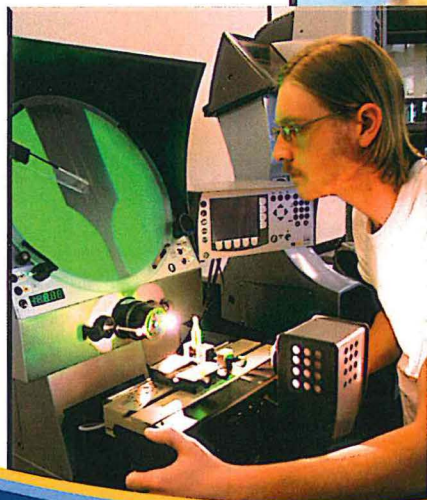


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## IRSC plans to expand bachelor's degrees

Starting in January, the college will offer three more bachelor's degree programs in biology, digital media and human services

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**FORT PIERCE** — Parents no longer can tell their children to stop playing video games because they are useless.

Starting in January, gaming will be a specialization in the new digital media bachelor's degree program at Indian River State College. The college received state approval Tuesday to begin three bachelor's degree programs in digital media, biology and human services.

IRSC President Ed Massey, who made the announcement of the new bachelor's degree programs Wednesday during a biology laboratory, said the community and local businesses have been supportive of the college's efforts.

More than 75 businesses in the life sciences, digital media and human services fields wrote to the Florida Board of Education supporting the proposal.

With digital video company Digital Domain coming into the area committed to create 500 high-paying jobs by 2014, the digital media degree will be beneficial to students, Massey said.

John Textor, chairman of Digital Domain Holdings, said the expanded program was good news for the company because it can find trained employees nearby.

But IRSC students will benefit as well, getting training for high-paying jobs in other parts of the state and country, he said.

More than 4,000 companies within Florida utilize digital media, Textor said.

"It's quietly becoming the leading industry within Florida," he said.

Digital media student Daniel Oria said he plans to stay at IRSC instead of transferring to the University of Central Florida as originally planned. He said the education and training he's getting from IRSC is among the best in

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Indian River State College President Edwin Massey announced Wednesday three new bachelor's degree programs that will be offered by the school in the high-growth fields of biology, digital media and human services.

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the state.

Oria wants to specialize in 3-D modeling and animation in the digital media program. The college's video production program has one of the biggest green rooms where videos are created in the state.

The video gaming industry also is exploding these days, with games being created for the iPhones, said Oria, president of the Campus Coalition Government.

"These programs are so advanced, and they change one year to the next," he said.

Several IRSC students welcomed the news of the expanded programs. Many wanted to continue their studies in these areas, but didn't want to transfer away from home to do it.

"That was the best thing that could have happened to me," said Princetel Toussaint, 20, of Port St. Lucie.

Toussaint is working toward his biology associate's degree and thought he would transfer to the University of Central Florida for his bachelor's. He wasn't sure how it would work because of family obligations he has at home.

Vanetta Robinson of Vero Beach already has been accepted at Florida Atlantic University for the fall semester to get her bachelor's degree in human services. Robinson graduated IRSC earlier this month with an associate's degree in human services and wanted to stay home to continue her studies.

"That's where everything I know is. That's where I want to stay," she said.





Staff photo by Jay Meisel

Edwin Massey, president of Indian River State College, right, listens as student Daniel Oria talks about how an expansion of bachelor's degree programs will help his education.

## College adds bachelor's degree programs

By Jay Meisel

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FORT PIERCE — For Prinetel Toussaint, the desire to seek a biology degree meant a difficult choice.

He was accepted at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. But that would conflict with his desire to help take care of his sister and meet other family obligations.

Then Mr. Toussaint, a resident of Port St. Lucie, learned that Indian River State College is expanding its bachelor's degree program to include biology.

"I was very excited," he said.

Now he can pursue his degree and meet his family obligations at the same time. Eventually, he wants to become a physician.

Edwin Massey, president of IRSC, announced the expansion to a biology class that included Mr. Toussaint.

On May 18, the State Board of Education approved IRSC

expanding its bachelor's degree programs to include biology, digital media and human services.

Dr. Massey said it was the first expansion since IRSC first began offering bachelor's degree programs in 2008. It initially began with nine choices.

Other programs offered besides the three new ones include organizational management, health care management, five in education and nursing.

Offering a bachelor's degree in biology is natural because of the attraction of biotechnology research firms to Port St. Lucie, Dr. Massey said.

Besides biomedical research, the biology program will help students who want to go into a variety of other areas, including bioengineering, Dr. Massey said.

Eventually, the biology program will be housed at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics building at IRSC's St. Lucie West campus.

Construction of the new building should begin soon and be completed during 2012, said Michelle Abaldo, director of institutional advancement.

The digital media program comes at a time when Digital Domain, a company that makes digital animations for films, games and other uses, is building a studio in Port St. Lucie.

Students will be able to specialize in graphics, Web design, gaming and video and modeling and simulation, Dr. Massey said.

He noted that Digital Domain will have temporary headquarters in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies. That is where the digital media program will be housed.

The human resources program will allow students to specialize in youth and family studies, addictions studies and general human services.

Those programs are expected to add to the more than 7,000 students currently seeking bachelor's degrees.

Daniel Oria, president of the campus coalition government, plans to be one of those students. Mr. Oria said he wants to pursue a career in 3-D modeling and animation.

"It's exciting for me to be able to stay in an environment I really like," Mr. Oria, a resident of Port St. Lucie said.

Whitney Fry, a student from Fort Pierce, said she's happy with the new biology degree offering because she won't have to move elsewhere to complete her studies.

Planning to complete a degree in human services, Vanetta Robinson of Vero Beach said, she would have had to go to Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton had the degree program not expanded.

But she said she's pleased to be able to stay at IRSC because of the quality of the education offered there.

"I didn't feel like I'm getting a second-rate community college thing," she said.



# Home is where the education is

By Michael Goforth on May 20, 2010 1:19 PM

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Are there any schools anywhere in the nation as forward-thinking and understanding of community needs as Indian River State College?

With the announcement this week of three new bachelor degree programs, the school answers an important call and can help students get valuable learning they need right at home.

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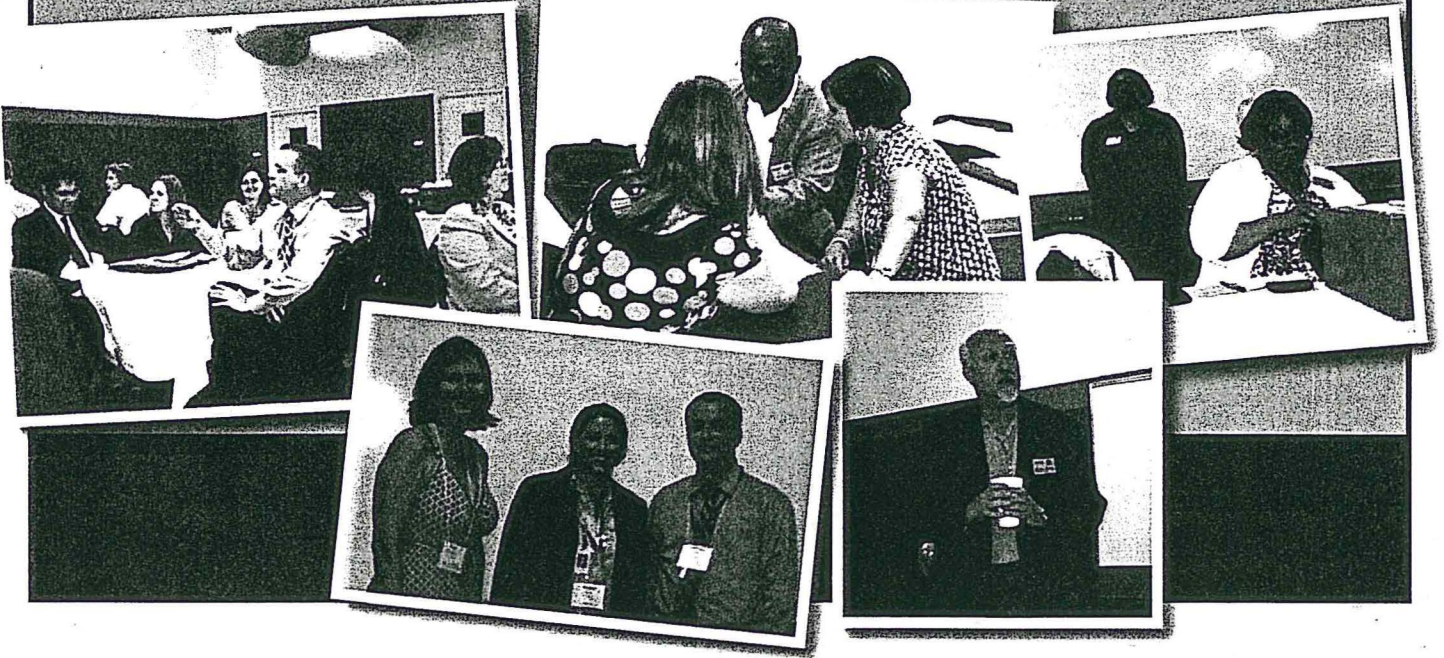
Digital media is the most intriguing, especially with the digital video company Digital Domain coming to Port St. Lucie.

President Ed Massey and others deserve a big thank you from the community for what it has done and what it promises to do in the future.

Getting a degree from IRSC can be a pretty big deal.



FROM THE CONFERENCE:



## U.S. Institute of Peace Awards Grant to Expand IRSC Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Operations Program

Indian River State College has been awarded a prestigious United States Institute of Peace (USIP) grant of \$79,680 to expand the College's Center for Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Operations as a training model for educational institutions and aid organizations in the US and overseas. The IRSC program provides intensive field-based training in response to earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural and manmade disasters. Combining full-scale crisis simulations with a relevant academic foundation, the multi-faceted program is the first of its type in the nation.

For the past five years IRSC and its partner colleges and universities have conducted intensive disaster simulations in Florida and in Macedonia in Southeastern Europe to hone the skills of future humanitarian operators who will work in insecure and challenging environments. Partners with IRSC include the United States Military Academy at West Point, The Citadel, Northwest Missouri State University,

Northern Oklahoma College, Salve Regina University, the Center for Creative Leadership and the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Macedonia. The program partners have formed a Consortium for Humanitarian Service and Education that will participate in the grant-funded activities.

The USIP grant will be used to bring together faculty, students, and leading subject matter experts from the United States, Macedonia, and the international community in a series of workshops and conferences over the next two years that will further develop this world-class program for training the next generation of disaster relief and humanitarian aid workers. Discussions will focus on the conduct of practical training for leading edge concerns in the aid community such as civil-military relations, safety and security, humanitarian negotiations, leadership and team building, aid delivery, contingency planning, and inter-agency management. IRSC will disseminate the training program curriculum to its national

and international partners in the project.

"We recognize that training for aid workers must combine solid academics with practical exercises so that our graduates understand how to 'get it right' working with real people with real concerns under real conditions," said Dr. Paul Forage, who directs the IRSC program. "To provide an additional layer of experience, we work in partnership with the organizations found in the real world of humanitarian work and disaster relief."

American students work side by side with their Macedonian counterparts to practice delivering humanitarian assistance safely and securely while coping with diverse social and political conditions during the crisis simulations. Two IRSC students who participated in the training last summer utilized their skills and experience to provide valuable leadership and assistance in Haiti following the earthquake. Other graduates have gone on to apply their skills in Africa, northern Iraq, and Afghanistan. ☸





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## IRSC Class of 2010 graduates



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Lindsey Williams, left, of Port St. Lucie, turns her tassel along with the Indian River State College Class of 2010 during commencement at Digital Domain Field in Port St. Lucie on Friday. Williams graduates with an associate of arts degree in music education. More than 2,000 students made up this year's graduating class, the largest ever: **STORY, B1**





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4 numbers	4	\$5,300.50
3-Megaball	50	\$927
3 numbers	1,152	\$120
2 numbers	1,550	\$59

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# IRSC training facility, faculty lauded

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BY SUSAN BURGESS  
Correspondent

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## OUR VIEW



**BEST IN CLASS:** It probably was just a matter of time before the state fire marshal's office ranked the fire training complex at Indian River State College as the best in the state.

While the honor has just been received, the state-of-the-art facility at the school's new Public Safety Training Complex already may be the best in the nation.

The \$40 million facility took years to plan, and its faculty work in firefighting agencies throughout the Treasure Coast. As part of the honor, 35 fire science faculty members were presented certificates of excellence.

Dean Steve Huntsberger said, "This wealth of information they share is invaluable. It's more than just the center; it's the program and how they teach it that won this award."

Thanks to the training provided, lives literally will be saved. That's worth some significant recognition.



# IRSC's Public Safety Training Complex, fire academy faculty named best in state

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"We have a live burn building where firefighters enter an actual burning building. We have 13 different real props such as a tanker truck and a car on fire, a gas meter wall in case a gas line breaks, a barbecue grill, and an electric voltage box. We even have a collapsed building so people can learn to rescue people from it."

St. Lucie County Fire Chief Ron Parrish said he went inside the live burn building when it was on fire to check it out.

"It was a very real experience," he said. "This facility and our instructors are a tremendous asset. It was time for them to be recognized."



## IRSC students learning to feed a hungry world with aquaculture



Photos by SAM WOLFE • Correspondent

Jason Franklin feeds a tank of young pompano at the USDA's Agricultural Research Service at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution on April 28. "It's not really a job to be doing what you love," said Franklin, who received his certificate in aquaculture from Indian River State College last fall and plans to complete the final two classes to get his associate's degree.

### Harbor Branch program teaches principles of farming aquatic animals

BY JAMES KIRLEY  
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**S**leek silver shapes swim circles in big blue tanks inside long white buildings, where students and teachers learn better ways to farm creatures once only pulled from the sea for food.

Pompano, a prized fish that goes for about \$20 a pound when local markets can get them, are being taught to grow in almost salt-free water.

Jason Franklin of Port St. Lucie is one of 22 Indian River State College students taking aquaculture classes through Harbor Branch

Oceanographic Institution at Florida Atlantic University.

A twice-weekly, four-credit summer course in principles of raising fish in aquaculture is being offered Tuesday through June 22.

"We are learning to raise pompano in low-salinity water; so farmers can do it farther inland in almost-fresh water," Franklin said. "We're still trying to perfect that technique."

Aquaculture, the farming of aquatic plants and animals, is the world's



A tank of young pompano feed at the USDA's Agricultural Research Service at Harbor Branch on April 28.

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#### AQUACULTURE EDUCATION OFFERED

• Aquaculture scientists at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution and Indian River State College offer classes and hands-on training. Students can earn a one-year aquaculture technology certificate, a two-year associates degree or a four-year organizational management degree.

An introductory class in aquaculture is available for people interested in learning more about the field.

• Summer classes start Tuesday and registration is through IRSC.

• For information about programs, contact Susan Laramore at Harbor Branch (772) 465-2400, ext. 525; or Ann McMullan at IRSC, (772) 335-6211



"Working with clown fish and other tropical fish every day is a blast," said Jared Owens as he feeds young larval fish at Oceans, Reefs and Aquariums' aquaculture facility.

"We are a research facility, so we are ahead of the curve. We are trying to figure out what we need tomorrow — and that benefits the students."

#### AQUACULTURE OF FOOD

• Aquaculture of food increased worldwide from less than 11 million tons in the early 1950s to more than 57 million tons with a value of \$78.8 billion in 2006, the last year for which data is available.

• The world's population ate 121 million tons of fish in 2006, with aquaculture providing about 47 percent.

• Aquaculture has maintained an average annual growth of 8.7 percent worldwide since 1970, while food production of fish captured in the wild stopped growing around the mid-1980s.

• The latest estimate has 9 million people farming fish worldwide, 94 percent of them in Asia.

State of the World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2008, a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. An update of the biannual report is expected this year.



## MURDER MYSTERIES

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# TECHNOLOGY meets the UNSOLVED MURDER

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Finding a killer is no easy task for law enforcement officers and scientists at Indian River Crime Laboratory at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. A mock victim's bullet-riddled, bloody shirt is taken to the lab.

So are the bullets left behind and pictures detectives snapped of footprints leading to and from the body.

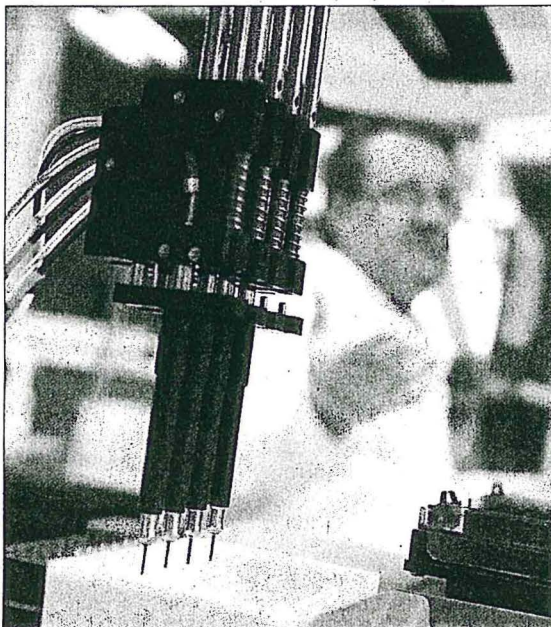
Working with local law enforcement officers, the crime lab team goes where the evidence leads them.

Unlike TV, this process doesn't happen in an hour.

Here is a look at some of the tools used by investigators:

"Science is becoming more definitive. In the 1980s, we were working with the four blood groups, where you had a one in four chance that the blood was from a particular person. Now, we can say that unless this person has an identical twin, this sample belongs to that person."

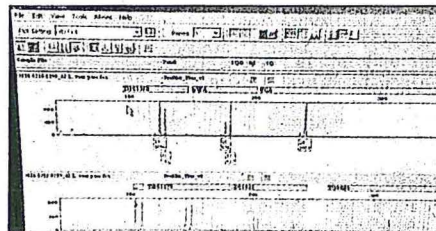
Daniel C. Nippes, director of the Indian River Crime Laboratory at Indian River State College



### DNA PROFILING

The use of DNA in criminal investigations has exploded in the past two decades as a tool that can link a suspect to the crime scene. DNA is nucleic acid that contains the genetic blueprint for people and other living things. No two people have the same, excluding identical twins.

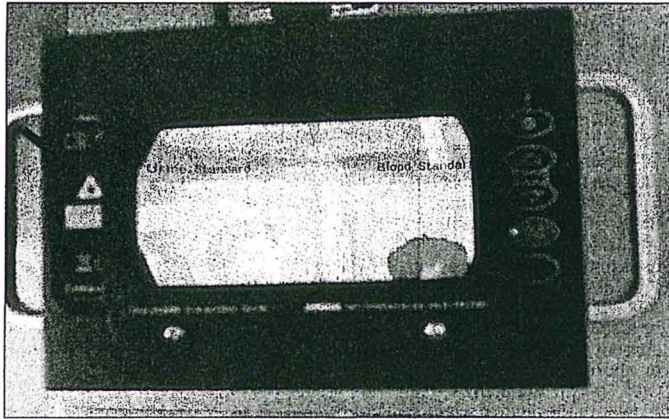
**LEFT:** An automatic robotic handler extracts DNA samples from biological fluids found at a crime scene. The robot can extract 48 DNA samples in about two hours compared with about eight hours for a human, criminalist Earl Ritzline said. **BELOW:** A DNA profile is shown on a computer after a robotic system extracted and analyzed material from a test sample.





## STAIN ANALYSIS

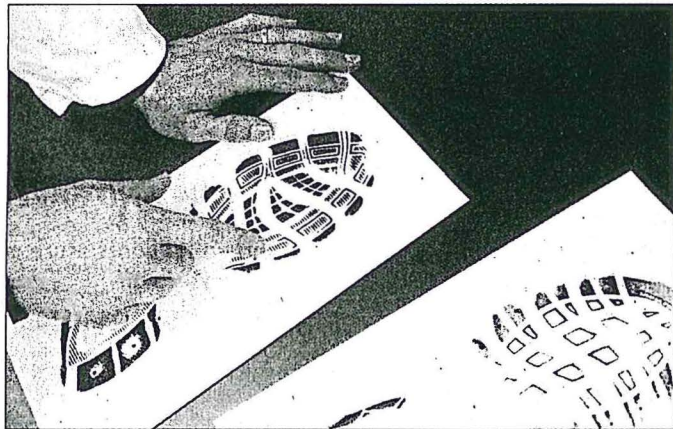
A stain on a garment can help criminalists and law enforcement agencies solve a crime as well as locate possible DNA.



Ritzline analyzes a shirt for other bodily fluids, which contain DNA. Some parts of the shirt glow under the ALS, alternate light source device, meaning other biological fluids such as urine are present. But blood doesn't glow. It appears dark.

## TREAD ANALYSIS

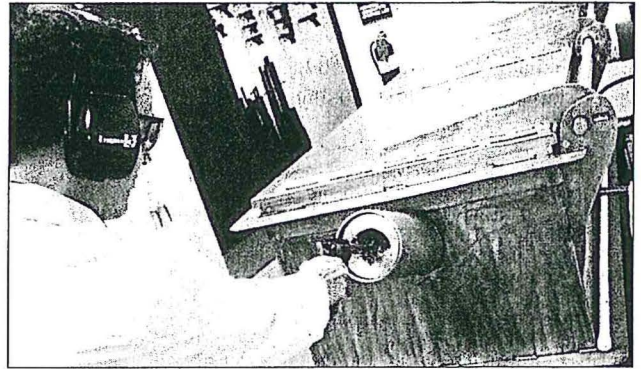
Shoe impressions alone are not enough to nab a suspect. However, tread analysis is another tool detectives can use to exclude or include suspects. Detectives bring in the shoes of a suspect to match with shoe impressions left at the crime scene.



The sole of each shoe is imprinted using a special ink and paper to compare with footprints found at the crime scene. With the impressions, criminalist Mark Chapman can tell the shoe size and style, a suspect's gait and if a suspect was walking toward or leaving the scene quickly or slowly. Even with identical shoes, the presence or absence of a scar or unusual wear can identify a match or eliminate the shoe.

## BALLISTICS

Bullets and guns found at a crime scene go through a battery of tests. The gun's barrel and firing pin leave unique microscopic marks on bullets, which connect the bullets to a gun. The marks are similar to fingerprints for people; no two bullets have the same marks.



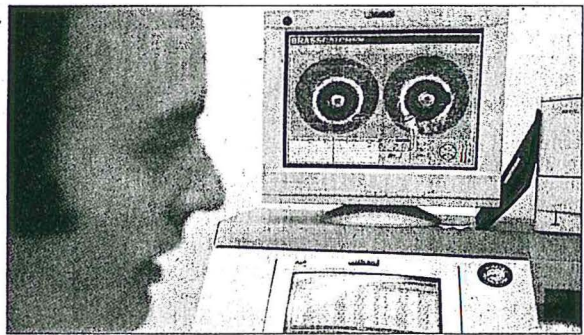
Criminalist Mark Chapman at the Indian River Crime Laboratory fires a .44-caliber revolver into a water tank for a ballistics test. If the unique markings on the bullet match the bullet from the crime scene, the gun could be placed into evidence.



A .44-caliber hollow point bullet is recovered from the water tank.

"The science of ballistics and firearms is about 100 years old. The tools that we use are changing."

Criminalist Mark Chapman



Chapman uses IBIS, Integrated Ballistics Identification System, to scan bullets to compare with those already in the system. IBIS looks for unique microscopic markings made on a bullet when it is fired.



# MURDER MYSTERIES

## MURDER

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harder to find as one reason for the declining rate. They also blame the more difficult time-consuming types of homicides investigated. They are often drug- or gang-related with little or no motive; it's not often a family member or friend doing the killing, officials said.

Also, officers are getting less or no cooperation from witnesses who might have information.

Fort Pierce Police Sgt. Dennis McWilliams said his department has been investigating homicides that are gang-related. Often, those homicides are more difficult to solve because witnesses fear if they come forward, gangs will retaliate, he said.

While those are valid reasons why it's more difficult to solve homicides, University of Maryland criminologist Charles Wellford said that would be similar to a hospital where patients with the common cold are cured but those with prostate cancer die.

"We wouldn't accept it from a hospital," said Wellford, whom the FBI regards as an expert on homicide clearance rates. "It's a legitimate argument, but it just says that police need to be better prepared for solving the harder cases."

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office had a dramatic increase in its homicide solve rate — clearing 88 percent of its homicide cases from 2000 to 2008. In the 1980s, it cleared 55 percent.

"We just work our cases as hard as we can and remember that we're the voice for the person who got killed," said Sgt. Grant King, part of the criminal investigations unit for the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

He also attributes the county's higher solve rate to the forming of the Port St. Lucie Police Department in 1980 and to Fort Pierce expanding its city borders.

Department Capt. Don Kryak said. "That's because they are getting 200 homicides a year, where we may have more burglaries than homicides."

Although local law enforcement agencies might not have the resources that larger agencies do, Wellford said they should devote more training to investigating crime scenes and identifying witnesses for road patrol officers, who are the first responders to homicides. They also should work with neighboring police departments and sheriff's offices.

"Think in terms of regional and state level and allow state investigators to take the lead when homicides are more difficult," said Wellford.

Local detectives and crime scene investigators are encouraged to pursue additional training at Indian River State College and to go to professional conferences, officials said.

Some local officials said comparing homicide clearance rates doesn't necessarily paint a clear picture of small police departments' efforts to solve homicides.

For instance, Port St. Lucie Police Department's solved homicide rate of 47.8 percent from 2000 to 2008 could be deceiving, Kryak said.

Rates can give the appearance that there are a multitude of unsolved homicides when there might be only a few.

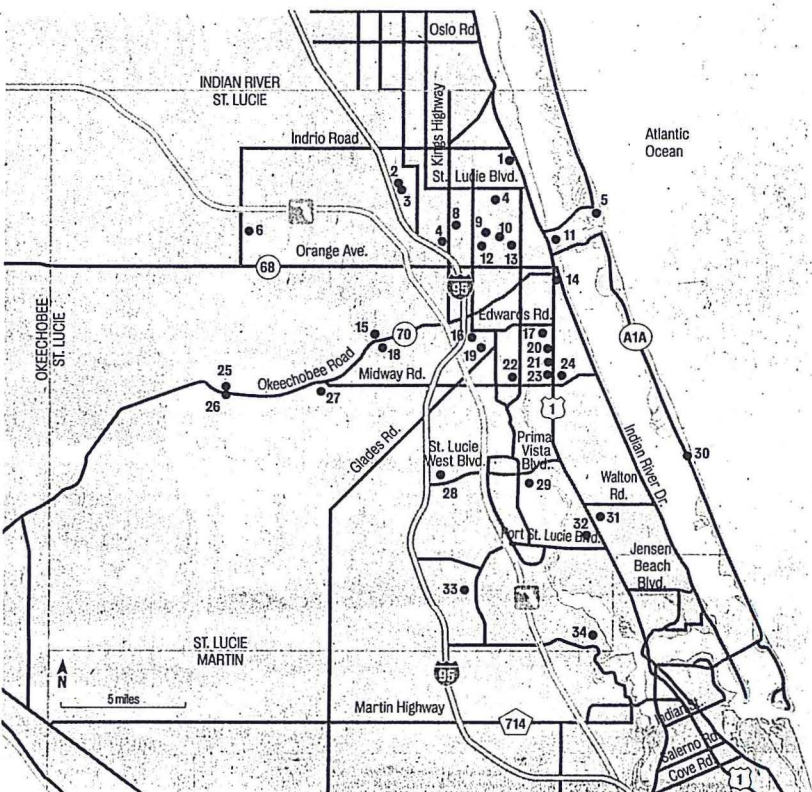
In Port St. Lucie, from 2000-2008 there were 23 homicides and the police department solved 11, data shows. The raw number of 12 unsolved homicides in nine years is not as overwhelming as saying there's only a 47 percent solve rate, officials said.

"Of course, having one homicide is one too many," Kryak said. "In general, I think we learned from each case and how we can better ourselves."

### SUCCESS RATES

Solved homicide rates, grouped by county and ordered by decade and sorted by agency. The oldest numbers are from 1965. So, it was decided to group 1965 to 1969 together and keep the other decades together.

	1965 to 1969	1970 to 1979	1980 to 1989	1990 to 1999	2000 to 2008
<b>Indian River County</b>					
Indian River County Sheriff's Office	100%	88.68%	89.09%	63.64%	62.5%
Vero Beach Police Department	100	100	50	81.82	100
Sebastian Police Department	n/a	n/a	100	75	100
Fellsmere Police Department	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100
<b>St. Lucie County</b>					
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	70.59%	76.92%	55%	82.35%	88%
Fort Pierce Police Department	71.43	83.96	66.36	63.22	78.8
Port St. Lucie Police Department	n/a	n/a	n/a	77.78	47.8
<b>Martin County</b>					
Martin County Sheriff's Office	90.91%	84.85%	57.78%	50%	75%
Stuart Police Department	75%	88.89	100	60	80
Jupiter Island Police Department	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100



JIM URICK • Staff



## TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

"Crimes that we would have investigated are now being investigated by those agencies," he said.

Although the rate of solved homicides in Fort Pierce is not as high as in the Sheriff's Office, Fort Pierce Police Department officials tout their 30-year high rate of 78 percent for solving homicides from 2000 to 2008.

But McWilliams said he still isn't satisfied with the numbers.

"From my view, 78 percent is not good enough," he said. "That means we still have 22 percent unsolved. I want to be able to tell every mom that we made an arrest."

### SMALL AGENCIES, LESS RESOURCES

Officials at the county's law enforcement agencies said their goal is to clear all homicides, but no agency has a policy on how many must be cleared in a set time. That's because each homicide is different and detectives face challenges with each one, officials said.

And, officials emphasize, local detectives investigate all crimes and not just homicides. Larger agencies might have the luxury of a homicide division of specialized detectives.

"At larger agencies, they can afford to infinitely divide detectives to do that," Port St. Lucie Police

Detectives have received a boost in recent years in fighting crime with science.

In the last two decades, using DNA in criminal investigations has become a vital crime-fighting tool that can link a suspect to a crime. DNA is the building block of cells, and is unique to every person. It is often left at crime scenes in the forms of blood and other bodily fluids.

Officials said they can now extract DNA from biological fluids in quantities as small as a period at the end of a sentence.

"When you provide information that never would have been found except in a laboratory, it is gratifying," said Daniel C. Nippes, director of the regional crime laboratory at Indian River State College, which processes criminal evidence from Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties.

Science is used to verify witness' accounts — the location of stains on a garment could support a claim of having a bloody nose or an attempted sexual assault.

In 2006, the crime lab used DNA to solve an Indian River County Sheriff's Office's 21-year-old missing person case.

Family members last saw Juanita Cooper on May 14, 1984, near her Oslo Road home in Vero Beach.

1. Daniel Theriaque, 30, found on Dec. 12, 1991, Country Cove Mobile Home Park, North U.S. 1
2. Cathy Jacobson, 18, Jan. 4, 1976, in the vicinity of Immokolee Road
3. Melinda Lerchenfeld, 33, April 4, 2000, Immokolee Road and Emerson Avenue
4. Gary Williams, 25, found on Dec. 7, 1988, 4600 block of Matanzas Avenue
5. Charles Fay Rose, 37, found on June 13, 1974, on Dynamite Point, North Beach
6. Beverly McGowan, 34, found on July 19, 1990, on the banks of the Rim Ditch Canal west of Fort Pierce
7. Robert Hardwick, 71, and Bernice Reese, 57, found on Oct. 22, 2000, 800 block of N. Kings Highway
8. Mildred Alexander, 25, found on July 14, 1981, in canal at Taylor Dairy and Angle roads
9. Sandra Robinson, 20, found on Feb. 26, 1988, Grady Drive and North 42nd Street
10. Robert Thomas, 37, found on Nov. 14, 2001, 2900 block of Avenue J
11. David Scott Smith, 22, found on Oct. 10, 1986, Taylor Creek near Valley Lane
12. Valerie Hewitt, 48, found on Nov. 3, 1995, Angle Road in front of Fort Pierce Westwood High School
13. Rosetta Cook Murray, 93, found on May 2, 2000, 2700 block of Avenue H
14. Melvin Shaw, 46, found on March 2, 2000, on Florida East Coast Railroad

A partial skeleton was found June 29, 1989, along a canal at Taylor Creek and 25th Street in Fort Pierce after a brush fire in St. Lucie County.

Using technology not available in the 1980s, crime lab scientists extracted DNA from the bones to compare with DNA from Cooper's living relatives.

It was a match. And now, detectives have classified the case an unsolved homicide.

15. Rocky Taylor, 25, found on May 13, 1988, McCarty and State Road 70
16. James Murray, 77, found on April 15, 1997, 207 Hickory Lane
17. Saint-Hubert Valbrun, 42, found on Aug. 19, 1998, 3106 Duban Terrace
18. Jean Mondestin, 32, found on Jan. 2, 2006, Windover Apartments on South 29th Street
19. John Doe, age unknown, found on Oct. 7, 1986, Ralls Road
20. Pam Cantaline, 41, found on Feb. 25, 1985, Vernon Street
21. Barrie Peebles, 62, found on July 21, 2007, 8700 block of U.S. 1
22. Kenneth Watson, 25, found on July 1, 1997, Midway Road and 25th Street
23. Isaac Battle, 26, found on Jan. 8, 1981, 3600 block of S. U.S. 1
24. John Trimmer, 34, found on Dec. 9, 1996, Regina Drive and Weatherbee Road
25. Albert Trent Clay, 38, found on March 31, 1986, in the canal at State Road 70 and C24, Rim Ditch
26. Rosemarie Grella, 46, found on Nov. 11, 2000, Rim Ditch Canal and State Road 70
27. Lora Huizar, 11, found on Nov. 9, 1983, near St. Lucie County Fairgrounds
28. Pauline Lane, 76, and Everett Lane, 73, found on May 9, 1989, 262 N.W. Bayshore
29. Karen Johnston, 35, found on June 29,

### COLD CASES GET COLDER

But even with advancement in DNA technology, victims' families such as John Share's wait for justice.

In January 2001, Share, 37, was found with multiple stab wounds in his Port St. Lucie home. The father of three and Little League coach had racked up \$80,000 in sports gambling debts. In 2003, police arrested and charged a suspect with homicide, but a month later,

- 1979, 400 block of Veranda Avenue
30. Sarah Duggins, 48, found on May 11, 1969, South Beach, north of the St. Lucie Power Plant
31. Robert Gass, 33, found on July 3, 1981, near Village Green shopping plaza
32. Richelle Marie Brown, 26, found on Jan. 11, 1996, in her home, 1569 SE Minorca Ave.
33. John T. Share, 37, found on Jan. 25, 2001, in his home, 1125 S.W. Bianca Ave.
34. Heidi Czerwinski, 16, found on Dec. 17, 1978, in a wooded area in the vicinity of Gilson Road

- prosecutors dropped the charges.
- Tom Share said the family is "cautiously optimistic" police will find his brother's killer.
- "It's been so long," said Tom Share, who, with his wife, raised their three children along with his brother's two sons. "I'd like to know why. I'd like to go and speak with (the killer) face to face."
- Solving homicides such as Share's get more difficult

### Following victims are not located on this map:

- \* Richard Bigham, 65, found on March 22, 1999, No information available
- \* Theresa Doyle, 35, found on Feb. 7, 1999, near the 5900 block of Southwest Mapp Road in Martin County, floating in the south fork of the St. Lucie River
- \* Carolyn Golson, 22, found on March 16, 1974, North State Road A1A
- \* Collette Goodenough, 23 and Barbara Wilcox, 23, found on Jan. 6, 1977, in C-24 canal near Port St. Lucie
- \* Riley Hayes, 63, found on April 1, 1987, Old Dixie Highway
- \* Mike Pritchett, 28, and Theresa Whitmire, 20, found on June 21, 1985, current site of the Rainbow Motel

over time.

Witnesses' memories fade and some witnesses move away or die, Kryak said.

Apathy settles in as more homicides happen and the public questions why officers would reopen an old case instead of focusing on newer ones, Kryak said.

For families it is opening old wounds.

"They have started the healing process and moved on with their lives the best they can," Kryak said.

"We just work our cases as hard as we can and remember that we're the voice for the person who got killed."

Sgt. Grant King, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

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## Clark center celebrates graduation

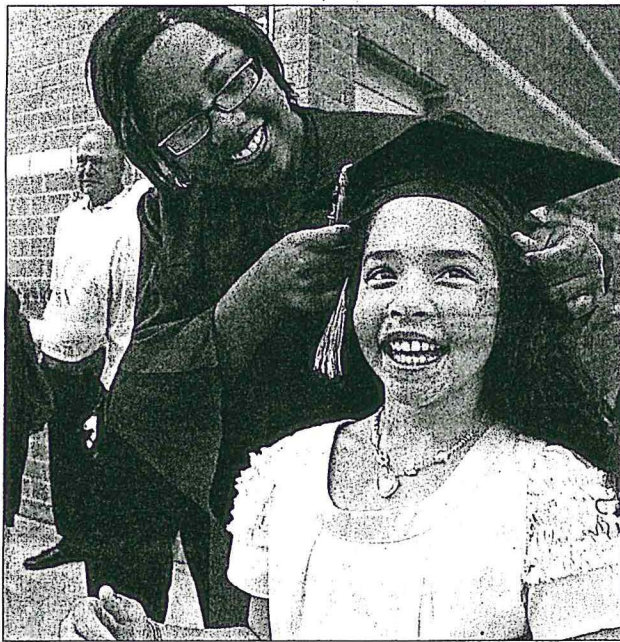
Despite the sound of lightning detectors, the Clark Advanced Learning Center graduation ceremony went on without a glitch. A total of 62 high school seniors graced the stage during the annual commencement exercises conducted inside the auditorium of Jensen Beach High School. This is the sixth graduating class for the national model high school for sophomores, juniors and seniors. CLAC is a public charter high school that meets at the Chastain Campus of the Indian River State College in Stuart. This year, 11 graduate from CLAC with an A.A. degree awarded by Indian River State College, while eight students earned a technical certificate in business management and four students earned a technical certificate in graphic design, both from IRSC. More than \$100,000 in scholarships has been awarded to CLAC graduates.

"I am so proud of them, this class worked very hard," said Leslie Kandefor, school counselor at Clark Advanced Learning Center.

Photographs and story by staff photographer Eric Hasert



Tamara Zhanaldarova, right, of Palm City, celebrates her graduation with friend Colleen Falco, a Junior at South Fork High School, following the Clark Advanced Learning Center commencement exercises conducted at the Jensen Beach High School auditorium on Saturday. "It's pretty sweet," Zhanaldarova said.



Clark Advanced Learning Center graduate Meagan McTaggart, left, of Stuart, puts her mortarboard and tassel on her younger sister Madison, 8, after completion of the school's commencement exercises. "Very proud of her," Madison said of her sister's accomplishment.



Above: Clark Advanced Learning Center graduates, from left, Jalene Haramia, Timothy Scheldegger and Gregory Millette pose for a photo before the start of the commencement exercises. Right: Class valedictorian Jalene Haramia, right, gets a hug from Maria Mosley, executive director of the Clark Learning Center, after being the first to be awarded her diploma.





REMEMBERING 'DOC' MYERS

# Mourning a loss, but celebrating a life and legacy

Our community and state lost one of its most beloved sons with the passing of state Sen. William G. "Doc" Myers.

Sen. Myers epitomized what the constitutional framers had in mind when they crafted the term "citizen legislator."

Doc used his experiences as a physician to become the renowned expert on health and human issues in the Legislature and in our state. Before staking out a position on a matter related to the health and human services field, astute legislators would first ask: "Where does 'Doc' stand on the issue?"

Sen. Myers' handprint is evident throughout the Treasure (Research) Coast. His legacy is forever cast with the naming of the Martin County Public Health Unit in his honor. His support of Indian River State College helped it become



Pruitt

**SEN. KEN PRUITT**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

one of the finest in the country.

Sen. Myers' work on state-wide public health issues is exemplified by the naming of the legislation that created the Florida Department of Health agency in his honor; the Senator William G. "Doc" Myers Public Health Act of 1996.

Doc's love of children is legendary. In 2002, the William G. "Doc" Myers Healthy Kids Corporation Act was passed into law. Today, thousands of children in Florida receive health care thanks to the vision and hard work of Sen. Myers.

Sen. Myers was a shining example for elected officials to follow. Known as a "powerful" legislator, Sen. Myers seldom, if ever, used his "power" and "influence." He didn't have to. Doc always felt that real leaders should never have to use or show their power to be effective.



State Library and Archives of Florida  
State Sen. William "Doc" Myers' birthday always was cause for celebration. He died Tuesday at 79.

Never one to take credit for anything, Sen. Myers served by the words of President Ronald Reagan: "There's no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit."

A crusader of society's most vulnerable, Doc will be remembered as a difference maker and as someone who left this life

better than he found it.

Let us mourn the loss of a great man, husband and father and celebrate the life of a public servant who lived life helping others.

Pruitt, who succeeded Myers in serving Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties in the Florida Senate, retired in 2009 after serving as its president.



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# Shortage of nurses could be looming

Hospitals struggling to find enough nurses with training needed to work in specialty units

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More older people needing care combined with more workers ready to retire means Florida, including the Treasure Coast, could be short nurses in the next 10 years.

Hospital officials say they already are struggling to find enough nurses with the advanced training needed to work in critical care and other specialty units.

"The future of the nursing profession is one of the brightest of all the professions," said Gwenda Thompson, president and CEO of Workforce Solutions, the private nonprofit agency that helps connect employees and unemployed workers on the Treasure Coast. "But the thing we're trying to stress to nurses: They need to go as far with their education as they possibly can."

The existing supply of registered nurses is meeting demand, according to a report released this month by the Florida Center for Nursing. The report attributes higher-than-expected increases in the number of people earning their certification because of the recession.

"You have RN after your name: You can do so many things," said Pam Burchall, vice president of human resources for Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute.

Statewide, about 85 percent of licensed

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**Gwenda Thompson,  
president and CEO  
of Workforce  
Solutions**

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nurses are working in the field, according to the report. The Treasure Coast produced nurses at a slower rate than other portions of the state, but Thompson said most new nurses can find jobs. Officials with Keiser University, which offers nursing programs in West Palm Beach and Melbourne, said more than 90 percent of its graduates are employed, at least on a part-time basis.

Officials with Treasure Coast hospitals such as Indian River Medical Center said they have no trouble finding nurses, thanks to their partnerships with Indian River State College.

New nurses might not be enough to meet demand, though, as the population ages. The report notes with concern high numbers of registered nurses leaving the state and the profession. Nearly half of Florida's nurses also are 50 or older and expected to retire in the next 15 years.

Treasure Coast hospitals' nurses' average age is around 45, and the bad economy has prevented some older nurses from retiring, administrators said.

"The recession has changed a lot of people's perspective on retirement," said Karen Ripper, chief nursing officer for Martin Memorial Health Systems. "(But) eventually, they're going to have to retire."

And in the meantime, the recession also has forced some people to leave in search of cheaper housing or better jobs for spouses, administrators said.

Local hospitals are offering continuing education to fill the need now for critical care and other specialty nurses. But administrators also are betting the programs will make people happier and more likely to stay in their jobs, something the nursing report suggests every employer of nurses should consider to ward off shortages.

"It's one thing to need to have a job," Ripper said. "It's another thing to really love what you're doing everyday."

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### FORT PIERCE

*Tribune 5-29-11*

## Construction firm picked for IRSC center

Indian River State College officials have selected H.J. High Construction Co. of Orlando as construction manager for the college's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to be constructed on the Fort Pierce campus.

The 53,000-square-foot, three-story building will offer business and technology training, focusing on alternative energies and related technologies.

The green-certified center will include working examples of green building components such as solar and photovoltaic panels, wind turbines, water collection feature and daylight harvesting.

The center, partially funded with a stimulus grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, is expected to support the region's businesses and help attract new technology firms.

Opening in 2011, the facility will host the following programs: nanotechnology, alternative energies, sustainable building design, architecture, science, engineering and business.



St. Lucie News Tribune 5.9.10

# In Gulf of Mexico, oily hair is a good thing

Discarded hair clippings being used to make 'booms,' hair mats to soak up leaked oil



**ANTHONY WESTBURY**  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY

**INSIDE:**  
Treasure Coast hair-care establishments taking part in program. **A10**

Hair today and gone tomorrow? A lot of hair-dressers in St. Lucie County are hoping that will be true.

An informal group of hair-care professionals from Port St. Lucie to Lakewood

Park and beyond are working together to send discarded hair clippings to an organization in California that uses it to create "booms" and hair mats to soak up spilled oil.

Anita and Denny Green

employee told them about amatteroftrust.org.

The Greens decided to make their hair salon and barber shop in Sabal Palm Plaza a drop-off point for

of Denny's Hair Styling in Fort Pierce have been watching TV news reports about the Deepwater Horizon spill and racked their brains about what they could do to help save the Gulf. An

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area salons.

The response has been amazing, Anita said Friday.

"We love that we can do something with all the hair we collect. There had to be something we could do with it!"

San Francisco-based matteroftrust.org, stuffs old panty hose with the hair and also sends material to nonwoven needlepunch factories to create hair mats.

The Greens' salons collect about 12 to 15 pounds of hair a week, Denny estimated. Normally all those shorn locks go to the landfill with the rest of the trash.

Denny says he's hoping their first shipment can be at least 100 pounds.

Through their trade contacts, the Greens have been able to sign up not only barber shops and beauty salons, but also the school of cosmetology and barbering at Indian River State College.

"We didn't hear about all this until Thursday," IRSC department chairperson Debbie Liskin said, "but we fully intend to get involved. Our students start a new semester next week and this will be happening then."

Liskin said she has no idea how much hair the 22 students under her wing generate, but says they can easily fill an office garbage can in two or three days.

One pound of cut hair is supposed to be able to absorb a quart of oil, Anita Green said.

Collections from more than a dozen St. Lucie salons will begin Saturday afternoon and continue through Monday. The Greens have taken on the task of collecting the hair in 55-gallon garbage

## CLIP, CLIP

The following is a list of some of the establishments on the Treasure Coast that are sending cut hair to [matteroftrust.org](http://matteroftrust.org).

- Denny's Hair Styling, Fort Pierce (461-2070).
- IRSC School of Cosmetology & Barbering, Fort Pierce
- Talk of the Town, Fort Pierce
- Bangz Salon, Fort Pierce
- Visions, Fort Pierce
- Salon de Ana Bernal, Fort Pierce
- Jan's Trendsetters Salon, Fort Pierce
- Family Hair Studio, Lakewood Park
- Frank's Barber Shop, Port St. Lucie
- Bayshore Barber Shop, Port St. Lucie
- Debbie's Hair Pampering, Sebastian
- Talk of the Town, Sebastian

bags, boxing it up and mailing it off to San Francisco at their own expense.

And they plan to keep on doing it after the current catastrophe in the Gulf is over, Anita said.

Matter of Trust notes on its website that there are 300,000 hair salons in the United States. Imagine if every one of them took part in this hairy enterprise.

Then it really could be a case of hair today and gone tomorrow for all that ugly oil.

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# Libraries<sup>Tribune</sup><sub>5-12-10</sub> to change hours, days as of June 6

County libraries will be closed on Sundays and Mondays, but patrons can use the ones on IRSC's Fort Pierce campus

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**ST. LUCIE COUNTY** — County libraries will be closed on Sundays and Mondays beginning June 6 after county commissioners opted to change hours.

County commissioners voted on the measure on the consent agenda without comment at Tuesday's board meeting. No one from the public commented on the item.

Library patrons still can use Indian River State College's main campus and St. Lucie West libraries. The Miley Library on the Fort Pierce campus has Sunday and Monday hours and the St. Lucie West Library has Monday hours.

Patricia Maley, 70, of Fort Pierce said she understood why the county had to close the libraries a second day.

"These are very, very bad times for everybody," said Maley after leaving Fort Pierce Branch Library. "Whatever they need to do, I'm good with."

Phyllis Larned, 68, of Fort Pierce said she pays enough in taxes that it should support the library. Larned said she goes to the library every couple weeks.

"It seems a shame," Larned said. "I don't

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Here's a look at the new library hours in St. Lucie County. The new hours take effect June 6.

Library	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Fort Pierce	Closed	9-8 p.m.	9-5:30 p.m.	9-8 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	Closed
Morningside	Closed	9-8 p.m.	9-5:30 p.m.	9-8 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	Closed
Lakewood Park	Closed	9-5:30 p.m.	12-8 p.m.	9-5:30 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	Closed
Port St. Lucie	Closed	9-5:30 p.m.	12-8 p.m.	9-5:30 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	Closed
Hurston	Closed	9-5:30 p.m.	12-8 p.m.	9-5:30 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	Closed
*St. Lucie West	9-9 p.m.	9-9 p.m.	9-9 p.m.	9-9 p.m.	9-5 p.m.	9-1 p.m.	Closed

\* St. Lucie West Library is partially staffed with county library employees and operated in part by Florida Atlantic University and Indian River State College.

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know what the answer to that is if it's a real money situation, but I hate for the library not to be available for anyone."

Victoria Pylvainen, 27, of Fort Pierce said she would like to see the libraries remain open Sundays and Mondays but did not want to pay more in taxes to accomplish it.

"It seems like a lot of community members use the libraries," she said. "If the library is publicly funded, then it's a disservice to the community."

All of the county libraries

will be open Tuesday through Saturday for at least eight hours each day. All of the county libraries previously had been closed one day a week, though the days differed.

The hour changes are because of staff reductions during the past two years. Library staffing is down 32 percent since 2008, in part because of budget cuts as well as recent retirements and other departures. The moves are not expected to generate significant savings. Instead, they will make sure the libraries are adequately staffed.

The county library system has five libraries, not including the Indian River

State College Library and St. Lucie West Library libraries. Those two are not owned by the county.

The plan should eliminate the need for emergency closures caused by a lack of staff. Previously, if someone called off sick or had vacation, the libraries often had trouble with staffing.

The libraries will have at least three staff members on duty at the Hurston, Lakewood Park and Port St. Lucie branches. At least four staff members will be on duty at the Morningside Branch Library. At least five staff members will be on duty to cover both floors of the Fort Pierce Branch Library.



# Fort Pierce turns down 1st request for IRSC student housing

BY LAURIE K. BLANDFORD  
Correspondent

**FORT PIERCE** — Students studying at Indian River State College shouldn't expect new housing any time soon.

The City Commission unanimously denied the first request for student housing at its Monday night meeting. The request was to approve a conditional use at 2207 S. 33rd St., a two-story single-family home.

"It sounds like a good idea until you look at the details," said Mayor Bob Benton.

The commission approved an ordinance last year to allow properties within a quarter-

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mile of the college to be used for student housing.

On April 13, the city's Planning Board unanimously approved the conditional use of the less-than-a-quarter-acre property north of Virginia Avenue.

Though the commissioners acknowledged the need for student housing, they had concerns about a lack of parking.

The plan for the student housing included six rooms, but city code required only three parking spaces and four bicycle spots.

Commissioner Eddie Becht said he wanted a pedestrian or bicycle path from the building to the college, as well as a switch from a septic system to the city's sewers.

City officials sent 45 notifications to property owners within 500 feet of the property. Of the 20 responses received Monday night, eight approved and 12 disapproved.

"I can't forget the concerns of those residents," Benton said.

As a landlord for 15 years, Commissioner Tom Perona agreed with Benton.

"It's difficult to get college students and residents living in

the same area," Perona said.

Applicant Dror Triger of Fort Pierce planned to use three existing buildings and build three buildings for student housing, as well as build a gazebo in the middle.

Benton suggested bringing the application back to the commission for a rezoning and said he would rather look at a planned-unit development application.

But Triger wouldn't be able to reapply for six months.

Benton said the student housing ordinance was intended for undeveloped land around the college and not to convert single-family homes.

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**ST. LUCIE COUNTY**  
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**IRSC hands out 750  
high school diplomas**

Taking a step toward a brighter future, 758 Treasure Coast residents earned their high school diploma through Indian River State College this year.

IRSC Adult Education graduates can participate in the high school diploma ceremony Tuesday in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center at the Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

Students with last names beginning with A to K will receive diplomas beginning at 6 p.m.; those with names beginning with L to Z will receive diplomas starting at 8 p.m.

Throughout the 2009-10 school year, the graduates earned high school credits in IRSC's Adult High School or passed the General Educational Development exam at IRSC Adult Education sites throughout St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

Eighty-seven completed the adult high school program, while 671 students passed the GED exam.

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

From staff reports

**ONE YEAR AGO: 2009**

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### **43 earn bachelor's degrees**

**TREASURE COAST** — Lisa Sparks earned her four-year degree in nursing from Indian River State College, 12 years after she graduated with a two-year associate's degree. Sparks was among 43 students who were awarded bachelor's degrees in nursing, public safety administration and organizational management. It was the first time IRSC has awarded four-year degrees since switching its name from Indian River Community College in July 2008. Another 1,753 students earned associate degrees, part of a class of 1,796 students invited to commencement at Tradition Stadium.

Compiled by Cindy Schwarz



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# College chapter recognized at convention

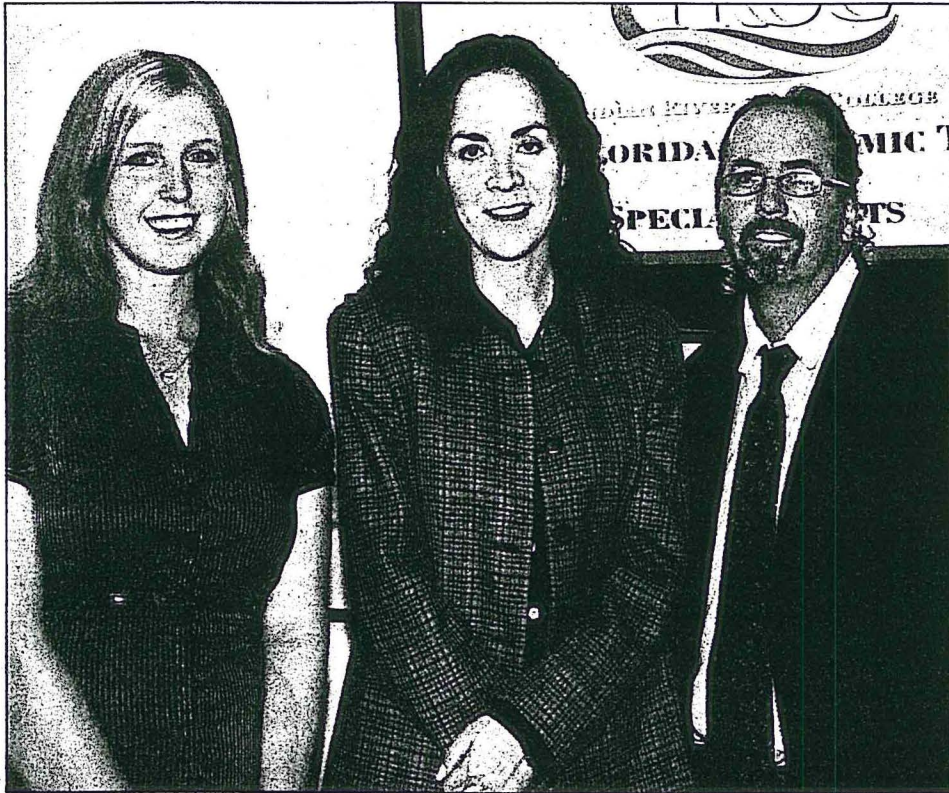


Photo courtesy Indian River State College  
Rachel Tougher, left, president of the IRSC Nu Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, stands with lead chapter advisor Marta Cronin and chapter advisor Brian Siegle. The chapter was recently recognized at the Phi Theta Kappa International convention in Orlando.

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST — The Indian River State College Nu Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa received state and international recognition, winning numerous state awards and the Phi Theta Kappa International Paragon award for new advisors.

The honors were given at the Phi Theta Kappa International convention in Orlando.

This year's Nu Iota Chapter President Rachel Tougher, Nu Iota officers and members, lead advisor Marta Cronin and chapter

advisors Beth Raulerson, Brian Siegle and Kim Nelson distinguished themselves and IRSC by bringing home the most honors that the IRSC PTK Chapter has received in the history of the college.

IRSC student Alissa Oppenheimer won the distinguished member award. Nu Iota Chapter won the Hallmark leadership award, was named a five-star chapter (highest level of recognition), a Florida top 10 chapter and won the communication award,

Ms. Raulerson, advisor and associate professor and department chair for

legal assisting technology, was recognized with the International Paragon award for new advisors. This is awarded to advisors with less than four years of service who make significant contributions to the growth of individual members, serve as the chapter's advocate on campus and encourage the chapter to be involved on the local, regional and/or international level of Phi Theta Kappa.

The Nu Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been active at Indian River State College since 1964 and is the institution's longest serving honors society.



# 2010 Innovation of the Year Award Winners



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## 2010 Innovation of the Year Award Winners

*From the League for Innovation*

<http://www.league.org/blog/post.cfm/2010-innovation-of-the-year-award-winners>

### Digital Media Institute

by

Dean Zirwas, Gary R. Koser, Walter Hines, James Mason, and Jose Farinos

**Winner Institution:**

Indian River State College

**Innovation Type:**

Workforce Preparation and Development

**Description:**

Designing the next top-selling video game, crafting animations for movies, developing award-winning ads and building websites....students in IRSC's Digital Media Institute use cutting-edge technology to create new ways to work, play, create and communicate. The Digital Media Institute combines inter-disciplinary coursework in art, technical drawing, design and technology to give students a strong platform for success in today's most dynamic career fields. Students master software such as Adobe Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Flash, After Effects, Final Cut Pro, and 3D Studio Viz, while gaining real-world experience in developing videos, logos, collateral graphics, posters, websites and other projects for businesses and non-profit organizations. As a result, Digital Media Institute students graduate with an Associate Degree or Technical Certificate, a sophisticated portfolio of projects, experience working with professionals in the field, and in many cases, prestigious design awards.

**How this project is being recognized:**

Board of Trustees meeting, media publicity, College newsletter, College website

**The criteria this project has met**

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|--------------------|-------------|
| ✓Quality           | Efficiency  |
| Cost Effectiveness | ✓Creativity |
| ✓Timeliness        | Replication |
| Other              |             |





## TLC LETTER

### 2010 Addy Awards a huge success

When the Treasure Coast Advertising Federation's iconic mascot, "Flat Addy," showed up in his tuxedo to greet the glamorous attendees, everyone "got a feeling, that tonight's gonna be a good, good night."

Grateful appreciation to the many people who helped make the Treasure Coast Advertising Federation's (TCAF) 2010 ADDY Awards on March 4 at The Lyric Theatre in Stuart a fun-filled, successful event, supporting the TCAF Scholarship Fund.

With more than 170 entries this year, including 15 student entries from Indian River State College, the TCAF ADDY winners of Gold and Silver certificates faced tough local competition. Judges from the AAF District 4 selected the outstanding creative work in 72 categories of local media, from newspaper advertising, to interactive and web design, to broadcast, to collateral pieces. Winners moved on for District 4 judging before the conference in June.

Our generous sponsors who contributed so much for the ADDY Awards were: Toyota of Stuart; Starstruck

Performing Arts Center; The Palm Beach Post; Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers; Manero's; Eventmakers; Creative Instincts Landscaping;

Anne Marie Schwarz and the students of the South Fork High School Drama Department; Pierre Uteschiell and the students of the Martin County High School DECA Marketing Club; and each member of TCAF who labored all year on the Addy Awards.

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**IRSC students place  
at DECA conference**

Pitted against business students from around the country, Indian River State College students took home several top honors at the 2010 Delta Epsilon Chi (DECA) International Career Development Leadership Conference in Louisville.

Kaitlyn Mulberry of Stuart placed first in the individual event for Hospitality Marketing/Management, and the team of Shyanne Helms and Aaron Mamuyac of Port St. Lucie placed first in Sports and Entertainment Marketing.

Four other IRSC students placed "Top Ten in the Nation." Lisa Fries of Stuart and Danielle Fournier of Port St. Lucie placed in Advertising Campaign, and Pam Chauncey of Fort Pierce and Sasha Ramirez-Acosta of Port St. Lucie also placed in Advertising Campaign. Pam Cotino of Stuart qualified for finals in Retail Merchandising Marketing/Management.

Delta Epsilon Chi is a national student business organization for college students preparing for a variety of careers, maintaining a strong focus on business-related areas such as marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

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

### **Digital media students present projects**

Indian River State College Digital Media students showcased their projects, including projects that are utilized by local businesses and organizations like the Sunrise Theatre and

the United Way of Martin County, at the 10th annual Digital Media Exhibition at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce on April 20-21. Digital media students combined art, communication and computer skills to develop creative projects suitable for advertising, printing, film and video gaming industries.

First-place honors were presented to the following students: Morris Newton of Stuart for Best of Show, Video; Chris Chalaire for Digital Animation; Avraham Monina of Port St. Lucie for Photography; Kristine Aguilera of Port St. Lucie for Print Media, Book Covers; Dorrان Russell of Port St. Lucie for Print Media, Editorial Design; Maurice McMillan of Fort Pierce for Print Media, Identity; Marybell Macias of Fort Pierce for Print Media, Posters; Rebecca Castle of Port St. Lucie for Print Media, Typography; Mike LoPresti of Vero Beach for Video; Richard Silliker of Jensen Beach for Web Media, Dreamweaver; and Mahmoud Kassassir of Port St. Lucie for Web Media, Flash.

First-place honors also were presented to the following students from the Clark Advanced Learning Center: Ariana Martinez for Best of Show, Drawings

& Renderings; Courtney Doucet for Drawings & Renderings, Acrylic/Mixed; Jazzlyn O'Reilly for Web Media, Dreamweaver. The Clark Advanced Learning Center is a national model high school located on the IRSC Chastain Campus in Stuart.

Students enrolled in IRSC's Digital Media Institute build a portfolio utilizing the facilities of the Kight Center; one of the most technologically sophisticated learning environments in the Southeast. The Kight Center also is home base for the college's two-year digital media programs, and IRSC is seeking approval from the Florida Department of Education for a four-year degree. In addition, IRSC and Digital Domain Holdings, the award-winning movie and video animation company moving to Port St. Lucie, have partnered to open doors to digital design careers on the Treasure Coast. The firm will base its production operations at the College's Kight Center for Emerging Technologies while building its new facility.

For information about the IRSC Digital Media Institute, call the IRSC Call Center at (866) 792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). For information about the Clark Advanced Learning Center visit [www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org](http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org).



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## GOOD FOR YOU

### Students awarded FACC scholarships

The Indian River State College Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges has named recipients to FACC scholarships for 2010. The IRSC Chapter awarded 23 scholarships to students who have shown academic excellence and leadership.

Awards are given to current students, future students and recent graduates of IRSC who continue their education at other upper division universities. Scholarships are awarded to students for their academic excellence, enthusiasm, initiative and leadership abilities.

The following students received scholarships:

- Rachel Chappell
- Edward Dillon
- Bradley Eskew
- Lesley Hayle
- Tobias King
- Ryan Loehr
- Morgan Miller
- Katelyn Milner
- Danny Nalbandian
- Chelsea Payne
- Mark Peterson
- Alisa Randolfi
- Maria Rolfe
- Michael Rolfe
- Matthew Saffioti
- Lindsay Serey
- Tana Starling
- Vicki Storck
- Daneile Tabana
- Edward Van Camp
- William Whigham

The IRSC Chapter also recognized two additional scholarship recipients: Katelyn Nicole Anderson is the recipient of the 2010 Herman Heise Scholarship. This scholarship is named for former IRSC president, Dr. Heise, and is awarded to a student who has excelled in his or her studies while demonstrating superior dedication to reaching their academic goal.

Arthur Bernard Domingos is the recipient of The Maxwell and Doris King Scholarship. This scholarship is named for the first president of IRSC, Dr.

King and his wife, Doris. It is awarded each year to a stellar student who has participated in athletics in high school or college and maintained a 2.0 GPA.

### HOSA students place at conference

Members of the Indian River State College Chapter of Health Occupations Students of American (HOSA) returned from the HOSA State Leadership Conference with four first-place awards. HOSA is a national student organization that promotes career opportunities in the health care field. All 13 IRSC students who attended the event in Orlando now will be eligible to participate in the HOSA National Leadership Conference in June.

**First-place individual winners:** Lauren Mitchell, Indian River County, sports medicine, and recipient of a \$90 scholarship; Ricky Sprafkin, Martin County, for physical therapy; Angela Vincent, St. Lucie County, for medical assisting

**First-place team winners:** Public Service Announcement, Jessica Duffield, Okeechobee County; Rebecca Duffield, Okeechobee County; and Nadeshna Janvier, St. Lucie County

**Second-place winners:** Elia Lexine, St. Lucie County, for sports medicine; Tim Rivera, Brevard County, for physical therapy

**Third-place winner:** Leon Casabona, St. Lucie County, for sports medicine

**Third-place team winners:** Creative Problem Solving, Anthony DeA-mara, Brevard County; Mike Mead, St. Lucie County; Chelsey Neiman, St. Lucie County; and John Wilson, Brevard County.

IRSC offers four-year bachelor's degrees in health care management, nursing, organizational management, education, public safety administration, as well as two-year associate's degrees and technical certificate programs.



Photo provided

Herman Heise, former IRSC president, and Theresa Heise, right, congratulate Katelyn Anderson as Nick Brown, left, of The Indian River State College Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges, recognizes Anderson as recipient of the 2010 Herman Heise Scholarship.

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

### Dental hygiene students honored

Two Indian River State College dental hygiene students each received a \$500 scholarship from Florida Allied Dental Educators for 2010. The freshmen are Meghan Skirvin of Wabasso and Nichol Marin of Palm City.

IRSC's associate in science degree in dental hygiene program prepares students for success as a dental hygienist with hands-on training and equipment utilized by dental offices. Dental hygienists work directly with patients in private dental offices, public health agencies, school systems, hospitals and clinics.

IRSC also is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting and Dental Laboratory Technology

IRSC dental hygiene graduates can continue their education by earning a bachelor's or master's degree in research, teaching or clinical practice in public or school health programs.

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## IRSC culinary arts students win award

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IRSC Culinary Arts apprentices benefit from paid, hands-on experience in some of the region's finest restaurants and beach and country clubs. Upon graduation, students are prepared for certification from the American Culinary Federation (ACF) as a cook or pastry cook. Students complete nine courses over 36 months, covering such topics as safety and sanitation, nutrition, cost control, equipment operation, supervision and creative cooking techniques.

In addition to the Culinary Arts Apprenticeship

program, IRSC also offers an associate in applied science degree program in restaurant management.

Students can choose between two options within the degree program. Those who specialize in the commercial culinary arts option gain a firm foundation in food and beverage cost control, purchasing and quantity food production. Those who major in institutional food service participate in practicums to gain real-world experience. All students are involved in internships at area restaurants. IRSC also offers the Culinary Institute of the Treasure Coast at the IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach.

Tuition assistance is available.

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

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## IRSC Phi Theta Kappa honored

The Indian River State College Nu Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently received state and international recognition, winning several state awards and the Phi Theta Kappa International Paragon Award for

New Advisors. The honors were given at the recent Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Orlando.

This year's Nu Iota Chapter President Rachel Tougher, Nu Iota officers and members, lead advisor Dr. Marta Cronin and chapter advisors Beth Raulerson, Brian Siegle and Kim Nelson distinguished themselves and IRSC by bringing home the most honors that the IRSC PTK Chapter has received in the history of the College.

### REGIONAL AWARDS

- IRSC student Alissa Oppenheimer won the Distinguished Member Award
- Nu Iota Chapter won the Hallmark Leadership Award
- Nu Iota Chapter named a 5-Star Chapter (highest level of recognition)
- Nu Iota Chapter named a Florida Top Ten Chapter
- Nu Iota Chapter won the Communication Award

### PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Advisor Beth Raulerson, associate professor and department chair for Legal Assisting Technology, was recognized with the International Paragon Award for New Advisors.

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This award is given to advisors with less than four years of service who make significant contributions to the growth of the individual members, serve as the chapter's advocate on campus and encourage the chapter to be involved on the local, regional and/or international level of Phi Theta Kappa.

The Nu Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been active at Indian River State College since 1964 and is the institution's longest serving honors society.



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# Culinary students win at Taste of Martin

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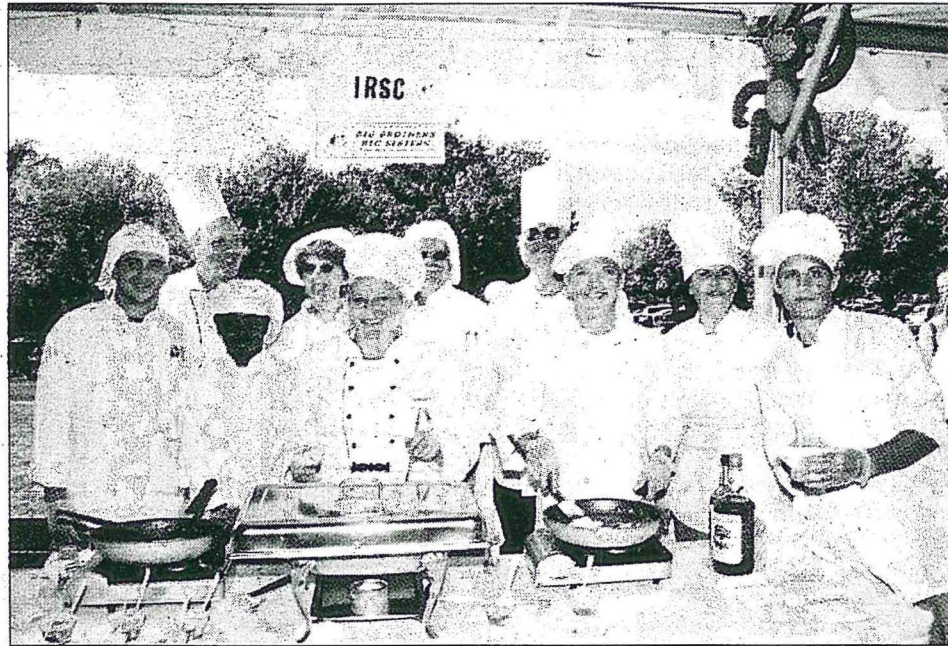
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Indian River State College Culinary Arts Apprenticeship program students recently won "Best Dessert" at the 2010 Big Taste, a Taste of Martin County's Best competition. Front row, from left, are Stephen Callari, Jonathan Holden, Kathy Ruth, Jonathan Sunderman, Carla Medeiros and Anthony Rizzotto; back row, from left, are chef/IRSC instructor Bill Solomon, Lesley Lostracco, Danny Damron and chef/IRSC instructor Peter Stubblefield.

Science degree program in Restaurant Management.

Graduates of the A.A.S.

degree program are ready for employment as hands-

on managers who can cook

delicious and nutritious meals, as well as manage a

restaurant or supervise an

institutional kitchen.

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Tuition assistance is available.

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# Students get congressional awards

BY NICOLE RODRIGUEZ  
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**JENSEN BEACH** — The 16th Congressional District of Florida led the nation in Congressional Awards gold medals, U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Fla., said as he presented 42 Martin and St. Lucie County students with gold, silver and bronze medals Saturday for personal achievements, initiative and community service.

The Congressional Award is a public-private partnership created by Congress for youth ages 14 to 23. The award provides an opportunity for young people to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. The ceremony was at Jensen Beach High School's Performing Arts Center.

"This year, we've had more Gold Medal recipients than any other congressional district in the country," Rooney said, referring to Florida's 16th Congressional District. "The Congressional Award is something aside from school that helps kids become more well-rounded individuals."

Florida's 16th Congressional District currently has more than 1,000 students participating in the program. To earn a Congressional Award, participants, aided by an adult mentor, set and achieve individual goals in various program areas including, voluntary public service, physical fitness and personal development.

During the hour-long ceremony, Rooney praised recipients for their hard work and perseverance, while encouraging them to continue doing good works.

"It's better to try and fail than to never try at all," Rooney said. "We're all relying on you. You are the future leaders of our country and state."

Many of the students honored volunteered at various Treasure Coast organizations, such as the American Red Cross, the YMCA, Habitat for Humanity and Hospice. Students also traveled to locations such as

## 2010 SPRING CONGRESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT LIST

### BRONZE

- Sara Alterman, Martin County High School
- Victoria Baldassari, Martin County High School
- Austin Blumenthal, The Pine School
- Jenna Gallas, Martin County High School
- Steven Glener, Martin County High School
- David Gold, Martin County High School
- Clifton Holden, Martin County High School
- Brian Joy, Jensen Beach High School
- Jo Ann Martin, Martin County High School
- Ashley Meade, Martin County High School
- Samantha Ramos, South Fork High School
- Mikaela Shannon, Martin County High School
- Erin Tufano, The Pine School

### BRONZE & SILVER

- Amanda Brown, Lincoln Park Academy
- Kelsey Manno, Jensen Beach High School
- McKenzie Merritt, South Fork High School
- Sara Roberts, The Pine School
- Joshua Robinson, Martin County High School
- Brianna Skillings, Jensen Beach High School
- Shannon Schriener, Jensen Beach High School
- Ryan Suits, Jensen Beach High School

### SILVER

- Sarah Lundstrom, Lincoln Park Academy
- Jennifer McBride, Jensen Beach High School
- John Charles Merritt IV, Clark Advanced

local homeless shelters and soup kitchens, Jonathan Dickinson State Park, the Everglades, Mount St. Helens in Washington and even Israel to broaden their horizons and learn about different ways of life.

Gold Medal recipient and 17-year-old South Fork High School student, Raymond La, devoted much of his time volunteering at Martin Memorial Hospital. La aided grief-stricken families visiting sick or dying loved ones and witnessed trauma patients being rushed in and out of the emergency room; all experiences he said left him forever changed.

"I saw pain and suffering firsthand

### Learning Center

- Allie Rosenberg, Jensen Beach High School
- Danielle Wegener, Jensen Beach High School
- Zachary Wettenstein, Martin County High School

### GOLD

- Lindsey Bordner, Lincoln Park Academy
- Kylie Corson, Jensen Beach High School
- Sarah Dennison, Jensen Beach High School
- Danielle DiTerlizzi, Martin County High School
- Rachel Fenton, St. Edward's School
- Ian Gasiorek, Jensen Beach High School
- Bailey Gleason, Jensen Beach High School
- Adam Glener, University of Florida
- Julie Glener, University of Florida
- Victoria Holden, Martin County High School
- Stephanie Page Hoskins, Lincoln Park Academy
- Raymond La, South Fork High School
- Meera Nagarsheth, Jensen Beach High School
- Martha Sturm, Martin County High School
- Grace Willert, Jensen Beach High School

**In addition to the awards, Rooney also on Saturday presented awards to the top 5 student artists in the district's art competition at the Arts Council in Stuart. The winners are:**

- Kelsea Peel, Jensen Beach High School
- Gabriel Toledo, Jensen Beach High School
- Jack Ryan, Jensen Beach High School
- Myrthe Doedens, The Pine School
- Giulia Bartra, John Carroll High School

and discovered a different side of myself and the world around me," La said. "I also learned that a lot of hard work and dedication pays off in the end.

"I am dedicating my award to society," La added. "Because most of my work was done for the community."

Silver Medal recipient and Lincoln Park Academy student, Amanda Brown, 17, spent a lot of time helping out at the Hoke Library in Jensen Beach where she served on the teen advisory board.

"I helped plan events like video game night for teens and kids," Brown said. "This experience allowed me to grow as a person and helped me manage my time better."



# Speaker one of many in family to attend Jupiter preschool

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An alumna of Thelma B. Pittman Jupiter Preschool will talk Sunday to freshly scrubbed and gowned pre-kindergartners as they try not to wiggle in their seats.

The 3 p.m. event at Lime-stone Creek Elementary School in Jupiter will be the graduation of these students from preschool to kindergarten and the speaker will be Kaitlyn Mulberry, 21, who, at one time, was one of these pint-sized graduates at the school.

Mulberry, and her twin sister Meaghin, who are originally from Jupiter but now live in Stuart, are part of a Jupiter Preschool "family."

Kaitlyn and Meaghin's mother, Janine Mulberry, formerly of Jupiter and living in Stuart and Janine's sister, Kathleen Worley of Jupiter, were among the first students at the preschool.

When they had children, they sent them to went to Jupiter Preschool. That included the twins and their siblings, Joey Skony, 16, Kahner Lycan, 6, and their baby sister, Satine Mulberry, who is a preschooler there now.

In addition, their twin cousins, David and Victorea Worley, are also graduates of the first integrated



Photos by KIT BRADSHAW • kit.bradshaw@scripps.com  
Kaitlyn Mulberry, right, helps her twin sister, Meaghin, pack the car as Meaghin heads back to Gainesville to complete her senior year at the University of Florida. Kaitlyn graduated from the Indian River State College this year. On Sunday, Kaitlyn will be the graduation speaker at Thelma Pittman Jupiter Preschool, where most of the family attended as youngsters.

preschool in Jupiter, founded by Thelma Pittman and now under the director of her daughter, Ruth Lawson.

"It is a very family oriented preschool," said Kaitlyn, who graduated from Indian River State College in three years and who received a college scholarship when she graduated from high school.

"The diversity is something that is really important," Kaitlyn said.

"You are growing up in a class with kids who speak Spanish and English, and I learned how to speak some Spanish there, which I think

is really important because ultimately this is the world we will be in beyond preschool. I also think the staff really cares about the children's upbringing, and takes the time to know the students personally. Satine loves her teachers so much, she talks about them all the time and ultimately, that is the best thing about the preschool."

Janine Mulberry and her sister were raised by a working mother, Janine said, and when she started at the preschool there were only about 20 children there.

"I don't know how my mother arranged it, but the preschool was closed during



Two adult sisters, at right, and their children have all attended Thelma Pittman Jupiter Preschool; including the youngest, Satine, who is presently a preschooler at the school.

the summer, and she made arrangements for us to go to Miss Pittman's home to be cared for during the summer."

Kathleen liked the school so well at one time she worked there, she said. Her

daughter is named after a former Jupiter Preschool student.

"I worked with Ruth and Edna Runner and all the women who were there with the children," she said. "I can remember that the

teachers at the school potty-trained all our children."

Today, Meaghin Mulberry is going back to the University of Florida to complete her senior year, where she is majoring in dietetics.

Kaitlyn is now working at the family's newly created foundation, the Mulberry Tree Foundation in Stuart that is a continuation of her mother's work as a home health administrator for the Mega Nursing Services in north Palm Beach County.

"We're just beginning the foundation work," Kaitlyn said. "A lot of the patients have been cut off or denied benefits for reasons we feel aren't appropriate, and my mother recognized the need for the elderly and the disabled to get needed medical supplies and medical care."

The Mulberry Tree Foundation is at 5534 Kanner Highway, Stuart.



# Fort Pierce student second in writing contest

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BY SARA SMITH  
YourNews contributor

Promising authors and St. Edward's School seniors Joseph Michaels of Sebastian (first place) and Laura Noelke of Fort Pierce (second place) swept the top two places in the 12th-grade category for the Indian River State College Creative Writing Contest, and freshman Caroline Petty of Vero Beach took the first place award for ninth grade.

Michael's nine-page short story titled "The Establishment of Dominance" earned him a full two-year scholarship to IRSC.

Noelke won for her poetry submission "Edgar Degas" written in villanelle form, and Petty's submission of "Orange to Red," a play, took center stage.

The student writers were among others from the top schools in the quad-county area at the awards ceremony at IRSC's Kight Center on the Fort Pierce campus March 27.

"I often find writing my thoughts to be so much easier than speaking them out loud," said Petty, who is involved in theater at St. Edward's as well as writing. "I originally wrote my play 'Orange to Red' for a theater competition, but then decided to enter it into this competition. I was so into writing it that it took me about a month or so to finish it."

Noelke's winning poem was modeled on a French form, the villanelle.

"The highly structured villanelle is a 19-line poem with two repeating rhymes and two refrains," according to The Academy of American



St. Edward's School award winners Joseph Michaels, left, Laura Noelke, center, and Caroline Petty hold the creative writing awards conferred by Indian River State College.

Poets website. The form is made up of five three-line stanzas followed by a concluding four-line stanza. The first and third lines of the opening stanza are repeated in the succeeding stanzas, then in the final stanza.

One of the better known villanelle poems is Dylan Thomas's "Do Not Go Gentle In That Good Night."

Michaels is not new to writing awards. Last year he won one of the two most prestigious creative

writing awards conferred by St. Edward's. Michaels plans to major in writing when he enrolls at Hamilton College in New York.

For more information, visit [www.steds.org](http://www.steds.org).

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# Port St. Lucie mom has love, wisdom aplenty for newborn



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New mother Emily Rosemont cradles her newborn son, John Merriman Jr., while resting at St. Lucie Medical Center in Port St. Lucie on Tuesday. John Jr. was born Monday morning, weighing in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

## Emily Rosemont will stress importance of education, family

BY MARILYN BAUER  
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Emily Rosemont, 19, has been a mother for only four hours.

She is lying in bed with a print sheet pulled up to just under her arms, making her look like an actress from "90210" more than a new mom. Her hair is pulled back in a jaunty ponytail and although she is exhausted, her eyes shine and her smile is quick upon her lips.

Rosemont, a Port St. Lucie native, is surrounded by family: her parents, aunts, stepsister and close friends. There are cameras and video cams and every so often, a flash bursts in the room.

"I love him," she says of baby John, who is so cute family members shuffle him from arms to arms. "It's just now hit me that I'm a mom.

"I want to tell him how important family is," Rosemont said. "They keep you motivated, support you

### WISDOM FOR BABY JOHN

The three most important things Emily Rosemont will teach her new baby:

- The importance of family
- Stay in school
- Always look forward, never look back

and give you the faith that keeps you going. He will always know someone is there for him."

This is clearly a tight family. When asked whether she and baby John's father, John Merriman, are planning on getting married, there are playful jibes from the family. "Yeah, when are you getting married?" they tease.

"I am also going to tell him to stay in school," said Rosemont, who attends Indian River State College

and hopes to pursue a career in "something medical." "You need school to go anywhere in life. If you don't have a degree, it's a struggle for sure."

It seems Rosemont is in for big changes. The teen who enjoyed riding a personal watercraft up until several months before giving birth is channeling her inner adventurer into the experience of motherhood.

"I am going to tell John to always look forward and never look back," she said. "You make mistakes — everyone makes mistakes — but what matters is what's ahead."

It's time for Rosemont's morphine; the baby weighed more than nine pounds and she is only hours into her recovery from her C-section. As the family gathers around, she smiles at the baby's daddy and her own father and says: "We have everything we need right here."



# PSL's Capezzuto wins 'young leader' award

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BY NICOLE RODRIGUEZ  
Correspondent

**PORT ST. LUCIE** — A city employee's hard work, leadership and dedication to serving the public has not gone unnoticed.



Capezzuto

Carmen Capezzuto, 29, a project manager with Port St. Lucie's Public Works Department received the Florida Young Leader of the Year Award last Thursday during the American Public Works Association's annual conference in Orlando.

Capezzuto was presented with the award, which recognizes excellence for public works service, during an event attended by 500 people.

The honor came as a surprise to Capezzuto, who was attending the conference with Indian River State College, where he is also the lead instructor at the school's Florida Public Works Leadership Institute.

"I was extremely shocked," Capezzuto said. "And honored."

Capezzuto, who has

lived on the Treasure Coast since 1984, is actively involved in regular meetings with the association.

He served as chairman for the local branch of the organization from 2007 to 2008.

Capezzuto works to raise money for the association for scholarships for public works and engineering students.

"The APWA was good to me," Capezzuto said. "So I dedicated myself to the association."

The group provided Capezzuto with a scholarship that helped him earn a master's degree in public administration from Nova Southeastern University.

As a project manager with Port St. Lucie, Capezzuto works on the emergency management team and coordinates efforts to keep the city streets clean.

"I'm heavily involved in keeping the city beautiful," said Capezzuto, who got his start with the city almost nine years ago as an operation specialist for the Parks and Recreation Department. "I assist in debris management, planting trees and removing litter."



# Portion of S.R. 60 to be renamed for 1st deputy killed in the line of duty

BY JANET BEGLEY  
Correspondent

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY** — The Florida Legislature has renamed the portion of State Road 60 between 43rd Avenue and Interstate 95 in honor of the first Indian River County sheriff's deputy killed in the line of duty.



**Raczkoski**

The legislation, sponsored by state Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, and Sen. Joe Negron, R-Stuart, called for that portion of the road to be called the Richard Raczkoski Memorial Highway.

On Sept. 23, 1986, Raczkoski, 29, was shot and killed while investigating an incident near 82nd Avenue and S.R. 60. While checking on a suspicious person using a pay phone in front of a closed convenience store, the deputy encountered William Reaves, 37, of Gifford, who shot the deputy in the back. Reaves was found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to death.

Mayfield said she was honored to pay

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## CPL. RICHARD RUDY RACZKOSKI

**Age:** 29, born Oct. 30, 1956, in Tampa

**Schools:** St. Anastasia Catholic School, John Carroll High School and Indian River Community College

**Law enforcement history:** Joined Indian River County Sheriff's Office in January 1983; previously employed by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office from January 1979 to July 1981

**Shot in the line of duty:** Sept. 23, 1986, in Vero Beach

## DEPUTY

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tribute to a fallen member of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office.

"This highway designation is a fitting tribute to one of our own fallen heroes — Cpl. Raczkoski — who lost his life protecting and serving our community," Mayfield said.

Negron said he was happy to facilitate the road designation during the past legislative session.

"I am honored to recognize Cpl. Raczkoski for his brave service in working to keep our community safe."

The highway designation was the longtime vision

of Indian River County Reserve Deputy Gordon Michael, who worked with Raczkoski in the Sheriff's Office. Michael lobbied the Legislature to dedicate the highway to Raczkoski's memory, Sheriff's Office investigator Sgt. Tom Roland said.

"He was instrumental in getting the ball rolling," said Roland.

Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar said the highway designation is a fitting tribute to the first sheriff's officer lost in the line of duty.

"The highway designation is an important reminder of the fact that Cpl. Raczkoski gave his life in service to our community," Loar said.



in the Miss Hibiscus Pageant on April 16 at the Heritage Center in historic downtown Vero Beach. Presenting sponsor of the event was the Continental Group. The winning court, along with Miss Hibiscus, presided over the Hibiscus Festival activities April 17 and will continue to represent historic downtown Vero Beach at community events until the 2011 pageant.

a portfolio photo session courtesy of Island Images Professional Photography Studio.

Each candidate was escorted into the event and judged on stage presence, poise, community service, personality and an interview. Many of the contestants' gowns were courtesy of Dillard's Junior Department. Flynn Fidgeon of TCPalm.com was the night's emcee.

The winner of the Miss Hibiscus Pageant, and crowned by Miss Hibiscus 2009 Chloe Rose, was 21-year-old Liz Diaz, a student at Indian River State College. She was awarded \$1,000 and an array of gift certificates from local businesses, including Leigh Jewelers, Ocean Oaks Dental Group and John Michael Matthews Fine Jewelry. The first runner-up, winning \$500 and prizes, was Anna Hanks, 18, of Vero Beach High School. Alex Taylor, 18, of Vero Beach High School won \$300 cash and prizes. Taylor also won "Miss Congeniality" and won a Vero Beach watch courtesy of John Michael Matthews.

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### Miss Hibiscus, court named at festival

Twenty-two Indian River County girls between the ages of 16 and 21, competed

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Members of St. Lucie County Leadership No. 28 take a tour of the television studio production area at Treasure Coast High School during a tour of educational facilities to get a first-hand look at how students from St. Lucie County schools are being prepared for future careers.

Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

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## Educators offer array of styles, services

If the radio was your only source of music, you would think that Eric Clapton only sang "Wonderful Tonight," Springsteen's only song was "Born to Run" and Michael Jackson was only all about "Billie Jean."

The truth is, these artists and many others are so much more than the one song a singular source is offering. The same goes for the St. Lucie County education system.

We generally get our information from television news and newspapers and for the most part, only when things go wrong.

I get it. Little Sally being able to conjugate a verb after trying for an entire marking period is not news to the masses, but to the teachers and her parents who got her there it's BIG!

This month, the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce's quest with Leadership No. 28 took us to some campuses in the county. I had heard snippets of what we were going to experience on this day, but walking the halls and talking to the students offered a broader perspective of the opportunities available in our children's educations today from preschool to college.

The day started the way it usually does, with a morning meeting with the 30 members of Leadership No. 28 and the facilitators of the day's itinerary. We are



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five months into the program and have built relationships with one another.

Chesterbrook Academy Principal Melinda Willey welcomed our busload on the first stop in Tradition.

Chesterbrook Academy is for preschool-age children. I remember my pre-school, Tiny Town Nursery School. I loved it, but I do remember so many kids who would cry for hours after their parents left. I saw none of that at Chesterbrook. The children were engaged in learning at a level that included colors, music and was so much fun they had not even a clue they were learning.

The next stop is when it got serious: high-school students. You would think we were meeting with the devil himself from some murmurings of how bad this age group can be. But the devil must have been out sick because at Treasure Coast High School, following introductions by Principal Helen Roberts and career specialist Myrna Belgraves, we received a tour led by engineering instructor Ted Norman, about the projects that his students would complete

for their final grade and how the process of their learning would apply in a real-world situation.

A quick trip upstairs brought us to the school's CSI team, which had recently competed at the state level and advanced to the Super Bowl of high school CSI events: nationals, to be held in St. Louis in June.

Leaving one high school for another, we made our way toward Centennial High School for a panel discussion on business relationships, which included school board member Kathryn Hensley, Bill Wilcox of Phoenix Metal Products in Fort Pierce and Kathie Schmidt, director of Career and Technical Education with the St. Lucie County School Board.

While we learned, we got a taste of the school's exquisite lunch prepared by the culinary program students.

Listening to the other Leadership class members, I could tell the tide had turned from apprehensive to accolades, with positive comments about the lunch prepared by the students at Centennial and the professionalism and demeanor of the CSI students from Treasure Coast High School.

A short bus trip north to downtown Fort Pierce and Carrie Biggers, director of advancement for St. Andrew's Episcopal Academy, welcomed us with a

tour of the school and a violin performance by the students.

"We welcome children from all walks of life, regardless of race, sex, color, religion, national origin or ancestry," said Ms. Biggers.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Academy, a private morals-oriented school, provides education for students from kindergarten to seventh grade.

Just a few minutes away, we de-bused at the Dale Cassens Educational Complex for what would later be looked at as the most eye-opening stop on our day's activities. A school that serves special needs students with mental, emotional and/or behavioral challenges from kindergarten through age 21, Dale Cassens is not widely known to those who don't have to access this facility.

Students who have gotten off the path through violence, teen pregnancy or domestic abuse are guided through Dale Cassens with a strong focus on positive reinforcement and guidance, to assist them in coming back to mainstream education.

Principal Ellen Harden greeted each student by name and with warmth as they passed in the halls during class change.

Our day wrapped up at

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## Educators

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Florida Atlantic University's campus in St. Lucie West with another panel representing the different avenues of post-secondary education available to those who want their education close to home.

Mary Locke of Indian River State College, Jane Bachelor of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Jean-Claude Norman of Keiser University and Cara Perry of FAU made up the panel that provided the high points of the educational benefits they offer through their respective institutions.

The common denominator at each stop we made was that we, as well as any other members of the community,

were welcome to go to their home and see how they functioned as a school.

Like popular musical artists, the St. Lucie County schools are not made up of just one song, but offer an entire catalog with a variety of styles, techniques and lessons. It's a collection that offers an exciting perspective if you take the time to listen to more than one opinion.

*Mitch Kloorfain is chief photographer for Hometown News. He is participating in Leadership St. Lucie, a year-long educational experience specific to St. Lucie County, designed for local leaders and future leaders to learn more about the communities in which they serve. His columns about his experience will appear once a month in Hometown News over the next year.*



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## Faculty of the Year award goes to Holly

Terri Holly, assistant professor of computer science in the Advanced Technology Division at Indian River State College, is the 2010 recipient of the

Harriett Kirk Crago Faculty of the Year Award. Holly has served as an IRSC faculty member since 1991. Holly also serves as the Phi Beta Lambda club advisor.

As a professor, she serves as the department chair. Her fellow faculty members know her to be dependable, reliable, hard working and knowledgeable in computer science and education.

The Harriett Kirk Crago Faculty of the Year Award was established through the support of Alan and Laura Kauffmann, in honor of Laura's mother and IRSC Board of Trustee Emerita, Harriett Kirk Crago.

Throughout the year, students are invited to nominate teachers who, along with expertise in the classroom, exhibit a warmth and enthusiasm, which significantly enhances the quality of life for students at IRSC. The Faculty of the Year Award recipient is selected from all of the monthly recipients. In recognition of his or her teaching excellence, the recipient receives a \$1,000 stipend.





Photo courtesy of Florida Public Relations Association chapter

Florida Public Relations Association Chapter President-elect Cara Parry, far left, and FPRA Chapter President Bryan Beaty, far right, stand with the winners of the 2010 Communicator of the Year Awards. From left: Rita Hart, city of Port St. Lucie; Susan de Cuba, Treasure Coast Hospice; Doreen Poreba, The PR Czar; Scott Van Duzer, The Van Duzer Foundation and Wendy Dwyer and Mitch Kloorfain of Gorilla Magic Marketing.

## Public relation association holds annual awards gala

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST —The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association honored area public relations professionals April 22 at its annual Image Awards and Communicators of the Year gala held at the Hutchinson Island Marriott.

Bryan Garner, master of ceremonies and WPTV bureau chief, revealed the names of the winners. Presenting the awards were Robin Delgado and Adrienne Moore, Image Award committee members.

The FPRA 2010 Image Award winners are:

Division C, audio/visual tools of public relations:

- Judge's Award, St. Lucie County spay/neuter pet registration video PSA, St. Lucie County office of media relations.

- Judge's Award, Martin County Aquatics Center Facebook page, The Firefly Group

- Image Award, Martin County Aquatics Center Facebook page, The Firefly Group.

Division B, printed tools of public relations:

- Award of Distinction, Martin Votes, Vicki Davis supervisor of elections, Kherri Anderson.

- Judge's Award, "Bunks at the new EOC" press release, St. Lucie County Office of Media Relations.

- Judge's Award, "Nonprofit organizations are getting

their message out in a new W=way," Robin Delgado, law offices of Philip De Berard.

- Image Award, 2010 Florida Ranches calendar, The Firefly Group, Carlton Ward Photography and Family Lands Remembered

- Grand Image Award, 2010 Florida Ranches calendar, The Firefly Group, Carlton Ward Photography and Family Lands Remembered.

Division A, Public relations programs:

- Award of Distinction, Creating a Safer Tomorrow: Treasure Coast public safety training complex dedication: Michelle Abaldo, Bryan Beaty and Ann Decker, Indian River State College.

- Judge's Award, Night Owls bring back the Story Express: New Growth Media, Tara Biek Creative, Martin County Library System, Kelly Beard.

- Image Award, Environmental Stewardship Awards: The Firefly Group and Keep Martin Beautiful.

- Image Award, intermodal campus, The Firefly Group.

- Grand All Image Award, intermodal campus, The Firefly Group.

Communicators of the Year:

- Communicator of the Year for a Special Event, Scott Van Duzer of Big Apple Pizza, the Van Duzer Foundation and Wendy Dwyer and Mitch Kloorfain, Gorilla Magic Marketing.

- Communicator of the

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Photo courtesy of the Florida Public Relations Association  
Winners of the 2010 Image Awards for the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association pose with their awards at the annual ceremony held April 22 at the Hutchinson Island Marriott in Jensen Beach.

## Gala

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Year of a For-Profit, Doreen Poreba, APR, owner The PR

Czar.

- Communicator of the Year for a Government Agency, Rita Hart, public information officer, city of Port St. Lucie

- Communicator of the

Year for a Nonprofit, Susan de Cuba of Treasure Coast Hospice.

For more information about FPRA Treasure Coast chapter, visit [www.fpratreasurecoast.com](http://www.fpratreasurecoast.com).



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# Crisis Line of Treasure Coast founder Luella Miner dies

BY JOE CRANKSHAW  
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**JENSEN BEACH** — Family, friends and co-workers will bury Luella Mae Walden Miner, 78, on Saturday, but her spirit will still guide the Crisis Line of the Treasure Coast, said Ray Puro, the organization's treasurer and longtime friend.



Miner

"She kept Crisis Line alive with her personality," said Puro, "and we are going to continue it in her image."

Miner died April 30 at the Treasure Coast Hospice in Stuart.

"Luella did more good for more people in Martin County than anyone knew," said Laura Stuckey, a Crisis Line volunteer and friend. "Even her daughters did not know because she never sought any credit."

A Jensen Beach resident

for 55 years, Miner was born in Medfield, Mass. In 1977, she became one of the founders of Crisis Line, starting as a volunteer telephone operator, then serving five years as secretary of the board of directors before being elected president.

In 1982, Miner was certified by Indian River Community College, now Indian River State College, to teach classes in crisis intervention.

In 1985, she was named executive director of Crisis Line and began the Teenage Peer Education classes, then opened a teenage hot line so students could talk to younger operators with whom they would have more in common.

"Crisis Line is an all-volunteer organization and that includes its executive director," Puro said. "Luella wanted to make sure that all our resources went to help people. She did not want a salary."

In the 1960s and early

1970s, Miner was active in the Parent-Teacher Association in Jensen Beach, managed the Jensen Beach Community Church Thrift Store, created the church's day care center and was active in the Martin County Jail program for female inmates.

She also was active with the Martin County Children's Service Council, SafeSpace, the "Save Jensen Beach" group and the Martin County Democratic Women's Club.

A "celebration of Luella's life" will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Aycock Funeral Home, 505 S. U.S. 1 in Stuart. A reception will follow at the Stuart Woman's Club, 729 E. Ocean Blvd.

Memorials may be made to Children's Service Council of Martin County, 2030 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996; or Crisis Line of the Treasure Coast Inc., P.O. Box 528, Jensen Beach, FL 34958.



OUR VIEW

# Star students set examples

Program honors high school seniors for school excellence, community service

**T**he extraordinary high school seniors named Young Floridians are the best of the best among students in St. Lucie County, not just for their accomplishments in the classroom and on the playing fields, but in their communities.

Key to the top scholarship winners is the time and commitment they put into civic activities. They are huge contributors to making the quality of life better for others who may not be as fortunate as them. They are leaders now and are expected to be leaders in the future.

Too often we dwell on those young people who have not succeeded, who have drawn attention to themselves for their bad behavior. Far more of our young, however, are good people working to be the best they can be.

This year's Young Floridian scholarship award winners sponsored by the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Indian River State College Foundation are:

- Academic excellence: **Stefanie Albert**, Lincoln Park Academy
- Art: **Dean Helseth**, John Carroll High School
- Athletics: **Gabriella McIntyre**, Treasure Coast High School.
- Career and technology: **Marla Masciello**, Port St. Lucie High School.
- Computer science/engineering and architecture: **Danilo Capric**, Port St. Lucie High School.
- Drama: **Dana Wuycheck**, Lincoln Park Academy
- Foreign language: **Andrea Pulido**, St. Lucie West Centennial High School.
- Human services: **Lindsey Bordner**, Lincoln Park Academy
- Journalism and communications, **Tyler Allender**, Lincoln Park Academy
- Language arts: **Christopher Yates**, Lincoln Park Academy
- Mathematics: **Sarah Guettler**, John Carroll High School.
- Music: **Shardy Sauveur**, Fort Pierce Central High School.
- Science: **Stephanie Page Hoskins**, Lincoln Park Academy
- Social studies: **Boris Aparicio**, Treasure Coast High School.

These outstanding students should be congratulated for their impressive resumes and their continuing successes. Congratulations are also due their parents, mentors, teachers, advisers and all who have given them a hand up and words of encouragement.

Too often we dwell on those young people who have not succeeded, who have drawn attention to themselves for their bad behavior. Far more of our young, however, are good people working to be the best they can be. There are many of them in our schools, our churches, businesses and clubs.

The Young Floridian program is a good reminder of how proud we should be of these individual winners who are representative of the quality of young adults being produced in St. Lucie County.



# More than 30 Martin County <sup>Stuart News 5-3-10</sup> students awarded scholarships

BY MANSI PATEL  
Correspondent

**STUART** — More than 30 seniors graduating from four high schools in Martin County were awarded Nina Haven scholarships at the third annual Circle of Scholars reception Sunday.

The scholarships, which are based on financial need, scholastic merit and an interview, give \$2,500 annually and as much as \$10,000 toward a two- or four-year college degree.

Thirty-three scholarship recipients were recognized for their achievements at the event at the Treasure Coast Hospice's Mayes Center for Hope on Indian Street. Selected from more than 250 applicants, the winners had an average GPA of 3.7 and many were already receiving college credit through IB, AP or dual enrollment courses.

The scholarships awarded by the Nina Haven

Charitable Foundation will fund education for different industries poised for growth in Martin County, such as alternative energy, life sciences, information technology and digital media, environmental sciences; education, finance and the arts.

"Every one of the recipients today fits into one of those growth sectors," said Judith Weber, president of the Nina Haven Charitable Foundation, at the ceremony. "Someday, we hope you will come back and give to the community."

Diana Moreira, a senior at Clark Advanced Learning Center and 2010 scholarship recipient, plans to study at Indian River State College for a year and then transfer to University of Central Florida to complete a master's degree in occupational therapy.

"They just told me I got it. I'm sure it's going to help

a lot. It really is. Anything helps," she said.

The recipients were also introduced to a support group where they could speak with former Nina Haven scholars currently attending college.

A guest speaker at the event, David Sallman, was a 2003 scholarship recipient and soon-to-be graduate from University of South Florida's medical school.

He spoke of the challenges he overcame and the opportunities he was given.

"Take advantage of this scholarship. Really pursue all those special interests you have," he said.

The Nina Haven Charitable Foundation was established in 1961 by Nina Haven's son, George Peabody.

Since its inception, the organization has awarded about 1,000 scholarships, totaling \$4.65 million.



# LUMINARIES

Where the Stars Come Out Every Monday

This is the last week of Luminaries Sunday Social Scene for the 2009-2010 season. For more events and happenings of the local nonprofit agencies, read Luminaries in Monday's edition of the paper.

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Friends of Bob coordinator Adrienne Moore, left, and Indian River State College Executive Director Ann L. Decker award the Bob Betcher Memorial Endowment Transfer Scholarship to IRSC student James Relle of Port St. Lucie.



**FORT PIERCE** *Tribune*  
**IRSC's Take Stock** *5-15-10*  
**plans scholarships**

Sixty middle and high school students from St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, and Okeechobee counties on Monday will earn an incentive for success.

At a scholarship awards ceremony at Indian River State College, the students will become the 2010 recipients of four-year tuition President's Challenge/ Take Stock in Children Scholarships.

A ceremony will be Monday at 7 p.m. in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

The program will also acknowledge the accomplishments of 46 high school graduates and 9 IRSC graduates.

The scholarship program is designed to motivate and assist students who show academic promise and who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college. 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 more information, contact the IRSC Foundation at (772) 462-4786.



# 4 Digital media students shine at showcase

BY JEAN PATTON/IRSC  
YourNews contributor

Indian River State College Digital Media students had an opportunity to showcase their projects at the 10th annual Digital Media Exhibition at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce on April 20-21.

Digital media students combined art, communication and computer skills to develop creative projects suitable for advertising, printing, film and video gaming industries.

First-place honors were presented to the following IRSC students:

- Morris Newton of Stuart for Best of Show — Video.
- Chris Chalaire for Digital Animation.
- Avraham Monina, of Port St. Lucie for Photography.
- Kristine Aguilera of Port St. Lucie for Print Media — Book Covers.
- Dorran Russell of Port St. Lucie for Print Media — Editorial Design.
- Maurice McMillan of Fort Pierce for Print Media — Identity.
- Marybell Macias of Fort Pierce for Print Media



Submitted to [tcpalm.com/yournews](http://tcpalm.com/yournews)

Clark Advanced Learning Center student Ariana Martinez, center, received Best of Show in Drawings & Renderings at Indian River State College's 10th annual Digital Media Exhibition at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

- Posters.
- Rebecca Castle of Port St. Lucie for Print Media
- Typography
- Mike LoPresti of Vero Beach for Video.
- Richard Silliker, of Jensen Beach for Web Media — Dreamweaver.
- Mahmoud Kassassir of Port St. Lucie for Web Media — Flash.
- First-place honors also were presented to the following students from the Clark Advanced Learning Center:
- Ariana Martinez for Best of Show — Drawings & Renderings.
- Courtney Doucet for Drawings & Renderings
- Acrylic/Mixed.
- Jazzlyn O'Reilly for Web Media — Dreamweaver.

The Clark Advanced Learning Center is a national model high school on the IRSC Chastain Campus in Stuart.

Students enrolled in IRSC's Digital Media Institute have the advantage of

building a portfolio utilizing the facilities of the Kight Center, one of the most technologically sophisticated learning environments in the Southeast.

The Kight Center is also home base for the college's two-year digital media programs, and IRSC is seeking approval from the Florida Department of Education for a four-year degree.

In addition, IRSC and Digital Domain Holdings, the award-winning movie and video animation company moving to Port St. Lucie, have partnered to open doors to digital design careers in the area.

The firm will base its production operations at the college's Kight Center for Emerging Technologies while building its new facility. For information about the IRSC Digital Media Institute, call at (866) 792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).

For information about the Clark Advanced Learning Center, visit [www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org](http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org).

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Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Jose Farinos, dean of advanced technology at Indian River State College, takes a tour of Georgina Tougher's portfolio during the Digital Media Institute at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre in Fort Pierce, Thursday, April 29. The event allowed area company representatives to view the creative works of digital media students from IRS,C as they set their sites on careers once they graduate

## Students show off digital video, graphics portfolios at theater

By Jay Meisel  
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days of each month, but photos and other information related to Disney.

Each month contains information about when Disney movies came out. Walt Disney's photo is prominently displayed in December, the month in which he was born and died.

Ms. Saltz was one of a group of students who dis-

played their digital graphics, photography and video work last week at the Sunrise Theatre.

They were hoping visitors to the exhibition would be impressed and that would lead to jobs.

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### Digital

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Digital Domain's Port St. Lucie headquarters are being built in Tradition, he and his staff will work at IRSC on animation for a movie that should premier in the next couple of years.

The display was held at the Sunrise Theatre in recognition of the partnership that has developed between the Sunrise and IRSC's Digital Media Institute.

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was Michael LoPresti of Vero Beach.

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He likes digital photography, as well.

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St. Lucie County Fire District graduated its first Citizen Fire Academy students. From left: Diane Shaw, Ken Lyons, John Carroll, Eddie Peabody, Fire Chief Ron Parrish, Robert Spring, Gerard Rouse, fire board member Jack Kelly, Nicole Rouse, Fran Mitrey and Fred Mitrey.

Photo courtesy of St. Lucie County Fire District



## First county fire academy class graduates

For Hometown News  
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The St. Lucie County Fire District graduated its first Citizen Fire Academy class.

The academy is for residents who want to learn more about the fire district and how they handle emergencies.

The academy is a series of six sessions and is free to county residents.

The next class is scheduled to begin May 6. Ses-

sions will meet weekly starting at 9 a.m.

Participants tour the Emergency Operations Center and the Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex.

Sessions cover: home safety, fire prevention, tactical rescues and hazardous materials.

Demonstrations include airport rescuing and the firefighting truck, air rescue and more.

Those interested should visit [www.slcfcd.com](http://www.slcfcd.com).



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# 8 HOSA students excel

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**BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC**  
YourNews contributor

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

HOSA is a national student organization that promotes career opportunities in the health care field.

First-place "individual" winners were Lauren Mitchell, Indian River County, Sports Medicine, and recipient of a \$90 scholarship; Ricky Sprafkin, Martin County, for Physical Therapy; Angela Vincent, St. Lucie County, for Medical Assisting.

First-place "team" winners were in Public Service Announcement: Jessica Duffield, Okeechobee County; Rebecca Duffield, Okeechobee County; and Nadeshna Janvier, St. Lucie County.

Second-place winner were Elia Lexine, St. Lucie County, for Sports Medicine; Tim Rivera, Brevard County, for Physical Therapy.

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



# IRSC to host Renewable and Alternative Energy Forum

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Indian River State College will host "Renewable and Alternative Energy Forum" on Tuesday, May 25 to discuss new business opportunities in alternative energies. Participants will learn the impact and potential benefits of renewable energies in the economic development of the emerging Research Coast. Topics covered will also include current research and industry initiatives that are happening locally today.

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Energy's Office of Minority Economic Impact.

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FORT PIERCE

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**For Hometown News**  
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## **XE3: High energy, two-day event to promote science, research**

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FORT PIERCE An alternative fuel go-kart race, tech tour site visits to introduce students to diverse local science and technology career opportunities, a 5K community walk/run, and an exposition of eco-friendly and education-oriented local businesses highlight an event being developed by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, St. Lucie County School District and the Treasure Coast Research Park with title sponsor Florida Power and Light.

This event, dubbed Extreme Energy Education, or XE3, is set for May 21-22.

The project is designed to demonstrate the Research Parks commitment to education and research, according to Ben DeVries, TCRP executive director. This event will launch a long-term relationship with our education partners in the region, DeVries said. For the research park to grow, the school system must grow with it. Schools play a key role in workforce development, and by the time our first buildings are standing, todays students will be ready to enter the workforce, he explained.

FPL external affairs manager for St. Lucie County Amy Brunjes said, It is an honor and privilege for FPL to be the title sponsor of the XE3 event. Partnering with the communities that we serve, especially when it pertains to education, is at the core of what we do.

@BOLD LEAD IN: Schedule of Events

Forty sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students from eight schools, their science and technology teachers and other adult chaperones will depart from their schools by school bus, visit two of the 12 sites selected for their implementation of science and technology, and return to school.

Students from Samuel S. Gaines Academy K-8, Dan McCarty, Forest Grove Middle, Southern Oaks Middle, St. Lucie West K-8, Northport K-8, Southport Middle, and Palm Pointe Educational Research schools will visit such sites as Adams Ranch, the USDA lab, St. Lucie Countys forensics lab, St. Lucie Countys emergency operations center, WalMart Distribution Center, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Indian River State College Kight Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, the Orchid Island Juice plant, the Sunrise Theatre, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and Nida Core.

Friday, May 21, 6 8 p.m.: Appreciation Reception hosted by Marriott Residence Inn and Fairfield Inn & Suites at the University of Floridas Indian River Research and Education Center in Fort Pierce, located within the Treasure Coast Research Park, for participating students, their parents, teachers, local dignitaries and other event sponsors

Saturday, May 22, 8 a.m. start at the Research Park:

The day begins with a 5K community run/walk, hosted by the City of Fort Pierce, from 8 to 9:30 a.m..

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Business expo and product demonstrations hosted by the USDA and the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Green Committee.



Noon-4 p.m.: Kart time trials of four heats for each XE3 Crew

4:30-5 p.m.: FPL/XE3 awards ceremony

In early February, FPL delivered kart frames for the time trial-style races to eight St. Lucie County public middle school technology lab teachers, along with protective equipment. Students were asked to build each kart's power plant.

Each teacher was assigned a local engineering professional as a mentor for support during the construction phase. Students had already been studying motors, propulsion and alternative fuels in preparation for the construction project.

The students were required to keep a journal about their research, preparation and working through problems encountered through the process.

Each kart project and crew team will be judged on performance, appearance, record keeping, creativity and innovation as well as the cooperative nature, professional appearance and teamwork of the team.

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# Students revving up for alternative energy competition

Students in the pre-engineering program at Forest Grove Middle School in Fort Pierce were busy last week putting the finishing touches on an alternative energy go-kart, preparing it for competition Saturday at the Treasure Coast Education and Research Park.

They are among 480 students from eight middle schools who have been using their technology knowledge to create their racers for the FPL XE3 Student Kart Alternative Fuel Races, the first event at the park to showcase the kind of research projects anticipated as the park develops.

The Forest Grove students were building a cover for part of the equipment on their battery-operated go-kart. That was one class among many that members of the community got to visit last week as they shadowed principals and got some eye-opening experiences about the quality of education being offered in the St. Lucie County School District. It



**MICHAEL GOFORTH**  
COLUMNIST

**INSIDE:** Alternative fuel go-kart participants, **PAGE B3**

was a far cry from much of what we hear about the quality of our schools, which are on the rise by almost all indicators.

Much of the improvement has come through partnerships with a supportive business community.

"We've been working on this for a year," said Ben DeVries, the park's executive director. "The first goal was to give the kids a hands-on experience so they could get to know what research is about. ... We also wanted it to be fun. We wanted them to get the excitement and to enjoy the math and science part of it."

Organizers also wanted to get the students to begin thinking of potential career opportunities in

the field of alternative energy.

During the past year, the event organizers have enlisted the support of schools, St. Lucie County officials and business leaders.

School Board member Kathryn Hensley said in a news release, "I am so excited about the many opportunities for our students in St. Lucie County to be actively engaged in high levels of science, technology, math and engineering. The (competition) is one of those hands-on, engaging events that is inspiring middle school students to achieve more academically. The tours of many businesses and organizations will expose our students to the variety of technologies that are here and will heighten the awareness of what is possible in St. Lucie for their futures."

Those tours will be Friday and will include, among others, the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at Indian River State College; the aeronautics and aviation center at Fort Pierce Central High School; the U.S. Department

of Agriculture Horticulture Research Laboratory; Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute; Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute; Adams Ranch; Walmart Distribution Center; and Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers.

Florida Power & Light is the lead sponsor for the event, called XE3 for "extreme education event."

The go-kart races Saturday are the featured events, but there will also be a 5K running race and a day-long green expo presented by USDA and the green committee of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. Tents will be put up at the end of Picos Road on the park site.

As the Treasure Coast evolves into the Research Coast, it's events such as these that spark the imagination as to what the future might hold in store.

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## TREASURE COAST

### CEOs confirm summit participation

Several local CEOs have confirmed their participation in a special forum to be featured at the 2nd Annual Treasure Coast Business Summit. The session will be moderated by Dr. Thomas Fullman, dean at Innova World Wide College.

The CEOs will answer questions and discuss why they chose the Treasure Coast and offer insight on growing and operating a successful business. They include Jonathan Teaford, Digital Domain Holdings, Port St. Lucie; Rick Schuett, SOL Inc., Palm City; Linda Marques, Senior Solutions of the Treasure Coast Inc., Jensen Beach; Denny Hudson, Seacoast National Bank, Stuart; R.J. Siegel, LoPresti Aviation, Sebastian; and James P. Crocker, Waterblasting Technologies Inc., Stuart.

Robin Davis, a certified financial planner and founder of The Davis Wealth Management Group, will be a featured speaker.

The summit will be at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on May 20. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. It will include a variety of speakers and presentations from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Service Corp of Retired Executives, Small Business Development Center at IRSC and IRSC's Corporate and Community Training Institute. In addition, there will be a mayoral debate between Port St. Lucie candidates.

Register online at [tcbizsummit.com](http://tcbizsummit.com). Seating is limited. For more information regarding registration, sponsorship or speaking opportunities, please visit the website or call (772) 708-9431.

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# Treasure Coast Business Summit set for May 20 in PSL

**BY CHRISTY BURR**  
YourNews contributor

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# Women's health summit set for Saturday

BY HILLARY COPSEY  
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**STUART** — Women in Philanthropy began with 10 women talking over breakfast.

They had cash, but not a lot of time, and they wanted to make a difference in the lives of other women.

"We just wanted to put our arms around other women," chairwoman Patricia Gage said.

On Saturday, the group will meet again over breakfast. But this time, they are inviting other women in the community to come out and learn how to take better care of themselves during

a free, half-day health summit.

Medical experts will cover women's health topics — ranging from depression to heart health to taking care of their feet — during the session at Indian River State College in Stuart.

Later this summer, Women in Philanthropy will vote on how to spend their first year of membership fees.

Each woman pays \$1,000 a year; money that is pooled to go toward projects at Martin Memorial Health Systems that will benefit women. The group specifically avoids large fund-raising events like other charitable organizations; but still will have nearly

\$50,000 to dole out in its first year thanks to the founders' recruitment of members.

Martin Memorial departments now are submitting grant proposals, including one that would provide postpartum depression screening to new mothers. A vote at the Women in Philanthropy annual meeting will determine what project or projects receives cash.

"It's empowering to know that you're signing a check and it's going exactly where you want it to go," said Kimberly Glass, a Women in Philanthropy member and Martin Memorial Foundation fund-raiser.

## WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY WOMEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT

**When:** 8:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday,

**Where:** Indian River State College Wolf High-Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Rd., Stuart

**What:** Medical experts will cover a variety of women's health issues. Guest speaker is Kaylie Jones, author of "Lies My Mother Never Told Me."

**RSVP:** Call (772) 223-2812. Space is limited.



# Explore high-tech career options

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Indian River State College is offering two Advanced Technology Summer Academies for those interested in learning more about the skills needed to get high-tech and creative jobs in graphic design, Web design and video-game development.

Two academies are being conducted this summer, one in graphics and game design beginning July 12, and another in digital graphics starting July 19. Both will be at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies on the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Individuals interested in learning how to make video games will want to sign up for the Advanced Academy to learn the basics of game design using the Adobe Flash software. Gain an understanding of how games are created and marketed and how they perform. The academy will be conducted 8 to 11:10 a.m. July 12-15.

Those with an interest in graphic design and publications may sign up for the Advanced Technology Summer Academies for Digital Graphics (DIG 1930 Ref. No. 148969). The Academy will teach

the basics of graphic design using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator software. It will be held 8 to 11:10 a.m. July 19-22. Learn posters and advertisement design, Web site content creation, topography and related topics.

The cost to attend one of these academies is \$84.76, and students receive one college credit. Those who sign up must have an IRSC student ID number to register. For more information regarding the Summer Academies, call (772) 462-7575 or e-mail Rosemary Wiesner at [rwiesner@irsc.edu](mailto:rwiesner@irsc.edu).

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY

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### Smart choices seminar May 26 at IRSC

Indian River State College is sponsoring a seminar about making smart choices, respecting parents and rising above disabilities at 12:30 p.m. on May 26.

The event will be at the Koblegard Student Union/The River Commons, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce.

Mandy L Laynes, regional director of Anheuser-Busch Cos., will introduce presenter Sarah Panzau, a two-time member of the National Junior College Athletic Association women's volleyball All-America team.

In August 2003, Panzau made a poor choice and with a blood-alcohol level nearly four times the legal limit, the 21-year-old decided to drive home drunk, missed a highway exit and rolled her car four times. Panzau will deliver a presentation that describes the physical and emotional pain of a life that is forever changed because of the poor decisions she made.

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# Disaster plan may save your business

According to the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, one in four small businesses that close because of a disaster never re-open.

The fallout increases among companies that don't have a disaster plan. Of those companies faced with a catastrophic disaster without a disaster plan, 43 percent will never reopen and 94 percent will fail within two to five years.

If you want something better than a 6 percent chance of surviving a disaster, you must plan to survive.

"We call it business continuity because you continue your business nearly uninterrupted," said Pat Mendez of Sebastian. Mendez is a business developer for HexiSTOR, a real-time, online data back-up and restoration provider for businesses worldwide.

In the past decade, state and federal agencies have learned ways to help small businesses quickly and easily create plans to survive a disaster, be it fire, lightning strike, tornado, flood or hurricane — all common on the Treasure Coast.

At [www.fldisasterkit.com](http://www.fldisasterkit.com), a Disaster Planning Wizard helps businesses create a business continuity plan online that includes critical items that can help a business get back up and running quickly

## Disaster workshop planned

Think a business disaster plan is a big, costly endeavor? Think again.

In two weeks, SBA representatives will be in Stuart to help businesses build a disaster plan in about 90 minutes. At the same time, businesses will learn the tips and tricks to beating problems from hurricanes, fires, oil spills, freezes and other disasters before the disaster beats them.

The U.S. Small Business Administration Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Indian River State College is presenting a Business Continuity and Risk Management (BCRM) event on May 19 at the Stuart Campus. The outreach program is to familiarize area businesses with the SBA resources available to them in the event of a disaster.

An SBA representative and other presenters will help

businesses in attendance compile a disaster recovery plan, learn about options such as business interruption insurance and data back-up and help employees become disaster-prepared.

Attendees also will tour one of Florida's Mobile Assistance Centers (MACs), a 38-foot RV outfitted as self-contained SBDC office.

The MACs are deployed to areas struck by disaster to help small businesses apply for SBA and disaster assistance.

If you are a business, farm, nonprofit, church and governmental agency or other organization, register now at [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com) or call (888) 283-1177. The event, which costs \$10, will be held 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at the IRSC Chastain Campus, Stuart, Wolf High Technology Center's Strategic Planning Room C102.

and efficiently. At [www.floridadisaster.org/business/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/business/) there is a 15-minute online planning form that businesses can use to create a customized business

disaster plan to print out and save for future emergencies. According to the site, plans include steps you can take to save time and money **SEE DISASTER, PAGE 2**

## DISASTER

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in preparing your business for a disaster, important contacts and information in your area for use in a disaster and checklists of important steps to take before, during, and after a disaster.

Although the start of hurricane season is when we talk about disaster planning, businesses also face disaster from loss of data due to lightning

strike, flood and other events throughout the year, Mendez said. In 2010, everyone has computers and loss of data can put a business particularly at risk.

"We saw it after the 2004/2005 hurricanes," said Nanyail Smoke, SBA Small Business Development Center business analyst. "They lost their data, they lost their office, they lost their business."

The data is amassed over

time and it takes considerable time and effort to compile the data again, Mendez said. Corporate data is growing by more than 50 percent every year, yet many Florida companies use unreliable 1960s technology like tapes to back-up data.

"We've all had a bad experience with tapes," said Ted Johnson, HexiSTOR marketer in Port St. Lucie. Just think of a music or video tape that unwound in the tape player

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at home or in your car.

Real-time, online data back-up is the safest and most reliable way to make sure you're business can continue without interruption caused by data, Mendez said.

But, at minimum, small businesses should purchase a \$100 terabyte-sized portable hard drive from an electronics retailer, back up their server and computers every night and take that off-premises, Johnson said.





## TREASURE COAST

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### STUART

## IRSC offers disaster preparedness workshop

Without a disaster plan in place, only 6 percent of companies will survive two years after a catastrophic loss. Businesses that are prepared for disaster are much more likely to weather the storm.

Business professionals who want to prepare for the storm should attend "Prepare to Operate After the Storm" by the Small Business Development Center at Indian River State College. The workshop will be from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 19 in the Wolf High-Technology Center on the Chastain Campus in Stuart. Registration is \$10 and includes a light breakfast.

Disasters come in many forms, such as a tornado, fire or a more regular occurrence such as a blackout or flood. By the end of the day, attendees can have much of their disaster plan written, can have the tools needed to prepare a comprehensive plan to prevent or reduce the effects of a disaster on a business, or can improve existing plans. To register, visit [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com) or call (888) 283-1177 for details.

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**SAT/ACT boot camp** *5-25-08*  
**at Indian River State College**

For more information, call (888) 283-1177 or visit [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com) and click on SAT or ACT Boot Camp.

The SAT Prep Boot Camp or ACT Prep Boot Camp workshops will be offered by the Corporate & Community Training Center at Indian River State College's Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce.

Boot Camps will be Monday through Thursday, June 21 to 24, from 9 a.m. to noon with a pre-test on Monday, June 14 at 9 a.m.

The SAT Prep Boot Camp, in Room E-108, will focus on math, verbal and new essay. The ACT Prep Boot Camp, Room E-109, will focus on math and verbal.

The camps will feature problem solving, practice tests with results, customized courses, test taking strategies and experienced instructors. The cost is \$349.

## Workshops offered

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TREASURE COAST —  
Students who want to prepare for the future this summer need to register now for the SAT prep or ACT prep boot camp offered by the Corporate and Community Training Center at Indian River State College main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave.,

Fort Pierce.

Both camps will be offered Monday-Thursday, June 21-24, from 9 a.m.-noon, with a pre-test on June 14, from 9 a.m.-noon.

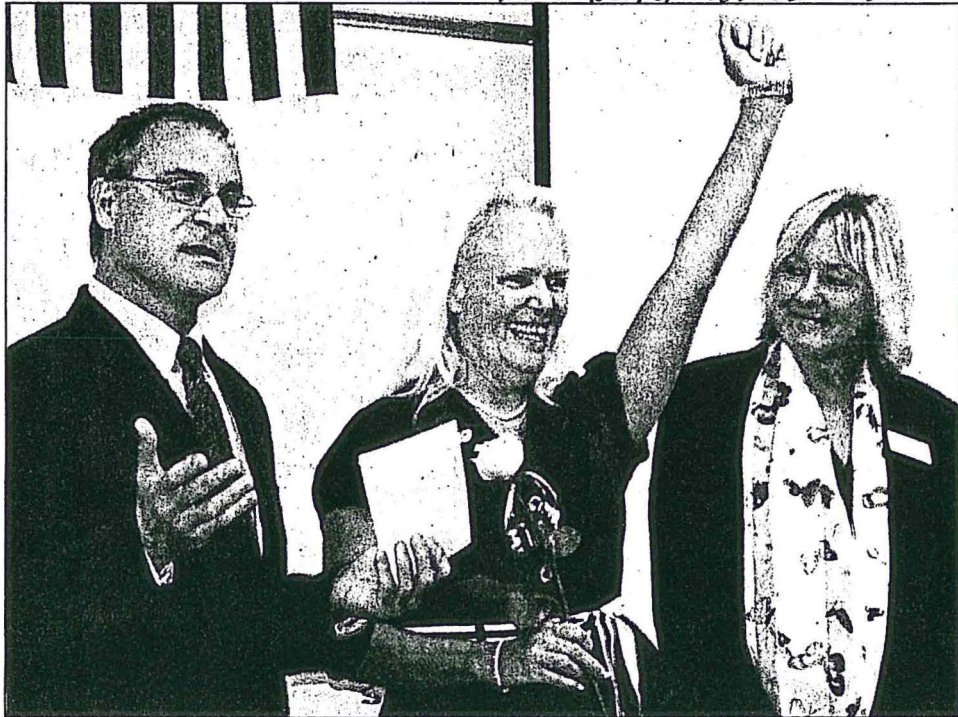
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# Newly minted graduate

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**Photo courtesy of Wendy Dwyer/Gorilla Magic**

Jose Farinos, dean of advanced technology at Indian River State college congratulates career training program graduate Sherry Moore. Donna Gorham, office systems technology chair looks on. Ms. Moore, a displaced homemaker who gave the keynote speech, received certificates for completing three programs of study. While completing her studies, Ms. Moore, who plans to continue her education, has been working in the office of Al Roberts, vice-president of applied science and technology at IRSC.

# St. Edward's writers win at college contest

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DAVID PETTY • submitted on TCPalm.com/YourNews  
St. Edward's student award winners Joseph Michaels, from left, Laura Noelke and Caroline Petty display the creative writing awards conferred by Indian River State College.

BY SARA SMITH  
YourNews contributor

Promising authors and St. Edward's seniors Joseph Michaels of Sebastian (first) and Laura Noelke of Fort Pierce (second) swept the top two places in the 12th grade category for the Indian River State College Creative Writing Contest. Freshman Caroline Petty of Vero Beach took the first place award for ninth grade.

Michael's nine-page short story, "The Establishment of Dominance," earned him a full two-year scholarship to IRSC.

Noelke won for her poetry submission, "Edgar Degas,"

written in villanelle form, and Petty's submission of "Orange to Red," a play, took center stage.

The St. Edward's student writers competed against the top schools in a quad-county area at the awards ceremony at IRSC's Kight Center on the campus in Fort Pierce on March 27.

"I often find writing my thoughts to be so much easier than speaking them out loud," said Petty, who is involved in theater at St. Edward's, as well as writing. "I originally wrote my play 'Orange to Red' for a theater competition, but then decided to enter it into this competition. I was so

into writing it that it took me about a month or so to finish it."

Noelke's winning poem was modeled on a French form, the villanelle.

Top winner, Michaels, is not new to writing awards. Last year he won one of the two most prestigious creative writing awards conferred by St. Edward's School. Michaels plans to major in writing when he enrolls at Hamilton College in New York this fall.

For more information visit [www.steds.org](http://www.steds.org).

This story was edited for space. For the full version, go to [TCPalm.com/YourNews](http://TCPalm.com/YourNews).



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# Crash victim offers sobering words

Sarah Panzau lectures IRSC students on dangers of drinking and driving

BY NICOLE RODRIGUEZ  
Correspondent

**FORT PIERCE** — Sarah Panzau's battered body lay lifeless on a dark stretch of Highway 64 in St. Louis. Her body stopped bleeding because most of her blood covered the pavement around her. She had no pulse and no blood pressure. Paramedics on the scene gave her no chance of survival and were ready to call the coroner — until she gasped for air.

Fast-forward seven years to 2010. The Missouri native, now 28, survived her near-fatal drunken driving accident.

Panzau delivered a sobering message to 150 Indian River State College students on Wednesday about the dangers of drunken driving and the importance of sound judgment. During the hourlong presentation, Panzau poignantly described the physical and emotional pain of a life forever changed because of poor decisions.

"I thought this would never happen to a girl like me. It just wasn't supposed to happen to a girl like me," Panzau said as she choked back tears. "But on Aug. 23, 2003, it did, when I chose to drink and drive."

Before the accident, Panzau was a college student and two-time member of the National Junior College Athletic Association

women's volleyball All-American team. But Panzau started hanging out with the wrong crowd, drinking and doing drugs and traded her college career for a bartending job at the age of 19.

"I'm living proof of people who make poor choices," she said. "I took my life for granted, and more importantly, I took other people's lives for granted."

Panzau donned a tank top and gym shorts, showing off her scar-ravaged body. She lost her left arm in the crash when she was ejected from her car, and has endured more than 40 surgeries. Panzau, whose blood-alcohol level was nearly four times the legal



Sarah Panzau lost her left arm at 19 in a 2003 car crash in Missouri.

limit, was the only one injured in the accident.

"Every time I look in the mirror, I'm reminded of that day," an emotional Panzau said. "If you make poor choices, consequences will follow."

Panzau's message made a lasting impact on students.

Twenty-two-year-old business major Donovan Van Der Merwe survived his

own DUI crash, escaping unscathed.

"It really hit home," Van Der Merwe said. "It was hard to see what could have happened to me."

"Having a speaker like her, instead of someone who just talks about drunken driving statistics really made an impact," Kelly Bolton, 18, said. "She really inspired me."

Panzau now devotes her life to speaking to teens and young adults about drinking and driving, making good decisions and the importance of parents and families. She spends nine months out of the year on the road, visiting a different state each week.

"I really believe I am saving a life by sharing my story," Panzau said.

For more information on Sarah Panzau, visit [www.sarahsjourney.com](http://www.sarahsjourney.com).



# IN THE LIMELIGHT

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## Zora Fest! 2010 The Legacy *Tribune Luminaries/Press Journal/Student News* 5-16-10

### A week of celebration

From April 12-18, The Zora Neale Hurston Florida Foundation and the Zora Fest! Committee coordinated a series of events that recognized the life and literary achievement of the late Harlem Renaissance author Zora Neale Hurston, who died in Fort

Pierce 50 years ago. The events included a book review, a humanities program, Lincoln Park Academy festivities, an author brunch and two Zora Scholars programs at Indian River State College and Lincoln Park Academy.



In the tradition of Zora Neale Hurston's love of hats, Cheryl McCrary and Ruth Davis don stunners at the Lincoln Park Academy Zora Fest! festivities.



Fort Pierce attorney Margaret Benton, left, is pictured with Lucy Anne Hurston, niece of the late Harlem Renaissance author Zora Neale Hurston, at the authors brunch that closed Zora Fest! 2010 The Legacy.



# Hiring's on the upswing led by healthcare jobs

## Photovoltaic installers

This three-credit-hour course is a prerequisite for becoming a photovoltaic (PV) system installer. Instructor James Kawa teaches the fundamental theories of DC and AC circuits with emphasis on circuit operation and troubleshooting as applied to photovoltaic systems. The cost is \$359. Classes meet from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday June 3-24 at the Indian River State College main campus in Fort Pierce, Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, Building V, Room 443B. To register, log on to [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com), click on Continuing Education Institute, Licensing & Certifications and click on Solar Systems & Installation. Or call (888) 283-1177 or (772) 462-7630.

## Insurance CEUs

Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River State College is offering insurance continuing education courses to help agents maintain their licenses. The next course is Insurance CE — Senior Suitability of Annuity and Life Insurance Transactions. It will be conducted 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, on the IRSC Fort Pierce Main Campus, Building E, Room 108. The cost is \$49. Eight additional courses are scheduled in June, July and August for agents of all lines. To register, log on to [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com), click on Continuing Education Institute, Licensing & Certifications and click on Insurance. Or call (888) 283-1177 or (772) 462-7630.

## Open house

IRSC offers free advanced technology information sessions monthly on the main campus in Fort Pierce. Current students, applicants to the programs, and anyone interested in a career in advanced technology are encouraged to stop in and learn more. The next session is 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the at the Digital Media Institute, Kight Center, V-116B. Other sessions are scheduled for June 15, July 13 and Aug. 3. Call toll-free (866) 792-4772 or call the Advanced Technology Department at (772) 462-7575.

A recent poll of human resource managers conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management found that 62 percent of member companies are currently hiring. The highest hiring level of hiring, at 84 percent, was among the healthcare industry.

Those findings are consistent with hiring on the Treasure Coast. But don't wait for the unemployment rate to fall based on the findings. Those 62 of 100 employers may only have 62 job openings among them.

"We are seeing an uptick," confirmed Gwenda Thompson, CEO of Workforce Solutions, the regional workforce board for the Treasure Coast. Data has shown a steady hiring increase over the last four months.

"I also have a report on job ads for our region, seasonally adjusted. In April 2010 we had 6,287 job ads," she said. "In April 2009, there were 2,846 job ads. And from March to April of this year, we had a 3 percent increase in job ads in one month."

"We are not seeing mass hiring. It's pretty much a few positions here and there."

"We had a job fair in Indian River County. All 32 employers had one or several job

openings."

But more than 2,000 job seekers showed up for about 100 or so job openings.

At the beginning of a recovery, employers who are uncertain of the future will often bring on temporary workers before committing to full-time hires. This recovery is no different and staffing agencies have been reporting increased hiring since last fall. But in an indication that employers are more confident in the future, they are now starting to make those temps employees.

"We are getting more requests lately from our clients to convert temps to full-time hires," said Joan Greenberg, regional director for Manpower. "It's not industry-specific. It depends on the company."

Here and there employers are also asking Manpower to fill positions, Greenberg said. "We are seeing that in Palm Beach and on the Treasure Coast."

As in the SHRM survey, healthcare leads the Treasure Coast employment market in hiring.

"A lot of these are jobs in the medical field," Thompson said.

She also found increases in sales, administrative assistants,

retail sales and customer service.

"Some of the hiring can be attributed to the Florida Back to Work Program," Thompson said.

Under Florida Back to Work, the federal government is subsidizing the training and employment costs of low-income new hires until Sept. 30 through the Florida Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund.

"There may be some sporadic hiring but don't expect it to lower the local unemployment rate," said Gerry Hoeffner, president of Personnel Dynamics Consulting.

Layoffs have nearly stopped but solid hiring won't begin until late 2010 or 2011, he said.

"The real hiring is in Texas, Missouri and the Midwest," said "I just came back from west Texas and they have an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent. They are nearly at full employment."

"Those areas didn't feel (the recession) the way we did," he said. "They didn't have the run-up, that we had."

"We partied hard and now it's the morning after," he said. "Darn that hangover."

## High school students can explore careers at IRSC

High school students can explore employment options during summer camp sessions at Indian River State College.

Here are the upcoming camps:

• Health Science Summer Academy 2010  
Future health professionals will take field trips to healthcare facilities and related locations while they explore careers in

the health sciences. Hands-on activities are emphasized.

Students can earn college-level program clock-hours on completion. The academy, for high school juniors and seniors, meets at IRSC's main campus in Fort Pierce 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 14 to July 1. Space is limited. To request an application,

call (866) 792-4772.

• IRSC Summer Academies for Advanced Technology

**Game Design with Flash** — Earn a college credit and learn the basics of game design using the Adobe Flash software and gain an understanding of how games are created, marketed, and perform. The academy, **SEE CAREERS, PAGE 2**

## CAREERS

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for high school juniors and seniors, 8 to 11:10 a.m. Monday through Thursday, July 12-15, at the Kight Center for Advanced Technologies on the Fort Pierce Main Campus. The cost is \$84.76. Call (866) 792-4772 Ext. 7575.

**Digital Graphics** — Learn the basics of graphics design using Adobe

Photoshop and Illustrator software. Design posters and advertisements; learn to create Web site content, topography, and related designs. The academy, for high school juniors and seniors, meets 8 to 11:10 a.m. Monday through Thursday, July 19-22, at the Kight Center for Advanced Technologies on the Fort Pierce Main Campus. The cost is \$84.76. Call (866) 792-4772, ext. 7575.

• TecKnow Camp at the Clark Advanced Learning Center

Martin County students who have completed the 7th, 8th or 9th grade by June with at least a 2.0 GPA and are accepted will learn digital media skills, design a CD cover, experiment with emerging technologies, design their own Web sites, and create a logo and transfer it to a custom T-shirt. They will also take field trips to explore careers. The academy meets 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 26-29 on the Stuart Chastain Campus at 2400 S.E. Salerno Road. Call (772) 419-5750.



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## Job Source Notes & News

### Research Coast

BioFlorida CEO Russell Allen will headline "Research Coast: Leading the Way for Research, Education & Innovation" June 9 at Indian River State College's Kight Center for Emerging Technology in Fort Pierce.

The day-long event will highlight local public, educational, private and hospital research that is being conducted in the region.

Allen will discuss advances, innovations in the healthcare, agriculture and energy sectors and the nonprofit umbrella group BioFlorida's advocacy and economic development initiatives.

Casey Lunceford, IRSC assistant dean of Arts and Sciences, and will focus on biotechnology education in the region and moderate sessions with top local research firms to discuss research and trends as well as to discuss ways small businesses can work with local researchers. Register at [www.floridarc.com](http://www.floridarc.com).

### Energy forum

Indian River State College will host "Renewable and Alternative Energy Forum" to discuss new business opportunities in alternative energies on the Research Coast. Topics covered will include current research and industry initiatives that are happening locally today.

Joe Garcia, former director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Minority Economic Impact, will keynote the event. Participants will also hear from educators, innovators and utilities.

The "Renewable and Alternative Energy Forum" will be 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. The cost is \$15 and includes breakfast.

For more information or to register, go to [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com) or call (888) 283-1177.

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### Freebies

The Tropical Smoothie cafes in Martin County and Brevard County are giving a free smoothie to any nurse on National Nurse's Day Thursday, May 6. Teachers can claim a free smoothie any day this week as Tropical Smoothie Cafes in the two counties show their appreciation during National Teachers Appreciation Week, May 2 through 8.

### Job creation toolkit

According to Florida's Research Coast eNewsletter produced by economic Gardening Coordinator Michael Corbit ([www.floridarc.com](http://www.floridarc.com)), Martin County launches Job Creation Toolkit, which allows the county to offer conservative, performance-based business incentives to qualified, targeted businesses that will create jobs and expand the tax base for Martin County.

This Toolkit allows the county to competitively vie for high-value employment opportunities for its citizens and generate return on investment for the County.

### Contractors CEUs

Get your continuing education units, CEUs, online. Every 24 months certified and registered contractors must take 14 hours of board-approved continuing education, at least seven hours of which are on technical subjects: one hour on workers' compensation, one hour on workplace safety, one hour on business practices and one hour of advanced course.

Contractors who are engaged in alarm-system contracting must take a two hour false alarm prevention course as a part of their continuing education. Register to take you CEUs online by registering at [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com).

### Financial viability

How do we help our organizations sustain viability in today's business environment? This one-day, interactive seminar covers finding and spotting the eight types of waste as well as quantifying and stopping waste. Attendees will learn how to create tools that can be used to train new and existing employees. Cost \$129.

The seminar will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Indian River State College's Chastain Campus-Wolf High Technology Center-Strategic Planning Room. Register at [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com) or call (888) 283-1177.

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## Job Source Notes & News

### IRSC graduation

The Indian River State College 50th anniversary commencement held Friday at Digital Domain Field (Mets Stadium) in St. Lucie West was the largest graduating class in the college's history. There were 141 students who earned bachelor's degrees, an increase of 98 students over last year, and 1,898 who earned an associate degree, an increase of 145 students. This marks the eighth straight year of record class sizes.

### Cheap eats

During the week of May 9-15, Extension Awareness Week, the St. Lucie County Extension Office will be offering a number of educational events to the public. The first is at 3 p.m. Monday, May 10, "How a Family of Four Can Eat on \$40 a Week." It will be at the Windstorm Mitigation Training Center, aka 'Hurricane House,' at 8350 Picos Road, Fort Pierce. Seating is limited. Call (772) 462-1660 to reserve your spot. More events are listed under extension Awareness Week events on the Web site at <http://stlucie.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

### Surviving change

A popular, interactive workshop from CIA leadership trainer Alicemarie Donohue, SPHR, helps attendees learn their "Change Style" — learn to manage change and learn to manage people with different "change styles." The course will be 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at IRSC Main Campus, Building E, Room 108, Fort Pierce. Human Resources CEUs may be available. Cost is \$59. This course is for everyone but seating is limited. Register online at [www.cctiirsc.com](http://www.cctiirsc.com) or call (888) 283-1177.



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### Microsoft Excel 2007

Don't wait to learn more job skills — learn Microsoft Excel 2007. Choose either of two classes:

- Tuesdays, June 8-22, 6 to 8 p.m. at Indian River State College Main Campus, Room E-219; or
- Tuesdays, Aug. 17-31, 6 to 8 p.m. at IRSC Main Campus, Room E-219.

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

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Register now at [www.floridarc.com](http://www.floridarc.com).

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## Steps to Success teaches students to 'Storm Proof Your Career'

**BY LOUISE SIKORSKI**  
YourNews contributor

HR Martin County, the local chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management, in collaboration with the Martin County School District Department of Vocational, Adult and Community Education, offered the 10th annual Steps to Success program April 15 at the IRSC Wolf Technology Center.

Students from the Martin County, Jensen Beach and South Fork High School as well as Clark Advanced Learning Center and Spectrum spent the day in a professional conference setting attending workshops, listening to inspirational speakers and participating in

career development activities.

"The Steps to Success program is a successful partnership between the students, the school system and private enterprise," said Jan Foselli, program chairperson. "As professionals in the business world, we want today's youth to be prepared for the world of work. Through this program, we are able to provide the students with the tools they need to enter the workforce."

The 2010 Steps to Success program, titled "Storm Proof Your Career," provided 130 career technical students with critical information to help them develop successful career building strategies and provide them with the tools needed to prompt future achievements.

Students were given the "Prepare, Act, Succeed Tool Kit" containing information on resume writing, interviewing techniques, personal technology in the workplace, and attitude and proper behavior. Also included in the kit was a "Career Passport" containing bullet points for effective interviewing.

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### 130 students take steps to success



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A group of students prepares for the breakout session, "The Long and Windy Road," as part of the 10th annual Steps to Success program. The program was produced April 15 by HR Martin County, the local chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management, in collaboration with the Martin County School District Department of Vocational, Adult and Community Education. About 130 students from Martin County, Jensen Beach and South Fork high schools, Clark Advanced Learning Center and Spectrum Junior Senior High School spent the day in a professional conference setting attending workshops, listening to inspirational speakers and participating in career development activities. Page 4



# SCHOOLS

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### MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

#### CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER

**Indian River State College graduation** for Clark students is 7 p.m. Friday at Digital Domain Park, Port St. Lucie. **Mrs. Mobley's and Mrs. Krieger's students** won six high school awards in the annual Digital Media/Graphics Exhibition at IRSC. Clark winners: Best of Show, Ariana Martinez; first place in drawings and renderings, Courtney Doucet; Web media, Jazzlyn O'Reilly; second place in digital animation, Yanic Beyer, Ariana Martinez, Jorge Ramos.

**Students recognized** at IRSC's ceremony for scholastic achievement and community involvement: Jalene Haramia, Tiffany Kuhlers and Maria A. Fernandez.

**Meaghan McMahon competed** against 978 students from 58 schools in the *La Congres de la Culture Française en Floride* in Orlando. She received a superior blue ribbon in reading.

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#### CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER

IRSC graduation for Clark A.A degree students is 7 p.m. on May 7 at Digital Domain Park, Port St. Lucie (formerly St. Lucie West Tradition Field.) Thank you Prom Committee and chaperones for a successful Prom!

Mrs. Mobley and Mrs. Krieger's students won 6 out of 15 high school awards in the Annual Digital Media/Graphics Exhibition at IRSC. Clark winners: Best of Show: Ariana Martinez; First Place: Drawings and Renderings, Courtney Doucet; Web Media, Jazzlyn O'Reilly; Second Place: Digital Animation, Yanic Beyer, Ariana Martinez, Jorge Ramos. Clark students recognized at IRSC's April 21 ceremony for scholastic achievement and community involvement: Jalene Haramia, Tiffany Kuhlers, and Maria A. Fernandez! Meaghan McMahon competed against 978 students from 58 schools in the French "La Congres de la Culture Française en Floride" in Orlando on March 18-20. Meaghan received a "Superior" Blue Ribbon in Reading.

Seniors: Order your cap and gown now.

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**CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER**

IRSC Spring semester final exams are over, and IRSC Summer classes begin May 10. Clark exams begin May 17 for dual enrollment classes. Buzz Jaskela Landscape Architect sponsored senior intern Robert Ewing. Robert visited clients and prepared landscaping presentations. He plans to attend UCF for an engineering or business degree.

Congratulations to 12 Clark seniors receiving A.A. Degrees in IRSC's graduation ceremony on May 7. Maria Fernandez and Tiffany Kuhlers were recognized for outstanding contributions as nominees for Soroptomist Rising Star on April 26. Tiffany Kuhlers received Clark's monthly "Character Counts!" recognition for Citizenship. Seniors enjoyed Grad Bash April 23 at Universal Studios. Seniors: Senior exams begin May 17. Mandatory graduation practice is 3:30-5:30 p.m. May 28. You "must" attend in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. Graduation begins at 10 a.m. May 29 at Jensen Beach High School Wellness Center. Seniors must report by 9 a.m.

# SCHOOLS

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**CLARK ADVANCED LEARNING CENTER**

Exams begin May 17 for Clark dual enrollment classes. Report cards were mailed home April 29. Special thanks to Dan Groves and Kherri Anderson for a fabulous Pledge to Vote assembly.

April 30 Clark's Relay for Life Team raised more than \$1,000! Thanks to Leslie Kandefor for an outstanding Senior Scholarship and Award Night!

Congratulations to our Nina Haven Scholarship winners: Maria Fernandez, Max Gangloff, Tiffany Kuhlers, Diana Moreira, and James Relle.

New SGA officers are: President- Alana Ward, Vice president- Paige Turner, Treasurer- Ariana Martinez, Secretary- Meaghan McMahon, Communications officer- Vanessa Gonzalez, Reps: Myles Fowler, Erin Owen, Andrea Soto, Michael Kerniss, Haider Ali, Riha Wadhwa, Christina Mull, Jarrett Elrod.

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## Nina Haven <sup>Student News</sup> recipients named

Thirty-three students from Martin County High Schools have received college scholarships for 2010 from The Nina Haven Charitable Foundation.

On May 12, they will be officially welcomed into the Nina Haven Circle of Scholars, joining the 1,000 former recipients of Nina Haven scholarships since the fund was established in 1961. The members of the Circle of Scholars serve as mentors to new scholarship recipients.

"One of the hallmarks of a Nina Haven scholarship,"

said Judith Weber, president of the Nina Haven Charitable Foundation, "is the personal interest we take in our scholarship recipients. We provide mentors, guide them through the early days of the college experience, and help open doors to them when they graduate."

Nina Haven scholarships, heavily based on financial need, grant up to \$2,500 a year to students graduating from a Martin County high school and entering a two or four year college program. This year marks the 49th year of the program, and its prior recipients include many current community leaders.

"As a Nina Haven scholar myself," Weber said. "I can attest to the power of these scholarships. They open doors to college, and they assure young people that an entire community of individuals is behind them, believing in them, and ready to assist if needed."

The 2010 Nina Haven Scholars are:

**Clark Advanced Learning Center:** Maria Fernandez; Maximilian Gangloff; Tiffany Kuhlers; Diana Moreira; and James Relle

**Jensen Beach High School:** John Aiello; Victoria Grindle; Jacob Gustaf; David Jadon; Marley Johnson; Holly Nelson; Jonathan Owens; Kristyn Pelaez;

Natasha Petrovich; Alexis Rodriguez; Michael Sanders; and Joshua Young

**South Fork High School:** Elvia Aguilera; Dorothy Dlugolecki; Lauren Raub; Adriana Jaimas; Kenya McAdoom; Teodor Merritt; and Amanda Schaerer

**Martin County High School:** Jordan Gallas; John Jeanfaivre; Jacob Kraft; Victoria Levy; Shantol Meggie; Kaitlyn Mills; Chantay Perry; Ashley Perkins; and Kayla Sapp

## Donation allows donation for vans

Florida Oceanographic thanks Hensel Phelps Construction Company of Orlando for its donation that made it possible to buy two 15-passenger vans to support Florida Oceanographic's programs. The vans will help with its newly doubled-size Coastal Discovery Summer Camp and other educational programs.

For more information, visit [www.floridaoceanographic.org](http://www.floridaoceanographic.org).

## Steps to Success aids high schoolers

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The Steps To Success program was free to student participants and their teachers. All associated expenses were underwritten by in-kind contributions, corporate sponsorship and private donations.

**FORT PIERCE**  
**IRSC summer series**  
**tickets now on sale**

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Join the Indian River State College McAlpin OnStage for their 2010 Fine Arts Season. Subscription Series tickets are now on sale, with the Summer Series Subscription just \$40. It includes four summer shows. Tickets for individual shows are \$12 each. The season starts this week with the summer variety concert "A Touch of Nostalgia," at 8 p.m., May 13 through 15, and 2 p.m. May 15.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu) or at the box office in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce, or call (772) 462-4750.

From staff reports



## BASEBALL COLLEGE SIGNING

# IRSC next for Carroll pitcher

Dom Laporte led Golden Rams with 7-1 record, 1.48 ERA this season

BY BILL WHITEHEAD  
Correspondent

**FORT PIERCE** — John Carroll's baseball program is sending another Ram to play in college.

Pitcher Dom Laporte became the fourth Ram player from this year's club to sign to play at the next level, deciding to pitch at Indian River State College.

"I'm really excited," said Laporte. "I have to come in

and do the best I can."

The 6-foot-2, 245-pound right-hander was the staff ace on this year's team, posting a 7-1 record with a 1.48 ERA after missing last year with stress fractures in his elbow.



Laporte

In nine starts covering 56½ innings, he struck out 89 batters in helping the Rams to a 19-3 mark.

Easom said the Rams may not have fallen short at then-Tradition Field in the state finals in 2009 if Laporte had not missed his

junior season.

"He was the ace of our staff this year, but it's a shame we didn't have him last year. If we'd have had him, we might've won the state championship because we'd have had three guys pitching," Easom said.

"He was our go-to guy this year. He was beat 2-1 (in our last game) against King's Academy and struck out 11 guys."

Laporte will join teammate Kevin Greene in playing for the Pioneers. Fellow Rams David Hall (Tallahassee Community College) and John Rodgers (Notre Dame) also signed to play college ball.

"It's so nice having four kids move on. We're losing six seniors off this team, so we're going to be young next year," Easom added.

Indian River coach Mitch Markham, who will begin his second year heading the Pioneers, said Laporte is the kind of pitcher who can provide a good foundation for the program.

"I'm very excited about him," Markham said "He's got a big-time arm, big frame. He's had a track record of success. I think his upside is tremendous."

"He has the potential to be a professional or Division I player down the road."

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

### Indian River State players earn awards

Several players from Indian River State college's softball and baseball teams earned postseason awards recently.

Indian River outfielder Lauren Aldridge was named to the Florida Community College Activities Association's All-Tournament team after the Pioneers finished third in the Atlantic District tournament.

Indian River won three consecutive elimination games before losing 5-2 to eventual champion Miami-Dade.

Aldridge, infielder Carly Speerin and catcher Samantha Weeks were named Atlantic District All-Tournament.

Speerin, Aldridge, outfielder Kara Anderson and pitcher Mary Huff were first-team picks on the All-Southern Conference team.

Infielder Yoli Cuare, Weeks, catcher Lauren Throop and pitcher Brooke Shippee were second-team picks.

In baseball, infielder Sam Kimmel was a second-team All-Southern Conference pick.

## 5-1-10 Stuart News/Tribune JUNIOR COLLEGES

# Pioneers stay alive

Staff report

The Indian River State College softball team split two games Friday in the FCCAA Atlantic District playoffs in Auburndale.

In the first game, the Pioneers lost to Florida State College 13-1. Carly Speerin hit a solo home run for Indian River.

Indian River (29-22) avoided elimination with a 19-6 win over Daytona.

Speerin homered twice and Cuare had two RBIs.

Mary Huff went 3-for-4 with three runs and was the winning pitcher in relief. Sammy Weeks went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and Lauren Aldridge went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

IRSC plays Santa Fe at noon Saturday.