engineering technology.

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.

The Robotics & Photonics Institute and Digital Media Institute at IRSC each enroll 24 students every fall semester for intensive programs focusing on the latest technologies. The Institutes are held at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the Main Campus, one of the most technologically sophisticated educational facilities in the Southeast.

For more information, contact the IRSC Information Call Center at (866) 792-4772.

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# Students earn honors at conference

BY JEAN PATTON/  
INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE  
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### 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.
- 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.
- Team members Sara Schuman, Brevard County; Jennifer Cordero, St. Lucie County; Amanda Vlkogan, Okeechobee County; and Whitney Holmes, Okeechobee County, for creative problem solving.

### THIRD-PLACE WINNERS:

- Amy Mesley, Indian River County, for sports medicine.
  - 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.
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## Okeechobee IRSC students excel in state health careers competition

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**IRSC STUDENTS WIN 5-31-09  
CONFERENCE HONORS**

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Indian River State College  
students took home several top honors at the 2009 Delta Epsilon Chi (DECA) International Career Development Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California.

Hundreds of college and university students from across the nation competed against each other in

various business events.

IRSC student, **Helena White** of Port St. Lucie, placed third in her individual event for Human Resource Management and nine other IRSC students placed "Top Ten in the Nation."

IRSC students placing "Top 10 in the Nation" were:

**Amber Foote** of Port St. Lucie for Financial Services;

**Franklin Hudson** and **Carlos Martinez** of Port St. Lucie for Entrepreneurship;

**Ashley King** of Fort Pierce and **Donna Lane** of Hobe Sound, **Sasha Ramirez-Acosta** of Port St. Lucie and **Holly Zarnowiec** of Palm City for Business Ethics;

**Lisa Soesbe** of Port St. Lucie for Retail Merchandising;

**Don Wilks** of Port St. Lucie for Hospitality Marketing/Management.

Other participating

IRSC students were: **Elizabeth Fries** of Palm City, **Kat Jastrjemskaia** of Port St. Lucie, **Krista Marr** of Vero Beach and **Lam Nguyen** of Vero Beach.

Delta Epsilon Chi is a national student business organization for college students preparing for a variety of careers.

Delta Epsilon Chi program maintains a strong focus on business-related areas such as marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

IRSC offers four-year bachelor's degrees in organizational management, education, public safety administration, nursing,

and health care management, as well as two-year associate's degrees and technical certificate programs.

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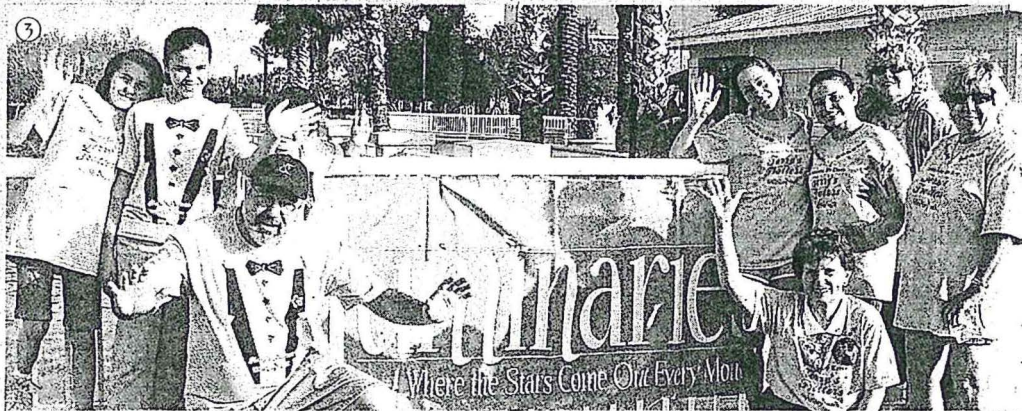
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## St. Lucie County



- ① Ellen Brown and Carl Sperger, Port St. Lucie Postmaster, present the new U.S. Postal Service's commemorative stamp available for a limited time during Memory Walk 2009.
- ② Nicole Bucci, Anibal Mull, Jovona Parker and Storm Ford are four of the students from IRSC's Capstone Project that assisted with creating a business plan for the upcoming volunteer center in St. Lucie County.
- ③ (Left) Anthony Westbury, News Tribune editor, kneels in front of his grandchildren, Kathryn, Andrea and Bradley. (Right) Diane Black kneels in front of Dana Gore, Lindsay Moriss, Anita Prentice and Lauretta Findley as they all participate in Memory Walk 2009 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.
- ④ Judy Keck has some fun at the "Bloomin' Art & Plant Sale" to benefit Heathcote Botanical Gardens.
- ⑤ Shari Buck, Jim Gaines, Amy Dahan, Cris Adams, Chris Donohue and Merrilee Minardi take time out during Heathcote's annual "Bloomin' Art & Plant Sale" to discuss how to make it even bigger and better for next year.





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# Jennifer Burklo inducted into group's Who's Who

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

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 and decision making and for accounting for professionals; Brian Lenhart of Fort Pierce for sports management and marketing; and Justin Crooks of Port St. Lucie for human resource management.

IRSC's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter was also recognized for March of Dimes national project.

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 and marketing.

Fifth-place honors were awarded to 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 was also recognized for its participation in the March of Dimes national project and the American Heart Association state project. In addition, Burklo was inducted into the Florida Phi Beta Lambda Who's Who for her role as a state officer.

First, second- and third-place winners are qualified to compete at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., in June.

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# CALC students pledge to make a difference

BY KHERRI ANDERSON  
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Clark Advanced Learning Center had its first "Pledge to Vote" school assembly for the annual high school voter registration competition that takes place every April.

The voter registration completion, which encourages students to register to vote and "pledge" to become informed voters, takes place among Martin County, South Fork and Jensen Beach high school, and Clark Advanced Learning Center.

The assembly took place on April 22 at Indian River State College's Wolf Technology Auditorium.

Laurel Kelly, Martin County property appraiser, was the guest speaker and talked to students about the importance of exercising their right to vote.

All students who registered and "pledged to vote" received a new voter pledge signed by the supervisor of elections, pocket-sized constitution, pledge to vote T-shirt, vote lollipop and pencil.

Last year, Clark Advanced Learning Center came in second place during the "Pledge to Vote" competition.

As a result of the voter registration competition, five students



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Susan Roark, left, Clark Advanced Learning Center vice principal, stands with SGA students and Vicki Davis, Martin County's Supervisor of Elections.

who registered to vote, worked as election technicians during the 2008 elections for the Martin County Supervisor of Elections office.

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# Local students talk about economy at Rotary Club

Teens participating were from Clark Advanced Learning Center and Martin County and South Fork high schools

BY BOB WRITER  
Posted on YourHub.com

A group of local high school pupils talked about the economy recently at a youth forum organized by the Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Club.

The forum, part of the Rotary Club's youth services program, is an annual event that provides an opportunity for local high school pupils to speak in front of local business leaders and community officials about current issues in

Martin County.

This year's topic was "The economy and it's impact on the youth of Martin County."

Lexie-Ann Holgate and Devin Ruple from Clark Advanced Learning Center; Jamie Parton and Alison Robert from Martin County High School; and Elizabeth Holland and Carley Moss from South Fork High School were the speakers.

"The students demonstrated that they clearly understood the cause and effect the economy is

having on our community families and students alike," said Rotary Club President-Elect Rocco Fiore.

The presentations will be judged by local officials and business leaders and the winning school will be presented with a check for \$500, Fiore said.

The next presentations will be on May 11 at 4 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Stuart.

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# SCHOOLS

## NOTES

### MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER

Blood drive is Tuesday.

Early release is at 12:30 p.m. May 20.

Chris Mennuto won as Outstanding Student Media Artist at the 2009 mARTies Awards.

**Winners at the Indian River State College** ninth annual Student Graphics Exhibition: graphic design, first place, Erin Schaferle, second, Katyln Hibline, third, Constance Robin, and honorable mention, Max Gangloff; animation, first place, Gangloff and Nathan Johnson, second, Chris Mennuto, third, Jorge Ramos.

**Earth Day winners:** first place, Fame Summavirya and Lexie Holgate; second, Mike Roode, Zack Vigrass, Ashley Rigsby and Robert Houghtaling; third, Alex Mullen, Sean Ashley, Ben Price and David Delude.

### STUART NEWS 5-10-09 mARTies AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Arts Council serving Stuart and Martin County is pleased to announce the mARTies awards winners. The awards were announced at the mARTies Awards luncheon celebration at Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort on April 23. Attendees included artists, business supporters, arts-related organizations, volunteers, young artists and performers, parents, teachers, and other arts lovers.

"The Arts Council is proud to present the mARTies Awards, so we can celebrate the arts and what they mean to each of us," said Arts Council chairwoman Jeanette Mueller. "The mARTies celebration is just a mere moment in time, compared to the lifetime many of those we are honoring have invested in the arts; however, is a very special and meaningful time of appreciation and celebration!"

The nominees in the seven categories were judged in three areas: artistic excellence, civic responsibility and leadership in improving the quality of life in our community. Those receiving the mARTies awards were:

Outstanding Media Artist: Jeff Younglove

Outstanding Visual Artist: Tom Winter

Outstanding Performing Artist: Constantinos Jafaris

Outstanding Student Media Artist: Christopher Mennuto

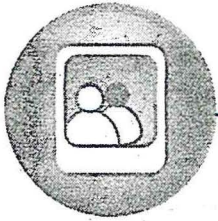
Outstanding Student Visual Artist: Ashley Baldwin

Outstanding Student Performing Artist: Ryan Weiss

Outstanding Volunteer for the Arts: Graham Monk

In addition to the awards announced at the mARTies luncheon, others were recognized for their support of the arts including: Marie Jureit, Craig Price, Vianne Chason, Joe Flanagan, The Stuart News and the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. These previously announced award winners were selected by the Board of the Arts Council. The Arts Council thanks the sponsors, the dedicated co-chairs and volunteers, donors for the silent auction, and many people who volunteered their expertise along the way to make this event happen.

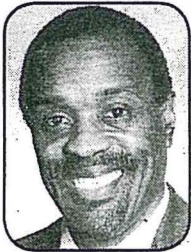




# NEWSMAKERS

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## NEW CEOS



Jonathan Gueverra



Audre Levy



Susan Karr

**Jonathan Gueverra** was named chief executive officer of the Community College of the University of the District of Columbia. Currently, he is provost of Northern Virginia Community College's Alexandria Campus. As CEO, Gueverra will lead the two-year college through its first academic year. He comes to the college with significant administrative experience at the community college and university levels, and has served at the State University of New York, Lesley University and Massachusetts Bay Community College.

At Lone Star College (Texas), **Audre Levy** will serve as the next president of the system's CyFair Campus and **Susan Karr** will serve as president of its Tomball Campus. Levy has served as president of Glendale Community College (California) for the past three years and was previously president of Los Angeles Southwest Community College (California) and provost of Edison Community College (Florida). Karr has served as vice president of instruction at Ouachita Technical College (Arkansas) for 18 years. Previously, she was dean of instruction at Indiana Technical College.

## KUDOS



Jerry Bryan



Erma Johnson Hadley



Mary Locke



Rod Risley

**Jerry Bryan**, vice president of information services and chief information officer for Pellissippi State Technical Community College, has received the Tennessee Higher Education Information Technology Symposium's Distinguished Service Award. He has worked on many statewide projects for the Tennessee Board of Regents, the University of Tennessee system and Tennessee's private colleges.

**Erma Johnson Hadley**, vice chancellor for administrative and community services at Tarrant County College in Texas, received the 2009 Dis-

tinguished Leadership Award from the Community Leadership Association. She has taken many leadership roles in her community, serving on a number of different boards and community organizations.

**Mary Locke**, vice president/provost of instructional services at Indian River State College in Florida, was recently recognized with the national 2009 Administrator Award of Distinction from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. The award recognizes college administrators throughout the nation for outstanding effectiveness in encouraging student scholarship, achievement, lead-

ership and community service through participation in Phi Theta Kappa.

**Rod Risley**, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, received the organization's 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award. The international honor society for two-year colleges has experienced significant growth under his leadership. Risley has also helped to establish the All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges, a program that recognizes community college students nationally for academic and leadership accomplishments.



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## GOOD FOR YOU

### LOCKE RECEIVES ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Mary G. Locke, vice president/provost of instructional services at Indian River State College, was recently recognized with the national 2009 Administrator Award of Distinction from the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society.



Locke

The award was presented to Locke at the Phi Theta Kappa National Conference for consistently demonstrating exceptional support of IRSC students and their active involvement in the Nu Iota Chapter of the PTK honor society at IRSC.

The Award recognizes college administrators throughout the nation for outstanding effectiveness in encouraging student scholarship, achievement, leadership and community service through participation in Phi Theta Kappa.

A 27-year employee of the college, Locke has previously served as executive director of the IRSC Foundation, dean of institutional advancement, and executive assistant to the president.

Promoted to vice president of instructional services in 2000, she serves as provost of the IRSC Main Campus and oversees the college's four branch campuses, baccalaureate programs, educational and student support services, enrollment management, marketing and public relations functions.

An alumna of IRSC, the Fort Pierce resident earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree in public administration, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Florida Atlantic University.

Friday, May 15, 2009

Hometown News

# Award given to college administrator

For Hometown News  
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY —

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# Books help fund scholarships

Imagine reading a good book and at the same time having the satisfaction of helping deserving college students. The Indian River State Foundation Pioneer River Press has published seven publications by local authors with proceeds going toward student scholarships at IRSC.

The latest release, "Treasured Waters — The Indian River Lagoon" by Richard A. Kelly and Camille S. Yates, documents the diverse habitats of the Indian River Lagoon with a collection of more than 75 stunning paintings by Richard Kelly, who studied under artist A.E. "Bean" Backus from 1985 to 1990. Yates is an experienced wildlife biologist who has studied the lagoon for more than two decades.

Two IRSC Foundation Pioneer River Press publications have recently been

recognized with state and national awards.

"Two Lives, One Love" by Jay Dickinson sparkles in the romantic tradition of Robert James Waller and Nicholas Sparks. Certain to delight all mature readers, this novel poignantly explores the intricacies that couples grapple with — even in long-standing relationships. The book was the winner of the Best Adult Fiction Award at the 2008 Florida Publishers Association President's Book Awards.

"Excursions in Geography" by Dr. James N. Lett is a full year of daily lessons in geographic literacy as heard on National Public Radio affiliate WQCS-FM, Classic 88.9. The book is a silver medal winner of the 2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards for Outstanding Book of the Year "Most Original Concept" and the

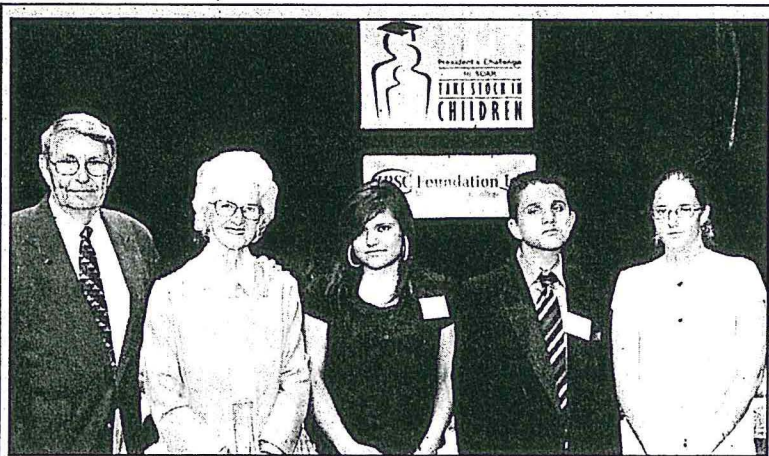
winner of Best Young Adult Nonfiction at the 2008 Florida Publishers Association President's Book Awards. Lett is a member of the Honors Faculty and Professor of Anthropology and Geography at IRSC.

Other titles available include: "Words to Teach By," "Fundamentals of Nursing, A Multimedia Lecture Series CD," "Beautiful and Rare Birds of Florida," and "Throw me the Bottom Line — I'm Drowning in E-mail!"

The authors of these books are pleased to contribute proceeds from the sales of their books directly to the IRSC Foundation to support students. For more information or to purchase Pioneer River Press publications, visit [www.pioneerriver.com](http://www.pioneerriver.com) or call (772) 462-4786 for more information.

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Frank "Sonny" W. Williamson, Jr. and Betty Williamson (left) stand with Williamson Cattle Company Scholars, (left to right) Erika Cervantes, Omar Alvarado and Brianne Furphy at the 2009 Take Stock in Children Awards Ceremony held at the Indian River State College main campus in Fort Pierce, May 18. Alvarado and Furphy are 2009 President's Challenge/Take Stock in Children Scholarship recipients. Fifteen Okeechobee County students were awarded President's Challenge/Take Stock in Children Scholarships this year. The Williamson Cattle Company, along with the Okeechobee Educational Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Clemons and many other generous contributors support Take Stock in Children scholarships each year.



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IRSC Foundation Executive Director Ann Decker stands with IRSC President Dr. Edwin R. Massey as he presents IRSC Graduate and Take Stock in Children scholarship recipient Uriel Garcia with a brick to be included on alumni row on the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. Garcia also spoke at the May 18, award ceremony.



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Superintendent, Okeechobee County School District Dr. Patricia Cooper, (far left) and Assistant Superintendent of Okeechobee County School District Mary Hurley (far right) stand with the 2009 Okeechobee Educational Foundation Scholars Klesha Checkley (left) and graduate Miriam Hernandez (right). Fifteen Okeechobee County students that were awarded President's Challenge/Take Stock in Children Scholarships this year.



# Project Graduation reaches out

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BY ALEX TIEGEN  
Correspondent

**MARTIN COUNTY** — Early next month, about 900 new high-school graduates will gather for the annual alcohol- and drug-free celebrations created to prevent them from driving drunk graduation night.

But this year, it's been difficult to raise the money needed to keep students climbing rock walls and having fun at the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Faced with fewer donations, the organizers have reduced gifts for graduates and scabbled to procure donations of food. Project Graduation Foundation of Martin County, which organizes Project Graduation nights for three high schools, needs money to pay for entertainment and incidentals and is seeking

grants and contributions for the community, members of the organization said.

The costs of the three events rose this year, said Stella Boland, foundation president. Donations, however, did not, she said. "All of them have gone up about 10 percent," Boland said. "But we feel that offering the event should be fun. So we're cutting back on the gifts."

The foundation is cutting gifts, such as GPS devices and other items useful for college students, to 75 from 100 per school, Boland said. The foundation is still waiting to hear about local grants, the largest of which is more than \$20,000.

The foundation usually provides grand prizes of \$5,000 to a student at each school, said Kathleen Stacey, foundation

treasurer. This year, that amount has been reduced to \$2,600 per school. Indian River State College, however, is continuing to offer \$1,000 scholarships at each school.

The foundation also had trouble finding restaurants that could contribute to this year's events, even though it's been able to arrange for dinners for all three schools.

However, it still needs cold dishes, beverages and other items to complement the meals for all three schools. Atlanta Bread Company is providing continental breakfasts for all three schools.

Despite the setbacks, Boland is confident the foundation will receive adequate donations.

"With this community's help, we'll find a way to raise the money or get the gifts," she said.

## PROJECT GRADUATION

**What is needed:** Money, cold dishes, food, beverages, water, gift donations, etc.

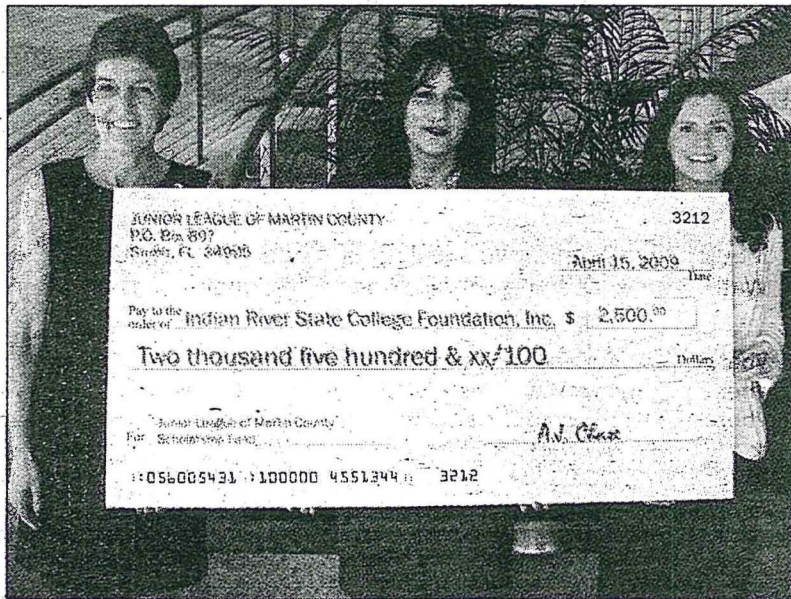
**How to give:** Contact Kathy Stacey, (772) 285-5422

**Checks:** May be made out to the Project Graduation Foundation and brought to Stacey at Atlanta Bread Company on U.S. 1 in Stuart. Donations also can be sent to Project Graduation Foundation, P.O. Box 2473, Stuart, FL 34995.

### Project Graduation dates:

- June 3 — South Fork High School
- June 4 — Jensen Beach High School
- June 5 — Martin County High School





MELISSA DEPRIEST • Posted on YourHub.com

A.J. Chase, center, Junior League of Martin County president, presents a check in the amount of \$2,500 to the Indian River State College Foundation for the Pace Scholarship fund.

## Junior League donates to scholarships <sup>your Hub - Stuart News 5.6.09</sup>

BY HEIDI MONSOUR  
Posted on YourHub.com

Keeping with its mission to “promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women and improve communities,” The Junior League of Martin County recently made a donation of \$2,500 to the PACE scholarship fund.

This scholarship fund was established in 2007-08 by the Junior League of Martin County through the Indian River State College Foundation.

The scholarship provides qualified young women who have graduated or will graduate from the PACE Center for Girls Program, with funding that covers tuition and books for one school year.

In 2008, the scholarship was awarded to two young women

from the Treasure Coast. Young women who at present are attending PACE or have graduated from a local PACE program are encouraged to contact their guidance counselors for information on how to apply for the coming school year.

PACE Center for Girls is a school based on a national model for successfully addressing the needs of girls ages 12-18.

Individuals and corporate sponsors are also invited to donate to the PACE Scholarship fund and may do so by contacting the Junior League of Martin County at (772) 463-5999. These contributions are tax-deductible.

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



# Alyssa Fowler earns first place

BY IRSC/JEAN PATTON  
Posted on YourHub.com

Excellence in writing earned high school seniors scholarships to Indian River State College and top honors in the College's Creative Writing Contest.

IRSC Chastain Campus Adult High School senior Alyssa Fowler was the first-place winner.

Yasmine Yousef, a senior at Port St. Lucie High School, earned second place. Shirley Mincey, Okeechobee High

School senior, took third place.

Sophomore winners are Grace Murphy, Jensen Beach High School, first place for her story; Ana Maria Hernandez, Okeechobee High School, second place for her story; and Madeline Welsh, Okeechobee High School, third place for her three poems.

Sixteen area high schools submitted creative writing entries. In addition to the IRSC scholarships awarded to the

senior winners, junior, sophomore, and freshman winners received plaques.

Students attending IRSC now have the opportunity to earn a four-year Bachelor's degree in education, organizational management, health care management, public safety administration, as well as two-year associate's degrees.

For more information, contact the IRSC Call Center at (866) 792-4772 or [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



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Indian River State College Creative Writing Contest winners and recipients of IRSC scholarships are high school seniors, from left to right, Shirley Mincey, Yasmine Yousef and Alyssa Fowler (first place winner).



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At its annual awards ceremony, the Pilot Club of Fort Pierce presented scholarships to local high school seniors. Receiving accolades were Frances Bigay of John Carroll High School, Danitza Byrd of St. Lucie West Centennial High School, Sara Sapp of St. Lucie West Centennial High School and Amanda Yongue of Fort Pierce Central High School. Shyanne Helms, who is currently attending Indian River State College, received a continuing education scholarship.

## GOOD FOR YOU

### PILOT CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

At its annual scholarship award ceremony, The Pilot Club of Fort Pierce presented scholarships to local graduating students.

The recipients are: Frances Bigay, John Carroll High School; Danitza Byrd, St. Lucie West Centennial High School; Sara Sapp, St. Lucie West Centennial High School; and Amanda Yongue, Fort Pierce Central High School.

Shyanne Helms, who is currently attending Indian River State College, received a continuing education scholarship.

The Pilot Club of Fort Pierce is a community service organization.

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Photo provided

Pilot Club President Ann Freeman, Frances Bigay, Danitza Byrd, Amanda Yongue, Shyanne Helms, Sara Sapp, Pilot Club Scholarship Committee Members Adele Lowe, Sue Noll, and Gloria Tausch.



# IRSC Take Stock in Children Program Scholarships recipients recognized

*Indian River News 5-21-09*

Press release

Sixty deserving middle and high school students from St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, and Okeechobee counties were recognized Monday with a valuable incentive for future success. At the annual Take Stock in Children Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Indian River State College, the 2009 recipients of four-year tuition President's Challenge/Take Stock in Children recipients were recognized.

The scholarship program is designed to motivate and assist students who show academic promise and might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college. The scholarship recipients are matched with adult volunteer mentors from the community who provide guidance and encouragement. All the selected scholarship recipients sign a contract agreeing to maintain good grades, stay out of trouble, stay away from drugs and alcohol, and graduate from high school. Those who meet the challenge will receive a scholarship to attend IRSC for two years, followed by two years at IRSC or a Florida public university.

Since 1997, including the 60 recipients for 2009, 715 President's Challenge/Take Stock in Children scholarships have been awarded to students, with the provision that they meet the challenges and graduate from high school.

Making the scholarships possible are many local businesses, organizations, and individu-

als. The Deerbrook Charitable Trust, Sailfish Point Foundation, John's Island Community Service League, Hobe Sound Community Chest, and many more have contributed to the program. For the first time, the Robert "Bobby" Klein Memorial Endowment scholarship will be awarded through the generous support of family and friends.

The President's Challenge/Take Stock in Children program is coordinated locally by the IRSC Foundation and is offered in cooperation with the Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie County school districts. For more information, to donate scholarship funds, or to volunteer as a mentor, contact the IRSC Foundation at (772) 462-4786.

2009 Take Stock in Children Scholarship Recipients

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Gifford Middle School

Amy Rose LeBlanc  
Diego Lepper  
Rachel Page  
LaDaesha Smith

### Oslo Middle School

Allison DeVroedt  
Mary Ellen Ledford  
Charity Meeler  
Shelby Pabon  
Kyle Ritto  
LaPorsha Rivers

### Sebastian Charter Junior High

Nancy Mendez  
Cristina Vallejo

### Sebastian River Middle School

Araceli Ambriz  
Mathew Jordan  
Shiresa Smith

### MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

#### Anderson Middle School

Karen Ferrera-Meza  
Whitney Oliveira

#### Hidden Oaks Middle School

Serena Jurewicz  
Justine Romano

#### Indiantown Middle School

Teresa Domingo  
Dean Mazariegos  
Sandra Morales-Matul  
Heydy Morataya

#### Murray Middle School

Jonah Ghazal  
Jennifer Grosh  
Kiamiah Starke

#### Stuart Middle School

Jessica Black  
Gernard Clark II  
Alexis Gay  
John Jack Logue

## OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

### Okeechobee Freshman Campus

Kristian Tadd Acheson  
Omar Alvarado  
Jesus Castillejo  
Cesar Chavez  
Kiesha Cleckley  
Marvin Cruz  
Brianna Furphy  
Kaitlyn Furphy  
Veronica Gilchrist  
Elizabeth Hans

Jessica Jimenez  
Nicholas Methner  
Oscar Ruiz  
Eduardo Sanchez  
Andrea Young

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Charter School of Fort Pierce

Nancy Cardenas

### Dan McCarty Middle School

Dontrail Durden

### Forest Grove Middle School

Osnelicia Dentilus  
Jessica Johnson  
Joshua Knight

### Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts

Leonie Barron

### Lincoln Park Academy

Rashad Pierce

### Northport K-8

Fedgy Sainte  
Miranda Salerno

### Oak Hammock K-8

Anthony Scuoppo

### Samual S. Gaines Academy

Mariel Gamez

### Southern Oak Middle School

Donte Hetzer-Harris

### St. Lucie West K-8

Sean Bennett  
Tierra Carter  
Jennifer Lynn Juzwiak



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**60 students to receive  
4-year IRSC scholarships.**

Sixty middle and high school students from St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, and Okeechobee counties will become 2009 recipients of four-year tuition President's Challenge /Take Stock in Children Scholarships at Indian River State College.

A special recognition ceremony will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. In addition to recognizing new recipients, the program will also acknowledge the accomplishments of 42 high school graduates and 24 IRSC graduates.

Since 1997, including the 60 recipients for 2009, 715 President's Challenge/Take Stock in Children scholarships have been awarded to students with the provision that they meet the challenges and graduate from high school.

The scholarship program is designed to motivate and assist students who show academic promise and might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college.

For more information, to donate scholarship money or volunteer as a mentor, call (772) 462-4786.



# GLAMOUR & GRIT



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St. Lucie County

## Indebted to endowed SL News Tribune

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Four exceptional Indian River State College (IRSC) professors were surprised with Endowed Teaching Chairs thanks to the IRSC Foundation and its donors. Teresa Hasenauer received the BankAtlantic Foundation Endowed Teaching Chair; James Mason received the J. Douglas Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair in Technology; John Butler received the Dan K. Richardson Endowed Teaching Chair in Business & Entrepreneurship; and Deborah Midkiff received the Banack Family Partnership Endowed Teaching Chair in Agriculture. We're told that Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC president, along with more than IRSC administrators, faculty and staff, filed into each recipient's classroom carrying balloons, flowers and a miniature rocking "chair" for the surprise presentation.

# IN THE LIMELIGHT

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## Port St. Lucie Business Women More than 250 enjoy event

More than \$15,000 was raised at the 19th Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show hosted by the Port St. Lucie Business Women at Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club in Palm City. Monies raised will provide scholarships for women to attend Indian River State College. For information about PSL Business Women, call (772) 878-0708.

### 6 WOMEN AT IRSC AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vero Beach branch of the American Association of University Women awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to Jessica Collins, Carla McLendon, Kristan Shaw, Judith Smith, Alejandra Zendejas and Cathy Tinder. The women are all entering their final two years at IRSC. They will be among the first to be able to complete their education at IRSC now that it has become a four-year college.

AAUW grants these scholarships to women who have chosen to proceed with their college education after having been in the work force for many years, during which time many of them were also raising their children. AAUW wants to give these dedicated women a helping hand.

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### TINDER GETS <sup>Stuart Woods</sup> \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP <sup>5-17-09</sup>

Cathleen Tinder, student at Indian River State College, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Hardwood Forest Foundation.

"The Educator Scholarship Program is designed to assist future teachers with their college education, as well as provide them with the materials needed to properly teach their students about the forest products industry and the benefits of properly managed forests," said Charley Fiala of GMC Hardwoods in Long Beach, Calif., chairperson of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, said.



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## Advanced technology open house set at IRSC

Indian River State College is hosting a special Advanced Technology Open House on May 20 at 6:30 p.m. Students and interested individuals can learn more about career options in cyber security and digital media at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, Room V110 at the Indian River State College Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Learn about skills in the latest technologies available in the College's Advanced Technology Institutes, and find out about the Cyber Security Institute, where students can learn about computers and electronics engineering technology. Graduates are in high-demand and are hired at salaries well above average.

Learn about digital imaging, including video and 3-D animation. The Digital Media Institute prepares students for creative careers in computer graphics, commercial arts and multimedia design.

### IRSC UPDATE

For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).

### CALC PROJECTS

The Clark Advanced Learning Center, a charter high school on the Stuart campus of Indian River State College, will hold its annual Student Project Demonstration and Ice Cream Social on May 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Projects will showcase student work in digital media, e-commerce, cyber security, medical professions and other fields.

The Clark Advanced Learning Center is at the Indian River State College Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart. For more information, call (772) 419-5750 or visit [www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org](http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org). Applications are now being accepted for the 2009/2010 school year.

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### TREASURE COAST

## IRSC to host advanced technology open house

Indian River State College is hosting an Advanced Technology Open House on May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Students and interested individuals can learn more about career options in power plant technology, cyber security, robotics and photonics, digital media and interior design at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, located at the Indian River State College main campus in Fort Pierce.

For more information about courses and degrees in emerging technologies or information regarding the upcoming Emerging Technology Open House on May 20, call (866) 792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



# IRSC to host Advanced Tech Skills open house

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Indian River State College is hosting a special Advanced Technology Open House on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. Students and interested individuals can learn more about career options in Power Plant Technology, Cyber Security, Robotics and Photonics, Digital Media and Interior Design at a special Emerging Technologies Open House event on Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. May 20, at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, located at the Indian River State College Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

At the Open House, learn about skills in the latest cutting-edge technologies available in the College's Advanced Technology Institutes:

Learn more about the Cyber Security Institute where students can learn about computers and electronics engineering technology. Graduates specializing in these emerging technologies are in high-demand and are hired at salaries well above average.

Find out how to prepare for a career in electronics engineering technology with expertise in robotics, photonics, and laser technologies with the Robotics and Photon-

ics Institute. Changing at the speed of light, the field of photonics affects almost every industry with applications in laser eye surgery, "smart" missiles, fiber optic cable for high speed Internet access, and CD and DVD recording.

Learn about digital imaging, including video and 3-D animation. The Digital Media Institute prepares students for creative careers in computer graphics, commercial arts and multimedia design.

Find out more about high-paying career options available for students who enroll in the Power Plant Technology Institute and earn their A.A.S. degree in Electronics Engineering Technology. Students in the program participate in paid summer internships with FPL that provide valuable work experience at a high-wage salary level. Graduates of the program can expect annual wages that exceed \$50,000 a year.

For more information about courses and degrees in emerging technologies or information regarding the upcoming Emerging Technology Open House on May 20, call 1-866-792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



## Job Source Notes & News

### Open house planned for Emerging Technologies

Choosing a new career? Learn more about career options in the high-demand and well-paid advanced technology fields from the Institutes of Power Plant Technology, Cyber Security, Robotics and Photonics and Digital Media at Indian River State College.

They are holding an Emerging Technologies Open House at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Kight Center for Emerging Technology, IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

Students and career changers can tour the classrooms and learn about in-demand, high-tech careers. Investigate a two-year degree in computer and electrical engineering as talk in the industry turns to the new Smart Grid electric grid. Learn about multi-media production or find how advanced missile systems use photonic guidance. For information, call IRSC at (866) 792-4772.

### 'Surviving and Thriving in a Recession'

Jack Burns, assistant Small Business Development Center (SBDC) director and Certified Business Analyst, will conduct a free workshop for businesses looking to do more than just "stay afloat" in the economic downturn. Burns will help businesses identify valuable techniques in key management areas they can use during the recession to propel business forward.

There are two free seminars: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, at the Indian River Mall, 6200 20th St., Vero Beach, and 8-9 a.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Treasure Coast Square, 3174 NW Federal Highway, Jensen Beach. Enter at the Border's Books mall entrance.

The mall doors will open early to allow retailers and business owners to network. For more information, call (888) 283-1177.

# The right training can get you — or help you keep — your job

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Most people don't know this but even medical doctors are required to take 40 hours of continuing medical education and five college credit hours every two years to renew their licenses.

To maintain your professional standing, you too must continually train. It makes you more valuable to your employer or to a hiring employer.

Joe Average can't compete effectively against job seekers who have up-to-date training, said Jan Pagano, associate dean at IRSC who manages the Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River State College.

"Now is the time to help yourself. Dr. Massey (president of IRSC) always says, 'Work harder on yourself than you do on your job.'"

### Bachelor's degrees

"If you don't have a bachelor's degree, now is the time to get it," said Kathy Shabotynskyj, a job coach and outplacement consultant at Sherlock Consulting in Palm City. "If you're unemployed, you have the time."

People with bachelor's degrees typically maintain employment during economic downturns.

"Times are tough but employers are hanging on to people who have special skills and an education," pointed out Ginger Greenstein, site manager at the Barry University campus in Port St. Lucie.

"The nice thing about Barry is that students can complete two years of education here in one year," said Greenstein. "And we have a portfolio program in which you can earn up to 30 credit hours based on your documented work experience."

In addition to Barry Universi-

ty, University of Florida, Keiser University, Florida Atlantic University and Indian River State College (IRSC) offer bachelor's degrees on the Treasure Coast.

### Associate's degrees

The first step to a bachelor's degree is an associate's degree. People who earn an associate's degree in a high-demand field often find the can go to work in their new field in two years or less. They can then work while finishing a bachelor's degree while their new employer picks up the tab.

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If you intend to continue on for a bachelor's degree, be sure you are in a program with transferable credits. Not all associate's degrees lead to bachelor's.

If you are employed, just not in a job that pays the bills, Keiser University holds classes that work around the schedules of most working adults. IRSC also has programs for working adults as well as programs with flexible schedules.

### Short-term training

If you need a career fast, IRSC also offers short-term training programs that helps you go quickly from the classroom to the workplace, often in less than a year. The college offers dozens of career programs from public service to healthcare.

Healthcare career training is also a specialty at MedVance Institute's Stuart Campus.

Drew Barrett, director of the MedVance campus in Stuart, said enrollment is up as new

students and career-changers prepare for a stable career in healthcare fields.

Ongoing advances in medical technologies combined with an aging population keep healthcare workers in high demand.

"It's recession-proof, basically," he said. "There are always medical jobs available."

If you have been unemployed for a long time and meet other eligibility requirements, get free help choosing training from the local Workforce Solutions office (YourWorkforceSolution.com). They can not only help you find the career that fits you, they may have stimulus funds available to help you pay for your training.

And they will put you into a job if there are any available for which you are qualified, solving your unemployment problem.

### Online education

Need flexibility? It doesn't make sense to take online classes from an unaccredited college across the country when you can study online at a local school such as Keiser University or IRSC. You can take IRSC classes as part of a program or individually for professional development, to learn new skills or to brush up on old skills.

The Corporate and Community Training Institute at IRSC also has a large number of on-line development courses for which you can receive a certificate but not college credits. Learn common office software programs or earn a professional license or certificate.

University of Florida Indian River Research and Education Center also offers classes for professional development plus post-graduate certificate programs. Florida Atlantic University offers some post-graduate certificates as well.



# CCTI provides new skills or improves what you have

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"If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people!" — Chinese Proverb

In these pages, readers frequently see notices of training, seminars, workshops and continuing professional education classes from The Entrepreneur Development Institute, the Small Business Development Center and the Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River State College.

All are part of the Corporate and Community Training

Institute at Indian River State College, CCTI@IRSC.

CCTI provides professional, management and employee development programs to businesses and individuals who need new skills or who want to get ahead on the job.

Training runs the gamut from accounting to starting a business and from leadership to Spanish language courses. And CCTI even has a Continuing Education Institute for people who want to earn or maintain professional licenses and certifications.

They offer seminars

throughout the Treasure Coast, online classes and customized training on-site at your workplace.

"It's affordable training by qualified instructors and we will even come to your workplace," said Jan Pagano, associate dean at IRSC who manages CCTI. If you normally send employees away for training, that saves you the expense of time off work, travel and hotel bills.

Training is seen by some as an option, she said. But, in this economy, it's a necessity and critical to success.

"Research shows that training and development of employees increases loyalty," said Pagano. "For some employees, training is more important than a raise."

And it decreases the likelihood that key people will leave when the economy turns around.

"They (employees) feel rewarded and empowered. And customer satisfaction is higher," she said.

Customer service is a good example for why employees need training, Pagano said. As an employer, you want the

people who answer the phones and greet customers in person to represent you, your company and your reputation in the best light possible. As the leader, it's up to you to ensure employees are trained for customer service, she said. You could be the nicest person in the world but a potential customer won't know that if they are treated poorly by the receptionist.

"And this is a great time for management and leadership training," Pagano said.

People are retiring and employers need to start training

their successors. Typically, people are promoted because they are good widget-makers. With relatively inexpensive training, they can also be good managers.

"And the higher the level of training employees receive, the more value they give your business," said Pagano.

In this economy, companies too often see employee training as an expense that can be cut.

"But the reverse is true," Pagano said. "In this economy, employee training is more important than ever."



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### Summer youth jobs available

Workforce Solutions is seeking applicants for two summer paid employment programs for eligible youth ages 14-17 and young adults (ages 18-24) from low-income families.

Applications can be downloaded online at [www.yourworkforcesolutions.com](http://www.yourworkforcesolutions.com) or picked up in St. Lucie County at Workforce Solutions One-Stop Career Center, 584 University Blvd., Suite 300, Port St. Lucie; World Harvest Food Bank, 2520 Orange Ave.; and Garden City One-Stop, 2102 Avenue Q in Fort Pierce; in Indian River County at all Boys & Girls Club locations and Gifford Youth Activities Center; in Martin County at all Boys & Girls Club locations; or at Workforce Solutions One-Stop Career Center, 209 SW Park St., Okeechobee.

You will need to bring a completed application, a birth certificate, Social Security card and proof of income (i.e. pay stubs, proof of public assistance) to an orientation session prior to May 15. Call (866) 228-8864 for specific instructions.

### 10 easy steps to get started with social media

The Corporate & Community Training Institute@IRSC is holding a hands-on introduction to social media presented by Kim Albritton of BlackBeltBusinessProfits.com. Each participant will be able to individually work on a computer.

Participants will learn about the different types of social media, such as blogging, micro-blogging, photo sharing, podcasts, social news and bookmarking, social networking, video sharing and wikis.

The workshop is \$39 and will be 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Register at [www.irsc.edu/ccti](http://www.irsc.edu/ccti) or call (888) 283-1177.

## TREASURE COAST

### Business center offering recession-tips workshop

The Small Business Development Center is presenting a workshop for any business looking to do more than just "stay afloat" in the economic downturn.

Jack Burns, a business analyst and assistant director of the center at Indian River State College presents "Surviving and Thriving in a Recession."

It is May 19 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Indian River Mall, 6200 20th St., Vero Beach and again on May 21 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Treasure Coast Square mall, 3174 N.W. Federal Highway, Jensen Beach. Enter at Border's mall entrance.

For more information on these seminars and the SBDC, call toll free (888) 283-1177.

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### Job Source Notes & News

#### IRSC bachelor's degree information

Learn about bachelor's degree options in nursing, education, organizational management, public safety administration and health care management at Indian River State College at an information session at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 18, on all campuses:

► Fort Pierce Main Campus — Crews Hall, W-227;

► Stuart Chastain Campus Wolf High — Technology Center 102;

► Okeechobee Dixon Hendry Campus — Williamson Center, 112;

► Vero Beach Mueller Campus — Richardson Center, 102;

► Port St. Lucie St. Lucie West Campus — Schreiber Conference Center, 111.

For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



# Small business resources

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## **Florida Small Business Development Center Network**

<http://www.floridasbdc.com/>

Find out about the stimulus package, sources of health insurance, SBA loans and more.

## **Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)**

One-stop management assistance to individuals, small businesses and prospective small business owners. The program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, the educational community and federal, state and local governments.

Treasure Coast SBDC at Indian River State College (IRSC) locations in Vero Beach, Fort Pierce, Stuart and Okeechobee. Call (888) 283-1177 for more information or an appointment. And visit IRSC's SBDC, the Corporate & Community Training Center and the Entrepreneur Development Institute on the Web at [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com).

Main Campus: 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort

Pierce, Building E, Room 123, 8 am.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

IRSC Business and Technology Incubator, 1994 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Okeechobee. By appointment.

## **SCORE**

More than 24 volunteer business experts counsel start-ups, coach small businesses and lead business seminars free-of-charge throughout the Treasure Coast and from their office in Fort Pierce and at five Chamber of Commerce locations from Hobe Sound to Sebastian.

SCORE also offers 26 online courses covering start-ups to finance to marketing.

For information about the courses, free workshops, or to schedule a free counseling session, visit them online at [www.score308.com](http://www.score308.com) or call (772) 489-0548.



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### 'Doing Business with the Government'

Free workshop. With the new stimulus package passed by lawmakers in Washington, the opportunity to bid on and win business opportunities with the government is going to be at an all-time high. You can't take full advantage of that opportunity if you don't know how the system works and are not registered with the proper organizations. This seminar is hosted by Dan Telop from Florida Gulf Coast University's Government Procurement Program and IRSC.

It will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in the Williamson Educational Conference Center of the Dixon Hendry Campus, Okechobee. Register online at [www.ctiirsc.com](http://www.ctiirsc.com), click on Entrepreneur Development Institute then Business & Entrepreneurship. Or call (888) 283-1177.

### Visitor Industry/Retail Customer Service Workshop

Employees who have contact with your customers learn about greeting customers, positive first and last impressions, answering questions in a positive manner, dealing with difficult customers. They participate in a role playing session and receive a "Visitor Industry Resource Kit."

It will be conducted 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 11, at Indian River State College's Vero Beach Mueller Campus, Schumann Center, Room D-119. Cost is \$60. Call (888) 283-1177.

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### Media conference

The Florida Public Relations Association Treasure Coast chapter's annual media conference June 12, at the IRSC Chastain campus in Stuart, could be the best yet.

The subject? Successful Media Strategies: Digital PR and Marketing Power Tools. And it will be a powerful conference for not only public relations professionals but also for students, business owners and individuals who want to learn technologically advanced communication strategies for their business and personal brands.

Jay Berkowitz, a senior online media professional and marketing expert, and Alex de Carvalho, founder of the Social Media Club of South Florida and other social networking platforms, will share their marketing and communication expertise with conference-goers, said Justin Beard, communications and marketing director for United Way of Martin County.

There will also be a session for nonprofits. As well as a session on photos and videography.

"And we will have a meet-and-greet with members of local media outlets to answer individuals' questions," Beard said.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. June 12 at the Wolf High Technology Center on Indian River State College's Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, followed by an hour-long networking session, then lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Advance registration is required. Visit [www.fpratreasurecoast.com](http://www.fpratreasurecoast.com) or call The Firefly Group at (772) 287-5272 for more information.

Tickets for the conference are \$75 for FPRA members, \$90 for non-members and \$35 for students.



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# Program teaches career exploration

Expanding Horizons, the summer youth program at Indian River State College, provides students ages 14 to 17 with eight weeks of enrichment, combining academics, leadership development and career exploration. The program is designed for low-income youth who don't otherwise receive these types of opportunities. The program offers three options: Leadership, Explorers, and Career Climbers, all beginning June 15.

Leadership is a full-day program held at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to students who are 16 and 17 years old. Explorers is for younger students, 14 and 15 years old. In addition to the IRSC Main Campus, the Explorers Program is offered at IRSC Campuses

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throughout the Treasure Coast, including the IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach, the Chastain Campus in Stuart and the Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee. Career Climbers is a half-day program for 14 to 16 year old students and offered at the Main Campus, Chastain Campus and in Okeechobee.

All three programs offer students the opportunity to earn a weekly paycheck rewarding positive participation, completion of assignments, good behavior and respect for others.

Students benefit from instruction in reading, writing, and math and explore a variety of occupational skills. Physical fitness, good citizenship and positive behavior will be stressed.

Students must meet eligibility requirements to participate. Through Treasure Coast organizations such as the Children Services Councils of Okeechobee, Martin and St. Lucie counties and Workforce Solutions, the program offers scholarships to a majority of participants. Scholarships are not automatic and must be applied for during the application process. For more information, call the IRSC Summer Youth Program Office at (772) 462-7735 or email [expandinghorizons@irsc.edu](mailto:expandinghorizons@irsc.edu).

## NURSING SYMPOSIUM

Translating research into practice is an important tool for health care professionals to enhance patient care. On May 15, the IRSC Nursing Department will host a Nursing Research

Symposium from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, V110, at the Main Campus. The keynote speaker is Dr. Patricia Quigley. Nurses who attend the symposium will discuss and learn about the research process, identify evidence-based practice activities and evaluate research for its applicability to nursing practice.

Registration is \$50 and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Nurses who attend will earn five contact hours approved by the Florida Board of Nursing. For more information, contact the IRSC Nursing Department at (772) 462-7570 or the IRSC Information Call Center at (866) 792-4772.

Compiled by IRSC



## IRSC participates in summer program

Indian River State College (IRSC) is participating in the Expanding Horizons Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge who are enrolled in IRSC's Full-Day Expanding Horizons Summer Youth Program.

To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced-prices meals in the National School Lunch Program.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are

the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided to students enrolled with IRSC's Full-Day Expanding Horizons Summer Youth Program beginning in June from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2229 N.W. Ninth Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34971.

For more information about the IRSC Expanding Horizons program, call at 1-866-792-4772.

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Meals will be provided in June at the following sites from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce; IRSC Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach; IRSC Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart; and IRSC Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Avenue, Okeechobee.

For more information about the IRSC Expanding Horizons program, call at (866) 792-4772.



# Eco-center holds Earth Day celebration

By Jay Meisel  
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — This year's Earth Day celebration theme at the Oxbow Eco-Center is "growing green together," but it's not just about creating a garden.

Jen Howard, program coordinator, said one part of the message is those who adopt green practices in their lives can actually grow their wallets.

Using reusable products and compact fluorescent light bulbs are two money-saving ideas that will be promoted.

Ms. Howard said the event, which is the largest Earth Day festival in St. Lucie County, promotes conservation in general.

"We want to make people aware of some things they can do to improve the environment, and to highlight

the many conservation organizations and nonprofits we have in the county," she said.

The St. Lucie Young Democrats, for example, will give away magazines and other prizes at their booth, said Carol Brick, who has operated the booth for several years.

This year, she said, they will encourage attendees to use reusable items, such as containers.

She decided on that after reading about a beach cleanup involving a lot of trash that could have been avoided if reusable containers had been used, she said.

Additionally, she will give out information about plants that attract butterflies and ways to make their backyard friendly to wildlife, Ms. Brick said.

Other highlights of the festival include:

- The St. Lucie Regional

Herpetological Society will display reptiles, while the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center will have birds of prey.

- A wildlife parade, where participants dress up as animals.

- Indian River State College students will present the happy home, where homeowners can get ideas about making their homes green. This includes using recycled furniture and organic fabrics.

- The Fort Pierce Utilities Authority will give away compact fluorescent light bulbs.

- A sort of scavenger hunt, where participants look for answers to questions about the environment.

- Students from Southern Oaks Middle School and the Marine Oceanographic

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Photo courtesy of the Young Democrats of St. Lucie County  
Several ecologically-oriented exhibits geared to children as well as adults will be on display at the Young Democrats' booth at the Oxbow Eco-Center's Earth Day celebration on April 18.

## Earth Day

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Academy will give composting lessons.

- Arts and crafts, including mask making for the parade.

- Opportunities to win prizes, including tickets for a river kayak tour.

- A variety of food booths for hungry festival-goers.

- Numerous booths from various organizations, such as the Slow Food Movement, which encourages people to buy local produce.



# Indian River State College announces summer camps

For Hometown News  
News@hometownnewsol.com

Indian River State College is holding the following camps over the summer:

Summer academies for emerging technologies, at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, 3209 Vir-

ginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

Participants can choose from four different courses specializing in careers in drafting, digital media, interior design and civil engineering.

For high school juniors and seniors and those interested in this field of study.

Cost: \$ 74.74 for Florida residents (one college credit).

• HealthScience Summer Academy 2009 is for future health care professionals. Camp will be held on the college campus and will provide an overview of health careers with field trips to healthcare facilities

and other off-campus locations, with emphasis on related hands-on activities.

Learning styles and study strategies, designed for individuals considering education in healthcare, will also be presented. After successful completion, student will earn three college credits. For high school juniors and seniors. Cost: \$224.22, Selective admission, space limited to 24 candidates. Free if dual-enrollment eligible.

• The college summer band camp will be held at the Indian River State College Wynne Black Box Theatre, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. All secondary instrumental music students are eligible (winds and percussion). For sixth- through 12th grade-students. Cost is \$100 for five days.

The Aqua Sports Camp will be held at the college campus in Fort Pierce. Participants will enjoy swim-

ming, diving, trampoline and aquatic games.

Session 1: June 15-19, 8:45 a.m. to noon

Session 2: June 22-26, 8:45 a.m. to noon

Session 3: June 29-July 3, 8:45 to noon.

Session 4: July 6-10, 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Session 5: July 13-17, 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Ages: 6 through 12. Maximum 80 campers. Cost is \$89 per week. Call (866) 792-4772

• Baseball camp will be held at the Fort Pierce campus. Baseball games will be played every day, as well as other sports such as soccer, kickball, stickball, flag football and swimming. Campers will be grouped by age, culminating in a parents' participation day on Fridays.

Session 1 will meet June 22-26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Session 2 will be

announced.

Cost is \$120 early registration, \$130 at camp. All registrations need to be made at the Cashier's Window, Crews Hall (W building), Main Campus, Fort Pierce. Do not mail checks. Open to boys and girls ages 6 through 12.

• A basketball camp will be held at the main campus for boys and girls ages 6-18. Highlights of the camps include a foul shot contest, three-point shot contest, one-on-one tournament, video study, all-star game, camp T-shirt, award ceremony and daily swimming.

Girls camp 1 will meet June 9-13, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Girls camp 2 will meet July 14-18, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Boys camp 1 will meet June 16-20, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., for ages 6-12, and from 1 to 5:30 p.m. for ages 12-18;

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## Camps

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Boys camp 2 will meet July 21-25, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 6-12 and from 1 to 5:30 p.m. for ages 12-18.

Morning camps are designed for boys, ages 6

to 12, and afternoon camps are for boys ages 12 through 18. Girl campers should be between the ages of 6 and 18. Cost is \$80 per person (\$5 discount for early registration)

For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



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# Rotary's youth forum directs attention to economic issues

BY BOB WRITER  
Correspondent

**STUART** — Unemployment, college and the reduction of extra-curricular activities in school were among issues on the minds of a group of local high school students who talked about the economy Monday in front of a group of local dignitaries and Rotary Club members.

The youth forum, presented by the Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Club and organized by Rotary Club Youth Services Director Audrey Ballantyne, was one of a series of forums in a local high school pupils get a chance to speak in front of business leaders and community officials about timely community issues,

The topic of discussion this year was "The economy and its impact on the youth of Martin County." Students from the Clark Advanced Learning Center talked about the housing crisis, unemployment and what they thought the major problems were as well as some possible solutions.

They used a slide presentation and a home-made DVD to emphasize their points.

Devin Ruple said 60 percent of most household budgets is spent on housing, and employer subsidized housing might be a solution.

Jamie Parton and Allison Robert from Martin County High School talked about the impact the economy is having on them because of cuts in the school budget, including the reductions in ex-

tra-curricular activities and sports.

It's hard for teens to find part time jobs and students are worried about how they will be able to afford college, they said.

Brothers Ricky and Ryan Howe of Stuart Community High School gave a first-hand description of their personal experience since their father was laid off from his job and how they have been forced to move out of their home. They talked about how they have struggled to survive and stay in school.

The presentations will be judged by a group of community leaders and Rotary club members and the winning school will be awarded a prize of \$500.

Judges in attendance Monday were Tammy Simonean, executive director of the Economic Council of Martin County; Jennifer Ferrari, Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce; William Bee, president of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Martin County; and Gene Van Curen, Rotary Club member.

There will be one more forum scheduled before the end of May where the students will make another presentation and a winner will be selected, Ballantyne said.

Rotary Club President-Elect Rocco Fiore said he thought the students clearly understood the cause and effect the economy is having on the community.

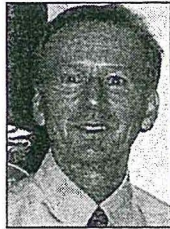


# IRSC's Provost speaks at the Kiwanis luncheon

Okeechobee News 5-15-09

**By Jim Vensel, club president**  
Okeechobee Kiwanis Club

Sam Smith, IRSC Provost for Okeechobee County, spoke to members of the Kiwanis Club about IRSC's transition to a State College and the available programs that emphasize education as the cornerstone of a sustainable economy. He told the group how IRSC impacts each of us through education, health, safety and business.



**Sam Smith**  
IRSC Provost

As a State College, IRSC maintains its mission with an open door policy for AA and AS degrees, certificate and adult education programs while adding bachelor degrees and programs that are responsive to the needs of the community.

Currently, IRSC offers over 170 programs ranging from Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Technology, Health Science, Business, Public Safety and Industrial.

Being responsive to community needs, IRSC currently offers nine bachelor degree programs including the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Organizational Management and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Education.

Currently, 35,000 area residents enroll at IRSC annually with 70 percent of the four county area college bound high school seniors attending IRSC. In Okeechobee Coun-

ty, we learned that 90 percent of the college bound high school seniors attend IRSC.

Mr. Smith explained why the recent IRSC May 8, Commencement exercise was held as historical. He continued telling Kiwanis Club members that this class was the first to graduate from the newly designated State College with the very first bachelor degrees being conferred. It was also the very largest class to graduate with 1,796 completing their degrees.

Other interesting facts that Kiwanians learned included:

IRSC is at the center of the region's life sciences hub emphasizing science, technology, engineering and math, which includes the soon to be STEM building at the St. Lucie West Campus.

The addition of the Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex, a 50 acre campus in Ft. Pierce, will provide our region, and the nation the latest in disaster relief, counter terrorism and cyber security training and much more.

The IRSC Center for Competitive Economics and Entrepreneur (CCEE), opening in 2011, will provide guidance in new product development through the use of think tanks, market research and analysis and a virtual incubator.

IRSC is positioned to impact our future through the Energy Institute focusing in alternative energies, bio-fuels and minimizing dependency on foreign oil and developing sustainable green building programs which

will impact greater energy efficiency and energy savings in our community.

Mr. Smith also presented a slide that indicated the following data from the Florida Tax Watch:

- Every dollar of public support for a Florida College System graduate with a AS or AA degree will return \$13.37 to our economy.

We as a community organization, learned that IRSC is creating the future today.



Okeechobee News/Diana Whitehall

## Welcome new members

The Kiwanis Club announced new members during the April 30, meeting. On the far left, Mary Chesley, General Manager, of the new Hampton Inn, Okeechobee along with club member, Maureen Burroughs, new member, third from left, Dawn Smith, Vice President, Branch Manager, Regions Bank, Okeechobee, Toni Doyle, club member and Frank Irby, past Kiwanis Club president.



# Educator loves music for art's sake

HomeTown News 5-15-09

By Shelley Koppel  
Entertainment writer

FORT PIERCE — John Southall came to Florida from Chicago when he accepted a music scholarship to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in music education, he attended Florida State University, where he received a master's degree and his doctorate.

Today, Mr. Southall is the community endowed teaching chair in the fine arts department at Indian River State College, coordinator of its music education and music therapy programs and director of bands.

He spoke recently about the importance of music education and about the growing discipline of music therapy.

As a musician and edu-



John Southall

cator, the study of music is a subject about which Mr. Southall is passionate.

"With music education, from the time a student begins the journey with music, it creates a level of self-discipline, confidence and a sense of well-roundedness," he said. "It takes students from all academic and vocational disciplines together as one communal family."

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## Southall

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The need for arts education starts in the elementary schools, Mr. Southall said.

"If we do away with the arts, we are taking away a basic education center," he said. "Students are deprived of the artistic, creative aspects of their thinking, as well as critical thinking and problem-solving. It takes a high level of discipline to participate in an instrumental ensemble. Students learn multi-tasking they can apply to every other discipline."

Mr. Southall also believes music requires social skills, such as communicating and getting along with others.

Those interactions, including the ability to compromise, are an important part of a young person's education.

Mr. Southall is proud of the music therapy program, a collaborative effort with

Florida State. Students spend two years at IRSC and then transfer to the Tallahassee-based school.

"When students earn an associate's degree and have the grade point average, there is a written policy to be accepted to one of the state schools, but not necessarily into a particular program," he said.

"In music therapy, it's a seamless transition. There's no audition as there would be to other music programs. It's unique for music programs in the state that they go right into FSU to complete the degree."

Music therapists find jobs in hospitals, hospices, assisted living facilities, schools and institutions for people with exceptional needs.

"The goal is to re-route thought or behavior through music," Mr. Southall said. He cites the examples of hospice patients where music can ease pain or for children

with prolonged hospital stays who can sing themselves happier.

Music can also be used as a learning tool.

"People with mental exceptionalities have to be taught the activities of a daily routine," he said. "They can learn a song about getting dressed, brushing their teeth."

Therapists in school districts work with students with autism and the full spectrum of learning disorders.

The growing field has salaries starting in the mid-\$40,000 range, going up to as much as \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year.

*John Southall will conduct the IRSC jazz ensemble and company singers in their last concert of the season on May 28-30 at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call (800) 220-9915.*



# College performers present 'hot' songs

5-22-09 HomeTown News

By Shelley Koppel  
Entertainment writer

FORT PIERCE — Vocal and instrumental students at Indian River State College will present a variety concert, "Hot Summer Nights" on May 28-30.

The event is part of the summer season and will include the company singers and jazz band.

Dale Rieth, director of vocal music at IRSC, spoke recently about the last concerts for this season and about the upcoming season.

"Hot Summer Nights" is a variety concert and we're endeavoring to hit a variety of eras," he said. "We'll have pop music, jazz and old standards. We have a group of four singing ladies and four singing

men and each will present selections."

The eclectic program includes "Ain't Misbehavin'" by Fats Waller, Hank Williams' "Your Cheatin' Heart," a selection from the group Il Divo in Italian, "Little Deuce Coupe," by the Beach Boys, a medley of songs from the 1960s, and the disco hit "It's Raining Men." The finale is a medley of Motown hits.

"I think our title, 'Hot Summer Nights,' is appropriate for the weather and because the tunes are kind of spicy, Mr. Rieth said.

"The Motown will get people up and out of their seats."

Mr. Rieth is completing 24 years at IRSC. He has a bachelor of music

See **SONGS, B8**



Photo courtesy of IRSC

Members of IRSC's company singers and jazz band will perform standards and pop tunes in the concert 'Hot Summer Nights.' It will be on stage at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center from May 28-30.

## Songs

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degree from Indiana University, a master's degree from Florida State University and a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He received a Fulbright research grant in 1995 to study African music. However, working with students has been his most rewarding experi-

ence.

"Two of the students in our summer productions are moving on," he said.

"Megan Crowder has received a financial reward from Florida Atlantic University's department of fine arts and Joshua Johnson has received a full scholarship from the fine arts department at the University of North Florida."

The upcoming concert and a salute to Jerome Kern in June are the last

vocal presentations of the season, but Mr. Rieth said the decision had just been made to stage "Cabaret" as the main stage musical in February 2010.

"There are two other special things next season," Mr. Rieth said. "Our fall concert will be a holiday program. I don't usually do a holiday show. In the spring, John Southall's wind players will do a tribute to the movies."

Tickets for the new season will be on sale later in

the summer.

*The IRSC company singers and jazz band present "Hot Summer Nights" at the McAlpin Center, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, on May 28-30. Performances are May 28-30 at 8 p.m. and May 30 at 2 p.m.*

*"Jerome Kern: The original American Songwriter," will be presented on June 18-20 at 8 p.m. and June 20 at 2 p.m.*

*Tickets for each show are \$12. Call the box office at (800)220-9915.*



# The guide TO YOUR WEEKEND

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**"Aladdin, Jr.":** McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Performing Arts Academy students present the musical, 7 p.m. May 1 and 2 and 7 p.m. May 2.

Photo provided

**From left:** Nicky Wood of Port St. Lucie, Connie Lamos and Jerred Krencik, both of Fort Pierce, perform in the IRSC Performing Arts Academy musical performance of "Aladdin, Jr." on Friday and Saturday at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.





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## SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

**"Antigone, A Tragedy"** by Jean Anouilh: McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, 8 p.m., May 15-16; 2 p.m., May 16. \$12. (772) 462-4750.

**Hidden Treasures Performing Arts Festival:** Band, orchestra, choral and dramatic presentations. Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, 1707 16th St., Vero Beach, 5-9 p.m., May 15; 1-8 p.m., May 16; 1-5 p.m., May 17. \$10-\$15. (772) 564-5646.

**Spring Dance Show:** Presented by Indian River Charter High School. Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m., May 19. \$5-\$10. (772) 567-6600.

**Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.:** Presented by the Stuart Middle School Music Department. Stuart Middle School, Stuart, 7 p.m., May 21, 22; 2:30 p.m., May 23. \$5.

**Hot Summer Nights:** IRSC "Company" singers and Jazz Band variety concert. McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, 8 p.m., May 28-30; 20 p.m., May 30. \$12. (772) 462-4750.

**"Whose Wives Are They Any-**

**Indian River State College's** fine arts department will present Jean Anouilh's vibrant modern adaptation of the classic "Antigone" through Saturday. Driven by a tyrannical uncle to choose between her two brothers, the heroic Antigone instead chooses the ultimate sacrifice for her beliefs and family. Uncanny parallels to contemporary political times make this ancient story timeless, relevant and thought-provoking. Shown here from left to right are James Wood, Trevor Rich, Kally Khourshid, Alicia Tomasko, Eric Watts, Lisa Stewart and Jeremy Alcock. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the IRSC box office, or by calling (800) 220-9915.

**way?":** McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, 8 p.m., June 10-13; 2 p.m., June 13. \$12. (772) 462-4750.

**Willie Wonka:** Port St. Lucie High School, 1201 S.E. Jaguar Lane, June 17-21. \$12. 7:30 p.m., June 17-20; 2:30 p.m. June 20, 21; 7 p.m., June 21. (772) 337-6043.

**"Jerome Kern: The Original American Songwriter":** McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, 8 p.m., June 18-20; 2 p.m., June 20. \$12. (772) 462-4750.



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Hot night, cool tunes 5-25-09

### These kids have talent

Forget "American Idol": Some real local talent will be on display when music students from Vero Beach to Stuart perform at 2 p.m. Monday as public radio station WQCS/88.9 FM presents its annual Young Musicians Spotlight program. Two more broadcasts are scheduled at 8 p.m. June 1 and 2 p.m. June 6. You also can listen at [www.wqcs.org](http://www.wqcs.org). For information,

Check out some cool music as the Indian River State College "Company" singers and Jazz Band present the "Hot Summer Nights" concert at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$12. For information, call (772) 462-4750.

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#### MCALPIN SUMMER SEASON

The summer season at the Indian River State College McAlpin Fine Arts Center in Fort Pierce aims to satisfy different tastes.

The season will open Thursday with Lewis Galantieri's translation of Jean Anouilh's tragedy "Antigone." The IRSC Company Singers and Jazz Band will offer sentimental ballads and up-tempo show tunes in the "Hot Summer Nights" variety concert, beginning May 28. Michael Parker's farce "Whose Wives Are They Anyway?" will begin a four-day run June 10. "Jerome Kern: The Original American Songwriter," a tribute to the popular song icon, will wrap up the season, starting June 18.

For more information, call (772) 462-4750.

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# Pioneers open quest for state title

IRSC goes into state softball tournament as top-ranked team

BY BILL WHITEHEAD  
Correspondent

**FORT PIERCE** — The pieces are in place for another Indian River State College softball title — or two.

IRSC, the top-ranked Florida team and No. 2 in the country, begins play Friday in the double-elimination state softball



Atkinson

tournament in Auburndale in the quest for its fourth state title and a berth in the national championship series.

IRSC (46-9) plays at 2 p.m. against Central Florida Community College (33-23), a team the Pioneers beat twice to open the season.

Coach Dale Atkinson knows his team, which features 13 all-conference selections, has a target on its back.

"We're going to be the top

dog going in. I think the cream will rise to the top at the end, but we still have some unfinished business ahead of us," said Atkinson, whose 2002 group won the national championship.

"Our sophomores sure have come through for us. You start with someone like Kelley Smiley and go from there."

Smiley, an infielder from Okeechobee, leads the team in runs scored (56), stolen bases (40-of-49), hits (81), triples (8) and batting average (.420).

Carly Speerin led the state in

## STATE SOFTBALL

**What:** FCCAA Atlantic District/NJCAA District G Tournament

**Where:** Auburndale Softball Complex, Auburndale

**When:** Friday through Sunday

home runs with 13 and had a team-best 50 RBIs, while Monica Hatcher hit .387.

"Top to bottom in our lineup, we're really good,"

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## IRSC

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Atkinson said. "We've got some speed we can put out there, but we don't play much small-ball because we hit close to 50 home runs. We're a team that swings for the fences a little bit.

"The state tournament fence is only 200 feet and is the smallest field we'll play on all year long. We're going to try and send up kids who can hit balls out."

Danielle Seibert (26-4, 0.76), who walked 20 in 165 innings, earned Pitcher of the Year honors.

"(Seibert) has the composure and talent to get us out of situations. She's a bulldog and one of the better pitchers we've ever had here," Atkinson said.



JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL STATE

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## From No. 1 to done for IRSC

From staff reports

**AUBURDALE** — Indian River State College's softball team entered the state tournament ranked No. 1 in Florida.

Now the Pioneers are simply done.

Indian River was a surprise elimination Friday, losing 4-3 to Central Florida and 5-1 to Seminole.

Kaye Graydon accounted for all of Indian River's runs, hitting a three-run home run against Central Florida and a solo shot against Seminole.

Danielle Siebert (26-6) was the losing pitcher in both games.

Indian River, ranked second nationally, finishes 46-11.

"It was disappointing to say the least," said IRSC coach Dale Atkinson. "We thought we were the best team in the tournament but not on this day."



Subject:

FW: Former Student/Athlete

## Jeremy Gillan named ESPN the Magazine First Team Academic All-America

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Senior Jeremy Gillan

### [» Academic All-America Release](#)

After earning several accolades for his play on the field, senior catcher Jeremy Gillan is garnering awards for his work in the classroom, earning first team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honors.

The Port St. Lucie, Fla. native posted a 3.74 GPA as an exercise science major to earn the honor for the first time. He also garnered Atlantic Sun Conference all-academic honors and was named to the Dean's List last season.

"It does not surprise me that Jeremy has received this tremendous honor," said JU head coach Terry Alexander. "His hard work on the field has been a major factor towards us playing in a regional this weekend and now his hard work in the classroom has made him an All-American."

After transferring from Indian River CC last season, he led the Dolphins in hits (83), doubles (10), home runs (9), RBI (60), total bases (120), slugging percentage (.545), sacrifice flies (6), multi-hit games (27), multi-RBI games (16) and fielding percentage (.987) en route to second team all-conference honors.

A preseason all-conference selection this year, Gillan leads the squad with a .396 batting average, 19 doubles, 136 total bases, a .484 on-base percentage and a .673 slugging percentage. Defensively, he has been just as stellar by not committing an error while gunning down 14-of-34 (.412) base runners on the year.

Gillan is currently ranked second in the nation amongst collegiate catchers by Rivals.com's College Power Rankings. He also earned first team all-conference honors and was named to the A-Sun All-Tournament team over the weekend.



BASEBALL

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# Robinson bound for Arkansas

Indian River right fielder to play for SEC power

BY BILL WHITEHEAD  
Correspondent

**FORT PIERCE** — Kyle Robinson will continue his collegiate baseball career in the high-profile



Robinson

Southeastern Conference.

After coming up short in a late-season push to break the Indian River State College single-season batting record, the Pioneers' right fielder signed a letter-of-intent recently to play baseball for the University of Arkansas next season.

"It's a great program, and the facilities are among the best in the country. I'm excited about

it," said Robinson, a Boca Raton native who played prep baseball at Fort Lauderdale's Westminster Academy.

Arkansas (31-15) is currently 13th and 17th, respectively, in the latest Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America polls.

The Razorbacks' coaching staff has high expectations of Robinson, who hits and throws right-handed. Right fielder Chase Leavitt, the club's leadoff hitter, is a senior, leaving a gaping hole in the outfield and batting order next year.

"They want me to come in and play right field for them every day and hit three or four in the lineup, so they're expecting a lot out of me. I've got to perform," said Robinson, who was named a first team all-state selection Thursday.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pounder definitely performed in two seasons with the Pioneers.

After hitting .321 in a season shortened by a quadriceps injury last year, Robinson was batting over .450 this year but struggled over the final week as IRSC tried to make the conference tourney. He was chasing Andre Lambros' school record .450 batting average but ended at .416 with 18 doubles, eight homers and 43 RBIs in 37 games.

"I saw him from his first day and his first swing (here) to his last one," said IRSC hitting coach Ryan Balfe. "He matured as a hitter and learned to think the way a player at a higher level thinks. He did everything we asked of him."

Added IRSC head coach Bob O'Brien: "Kyle made some nice adjustments at the plate and became a better hitter. I expect him to step in and do a good job. He can definitely handle it."



# IRSC signs Stokes

Dustin Stokes was  
4-3 with a 1.60 ERA  
for Okeechobee

**BY BILL WHITEHEAD**  
Correspondent

Okeechobee's Dustin Stokes decided to stay close to home by signing recently to play baseball at Indian River State College next season.

"That's why I chose it," the 6-foot-3, 215-pound left-hander said. "My dad will get the chance to



Stokes

ball."

watch me play. I want to play there two years and then get the chance to play Division I baseball."

Stokes, a four-year starter who pitched and played right field, was instrumental in helping the Brahmans (17-11) win their first District 14-4A title since 2005.

He was 4-3 with a 1.60 ERA and 69 strikeouts in 61½ innings.

"He's a worker and does whatever you ask of him," Okeechobee coach Dylan Tedders said. "And he's tough. As a sophomore, he put his knee through the wooden fence (chasing down a fly ball) against Port St. Lucie, but he caught the ball."

Stokes also hit .384 with 10 extra-base hits, including six triples. He scored 22 runs and drove in 16.

"I saw him one-hop the fence at Lawnwood (Stadium), and then I found out he was just a junior," IRSC coach Bob O'Brien said. "But he caught my eye pitching, too. You can never have enough left-handed pitching."



## Local sports

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# Trio of IRSC players sign Division I scholarships

From staff reports

Three players from the Indian River State College women's basketball team have signed NCAA Division I scholarships.

Cameo Kent, a Jensen Beach High School graduate, signed with Florida A&M.

She was a transfer from Jacksonville University and played one year at IRSC.

Kent, a guard, averaged eight points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals per game and was a third-team all-Southern Conference selec-



Kent

tion.

"She was a hard-working player who accomplished her goal," said IRSC coach Dave Caputo. "Cameo wanted to go to Florida A&M from the start."

Ciara Banks, from Washington D.C., signed with Prairie View A&M in Texas. Banks, a forward, averaged 6.5 points and 9.7 rebounds a game, hitting 54 percent of her field goal attempts. She was a first team all-conference and had transferred from Morgan State, also playing one year for IRSC.

"Another hard-working player who has a chance to play for one of the greatest players of all time in

(coach) Cynthia Cooper-Dyke," Caputo said.

Deadria Hilliard, from Gainesville, transferred from Birmingham Southern to IRSC. She signed with the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. Hilliard, a shooting guard, averaged nine points, four assists, two steals a game and hit 41 percent of her three-point shots this season. She was second team all-conference.

"Deadria is the best student I ever had," Caputo said. "She had a 3.9 GPA and wants to be a nurse."

The trio helped Indian River finish 15-14 and win the Southern Conference championship in Caputo's first season as coach.