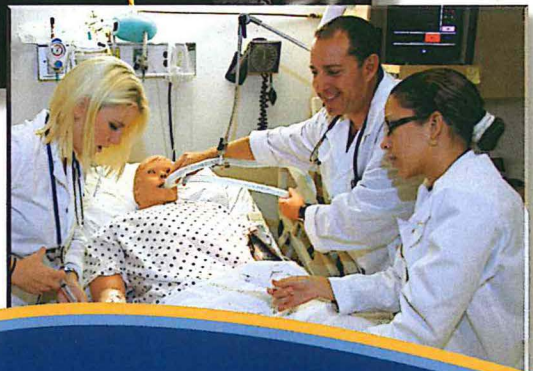
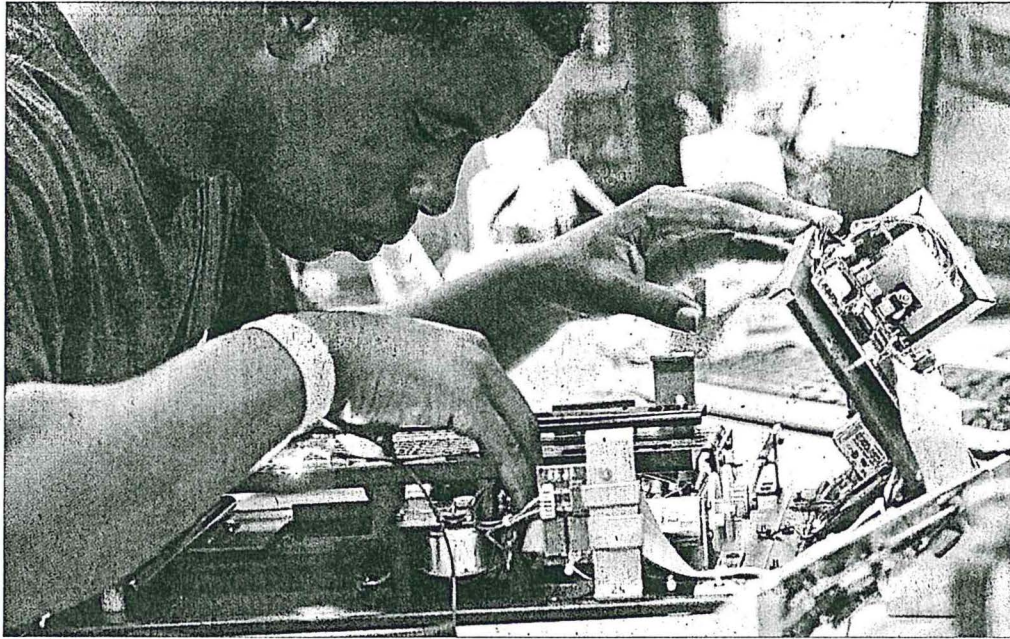


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"If I didn't go to school, I wouldn't know how to use a schematic," said Jean-Liszt McDonald of Port St. Lucie, while working as a test technician at Awareness Technology. McDonald, 26, had been working at the Palm City-based manufacturer of high-precision medical instruments for more than five years when this picture was taken in 2009 and was also enrolled to get an associate of science degree at Indian River State College.

Key to Florida's future

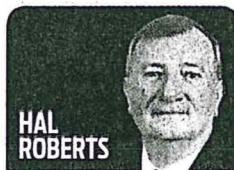
■ Investing in higher education attainment drives economic growth, jobs

Most of us remember when a high school diploma and manufacturing skills could guarantee sufficient income to raise a family. What's different today?

As noted in a special report by the Lumina Foundation, the education and skills of the American work force don't coincide with the 21st century needs of U.S. business and industry. Businesses, large and small, attest to the difficulties of finding fully qualified employees.

We've all heard stories about 50 applicants for one service position, while engineers are nowhere to be found. In fact, economic recovery is hampered by the lack of workers with the advanced skills needed in today's job market. Our ability to "up-skill" Florida's population to meet changing needs is an important factor in economic growth.

Consider the businesses moving into our region and the sophisticated skills they require in biotechnology, digital media and information technology. These firms represent a fundamental shift to a knowledge-based economy. They provide high-wage opportunities to employees sufficiently equipped with high-skill



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knowledge and expertise.

An analysis by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce found 60 percent of U.S. jobs will require some college education by 2018. In Florida, nearly 37 percent of the state's 9.5 million working-age adults hold at least a two-year degree. If Florida continues to increase attainment of a college education at the rate it did over the last decade, the state will reach a college-attainment rate of 46 percent in 2025 — too little, too late!

At the rate we're going, we're falling behind, at a time when degree attainment rates are increasing, sometimes dramatically, in other countries. Florida must develop a well-educated workforce to attract and grow knowledge-based businesses and industries that support a thriving economy and a good standard of living.

What can we do about it? The Florida College

System is ideally positioned to provide relevant education that delivers a clear pathway to a college degree and high wage employment. About 1 million people are enrolled in the 28 institutions of the Florida College System. These colleges provide educational opportunities that are accessible, affordable and targeted to the state's emerging industry clusters.

They have a proven track record of containing costs to remain affordable and allocating resources to programs that help students succeed.

Increasing the number of Florida college graduates depends largely on the success of the Florida College System. An excellent place to start is by encouraging students who have some college to return and earn a degree. About 2 million Florida residents fit into this category, representing nearly 22 percent of the state's adult population.

On the Research Coast, Indian River State College is reaching out with services to help these "partial completers" earn their degree. IRSC serves about one in five of the region's working-age adults — about 34,000 people — annually. This year alone,

IRSC experienced a 25 percent increase in Bachelor's Degree enrollment.

Many area residents are realizing the jobs of the past won't exist in the future.

They recognize that college graduates are employed at a much higher rate than non-college graduates and that a bachelor's degree translates into \$20,000 more a year in earning power — about \$1 million more in lifetime earnings.

As we evaluate the hard choices facing the state, the Florida College System fully understands and supports the need to make every dollar count. However, as difficult decisions are made, let's remember that investing in higher education attainment drives economic growth — and job creation. Educated workers can innovate, solve problems and boost production.

Talent is the key, and higher education is the means to develop it. The Florida College System and Indian River State College are ready to put Florida back to work.

Hal Roberts, president of HCBF Holding Co., is chairman of the Indian River State College board of trustees, whose view this column represents.



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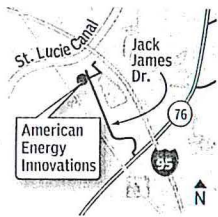
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600 JOBS COMING HERE

Gov. Rick Scott announces Stuart's American Energy Innovations to build new factory, bring jobs to Martin

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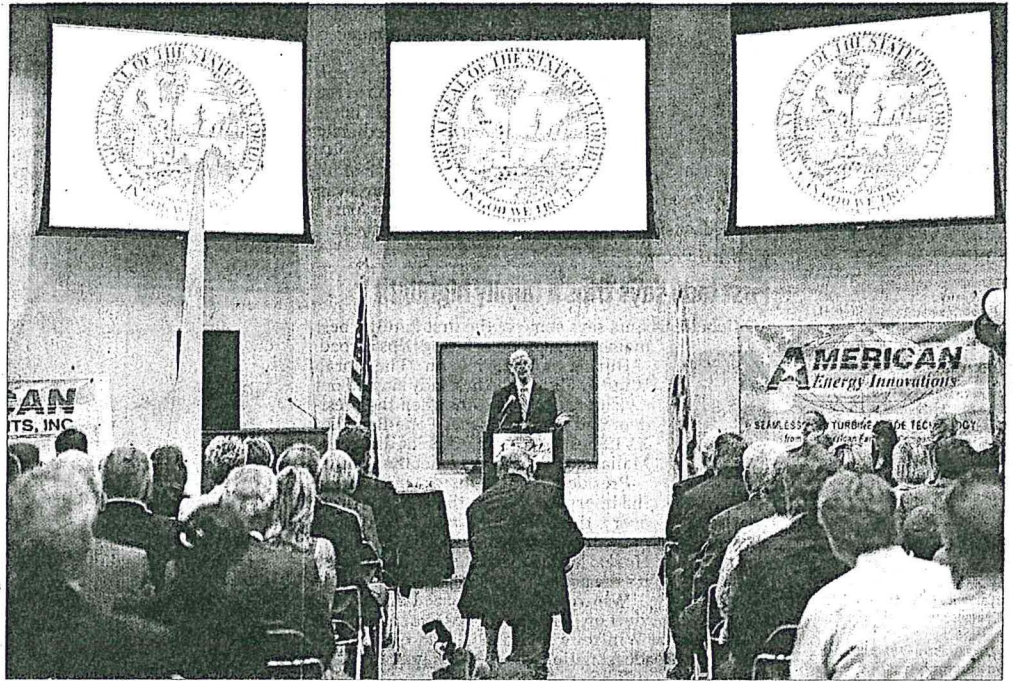
STUART — A single phone call from Gov. Rick Scott was enough for Stuart-based American Energy Innovations to accept \$3.945 million in incentives in exchange for promising to create 600 jobs — with the average annual wage of \$43,350 — within five years.



While saying the details of the conversation a couple of weeks ago will remain confidential, company officials hung up the phone comfortable the governor would make the package a reality and the business could re-

ject an offer from North Carolina.

"I have no problem in saying that if it wasn't for the aggressiveness of the (Business Development Board of Martin County) and getting the governor involved personally, making us feel like we're not just another boat builder in town,



PHOTOS BY ALEX BOERNER/TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS

Gov. Rick Scott addresses the audience at Indian River State College for the announcement of a deal providing American Energy Innovations with \$3.945 million in incentive money to expand in Martin County. An estimated 600 jobs are expected to be created by the company, which designs and manufactures seamless blades for turbines and other components.

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Left: Scott talks with Martin County Commissioner Ed Ciampi during his visit to the Indian River State College Chastain Campus on Thursday afternoon in Stuart.
Right: U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney visits with attendees at the ceremony.



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A look at other incentives offered to companies in Martin County. **6A**

PROJECT FELIX

Who: American Energy Innovations
Where: 6800 S.W. Jack James Drive, Stuart
Affiliations: American Custom Yachts, IMS American, American Canvas and Interiors and Bausch-American Towers, which are located at the same Stuart address.
The local companies are financial partners with Galliano, La.-based Edison Choquest Offshore
Product: Small wind and submerged water turbine blades, nacelles and structural components
Incentive package: \$3.945 million
State portion:
■ \$750,000 from the Governor's Opportunity Fund

- \$1.8 million from the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
- \$960,000 from the Quick Response Training Program
- County portion**
- \$75,000 from the Martin County Opportunity Fund
- \$360,000 as match to the state's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
- Jobs promised:** 600
- Time to create jobs:** 5 years
- Average annual wage:** \$43,350
- Capital to be invested locally by company:** \$14.98 million
- Projected economic impact*:**
- \$184.9 million
- \$33.2 million from payroll
- \$151.7 million from sales

Source: Business Development Board of Martin County

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that they wanted us here, that was the reason we're here now," said Ed Kelley, controller for American Custom Yachts, an affiliate with AEI, during a ceremony to announce the incentive deal.

Members of the Business Development Board of Martin County estimate the package shrouded under the name Project Felix could mean up to \$184.9 million a year in economic impact through the jobs and construction of a factory for the company's innovative seamless, single-piece blades and other components for wind and submerged turbine engines.

Scott, who flew into Witham Field to attend a brief ceremony to announce the deal Thursday at Indian River State College, said American Energy Innovations is an example of what Florida needs to keep and grow jobs.

"I can tell from the things I've seen that have come across my desk, and the calls I've been asked to make, Martin County is going to grow very rapidly," Scott said.

Crystal Stiles, the Business Development Board's co-director, said without the incentives, all of the American Family of Companies now located in Stuart — AEI, American Custom Yachts, Bausch-American Towers, American Canvas & Interiors and American Marketing Group — might have departed for North Carolina.

"For (American Energy Innovations) a lot of it was about incentives," Stiles said. "It was really easy for them to stay here because they are here, but they also had an attractive offer from North Carolina."

That could have meant the loss of 152 jobs in Martin County — in addition to not landing the 600 new jobs.

Philip Catsman, director of energy development for American Energy Innovation, said North Carolina's offer was enticing because the state has more infrastructure in place to ship

OTHER INCENTIVES OFFERED
IN MARTIN COUNTY

The American Energy Innovations package is the third job creation incentives package offered by Martin County.

Vought Aircraft Industries Inc., Stuart

Package: \$300,000, state and local grant, of which \$60,000 from the county, to add 7,000 square feet to its aircraft parts manufacturing facility at Witham Field. Vought would receive \$1,000 for each job created.

Awarded: July 2009

Jobs: 100

Jobs created as of April 2011: 82

TurboCombuster Technologies, Stuart

Company manufactures gas-turbine engine parts that are used aircraft, aerospace, military and marine applications as well as industrial power generation equipment.

Package: \$60,000 grant to help pay for new parking at its facility on Commercial Ave.

Awarded: 2007

Jobs required: 25

Jobs created as of April 2011: 82

Source: Business Development Board of Martin County

the turbine components to customers.

However, "this financial package transcended the logistical advantage" of North Carolina, Catsman said.

Catsman said the company will immediately begin building the new factory where the seamless blades and turbine components for wind and eventually submerged turbines will be made. The company is also working with Workforce Solutions — a private, non-profit that works with business and job seekers. Now that the deal has been announced, the company can begin hiring.

He wouldn't say how many would be immediately hired.

A \$75,000 check from the county, which will be issued next week, is the only upfront money going to American Energy, which is expected to invest \$14.98 million to build a facility that makes turbine components, Stiles said.

The rest of the incentive money, \$3.91 million, will be released — mostly through tax refunds — when American Energy Innovations, a division of Galliano, La.-based Edison Chouest Offshore, reaches set employment benchmarks.

The county sees the incentives as an investment that will pump \$11 million into the local economy in short-term construction

want anything here," Ciampi said. "I think the most remarkable part is the fact that if you look at these jobs, we're getting 600 and it cost us \$750 per job. If you look north and south of us, it's \$100,000 per job."

In addition to calling American Custom Yachts, Scott also had to sign off on the state's incentive package, which included \$750,000 from the Governor's Opportunity Fund, \$1.8 million from the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program and \$960,000 from the Quick Response Training Program.

The county money is coming from two sources: \$75,000, from the Martin County Opportunity Fund,

which is considered "deal-closure" program that can range from cash to land or lease concessions; and \$360,000 that serves as a match to the state's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program, which provides \$3,000 in tax refunds for each full-time position created.

During the recruitment efforts, no one from the county, Business Development Board or American Custom Yachts would officially confirm that AEI was the target of the county and state recruitment. Still, even Stiles noted the effort to mask the targeted company wasn't the most stealthy endeavor.

State paperwork noted the focus was a central

Martin County yacht manufacturer seeking to expand into turbine component construction. Meanwhile, American Energy Innovations had for a few weeks said on the website it shares with American Custom Yachts that the fledgling company "is committed to becoming a world leader in the alternative energy market with a focus on water turbine blade technology."

"AEI is uniquely positioned to capitalize on the tremendous electrical generating capacity of the Florida Current (also known as the "Gulf Stream") as well as tidal zones and rivers currents," the company's website continues.

money for the new factory, plus the long-term benefits that come through sales and payroll once the entire new workforce is in place.

"I think this is a great win for Martin County with such little risk of incentives," Stiles said. "And it's really demonstrative of the types of projects the Business Development Board intends to do. We're not just going to throw money at any project."

Stiles noted the county could only have offered AEI an incentives package because the company is seeking to expand.

The Martin County Commission last year established new rules — called the "tool kit" by the Business Development Board — to speed building permits, provide financial incentives and reduce or defer impact fees to promote economic development. In addition, voters in the Aug. 24 primary gave the County Commission the authority to grant property tax abatements to companies that expand or relocate in Martin County.

County Commission Chairman Ed Ciampi said the company agreeing to create 600 jobs is a sign that the county is seen as worth investing in and people have slowly opened to the idea that some development is needed.

"A majority of our citizens are tired of a select few that said: 'We don't

Scott plans Thursday announcement

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STUART— Gov. Rick Scott will be at Indian River State College's Stuart campus Thursday to make an announcement that the Business Development Board of Martin County says carries significant local and statewide impact.

"It has statewide impact because of the number of jobs that are tied to the project, but the company will be in Martin County," said Crystal Stiles, the Business Development Board's co-director.

"I think this will be a really great opportunity to see what happens from the time a company makes a commitment to a commu-

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What is Project Felix? 5B

nity and then watch it grow over the next how many years as they add employees," Stiles added.

Stiles would not say if the announcement involves Project Felix, the effort to induce a central Martin County yacht manufacturer to build a turbine component factory and create 600 jobs locally.

Last week, Stiles said Project Felix was "nearing the finish line" as the state's formal offer was due to be made.

Project Felix has Martin County putting up \$435,000 in incentives. The local incentives would be considered a match to \$1.8

million in state sales tax refunds over five years, along with a closing grant, that would come from Gov. Scott's office.

The name of the yacht manufacturer has been kept confidential, as the county is competing against North Carolina for the new \$15 million facility that would have a total payroll of \$28.4 million and pay an average wage of \$43,350 per year, plus benefits. Located in Martin County, the factory would also pump out more than \$210,000 per year in property taxes under current rates.

Stiles did say Scott has played an active role with local business leaders on this project.

"He's been very vocal about 700,000 jobs in seven years, that's a lot of zeros on the end of that

promise," Stiles said.

On April 7, Scott held a closed-door meeting in Port St. Lucie to discuss business recruitment efforts with officials from Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. After the meeting, Scott said he would help where he could.

A spokesman for Scott wasn't immediately available for comment Tuesday.

A representative of the governor's office said travel details for Thursday wouldn't be available until Wednesday night.

According to the business board, Scott is scheduled to be at the IRSC's Chastain Campus, Clare and Gladys Wolf High Technology Center, Thursday, April 28, at 1:45 p.m.

Scott to bring Stuart jobs news

He'll visit the city today to announce a 'substantial number' of new positions.

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Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

STUART — Gov. Rick Scott is set to announce the creation of “a substantial number of new jobs” here today, but Martin County economic development officials aren’t divulging the employer’s identity.

One business leader who asked not to be identified is “99.9 percent sure” the mystery employer is American Custom Yachts, a Stuart firm that aims to expand into the production of turbines that

will create green energy from ocean currents and wind.

Scott is scheduled to reveal the company’s identity this afternoon at a tech center on the campus of Indian River State College in Stuart.

The Business Development Board of Martin County declined to disclose any specifics about the employer, such as its industry or how many people it plans to hire.

“The governor is traveling here to make the announcement, and he’d be really upset if I spilled the beans,” said Crystal Stiles, co-director of the Business Development Board of Martin County.

The announcement comes as Martin County finishes

a deal with a Stuart yacht manufacturer that plans to create 600 jobs at a new 100,000-square-foot plant that will make wind and water turbines.

County officials have referred to that company only by the code name Project Felix, but it matches the description of American Custom Yachts, a Stuart-based company whose American Energy Innovations unit is working on turbines to harvest power from ocean currents.

Martin County commissioners last month agreed to a \$435,000 incentive package for Project Felix. The state also is expected to contribute \$435,000.

The turbine maker would pay an average salary of \$43,350, about 15 percent more than the Treasure Coast’s average wage.

American Custom Yachts officials couldn’t be reached for comment.

The marine industry is driving job growth in Martin County, which had an unemployment rate of 10.8 percent in March.

In addition to Project Felix, the county also is wooing Project Tack, the code name for a California sailboat builder that’s considering moving to Martin County and creating 41 jobs at an average wage of \$34,640.

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Tribune 4-12-11 Digital Domain hiring at quick pace

■ Company ahead of schedule to hire mandated 500 workers by 2014

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Digital Domain Media Group, formerly Digital Domain Holdings, has added more than 243 employees to its payroll, putting it ahead of schedule to hire a mandated 500 by 2014. During Monday's City Council

meeting, Digital Domain Media Group CEO John Textor gave an update on the company's progress since it launched its business here in 2009.

The company has an agreement to create 500 jobs with an average annual salary of \$65,000 in exchange for getting nearly \$70 million worth of state and local incentives.

Digital Domain Media Group, the parent company of Academy Award-winning digital effects and animation company Digital Domain in Venice, Calif., is growing faster than anticipated, Textor said.

Digital Domain Media Group is a diverse holding of media companies headquartered in Port St. Lucie. It comprises three main busi-

nesses, including Digital Domain Productions, Tradition Studios and the Digital Domain Institute.

Digital Domain projected hiring 90 employees by the end of this year, but since the company acquired In-Three Inc. late last year, a company that converts traditional two-dimensional films

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into three-dimensional stereo imagery, its accelerated its hiring.

In-Three did 3D stereo work on Tim Burton's 2010 film *Alice in Wonderland*.

"We've expanded our business model because we've been really surprised by the quality of the talent here locally," Textor said.

The company has outgrown temporary space it leases in Tradition Station and has moved into the 65,000-square-foot former Liberty Medical building at 8881 S. U.S. 1. As part of a local incentive package, the city is building Digital Domain an approximate 115,000-square-foot, \$40 million studio in Tradition near Interstate 95. The company will pay for the building through a lease with the city. The studio, on 19 acres near the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, is scheduled to open in December.

Textor said 120 workers are on the construction site every day, and about 88 percent of the contracted companies are from the Treasure Coast.

The building on U.S. 1 provides space mostly for employees working on 3-D effects. Textor said once the new studio is finished, the company likely will continue to occupy the U.S. 1 facility, in which it's invested \$600,000.

"We expect to go considerably beyond our original plan," Textor said. "The 500-job count was for the animation studio. Now that we've acquired In-Three and brought that 3-D business to Florida any of the jobs in 3-D would be above and beyond the scope of our original projections."

Textor said he expects to hire more than 1,000 people for the Port St. Lucie operations. He said about 40 percent of the hires came from the Treasure Coast and 60 percent came from other Florida communities. He said a large majority of the company's 243 employees

are between the ages of 21 and 30.

Digital Domain also occupies temporary space in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at Indian River State College and plans to build the Digital Domain Institute in West Palm Beach, a four-year program in advanced digital media supported by the College of Motion Picture Arts at Florida State University.

Textor said the company hired 34 people from Indian River State College compared with two from Full Sail University in Orlando.

The Port St. Lucie company created a 60-second promo that premiered at the New York Mets opening game April 9. The film will introduce players at Mets home games during the 2011 season and is the first in a series of short films the company plans to create for the Mets games.

Digital Domain in California has created visual effects for blockbusters such as *Titanic* and *Transformers*. The company is currently producing visual effects for "Thor," "X-Men First Class," "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," "Real Steel," and others.

Textor said the Port St. Lucie location is working on two summer blockbusters

"What's nice is every project we're working on in the Venice studio can now be moved in part to our studios in either Vancouver, San Francisco or now in Port St. Lucie," Textor said. "We're required to keep these projects confidential until they are released, but we're working on two summer blockbusters in Port St. Lucie as we speak. It's a real sort of Hollywood blockbuster work happening right here in Port St. Lucie."

Textor said the studio in Venice does work for films owned by other entities. The films produced in Port St. Lucie are original stories created by the studio and by key people Digital Domain hired out of the original Disney animation studio in Orlando.

Scott says cuts to program for disabled painful, but necessary

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PORT ST. LUCIE — With protesters for the developmentally disabled outside during his visit to the Workforce Solutions Care Center, Gov. Rick Scott said he doesn't want to harm those individuals.

However, he said cuts to such programs are needed to help bridge Florida's \$3.9 billion deficit.

"We're going to make sure the money is spent well and those that need care get care," when asked to address the Agency for Persons with Disabilities' budget cut.

Scott sent an emergency order March 31 to immediately slash Medicaid waiver reimbursements or caregiver payments by 15 percent to address the Agency for Persons with Disabilities' \$174 million budget deficit.

The cuts are scheduled to last until June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

"They're cutting us way down to less than minimum wage," said Samantha Finch, a caregiver from Port St. Lucie.

Developmental disability advocates say the reimbursement cuts, which sometimes extend as deep as 40 percent to some programs, compromise the level of service these nonprofit agencies can

provide and the number of caregivers or providers they can hire to take care of clients.

"The gas is getting more expensive and most of our work is in a car, providing transportation to work, for other doctors," said Kimberly Martinez, a caregiver from Port St. Lucie. "Don't take the 40 percent, because I still want to provide services to my individuals and I would like to eat."

"This is an emergency. If we don't solve this now, we run out of money," Scott said. "I can't just write a check. I can't just say we're over budget and we'll keep spending the money."

"We're doing a complete

shakeup of the leadership of that agency, to say you guys can't do this, you have to figure out how to spend this money better," Scott said. "It's not fair to taxpayers and it's not fair to those who rely on the service."

The state House has planned to include \$32 million in its proposed budget to cover APD's deficit this year — called a "back of the budget" inclusion, as it covers costs from a previous year.

Currently, more than 19,000 developmentally disabled Floridians are on the waiver waiting list; 525 of these individuals live on the Treasure Coast. APD serves more than 35,000 individuals a year.

AUDIENCE WITH GOVERNOR

In attendance at the economic sitdown with Gov. Rick Scott:

- Richard Stetson, president, Workforce Solutions
- Michael Corbit, business projects regional consultant, Workforce Solutions/ Florida's Research Coast
- Brian Cartland, executive director, Business Development Board of Okeechobee
- Larry Pelton, president, Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County
- Paul Sandhu, president, Triumph Group — Vought Aviation Division
- Tex Carter, president, INEOS New Planet BioEnergy
- Sande Dinely, CEO, Airtronics
- J. Hal Roberts, chairman, Board of Trustees, Indian River State College
- Mary Locke, vice president of instructional services, Indian River State College
- Joyanne Stephens, vice president for regional campuses, Florida Atlantic University

State cuts may force library changes

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■ Librarians don't expect any branches on the Treasure Coast to close

By Jan Lindsey
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

Treasure Coast libraries could face cuts as the state Legislature struggles to overcome a \$3.8 billion shortfall in the 2012 budget.

"Every year, the legislators attack the state aid because ... it's a lot of money," said Mary Snyder, Indian River County library services director.

The Senate allocated nothing for Florida's 37 library systems. The House appropriated \$17.7 million, \$3.5 million less than this year. The state must spend \$21.2 million for libraries to qualify for additional federal funding.

"Cuts had to be made with a

focus on keeping priorities like education, health and human resources, economic development as whole as possible," said David Bishop, spokesman for Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island.

Florida Library Association Executive Director Faye Roberts warned that state cuts could close some libraries, but librarians on the Treasure Coast indicated that is unlikely here.

Libraries are supported by state funds and county property taxes. Martin County uses state money to buy materials, including periodicals, online databases and DVDs, said Judi Snyder, acting director.

This year, \$69,825 of the sys-

tem's \$2,871,139 budget came from the state. In 2006, Martin received \$252,968 in state funding, Snyder said.

"We've seen already that our collection is not what it used to be," she said. "I'm hoping the House rules and we get that \$17.7 million approved."

Indian River's Snyder is writing her 2012 budget now and said the county has asked her to cut 5 percent from this year's \$3,297,236 budget, which included \$118,924 from the state.

In Indian River, state funds go into the library's general fund, said Snyder, who has been cutting purchases and library hours, rather than laying anyone off. "With layoffs come closings."

In St. Lucie County, the library system laid off 11 people this year and knocked two branches back to two days a week, said Beth Ryder, director of Housing and Community Services.

The libraries have a \$3.2 million budget. Its \$95,000 in state money is used to support partnerships with libraries at Indian River State College and Florida Atlantic University.

Library Manager Susan Jacob said she's waiting to plan cuts, noting the state is prone to last-minute funding changes.

"That's what we're hoping will happen again," Ryder said.

The Sun Sentinel contributed to this report.

Budget cuts may hit children's nonprofits

■ Cutting spending on poorest kids now could cost more in long run, experts warn

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A look at the county's nonprofits and how much money they received from the county this year. **3A**

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Pamela Bryant, a private-duty nursing assistant, watched about a year ago as her then-14-year-old daughter lost control to peer pressure and got into a fight. And then Bryant found

the Substance Abuse Council. "Instead of sending her straight to the juvenile system, she has to comply with the Substance Abuse

Council," Bryant, 35, said Monday. "They give her anger management classes. It's very good for her."

That program may not be around in the fall, agency officials said, if the County Commission imposes a cut of up to 10 percent in the money that goes each year to 15 nonprofit agencies that help children.

That's worrisome to Stephanie Hurst, 37, a surgical technology student at Indian River State College, who relies on Childcare Resources of Indian River Inc. to care for her 18-month-old son so she can study and attend classes — and not have to pay \$600 a

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month for day care.

"It costs \$240 a month. It's the only way I was able to go back to school," said Hurst, who hopes to graduate in May and land a job in her new career after years of restaurant work and management. "And it's a very educational program instead of just day care."

But a cut in county money would mean a big blow to Childcare Resources.

"It means we're going to have to cut several more children," Childcare Resources Executive Director Pam King said.

Commissioners last year budgeted \$691,290 toward the needs of 15 children's service agencies. That was a 6.3 percent decrease from \$738,100 the prior year.

County records show the commission has cut children's services every year since the high of \$1.2 million in 2005 as the national recession continues to drag down the county's taxrolls.

County Administrator Joe Baird on April 19 recommended a cut Children's Services by 13 percent, to \$600,000, when he and Budget Director Jason Brown in coming weeks calculate the spending

NONPROFITS

The following 15 nonprofit agencies received a combined \$691,290 from the Indian River County Commission this year, but face cuts of up to 10 percent in the next budget.

- Childcare Resources of Indian River County Inc.:** \$188,624, the largest amount
- Substance Abuse Council:** \$169,861
- Daisy Hope Center:** \$55,303
- Healthy Start of Indian River County:** \$48,884
- Boys & Girls Club of Indian River County:** \$44,439

plan that starts Oct. 1.

The county's 12-member Children's Service Advisory Committee was to take the \$600,000 figure and divide it among the agencies when making the grants for the next budget year.

Baird's recommendation prompted a protest from various providers, who said they have absorbed previous cuts by distributing more work over fewer employees, but said another cut will dig into the services.

"They said it was all about saving taxpayers' dollars," King said later. "But the question really is

Exchange Club CASTLE:

- \$36,540
- Gifford Youth Activity Center:** \$27,158
- Catholic Charities/Samaritan Center:** \$26,664
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association:** \$24,689
- Mental Health Association:** \$14,813
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Indian River County:** \$12,344
- Junior League:** \$12,344
- United for Families:** \$10,863
- Homeless Family Center:** \$9,876
- Early Learning Coalition:** \$8,888

Source: County Human Services Department

whether cutting this money would save taxpayers."

By cutting out spending on children in poor families now, she said, the county would likely have to spend extra on arresting and jailing them later.

Human Services Director Brad Bernauer said other departments didn't get such a heavy order for a decrease.

"It was a shock," he said. "As (providers) pointed out, all other departments were told to prepare 5 percent cuts, but it's 13 percent for Children's Services. The kids take the hit."

Questioned by Commissioner Joe Flescher at

the time, Brown said the recommended 13 percent cut in Children's Services would be hoped to offset the inability of other departments to reach a 5 percent cut.

Commissioner Peter O'Bryan tried to avoid a 13 percent cut in children's programs by making a motion to use \$100,000 — from the county's \$33 million non-designated reserve — for a \$700,000 Children's Service budget.

Flescher supported O'Bryan, but they were outvoted by Chairman Bob Solari and commissioners Gary Wheeler and Wesley Davis.

"We ought to at least show that we are a civilization and not just a government," Flescher said.

Davis said he couldn't support taking from reserves before revenue or tax roll numbers are ready.

Flescher won a 5-0 vote on his motion to reject the 13 percent cut but ask Children's Services officials to prepare budgets based on 5 and 10 percent reductions.

It's the same request for other departments. But still a tall order, said Robin Dapp, executive director of the Substance Abuse Council.

"My feeling is we're already at the bare bones," she said.

Going, growing green

Staff Reports Monday, April 4, 2011

Saving and preserving the environment is popular as well as practical from a business standpoint. And it's nice when the green can be money, too, not just eco-friendly. This issue addresses the business of going green.

Shelley Owens talks to green energy industry executives about biofuels and waste elimination.

Read her story about South San Francisco-based LS9, a Silicon Valley biofuels researcher firm, who purchased a bankrupt biofuels facility in Okeechobee in February 2010 with the intention of making it the largest biofuel production demonstration plant in the world. And her stories about INEOS New Planet's ethanol plant in Indian River, as well as St. Lucie County-based Geoplasma plant, which will turn household and business waste into pellets that can be used for roadbed material. Amy Morris brings us some stories about green design concepts and how Kyle Abney helps employers create environmentally and employee-friendly workplaces. She also talked to Cammie Donaldson from the Association of Florida Native Nurseries about using native plants in commercial landscaping to conserve resources — water and money.

As one of our Best Practices columns this month, Indian River State College's Dr. Edwin Massey tells us about the new Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which is set to open in 2012. He says the multi-purpose center will be a model of green construction and instruction in clean alternative energies and energy efficiency will be integral to the center's mission. Shelley also talked to facilities planner Joe Hammer, who provides green answers to planning questions through Indoff Solutions Unlimited. And she says fourth-generation dairy farmer Chad Rucks, owner of C&M Rucks Dairy, has developed a new mobile milking parlor that keeps the cows happy, the pasture from being damaged and excess waste water being created. This important innovation can make a welcome difference in the agricultural industry.

We also have a couple of stories in our Business Cares category — we love to hear about altruistic people in the work world. Thank you to Tim Cheney, Boris Gonzalez and Elizabeth Kennedy, as well as Alba Vasquez, Andres Aguilar and Susie Canino — and to all who help others every day as part of their life plan.

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PSL biotech hub gaining acclaim

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■ Tradition Center for Innovation earns international attention, spokesman says

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PORT ST. LUCIE — The Tradition Center for Innovation, a burgeoning biotech hub west of Interstate 95, continues to grow at a faster-than-expected pace and has gained a reputation as one of the premier research parks in the

world, according to a research park representative.

Andy Favata, vice president of the Mann Research Center, a 400,000-square-foot life sciences complex planned within the Tradition Center for Innovation, went before the City Council on Monday afternoon to give an update on the park.

"We continue to be amazed at

how fast and furious our city's research park is growing," Favata said.

The park, home to VGTI Florida, the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies and a new yet-to-be-built hospital by Martin Memorial, employs 169 people with an average age of 37. Of those employees, 72 percent live in Port St. Lucie, Favata said.

"We are excited to see so much happening in the Tradition Center for Innovation, and to hear that we are getting the attention of leading people in the biotech industry," Mayor JoAnn Faiella said. "I also was glad to see from Mr. Favata's presentation that such a large

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percentage of employees now working in the Center are from the local area, because job growth is the ultimate goal of our investments there."

The presentation came a week after Digital Domain Media Group CEO John Textor gave a similar report before the council touting his company's rapid growth since launching a movie animation and digital effects studio here in 2009.

Digital Domain Media Group and companies within the Tradition Center for Innovation were lured by state and local officials with millions of dollars in incentives.

Favata gave city officials insight on the impact the center is having on the community and the type of work it is doing.

He said the reports about the center were recently published in Florida Trend, Nature and several other science journals "recognizing the city of Port St. Lucie as one of the

premier research parks in the world.

"TCI's momentum has attracted the attention of leading scientists and physicians, as well as entrepreneurs who drive the creation of growth of life science companies," Favata said. "TCI is the only research park of its kind with the capabilities to swiftly develop and produce a commercialization pipeline. Looking ahead, TCI anticipates that manufacturers will gravitate toward Florida, specifically Port St. Lucie as a flourishing research and development sector, delivering even more commercial technologies."

Favata said the Torrey Pines Institute provides local students and teachers with first-hand biomedical research experiences and offers seminars and graduate student programs with Indian River State College and Florida Atlantic University. The institute also collaborates with the USDA, University of Miami, University of Florida and the Harbor

Branch Oceanographic Institute. Scientists are busy studying the causes and prevention of Alzheimer's disease and are developing treatments and prevention programs.

They're also developing new medications for the treatment of pain and addiction and cures for debilitating diseases, Favata said.

VGTI is planning a community Plant-A-Thon on June 4 to plant a medicinal herb garden and landscaping for its building slated to open in January 2012. More than 500 construction jobs will be created with 85 percent of those jobs coming from contracted work within a 60-mile radius of Port St. Lucie, Favata said. He said 39 percent of subcontractors are minority- or female-owned businesses. Construction is 45 percent complete.

VGTI's Saturday with Scientists program educates fifth-grade students about science skills, research and how scientists work and communicate,

Favata said. VGTI also is planning a public lecture series with Martin Memorial on topics such as pandemics, autism and aging.

VGTI offers internships for students at Keiser University, Barry University and Indian River State College.

"They're applying immune therapy treatments in the fight against melanoma, and they're screening for a new way to diagnose and treat tuberculosis," Favata said.

More than 211 locals participated in studies conducted by VGTI and Martin Memorial, involving H1N1 flu, HIV and blood and tonsil research. Favata said Phase I of Martin Memorial's new hospital would open with 82 beds in 2014.

According to Martin Memorial's website the hospital would create 400 initial jobs and another 400 jobs over the long term.

The Mann Research Center will open a medical office building in 2013 in collaboration with Martin Memorial.

Calvin Arnold honored as Distinguished Alumni at IRSC Awards Ceremony

• Jean Patton - IRSC

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Dr. Edwin R. Massey (right), president of Indian River State College, presents Dr. Calvin Arnold, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture & Horticulture Research Laboratory, with the IRSC 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award.

FORT PIERCE — Dr. Calvin Arnold, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture & Horticulture Research Laboratory, received the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award at the Indian River State College Awards Ceremony. Dr. Arnold presented the keynote address at the April 14 event, sharing his memories of IRSC in its days as Indian River Junior College.

Arnold was a member of the College's second graduating class in 1963 and continued his education at the University of Florida and Michigan State University, where he was awarded a Ph.D. in Horticulture from Michigan State University.

A former University of Florida professor, Dr. Arnold has been a leader in Florida agricultural research, Extension and education for more than 30 years. He served as the director of the University of Florida Indian River Research and Education Center in Fort Pierce and as director of the Immokalee

and Monticello research and education centers, as well as completing international assignments in horticulture in Malawi, Indonesia, Yemen, Brazil and Argentina.

“Dr. Arnold represents the qualities of achievement, leadership and community service we seek to instill in our students, and we are proud to honor him as this year’s Distinguished Alumni,” said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC president.

IRSC students, faculty and staff members were also recognized for achievement at the College Awards Ceremony.

Student awards included the following: Community Service, Nicholas Anton; Special Achievement, Keith Acquino; General Excellence, Angie Hodges; Leadership, Lauren Aldridge; and Academic, Adam Carroll.

Fine Arts Transfer Scholarships were presented to Sarah Rozman and Laura Szczepanski.

The Instructional Innovation Award was presented to Larry Lawson, Criminal Justice Department chair, and Brenda Rante, program coordinator, for the Banner Center for Homeland Security and Defense, Practical Interdisciplinary Exercise. The training exercise engages students, faculty and public safety professionals in three-day scenarios proceeding from investigation, to report writing, depositions and mock trial at the College’s 50-acre Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex.

Dr. Bruce Fraser, professor of Philosophy, was presented with the Pioneer Award for development of the Center for Journalism and Media Studies, which has generated thought-provoking dialogue and research among students and faculty, expanding students’ knowledge of history, public affairs, current events, journalism and new media.

The administration, faculty and staff of the Clark Advanced Learning Center were recognized with the Pride Award for exceptional achievement. The national model charter high school on the IRSC Chastain Campus is the highest ranking “A” school in Martin County and has earned statewide and national accolades for fostering student success.

The IRSC English Department was recognized with the River Award for innovation and outstanding teaching in English, communications and modern languages.

The President’s Cup honored the members of the IRSC 50th Anniversary Committee, who planned and implemented a series of monthly activities throughout 2010 in celebration of the College’s 50th Anniversary.

The events culminated in an open house at the IRSC Main Campus, attracting more than 6,000 visitors.

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Loans encourage solar in St. Lucie

by Sally Swartz 4/1/11

St. Lucie County's dreams of boosting solar energy and a green economy are evolving, and plans to help homeowners make their houses more energy-efficient are soaring on an infusion of federal and state grant money.



Sally Swartz

Last year, St. Lucie received \$2.9 million from the U. S. Department of Energy for its plan to make solar energy and energy-efficient houses affordable and attainable. It's the only county in Florida and one of 20 communities nationwide to receive the grant.

The county has used the money to create the Solar & Energy Loan Fund, a nonprofit that grants loans to homeowners and businesses to make houses and offices more energy-efficient.

That can include beefing up insulation, caulking or replacing windows, replacing old air conditioners or appliances with new, energy-efficient models, or, finally, adding solar energy panels for water heaters.

The borrowers accept a voluntary tax assessment on the property, which makes loan payments very affordable.

Adding solar to existing homes is the ultimate goal, but "ultimate savings come from energy efficiency and weatherization," said St. Lucie County Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky, president of the board that oversees the Solar & Energy Loan Fund.

About 175 residents have applied for the program and about half have been approved. After approval, the individual contributes \$25 toward an energy audit. A state grant provides the rest of the audit cost, which can be more than \$400. The audit evaluates the home's overall energy efficiency — air leakage, air conditioning systems, windows, doors, insulation and appliances. Then a loan officer shows the homeowner which improvements will reduce power bills, and what rebates from Florida Power & Light Co. or income tax credits may be available.

The loan program hasn't had any trouble getting the word out to residents. "We've been able to do this just by word of mouth," Mr. Dzadovsky said. But soon representatives will carry the message to neighborhood associations and churches, and "we plan to do classes for residents."

For now, residents can find out more about the loan program by calling 772-468-1818. Several local banks are interested in joining in, and the plan is to convert the loan fund to a federally-recognized Community Development Financial Institution, he said.

Once the CDFI is operating, more banks will join in, because federal rules give them credit if they do. Then the loan program can expand to neighboring counties, including nearby Martin or even as far away as Miami-Dade.

St. Lucie County also has business incentives, such as grants and tax exemptions, in place, with hopes of attracting solar panel manufacturers and other green companies. Programs are in the works to train and re-train workers for green jobs, and Indian River State College plans a new alternative energy center.

Former County Commissioner Doug Coward, one of the green dream's chief architects, left the commission after 12 years and now works with Lawton "Bud" Chiles, son of late Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles, at Renewable Energy Strategies, a for-profit energy consulting firm.

The firm is "trying to help make a clean energy economy happen in Florida," Mr. Coward said. Right now, that includes lobbying in Tallahassee for "a statewide policy that makes sense."

He's excited about the county's plans, which he said could be a model for the nation. While at first he saw solar power as the goal, he said he learned "from the experts that energy efficiency is the prerequisite."

The loan fund, he adds, gives average residents a way to improve their homes with energy efficiency or solar power.

"It provides access to the market, so the average consumer can get tax breaks and rebates now only available to the rich," Mr. Coward said.

In these difficult times, that's a good thing.

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Former city manager Don Cooper's firm wants more money for Ravenswood project

By Alexi Howk

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PORT ST. LUCIE — The controversial project to rebuild the hurricane-damaged Ravenswood Community Center is drawing additional heat after an engineering firm headed by former City Manager Don Cooper asked for more money to redesign the building.

In an April 6 letter to city project manager Kevin Hempel, Cooper, now the CEO of Fort Pierce-based engineering firm Culpepper & Terpening, requested a sixth change in the bill for the project.

The company is asking for \$62,250 to redesign the building. The city wants the building redesigned to make it cheaper to build.

The city entered into a contract with Culpepper & Terpening on Oct. 16, 2008 while Cooper was city manager. Cooper left the city in January 2010 and almost immediately went to work for Culpepper & Terpening, which for years has done millions of dollars in business with the city.

The Culpepper & Terpening contract, signed by Cooper while he worked for the city, was for land planning, professional engineering and surveying services to design the Ravenswood building. The contract was not to exceed \$175,200, according to the document. However, after a sixth request to change the price, the contract would increase to a total of \$536,725 if approved by the City Council.

The project is a joint venture between the city, Fire District and Indian River State College. According to the contract, the Fire District was responsible for paying 25 percent of the total cost of the contract, and the city's portion was 75 percent.

After some council members, including Michelle Berger and Shannon Martin, questioned the increase, the council decided to table a vote on whether to approve Culpepper & Terpening's request for \$62,250 to its May 9 meeting.

"For me, I wish we could make this project go away... and wash our hands of it," Berger said. "This is not making sense to me any longer.

"The reason I'm not going to support this is because the original contract, which is from 2008, if I remember correctly, was negotiated with Mr. Cooper as the city manager, and now the memo today requesting the additional increases from Mr. Cooper. So that doesn't mean we're not going to do business with them because he was our city manager. It just means that for this particular contract with so many questions already there, it comes back to. 'Is it legal?' The answer could be yes. Does it pass the smell test? And, for me, it doesn't."

Martin said she wanted detailed information on all costs associated with the Culpepper & Terpening contract.

"My concern is this isn't additional work. This is a complete change of redesign, re-everything," she said. "I'm not going to support this. I'm just not."

Last month, the City Council killed a \$5.7 million contract it awarded the city's construction division to rebuild the center after several contractors in the private sector questioned the ethics of the city bidding on its own project.

The city's \$5.7 million bid on the Ravenswood project was the lowest bid of five total bids and came in \$202,662 lower than the next lowest bidder, Fort Pierce contractor Paul Jacquin & Sons.

Jacquin & Sons filed suit against the city in January accusing the city of not following rules it required of other bidders.

The council agreed to reject all previous bids and send the project back out for rebid to a private contractor.

However, City Manager Jerry Bentrott said because all of the original bids came in over budget, except for the city's, the city decided to postpone the rebid and significantly redesign the building to make it cheaper to build.

"I've talked to a couple of contractors who indicated they feel this will cut down construction time by up to two months," Bentrott said. "It's anticipated it'll save several hundred thousand dollars."

Part of the project is being paid for with money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The money must be spent by November 2012. The center, on Ravenswood Lane, south of Prima Vista Boulevard, has severe mold damage from the 2004 hurricanes. It includes building a 24,771-square-foot community center with a gymnasium and a 10,981-square-foot classroom wing for Indian River State College.

City Councilman Jack Kelly said though he didn't think the request from Culpepper looked good he would support it because it would save the city money.

"I don't like it," Kelly said. "It has (a negative) appearance. But that defeats the fact that we've got to get this done. We're so far into (it), and it is a value engineering thing, and it's going to save the city money. We have grants for this, and time is of the essence."

Bentrott said it would cost the city more money to rebid the "old" project and start over from scratch with new designs.

"If we're not going to build the building we need to start talking to (Indian River State College) and try to figure out what's going to happen there because they are anxious to find out," he said. "Every delay is another phone call, 'What's going on?'"

Cooper said in his April 6 memo that work outlined in the request for additional money would include Culpepper & Terpening providing depositions, testimony and expert witness services related to the ongoing legal issues arising from the original bid process for the project.

Cooper couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday.

"This item will be used on an as needed basis by the city and would be billed on a time and expense basis," the memo states.

Former mayoral candidate Victoria Huggins went before the council and questioned the merits of the request.

"We have gone from a not-to-exceed price of (\$175,200) to the current price on this contract of \$536,725, and this is for one company," Huggins said.

Then Huggins pointed to the language in Cooper's memo referring to Culpepper & Terpening providing and billing for services related to the city defending itself in the Jacquin lawsuit.

"If you're going to pay Don Cooper, why don't you just put him back on the payroll?" she asked.

PRICE INCREASES

Here's a list of six price increases Culpepper & Terpening has asked for since entering into the Oct. 16, 2008 contract with the city to design the new Ravenswood Community Center (original contract price not to exceed \$175,200).

Price increase No. 1: \$17,737

Approved by City Council: April 13, 2009

Reason for the request: Changes to civil, landscape, lighting and irrigation plans to move the Ravenswood stormwater management tract to the drainage right of way. The price increase reflects processing the revised site plan through the city's review process and the South Florida Water Management District.

Price increase No. 2: \$100,045

Approved by City Council: July 13, 2009

Reason for request: To provide sub-consultant management services and coordination for the construction of the Ravenswood Community Center.

Price increase No. 3: \$40,335

Approved by City Council: Dec. 21, 2009

Reason for request: Reflects the addition of subconsultant services for structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and lightning protection engineering design associated with the project. Also includes architectural CADD drafting and coordination services and utilities design coordination with Florida Power & Light Co., AT&T, Comcast and Florida City Gas. A time extension of 18 months is also included.

Price increase No. 4: \$44,720

Approved by City Council: May 10, 2010

Reason for request: additional CADD and architectural services

Price increase No. 5: \$29,125

Approved by City Council: Feb. 14, 2011

Reason for request: Additional CADD and architectural services

Price increase No. 6: \$62,250

Approval by City Council is pending

Reason for request: Significant redesign of the Ravenswood Community Center at the city's request to make project cheaper to build.

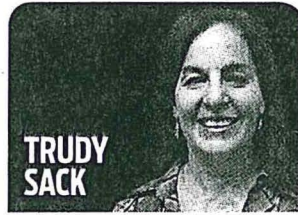
Hibiscus' new program for teens will help transition them into emancipated adults

Everyone in Florida has been shocked by the recent deaths of young and innocent children placed in foster care. Hibiscus Children's Center is the other side of these tragic stories and has a 25-year history of "saving" abused and neglected children.

Hibiscus services 1,100 children and their families per month on the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee. Hibiscus is dedicated to sheltering children, strengthening families and nurturing futures. This is why when I moved to Florida, I chose to volunteer for Hibiscus.

Having taught at Boston College and having worked as an assistant superintendent in the Boston area, I felt my expertise could best be used on Hibiscus' Program Committee. The first thing that struck me is at age 18, the youths residing at Hibiscus and in foster care are no longer in state custody. These youths do not have a home to return to or families to support and guide them.

I thought of my three



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adult children who had every advantage in the world compared to the youths at Hibiscus. Yet I knew that my children would have fallen flat on their face if they had been "emancipated" at the tender age of 18.

I searched for programs that helped youths in shelters or foster care transition to independence. My research showed that no comprehensive programs existed. However, I did find state and federally funded employment agencies providing some support after age 18. Unfortunately, these agencies are failing because they start too late.

Unemployment for this segment of the population is skyrocketing. Pregnancy is four times the rate of "typical peers" and homelessness will be experi-

enced by one in two these youths. Incarceration is alarming high.

Hibiscus, in collaboration with seven Indian River County businesses and agencies, has decided to do something about this. The collaborators are Indian River State College, PNC Bank, Treasure Coast Builders Association, Indian River Chamber of Commerce, Vero-Indian River Kiwanis Club, Workforce Solutions and Indian River County Sheriff's Department.

Working together, a comprehensive program (for youths 15-17) was designed that prepares the adolescents residing at Hibiscus for independent living. Hibiscus Children's Center has also received a \$100,000 Indian River Impact 100 Grant to implement this program.

This is a wonderful example of how an entire community has come together in order to give these youths, who have been so unjustly used, abused and neglected, a chance to become productive citizens.

The program contains specific goals and objectives that will be rigorously evaluated. Each youth will receive valuable self knowledge through testing in literacy and math skills; interests; strengths and possible career pathways. Mentors will be coupled with each youth for the entire three years. Mentors will support work experiences, interviewing and discovering and then pursuing career pathways.

Pre-employment training, job counseling, work internships, job shadowing and part-time employment are the mainstays of this program.

Independent living skills will be presented and practiced in seminars, focus groups and in the group homes. Developing critical thinking skills, reflection and intelligent decision making are emphasized throughout the program.

Trudy Sack, Ph.D, a Hobe Sound educational consultant, is on Hibiscus' governing board of directors and programming committee.

College gives top marks to name change

PBSC's president says the school's image has improved.

By KEVIN D. THOMPSON
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On Jan. 2 last year, Palm Beach Community College changed its name to Palm Beach State College to reflect its new ability to offer four-year bachelor's degrees.

Fifteen months later, school administrators say the new name has been a hit on campus and has helped change the perception of the 77-year-old school from a second-rate, fallback option for students to a more attractive destination to earn a degree.

"People saw us as a junior college before," PBSC President Dennis Gallon said. "Now we're not the little brother in the college community."

PBSC offers bachelor's degrees in supervision management and information management. It also will begin offering a bachelor's in nursing by next year, said Grace Truman, director of college rela-

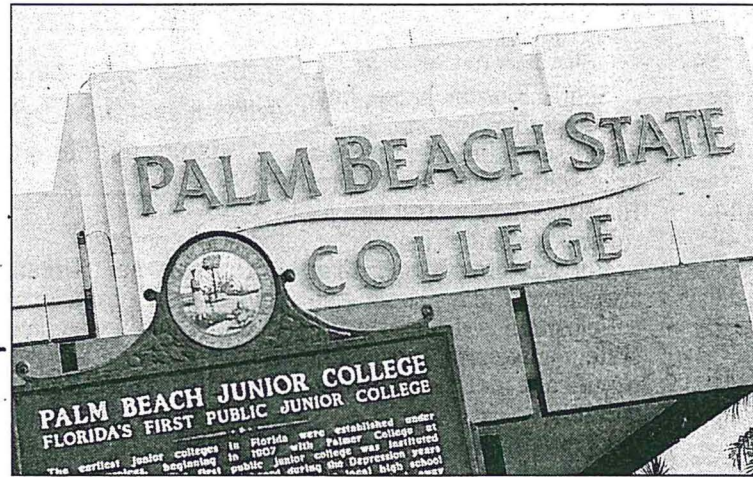
tions and marketing.

Community colleges nationwide have made similar name changes to reflect their shift from offering only two-year degrees to offering bachelor's degrees. Indian River Community College became Indian River State College three years ago to tout its nine new bachelor's degree programs.

Truman said PBSC spent more than \$550,000 to place the new name and logo on signs, stationery, banners, business cards, displays and podiums. She said the makeover is about 85 percent complete. Signs along Interstate 95 still read "Palm Beach Community College," Truman said, but should be replaced by mid-September.

While enrollment is up 7 percent from last year, Truman didn't want to attribute the increase to the name change.

"Enrollment has been increasing the past four years,"



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An administrator credited Palm Beach State College's new name with more high school students giving it a positive rating in its annual research survey.

she said. "It's part of a trend that started when the economy started declining."

Amid the economic downturn, PBSC is bursting at the seams as the school opens its doors to more students whose parents couldn't afford more expensive state or private universities.

For fall 2010, Truman said student enrollment was 33,549,

up from 32,886 the past year and the highest in school history.

Truman said there was some concern the name change would cause confusion.

"Would people understand this wasn't some new guy in town, but still the oldest community college in the state with a new name?" Truman said. "We wanted to make sure all the good

feelings about PBCC moved and were part of PBSC. Fortunately, most people were able to make that connection."

This isn't the school's first name change. It was called Palm Beach Junior College and changed to Palm Beach Community College in 1988.

Though the school doesn't have much tangible evidence to illustrate the recent name change has been a success, Truman points to its annual research survey to illustrate how the perception of the school is changing.

Truman said 92 percent of high school students who participated gave PBSC a positive rating, up from 81 percent the previous year. Truman said the ranking was the highest given in the eight years the school has commissioned the study.

Gallon said students now believe they have better career opportunities by attending PBSC.

"Students have a greater satisfaction coming here," Gallon said.

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Students honored for making academic team

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TREASURE COAST — Ten Indian River State College students were honored as members of the IRSC's 2011 All-Florida Academic Team representing the best college students in the state.

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Photo courtesy of Indian River State College

Indian River State College students were honored as members of the 2011 All-Florida Academic Team representing the best college students in the state. From left: Katrina Linares, Terry Gott, Brett Bailey, Sheryl Wells, Edwin Massey, IRSC president, Shanna Furphy, Dillan Spaulding, Lisa Coleman and Brad Petri.

Team

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These highly accomplished students excel in academics, leadership and community service and have GPAs of 3.25 or higher.

The IRSC 2011 All-Florida Academic Team members enrolled in the IRSC bachelor's degree program are: Lisa Coleman, 38, of Port St. Lucie, majoring in human services; Gail Fredrickson, 50, of Vero Beach, majoring in organizational management; Shanna Furphy, 23, of Okeechobee, majoring in digital media; Sheryl Wells, 49, of Okeechobee, majoring in organizational management;

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For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

IRSC students on All Florida Academic Team

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IRSC offers four-year Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Education, Digital Media, Human Services, Nursing, Health Care Management, Organizational Management, Public Safety Administration, as well as two-year Associate's degrees and Technical Certificate programs. For more information, contact the IRSC Call Center at 1-866-792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

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The IRSC 2011 All-Florida Academic Team members enrolled in the IRSC Associate's Degree program are: Terry Gott of Stuart, majoring in business administration; Katrina Linares, 19, of Stuart is majoring in radiography technology; Bradley Petri, 43, of Vero Beach is majoring in business administration; Dillan Spaulding, 18, of Port St. Lucie is majoring in musical studies; and Laura Walko, 49 of Satellite Beach, is majoring in marketing management.

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Students inducted into Kappa Delta Pi

Sixteen Indian River State College students, who exhibit academic excellence, were recently inducted into the prestigious Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Epsilon Rho Chapter of the International Honor Society in Education. Many of the students are interested in pursuing a career as teachers and are enrolled in the IRSC bachelor's degree programs in education.

The students are: Lara Anderson, Barbara Booth, Oakley Brown, Andrew Fallis, Iris Cotto Febus, Ivy German, Lisa Kelly, Nichole LaSasso, Faith Peak, Erin Procko, Nicole Rios, Kelley Rowe, Venda Taylor, Rebecca Vilarde, Kara Watkins and Sarah Wilson-Hyde.

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, founded by Dr. William Gabley in 1911, was established to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. Its mission is to sustain an honored community of diverse educators by promoting excellence and advancing scholarship, leadership and service.

Sunshine State Scholars honored

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Pamela Houghten, Senior Director of Outreach & Education, for Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, left, shares information about life sciences careers with student, Kayla Harrison, of Okeechobee, who was attending the Florida's Sunshine State Scholars Conference for top students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

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Students honored at conference ^{Hometown News 2-8-11}

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News contributor

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United Way, IRSC win ADDYs

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United Way of Martin County and the Indian River State College Digital Video Academy recently received a silver ADDY award for United Way's 2010-11 campaign video.

Presented by the American Advertising Federation, the ADDY Awards are the world's largest advertising competition and arguably the toughest, with more than 60,000 entries annually.

"This was the second year in a row we worked with students from the IRSC Digital Video Academy and the second year we took home an ADDY," said Justin Beard, United Way's communications and marketing director.

Beard worked with Ryan Jones Jr. and Paul Nelson, IRSC Digital Video Academy students, in establishing a script, storyboard and directing shots, while Jones and Nelson offered creative ideas on production and vector animation.

For more than five years, the Digital Media Institute at IRSC has provided training in all aspects of digital media.

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Waters of Sebastian in Digitally Enhanced for Illustration titled "Self Portrait;" and Renee Page of Fort Pierce and Mike Poolt of Fort Pierce in Advertising for the Arts and Sciences in Broadcast Audio Video titled "All Access Pass - Video" - Sunrise Theatre, 2010-2011.

STUDENT SILVER AWARDS

Receiving silver awards are Brenda Gutierrez Moreno of Stuart for Poster titled "Benise" - Sunrise Theatre; Shanna Furphy of Okeechobee for Poster titled "Michelle Shocked" - Sunrise Theatre; Irma Hernandez of Fort Pierce for Poster titled "9 Favorite Things;" Jade Rivera of Port St. Lucie for Poster titled "Creativity;" John Yancy of Fort Pierce for Cover titled "Mark Twain;" Daniel Oria of Port St. Lucie for Cover titled "AIGA;" Ryan Jones of Port St. Lucie and Paul Nelson of Stuart for Video titled "United Way of Martin County" - 2010-2011 Campaign; and Renee Page of Fort Pierce, Brian Urso of Port St. Lucie and Trong Phan of Sebastian for Print Newspaper titled "Season Launch" - Sunrise Theatre 2010-2011.

coastadfed.com/index.php?main=3&nav=117, created by Mitch Kloorfain of Hometown News and Gorilla Magic.

The evening's celebration began with a presentation of the Ray Marsh Award for excellence in broadcasting. Last year's winners, The Love Doctors of WZZR, 94.3 FM, presented this year's award to Bryan Garner, former Treasure Coast Bureau Chief for WPTV News Channel 5 (now with Florida Power & Light). The ADDY presentations also featured "Ed and Hedda's Wonderful Adventure," an original Treasure Coast Ad Fed movie.

The Treasure Coast ADDY Awards is the first tier of a three-tier national competition conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation. The ADDYs, which showcase excellence in advertising and cultivate the highest creative standards in the industry, are the world's largest advertising competition.

Sponsors for the 2011 Treasure Coast ADDYS were Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers; TC-Palm.com; Olympic Taverna; Florida Healthcare News; Seacoast National Bank; Photographics; Swiss Mango; Ampersand Graphics; Eventmakers International; Chef Melissa Major; Gorilla Magic; Ebner's Collision; Sterling Mortgage; Chapman & Plymale Law, P.A.; and Advanced Printing.

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ADDYs announce 2011 winners

"The Great Addy Road Trip" was the theme for the annual Treasure Coast Advertising Federation's ADDY 2011 Awards held at The Lyric Flagler Center on March 3.

Companies up and down the Treasure Coast from Indian River County to Palm Beach County entered to win a gold or silver ADDY. Entries were from advertising and design agencies, public relations firms, non-profits, schools and universities, printers, photographers, videographers and social media.

"Best In Show Overall" Award went to Martin Memorial Health Systems, with the honor accepted by Scott Samples of MMHS. The Judges Choice Award was awarded to The Sunrise Theatre; "Best Of" in the six ADDY categories were won by Thomas Winter Photography; The Firefly Group; Xperience Marketing Solutions; and Fine Art Daily. The Student "Best of Show" categories were won by Indian River State College entrants. For a complete list of winners, visit the TCAF website at www.treasurecoastadfed.com. View an online gallery of this year's ADDY entries at

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IRSC students join Phi Theta Kappa

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BY JEAN PATTON
YourNews contributor

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During the induction ceremony, the students participated in the traditions of candle lighting (the symbol of knowledge), taking a white rose (symbolizing intellectual friendship), reciting the Phi Theta Kappa oath of membership, and signing the membership book.

The keynote speaker, Donna Rivett, associate dean of Industrial Education, commended the newly inducted members on their continuous dedication to academic excellence and shared the history of Phi Theta Kappa, as well as the impact the organization will have on the future successes of Indian River State College.

Rivett also encouraged the new members to honor the four hallmarks of the organization: scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service — through active participation in the chapter.

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IRSC Phi Theta Kappa recognized at international convention



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IRSC Phi Theta Kappa representatives (from left) Beth Raulerson, associate professor, legal assisting; Dr. Marta Cronin, professor of education; and IRSC students Adam Carroll, Jennifer Thomas and Meaghan McMahon were recognized for achievement at the International Honor Society Conference in Seattle.

FORT PIERCE — The Indian River State College Nu Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently received four international awards at the Phi Theta Kappa International Conference in Seattle.

The IRSC Nu Iota Chapter was named one of 20 Most Distinguished Chapters out of 1,200 Phi Theta Kappa Chapters representing more than one million students from 10 countries.

In addition, IRSC students received two Action Awards for their community service projects involving social media for retirement communities. Professor and chair of IRSC's School of Education and lead advisor, Dr. Marta Cronin, was also presented with the Distinguished Advisor Award.

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. One hundred and five IRSC students were inducted into the chapter last year.

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IRSC students excel in health-career events at state competition



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IRSC student Elia Lexine excelled in Physical Therapy at the recent HOSA state competition in Jacksonville.

FORT PIERCE — Members of the Indian River State College Chapter of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) returned from the HOSA State Leadership Conference with two first-place awards. HOSA is a national student organization that promotes career opportunities in the healthcare field.

Nine IRSC students who attended the event in Jacksonville will now be eligible to participate in the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, in June.

First-place individual winners included John Wilson, Brevard County, in Physical Therapy; and Anthony DeAmara, Brevard County, in Sports Medicine.

Second-place winners were Elia Lexine, St. Lucie County, in Physical Therapy; and Adriana Abner, Okeechobee County, in Medical Terminology.

Second-place team winners were Jessica Duffield, Okeechobee; Rebecca Duffield, St. Lucie County; Nadeshna Janvier, St. Lucie County; and Chad Nichols, Indian River County, in Health Education.

Fourth-place team winners were Lucana Borge, St. Lucie County, and Delsa Collazos, St. Lucie County, in Career Health Display.

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8 Local robotics team heading to FIRST Nationals

BY NANCY PEAVLER
YourNews contributor

S.P.A.M. Robotics, Martin County's FIRST robotics team, will be competing at the FIRST National Robotics Competition in St. Louis on April 27-30.

Fresh off a second place finish at the Florida Regionals in Orlando and a first place finish at the Palmetto Regionals in Charleston, S.C., the team earned a spot in this tournament that features teams from across the country and from countries around the world.

S.P.A.M. also was honored with two prestigious design awards at each of the regional tournaments. Florida Regionals presented it with the Engineering Excellence Award sponsored by Delphi, and the Palmetto Regionals awarded it the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General



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Martin County's S.P.A.M. Robotics Team won the FIRST Palmetto Regional Robotics tournament in Chareleston, SC on March 24-26. It will travel to the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis on April 27-30 for the FIRST National Robotics tournament.

Motors.

This year's competition, entitled LogoMotion, involved designing, building and programming a robot to hang logo-shaped tubes on pegs at various heights. The first 15 seconds of the game are played completely in a pre-

programmed mode called autonomous. The next two minutes are played with a driver and operator using controls to move the robot and its arm to score points. The final 10 seconds allow teams to release a mini-bot from their robots to ride up a pole to trigger additional

bonus points.

The game is announced in a worldwide release on NASA-TV in early January.

Teams have six weeks to design, build and program a robot at which time they must ship their robots to a holding area sponsored by

FedEx. Teams do not see their robots again until they arrive at regional tournaments.

S.P.A.M. Robotics is made up of students from Jensen Beach High School, Martin County High School, South Fork High School and Clark Advanced Learning Center.

They are sponsored by the Martin County School District, Pratt Whitney and many local businesses, individuals and foundations. Team members are trying to raise an additional \$10,000 for travel expenses to the national tournament.

All contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to: SFHS/S.P.A.M. Robotics, Attn: Linda Higgins, 10205 S.W. Pratt Whitney Road, Stuart, FL 34997.

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Students off to national robotics event

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■ SPAM Team 180 will face nation's best in St. Louis.

By Cathy Reeder
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

HOBE SOUND — Four months of impressive engineering skills and hard work are coming to a point: Martin County's SPAM Team 180 is taking its robots to the National NASA FIRST Robotics Competition in St. Louis next week.

Thirty students from South Fork, Martin County and Jensen Beach high schools, Clark Advanced Learning Center and a home-schooled student already have beaten every team in the southeastern United States with their hand-built robots, the 4-foot NoSki and 1-foot Excaliber.

The big bot can pick up and place inner tubes on a 10-foot-high rack in a pattern that maximizes its score and beats the 2-minute buzzer. It operates with three team members, a driver, arm handler and inner-tube tosser.

The mini-bot, acting entirely on programming by the students, has 15 seconds to climb a 30-foot pole at the end of the game.

The problem-solving and engineering needed to design, program and build robots that can win a NASA challenge game would tax a second-year college engineering student, said Richard Brooks, 55, a mechanical engineer with Triumph Aerostructures at Vought in Stuart, one of seven local engineers who mentor SPAM Team 180.

"These challenges take everything they learn in school — science, math, technology — and bring it together so it makes sense," Brooks said. "This year it's a game with inner tubes and robots — do I get more points putting another inner tube on a rack, or getting the mini robot to climb the pole? But they have to use what they learned in school to solve that problem."

Other mentors include



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Robot driver Michael Dennis, 18, of Jensen Beach High School examines a practice robot after it shorted out during the SPAM 180 team robotics practice in the South Fork High School gym. SPAM will be heading to St. Louis next week to participate in a national robotics competition.



Robot operator Ralph Rivera, 17, and Dennis, both of Jensen Beach High School, work to make a practice robot place an inner tube on a plastic peg during robotics practice in the South Fork High School gym.

two computer programmers who work on ID systems using finger-

prints, and retired machinist Jack Heyer, 81, who worked on the U.S.

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More about the competition, plus how to help sponsor the team's trip to St. Louis. 10A

Army missile program during World War II when it was a top-secret project.

The team meets at South Fork High School at the SPAM PIT, a small building near the gym that feels like a clubhouse and is filled with the raw materials for making robots — nuts and bolts and lathes and industrial drills, wood blocks, metal rods, belts, ties, mechanical drawings, computer

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sensors, wheels, gears.

There are banners from earlier NASA FIRST challenges. SPAM Team 180 has gone to the national championship once before, winning the divisional title — sort of like advancing to the Final Four — in 2002.

The mentors say they volunteer to find tomorrow's engineers, nurture

them, guide them to take more math and science in high school and teach them real-world skills at team meetings.

The mentors also know that NASA FIRST competitions mean scholarships and being scouted by engineering schools and future employers at each level of competition.

"They don't realize it yet, but doing this can set their path in life, if they let it," Heyer said.

Students place 3rd in statewide meet

By James Kendall

Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

MARTIN COUNTY— Academic honors came back home to Martin County recently following a victory by the county school's Academic Games Team in statewide competition.

Students from Jensen Beach High School, South Fork High School and Clark Advanced Learning Center combined to take third-place honors in the Commissioner's Academic Challenge April 7-9 at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort at Lake Buena Vista. The event is sponsored by the Florida High School Athletic Association and the Florida Department of Education.

According to Martin County Schools Public Information Officer Cathy Brennan, each school district may send one designated team to compete against teams from school districts across Florida.

"It's really wonderful what they were able to accomplish," she said.

According to Brennan, the competition is divided into three divisions, based on the total enrollment of the school district. Martin County competed in Division II, which is for districts with enrollment between 9,000 and 38,000. The statewide tournament began in 1986, and Martin County won first place in 2008.

Team members for the 2011 Commissioner's Academic Challenge were:

- Yang Chen, Jensen Beach High School
- Emily Collins, South Fork High School
- Ernesto Diaz, South Fork High School
- Bo Lan, South Fork High School
- William Li, South Fork High School
- Annie Washio, Clark Advanced Learning Center ✓

Academic team coach Stella Boland also praised the hard work and dedication that paid off for the students, who have been practicing for the competition since December.

"This was an extremely dedicated team. During the competition, two of the students were actually starting to get sick. They didn't want to let their teammates down, so they chose to stick it out, and still placed third in the state. I am so proud of them and how hard they worked," she said. She also held out high hopes for next year's competition.

"We've only been back for a few days and we are already practicing for next year," she said.

The event is not a quick-response-type competition but slower-paced, with students answering

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questions on language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, humanities, technology and French and Spanish.

Team captain Bo Lan of South Fork High School said the team had spent many hours outside the classroom studying and preparing, and the competition was a great chance to "meet people with a similar desire to learn." Lan said he is hoping to enter college at New York University, and other teammates are headed to such prestigious institutions as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cornell, Columbia and LSU.

Space Watch

LAUNCHES

April 29: Shuttle Endeavour will deliver the Express Logistics Carrier-3 and Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer to the International Space Station. Launch: 3:47 p.m.

June 28: Shuttle Atlantis will carry the Raffaello multipurpose logistics module to deliver supplies, logistics and spare parts to the International Space Station. Launch: 3:40 p.m.

SPACE STATION SIGHTINGS

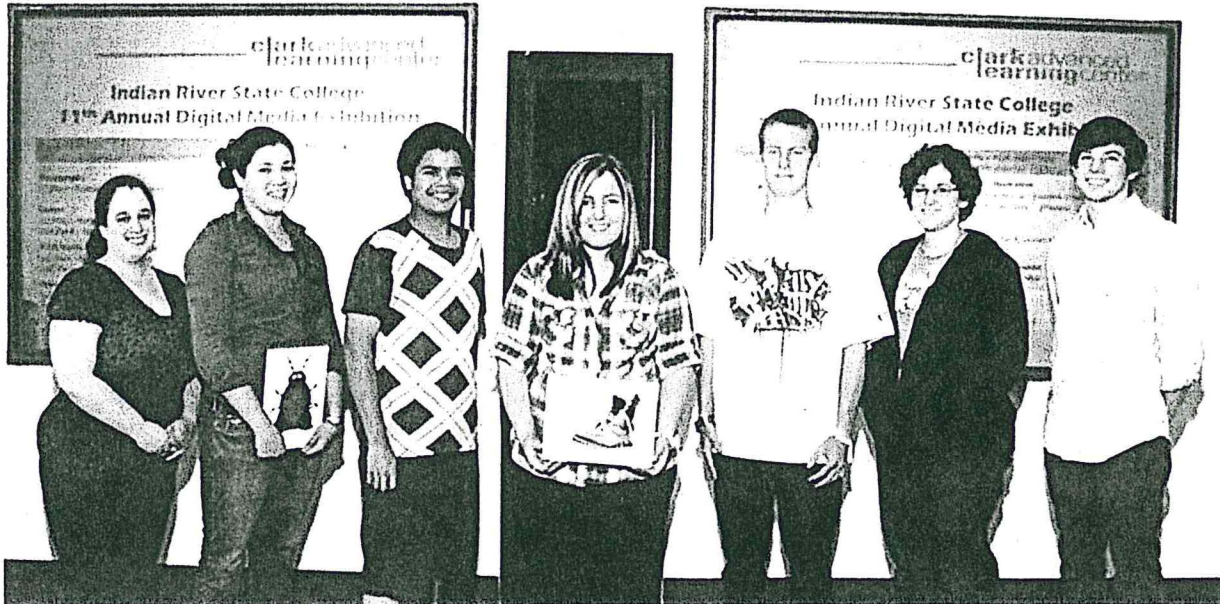
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Digital media students shine at IRSC showcase

- Jean Patton - IRSC

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Clark Advanced Learning Center student, Angela Soto (center), displays her Best of Show artwork from the IRSC 11th Annual Digital Media/Graphics Student Showcase exhibition with teacher, Lisa Mobley (left), and other Clark winners (L-R) Isabella Pino, Alex Fowler, Michael Krumfolz, Nicole Claus, and Max Idas.

STUART – Digital media students had an opportunity to showcase their projects, including projects that are utilized by local businesses and organizations such as the Sunrise Theatre and the United Way of Martin County, at the Indian River State College 11th Annual Digital Media/Graphics Student Showcase exhibition held at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce on April 19-20. 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 from the Clark Advanced Learning Center: Angela Soto, of Hobe Sound, in Print Media – Photoshop, and also received the Best of Show Award in Print Media – Illustration titled Worn; Nathan Flood, of Stuart, in Games; Kaleigh Hunter, of Port St. Lucie, in Photography; Michael Krumfolz, of Port St. Lucie, in Web Media – Dreamweaver; Miranda Lial, of Stuart, in Print Media – Publication Design, Print Advertising, and Illustration; and Parker Tirrell, of Stuart, in Print Media – Typography.

Second-place honors were presented to the following Clark students: Nicole Claus, of Palm City, in Print Media – Illustration; Alex Fowler, of Stuart, in Print Media – Publication Design; Max Idas, of Stuart, & Jazzlyn O'Reilly, of Palm City, in Video; Miranda Lial in Digital Animation and Games; Isabella Pino, of Palm City, in Print Media – Photoshop; and Angela Soto in Print Media – Typography.

The Clark Advanced Learning Center is a national model public charter high school located on the IRSC Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, in Stuart. Clark students have the opportunity to complete one to two-years of college at no cost through dual enrollment. Students engage in internships related to their interests and utilize technology in project-based learning. A personal laptop computer is assigned to each student while in attendance at the school. For information about the Clark Advanced Learning Center, call (772) 419-5750 visit www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.com.

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Clark students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC
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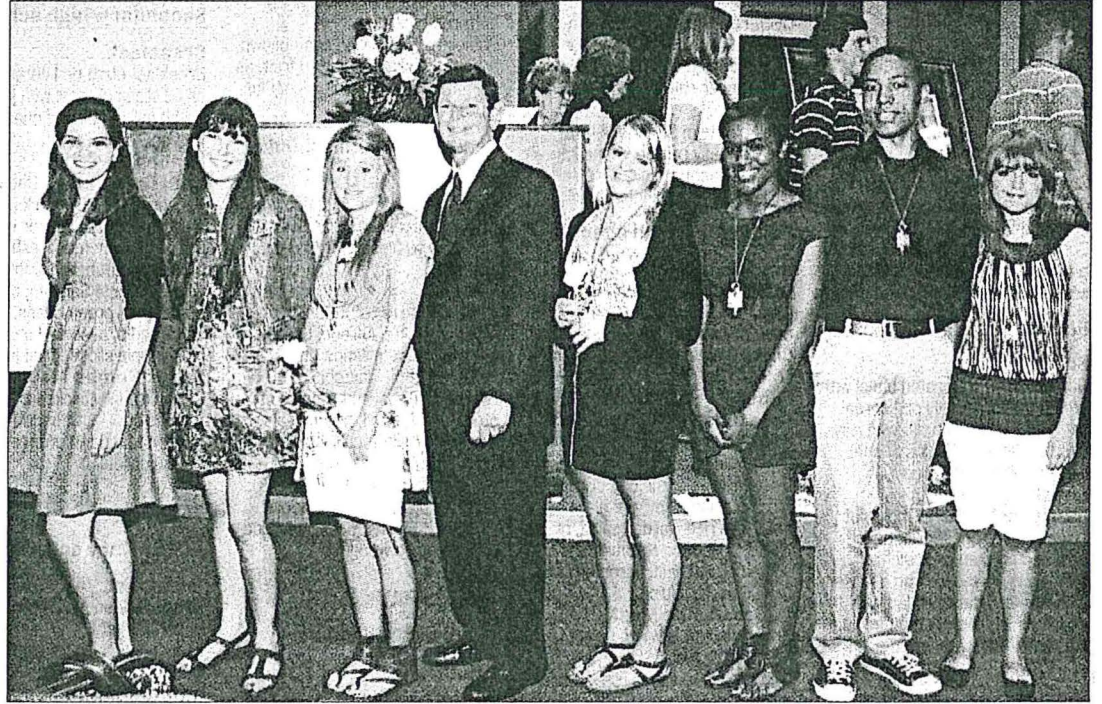
The Clark inductees were Harlington Hanna, Jessica Laird, McKenzie Merritt, Gabrielle Pierre-Jerome, Nichole Ouellette, Jazzlyn O'Reilly, Maryna Wakeman and Annie Washio.

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Ann Crary, Ariana Martinez and Sandra Ragl

Cover photos by Bob Dobens. Ready to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Helping People Succeed's Taste of Success International Wine Tasting at Harbour Bay Plaza are (front) board member Judy LeRose, chair and board member Sandra Ragl and board member Kathy Skrzypczak, (back) Art for Autism chair Ann Crary and Harbour Bay Gourmet and Wine Tasting sponsor Jeff Schragin.

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Helping People Succeed Toasts its Success

Fine wine, culinary delights, beautiful art and you.

The perfect recipe for the 25th anniversary Taste of Success 2011 International Wine Tasting to benefit Helping People Succeed (HPS).

Guests at this popular fundraiser will enjoy a stroll through the courtyards of Harbour Bay Plaza in Sewall's Point as they capture the aroma and taste of international wines and hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants.

This year's VIP room will not only pour the best of the best from participating distributors, but will also feature wines from the cellars of some of the area's wine collectors, who have generously donated from their personal stock. Jeff Schragin, owner of Harbour Bay Gourmet and major sponsor of the event during its 25-year history, has assisted in selecting the specialty and connoisseur wines in the VIP Room.

Other sponsors are Martin Memorial Health Systems, Florida Power & Light co., Water Pointe Realty Group, Scripps-Treasure Coast Newspapers, Ms. Kathy Skrzypczak and Mr. Bernie Lubitz, Al and Sandra Ragl, Lauri J. Goldstein, Seacoast National Bank, Bob Dobens Photography, Jewelry Design, Cool Hand Band, Treasure Coast Advertising Specialties TCAS, Inc. and Harbour Bay Plaza.

The wine tasting is from 6-9 p.m. April 16. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$65 per person at the door for Courtyard Tasting. VIP tickets are \$100 per person in advance and \$135 per person at the door.

HPS board member Sandra Ragl is chair for the wine tasting and Ann Crary chairs the Art for Autism.

Proceeds from the evening benefit a new after-school program for middle-school students with autism spectrum disorders and Asperger's syndrome. HPS is developing this program to fill a void; it is a social enrichment program that gives students an opportunity to

learn social and communications skills.

To lend support to this program, HPS is coordinating an Art for Autism sale inside the Palm Room at Harbour Bay. Noted area artists will support the program by donating their "small treasures."

Additionally, local students who participate in an afternoon art class for children with autism spectrum disorders will provide works for purchase. They are using their interest in art to create their own "masterpieces" for guests at the International Wine Tasting.

"Martin County has such a vibrant art community. Why not have them contribute their resources," said Ariana Martinez, a Clark Advanced Learning Center student coordinating the student art program. "There are no extra-curricular programs for these kids and yet art gives them a voice, things that they cannot say, but can tell other people through art."

At 17, Martinez hosts the art class alternate weeks as part of a grant from the United Way CHARACTER COUNTS! program.

Helping People Succeed offers programs in employment options for adults with disabilities, Community Connections, Baby Steps and Behavioral Health Services.

Started in 1964, the organization generates success stories in its participants and consumers. HPS has more than 100 businesses providing jobs to adults with disabilities.

For reservations to the 25th Annual International Wine Tasting, call Alicia Espinoza at (772) 320-0776 or purchase tickets online at www.hpsfl.org.

For information about Helping People Succeed, call (772) 320-0770.

Submitted by Adrienne Moore on behalf of Helping People Succeed

Clark students #70-1/ make honor society

Stuart News
Eight Clark Advanced Learning Center students were recently recognized for their academic achievement by induction into the Nu Iota Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Indian River State College. The Clark inductees were: Harlington Hanna, Jessica Laird, McKenzie Merritt, Gabrielle Pierre-Jerome, Nichole Ouellette, Jazzlyn O'Reilly, Maryna Wakeman and Annie Washio. These IRSC dual enrolled students achieved a 3.5 grade-point average or higher while carrying a full collegé course load.

During the induction ceremony, the students participated in the traditions of candle lighting (the symbol of knowledge), taking a white rose (symbolizing intellectual friendship), reciting the Phi Theta Kappa oath of membership, and signing the membership book. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,100 chapters located around the world and more than 1.3 million members since its founding in 1918.

The Clark Advanced Learning Center is located at the Indian River Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Applications are available now.

For more information, call 772-419-5750 or visit www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org.

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Eight Clark Advanced Learning Center dual enrolled students were recently inducted into the Nu Iota Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Indian River State College. (Left to right) Meaghan McMahon, Clark Phi Theta Kappa president; Annie Washio; McKenzie Merritt; Dr. Edwin Massey, IRSC president; Maryna Wakeman; Gabrielle Pierre-Jerome; Harlington Hanna; and Jazzlyn O'Reilly. Not pictured: Jessica Laird and Nichole Ouellette.

Joe Kordick Awards laud students

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The proud middle school student winners of the Joe Kordick Character Awards.

United Way of Martin County's CHARACTER COUNTS! program recognized 29 Martin County students during the Joe Kordick Youth Character awards for exemplifying good character.

This year's ceremony took place on March 9 at IRSC's Wolf High-Technology Center in Stuart, where 20 middle school

students each received a certificate and a \$100 savings bond.

"The Joe Kordick Youth Character awards are given annually to middle school students and high school seniors who are nominated based on their character," said Holly Laiben, CHARACTER COUNTS! director.

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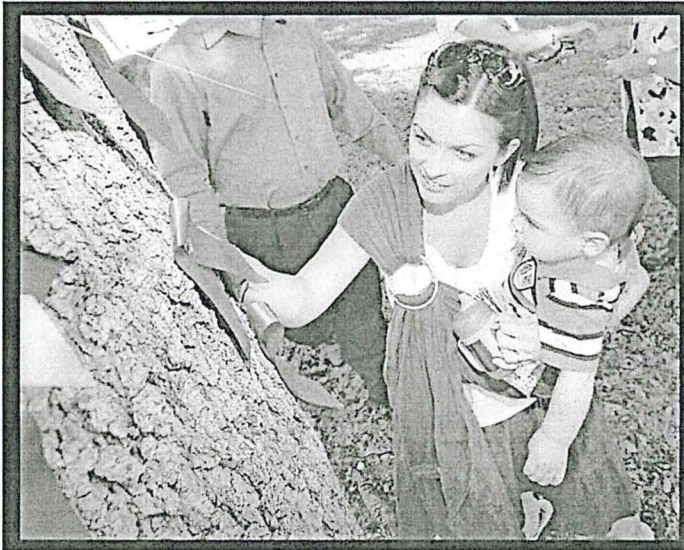
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Ceremony highlights child abuse prevention

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By Dawn Krebs



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TREASURE COAST - The ceremony was named Stop the Tears, but seeing the large number of ribbons pinned to a tree in Port St. Lucie still had people wiping their eyes on April 8.

"You cannot help but be deeply moved by this," said Christine Demetriades, CEO of United for Families. "Every ribbon is a child that has been abused."

The organization coordinates and oversees child welfare services in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

This is the sixth time the community has come out to the corner of Port St. Lucie Boulevard and U.S. 1.

Quietly, a line of people waited to take one of the blue ribbons and solemnly pin it to the tree. The ribbons represent the 5,000 children the organization serves in the area every year.

The ribbons will remain on the tree throughout April as a reminder to break the cycle of child abuse.

"These are our community's children, and as a community, we need to protect them from all and any harm," she said.

Speaking at the ceremony was [Indian River State College student Justin Gorinac](#). A freshman at the college, he is currently in the organization's Road to Success program, which is for young adults transitioning from foster care into adult responsibilities.

"I was in foster care about four years," he said. "It taught me to overcome things. I learned respect and generosity."

The program provides educational and emotional support, as well as monetary support for items such as tuition, books and some living expenses.

"They need the same guidance and support that children that have parents receive," said Ms. Demetriades. "We believe every child is capable of success, no matter what."

Currently, the program has 86 young adults participating, with another 28 teenagers who are 17 and getting

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ready to enter. The program will provide support for the young adults until age 23, and is tailored to meet the needs of the individuals.

The program receives government money and local donations. At the ribbon-pinning ceremony, Ms. Demetriades was surprised with a \$10,000 donation from the TD Bank Charitable Foundation.

"We believe that organizations such as yours play a significant role in sustaining vibrant and thriving communities," said Hector Ortiz, TD Bank retail market manager. "We are pleased to support your ongoing community-based efforts and extend our best wishes for continued success."

Ms. Demetriades was very thankful.

"It is so needed and it will be well used. It will help the children so much."

The organization is planning a breakfast at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. April 28, which will benefit the Road to Success program.

Mr. Gorinac plans to move on to a bigger college after he graduates from IRSC, and he credits United for Families for keeping him on track.

"Foster care is a reality," he said. "I learned to stop fighting the foster care system, and started learning from it. I was fortunate."

For more information about the Road to Success program, call Denise Rivan at (772) 398-2920. For more information on the United for Families breakfast, go online to www.uff.us.

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College administrator elected to national board

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — Ann Hubbard of Indian River State College, has been elected as a distinguished practitioner-member of the National Academies of Practice.

Dr. Hubbard was installed at a gala membership banquet on March 26, in Arlington, Va., where the National Academies of Practice inducted new members from 10 healthcare profes-

sions.

Dr. Hubbard currently serves as administrative director of nursing in the Health Science Division at IRSC.

The National Academies of Practice was founded in 1981 in recognition of the need for interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare.

It is comprised of distinguished practitioners and scholars from all of the primary health professions now including 10 disciplines: dentistry, nursing,



Ann Hubbard

optometry, osteopathic

medicine, medicine, psychology, podiatric medicine, social work, veterinary medicine and pharmacy.

Only 150 distinguished members can be elected to membership, so selection is indeed an honor.

Each year, the NAP sponsors a forum on public policy issues. This year's meeting focused on achieving interdisciplinary care.

For more information about the NAP, visit www.NAPpractice.org.

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IRSC's Hubbard named to NAP

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US Tertiary Mission to Florida Colleges

The US State of Florida, the first to approve degree courses through Community Colleges, hosted a series of high-level roundtables and meetings with the Australian Tertiary Mission last week.

Patricia Frohe, Director Baccalaureate Programs, Florida Department of Education, led a group of up to 18 Florida Colleges currently offering degrees. The group was hosted by the Community College Baccalaureate Association, with visits to Edison State College on Florida's west coast, Miami Dade College on the east coast and Broward College in the north.

Dr Donna Jennings, Dean of Workforce Education and Development at Miami Dade College, described the growth of students in College degrees as "enormous", with most Colleges reporting a 30% to 40% compound growth in student enrolments in the courses staged over the five years of their introduction.

Miami Dade College, the largest of the US Colleges with 175,000 students over eight campuses, convened its Faculty Deans to discuss degree courses in nursing, business supervision and management, teacher education, criminal justice, and new programs in digital film and TV, health and allied sciences, and physician's assistants.

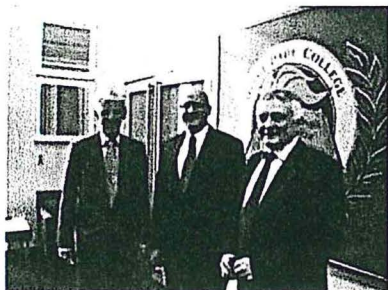
Kristin Zimmerman, Dean Baccalaureate and University Programs at Edison State College, showcased innovative student engagement strategies, and the extensive nursing and medical facilities supporting its degree courses.

Dr. Barbara J Bryan, President of Broward College North Campus, emphasised that the strategy for College degrees was to satisfy local and regional skill shortages.

Australian delegates were also hosted to the gala opening of the Miami Dade Culinary Institute.

An Occasional Paper is to be published jointly by TDA and LH Martin Institute, with individual contributions from delegates and further research from the Community College Baccalaureate Association.

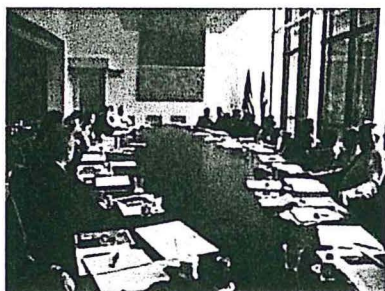
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(L to R) Martin Riordan (CEO, TDA), Dr Rolando Montoya (College Provost), Bruce Mackenzie (Chair of TDA, CEO Holmesglen Institute VIC)



(L to R) Ian Neuhard (Director of Baccalaureate Programs, Indian River State College), Patricia Frohe (Director Baccalaureate Programs, Florida Department of Education), Kristen Zimmerman (Dean, Baccalaureate and University Programs, Edison State College).



MDC Degree Roundtable, hosted by Miami Dade College Faculty Deans.



(L to R) Kim Harrington (Faculty Manager Business, Central Queensland Institute of TAFE QLD), Denise Stephens (CEO, TDC VIC), Kim Hawkins (Executive Director, West Coast Institute of Training WA)



(L to R) Associate Professor Leesa Wheelahan at the Miami Dade Culinary Institute launch

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TDA calls for funding fairness

TDA has called for Commonwealth Supported Places to be extended to TAFE Institutes offering degrees to provide a level playing field between universities and TAFE Institutes.

In its submission to the Higher Education Base Funding Review, TDA argued that TAFE Institutes are becoming more involved in the delivery of higher education programs, yet they are denied the same access to the funding places as universities.

TDA said that extending the funding to TAFE Institutes would help overcome a growing imbalance between funding to universities and funding to TAFE Institutes offering degree courses.

See TDA's media release [here](#). View TDA's submission to the Higher Education Base funding Review [here](#).

FPRA Treasure Coast Chapter announces 2011 Image Award winners

Erick Gill, a member of the Treasure Coast community. This story is neither endorsed by nor affiliated with this site.

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The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) honored area public relations professionals April 20 at its annual Image Awards and Communicators of the Year Gala held at Indian River State College's Schrieber Center in St. Lucie West.

Master of Ceremonies Bryan Garner of Florida Power and Light revealed the names of the winners, while FPRA Chapter President Cara Perry presented the awards along with FPRA State President Jennifer Moss, APR, CPRC.

The FPRA 2011 Image Award Winners are as follows.

Division A – Public Relations Programs

- Image Award – Public Service Category: Manatee Pocket Dredging Project Outreach - The Firefly Group and the Martin County Coastal Division
- Award of Distinction and Judges' Award – Institutional Category: Vote by Mail Campaign - Martin County Supervisor of Elections, Vicki Davis and Kherri Anderson
- Judges' Award – Institutional Category: Priceless Promotions – Doreen Marcial Poreba, APR
- Award of Distinction – Public Affairs Category: INEOS New Plant - BioEnergy Outreach and The Firefly Group
- Award of Distinction and Judges' Award – Public Affairs Category: Federal Transit Authority's Build Week in Fort Pierce - St. Lucie County Public Information Officer Erick Gill
- Award of Distinction – Special Event Category: Indian River State College's 50th Anniversary Project – IRSC's Office of Institutional Advancement, Director Michelle Abaldo

Outstanding teaching recognized

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Verónica Tempone, associate professor of English, modern languages and communications, (center) reacts after receiving the Susan H. Johnson Endowed Teaching Chair award presented by Indian River State College President Edwin Massey (left) and Jennifer Strauss of Stuart at the Fort Pierce campus Tuesday. The Endowed Teaching Chair Awards from the IRSC Foundation are presented in recognition of outstanding teaching. Other recipients were Dr. Herbert Ricardo, assistant professor, business administration and marketing management, for the Marilyn C. Link Endowed Teaching Chair in Financial Management, and Gay Oyco Divinagracia, associate professor nursing department, receiving the Basil L. King Endowed Teaching Chair in Health Science.

College awards teaching chairs



Gay Divinagracia of Vero Beach is recognized by Edwin Massey, IRSC president with the Basil L. King Endowed Teaching Chair during a surprise visit to her class Tuesday, April 19, on the college's Fort Pierce campus. Ms. Divinagracia will develop courses to enhance instruction of elderly patient care.

Mitch Kloorfain
chief photographer

Three instructors honored in surprise ceremony

By Dawn Krebs
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TREASURE COAST — When more than 40 people crowded into Professor Veronica Tempone's Indian River State College classroom April 19, all she could do was smile.

IRSC President Edwin Massey, and more than 30 administrators, faculty and board members filed into the room carrying balloons, flowers and a miniature wooden "chair" for the surprise.

Ms. Tempone, an associate professor in the English, modern languages and communications department was one of three recipients of endowed teaching chairs from the Indian River College Foundation.

The chairs are in recognition of outstanding teaching and to implement training institutes benefiting students and the community.

She received the Susan H.

Johnson endowed teaching chair.

"She just been a fantastic instructor at the college," Dr. Massey said. "She cares about everyone in and outside the community."

Ms. Tempone, a Port St. Lucie resident, is developing a center for service learning that allows students to combine academic and vocational courses with experiences on local, state and international levels.

"Thank you to my students and administration," she said when she received the award. "Service learning is real-world applications to what we learn in the classroom. I look forward to developing this program."

An endowed chair also went to Gay Oyco Divinagracia an associate professor in the nursing department. She received the Basil L. King endowed teaching chair in health science.

"I have watched her at a distance working with stu-

dents," Dr. Massey said. "She loves working with students."

A Vero Beach resident, her project is to develop and offer geriatric courses to enhance instruction and delivery of elderly patient care using partnerships between health-care agencies.

"I'm really passionate about geriatric learning," she said. "I'm glad I have the ability to share my passion, not only at the college, but in the rest of the community."

"Innovative new approaches to teaching to vitally important for student success," said Dr. Massey.

"We are proud to recognize these outstanding faculty members for excellence and reward them with the resources to implement projects that will benefit students and the community."

The next recipient was Herbert P. Ricardo, who joined IRSC in 1999. He is

an assistant professor in the business administration and marketing department.

"He has done an outstanding job here, and I'm sure he will do an outstanding job for years to come," said Dr. Massey.

He received the Marilyn C. Link endowed teaching chair in financial management.

His project is creating the River Venture Business Plan Competition, which will be open to students and alumni. Resources and guidance will be provided to assist them in the developing an innovative business plan, and prize money will be awarded to help launch the winning business venture.

"Thanks for the opportunity," Mr. Ricardo said. "We need to inspire our students to go out and develop new businesses."

For more information about supporting an endowed teaching chair, call the IRSC Foundation at (772) 462-4786.

IRSC Foundation awards three Endowed Teaching Chairs

• Jean Patton - IRSC

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Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC president (left), presents Veronica Tempone, associate professor of Spanish, with the Susan H. Johnson Endowed Teaching Chair.

FORT PIERCE — Three exceptional Indian River State College (IRSC) professors were surprised with Endowed Teaching Chairs from the Indian River State College Foundation in recognition of outstanding teaching and to implement training institutes benefiting students and the community. The recipients are Veronica I. Tempone, associate professor, English, Modern Languages and Communication Department, Susan H. Johnson Endowed Teaching Chair; Dr. Herbert P. Ricardo, assistant professor, Business Administration and Marketing Management Department, Marilyn C. Link Endowed Teaching Chair in Financial Management; and Gay Oyco Divinagracia, associate professor, Nursing Department, Basil L. King Endowed Teaching Chair in Health Science.

“Innovative new approaches to teaching are vitally important for student success,” said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC president. “We are proud to recognize these outstanding faculty members for excellence and reward them with the resources to implement projects that will benefit students and the community.”

Massey and more than 30 IRSC administrators, faculty and staff filed into each recipient's classroom, carrying balloons, flowers and a miniature wooden “chair” for the surprise presentation. The recipients will be rewarded with an annual stipend of \$6,000 a year for three consecutive years:

\$4,000 to implement training institutes and improve instruction in their field of expertise and \$2,000 in recognition of excellence in teaching.

The Endowed Teaching Chair program is made possible by contributions to the IRSC Foundation. Tempone, a Port St. Lucie resident, will develop a Center for Service Learning that integrates academics into meaningful real life experiences. The Center will conduct a yearly symposium for service learning to integrate service learning into academic and vocational courses. This project will engage students, faculty and staff in civic-minded projects on a local, state, national and international level.

Tempone joined IRSC in 2001. She received her bachelor's degree from Auburn University and her master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Ricardo will create the River Venture Business Plan Competition, which will be open to IRSC students and alumni. Resources and guidance will be provided to assist them in the development of an innovative business plan. Prize money will be awarded for first, second, and third place, which will help launch the business venture. Ricardo joined IRSC in 1999. He received his bachelor of liberal arts degree from Barry University, his master's degree from Nova Southeastern University and his doctorate from Capella University.

Divinagracia of the IRSC Nursing Department will develop and offer geriatric courses to enhance instruction and delivery of elderly patient care. Through partnerships with health care agencies, this project will disseminate comprehensive and up-to-date information regarding geriatric nursing and geriatric nursing education. A Vero Beach resident, Divinagracia, joined IRSC in 1989 and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of the Philippines.

To date, the IRSC Foundation has honored 33 faculty members with Endowed Teaching Chairs. Other Endowed Teaching Chair awards include the Banack Family Partnership Endowed Teaching Chair in Agriculture, BankAtlantic Foundation Endowed Teaching Chair in any discipline, Community Endowed Teaching Chair in Fine Arts, J. Douglas Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair in Technology, J. Douglas Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair in any discipline, Gladys Williams Wolf Endowed Teaching Chair in Communications and the Richardson Endowed Teaching Chair in Business and Entrepreneurship. For more information about supporting an Endowed Teaching Chair with a tax-deductible contribution, call the IRSC Foundation at 772-462-4786.

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Treasure Coast pupils' leadership, service recognized at ceremony

By Nicole Rodriguez
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

FORT PIERCE—Some of the Treasure Coast's brightest and best students were honored at IRSC's McAlpin Fine Arts Center on Monday for their achievements in leadership and for their devotion to community service during the Young Floridian Scholarship Awards' 25th anniversary ceremony.

During the ceremony, the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Indian River State College Foundation presented 14 outstanding high school seniors in 14 academic categories with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of his or her choice and provided students who opted to attend IRSC with a two-year scholarship, along with a \$100 stipend for textbooks.

Academic excellence category winner and gay rights advocate, Collin Vernay, 17, who's lived with foster parents for the majority of his life while his mother was in and out of halfway houses and drug rehabilitation centers in Hollywood said his rocky upbringing only inspired him to strive for excellence and do his part to change the community.

"I'm a big dreamer," said Vernay, an openly gay student at St. Lucie West Centennial who divides much of his time between volunteer work and promoting tolerance. "I want to show kids that you can be homosexual and still make it and still be successful. I try to lead by example."

A judging panel reviewed hundreds of applications from students at all six public high schools in St. Lucie County and John Carroll High School, settling on 93 nominees who were honored Monday night. Applicants were judged on character, compassion and community service, rather than academics and financial need, said Linda Cox, president and CEO of the St. Lucie

“If we are able to nurture our children, we are able to nurture our future. This is probably the most influential moment of my life.”

Danielle Tiple, award winner

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A list of winners. 7B

County Chamber of Commerce. Five original Young Floridian winners from the class of 1986 were also on hand as presenters.

Winners Kayla Mitchell, 18, and Savannah Forbus, 18 were both thrilled by their wins, wasting no time planning their futures with their scholarships.

"I'm shocked and honored," said Forbus, a senior at Lincoln Park Academy who plans on majoring in theater with a minor in education at IRSC this fall.

"I just want to make the world a better place," said Mitchell, a senior at Fort Pierce Central High School who plans on continuing mentoring children, while working on a degree toward speech pathology at IRSC.

Social studies winner Danielle Tiple, 18, expressed the need to nurture today's youth.

"If we are able to nurture our children, we are able to nurture our future," said the Lincoln Park Academy student, an aspiring pharmacist who is passionate about cancer research. "This is probably the most influential moment of my life. So many doors will open for me because of the Young Floridian Award."

YOUNG FLORIDIAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Academic Excellence: Collin Vernay, SLW Centennial

Art: Victoria Eaton, John Carroll High School

Athletics: Kayla Mitchell, Fort Pierce Central

Career & Technology: Elizabeth Hatch, Port St. Lucie High School

Computer Science/Engineering &

Architecture: Kaitlyn Wilke, Lincoln Park Academy

Drama: Savannah Forbus, Lincoln Park Academy

Foreign Language: Christopher Duphren, SLW Centennial

Human Services: Rachel Lowe, Lincoln Park Academy

Journalism/Communication: Anthony Catalano, Treasure Coast High School

Language Arts: Eivina Jankauskaite, Treasure Coast High School

Mathematics: John Ware, Lincoln Park Academy

Music: Rachel Phillips, Fort Pierce Central

Science: Moriha Henderson, Fort Pierce Westwood

Social Studies: Danielle Tiple, Lincoln Park Academy

Students setting examples of success in world of challenges

My 10-year-old friend, MacKenzie, is visiting this week from Syracuse, N.Y.

She has been a part of my life since before she was born and my love for her has only grown as she has grown from a child taking her first awkward steps, to the laughing little girl driving around the yard in her battery-operated Barbie car, to the girl screaming with joy as she played in the pool or the river, to the inquisitive young student with a keen sense of problem solving and a passion for learning.

MacKenzie is a joy with a smile that could melt the hardest heart and eyes so bright they put stars to shame.

While I celebrate the girl she is and imagine the young lady she will too quickly become, I worry about her and the kind of world we, as adults, may be creating for her — a world of self-centeredness, of senseless violence, of mind-numbing mediocrity in so much of the entertainment thrust on us, of anti-intellectualism and disregard for science and tradition, of shallowness instead of substance.



I worry about a world in which lawmakers have so little regard for education, for health care for children, for giving a helping hand to children and families in need, who opt for frustration and blame rather than optimism and dreams, who prefer political lies to honest realities.

How are children to reach their highest potentials when so many factors are like calloused hands dragging them downward?

MacKenzie, so fortunately, is healthy and smart. She is sincerely loved, not only by me. She is surrounded by loving family and friends who want much from her and expect much from her. And we're all willing to do what we can to show her that care.

My wish today for MacKenzie is that she will grow up to be someone like the high school students in St. Lucie County who last

week were named Young Floridian scholarship winners. The program of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Indian River State College Foundation recognizes 14 outstanding students in academics and athletics who are not only among the brightest of the brightest, but who share their time and talents in an extraordinary degree of community involvement.

These young people are role models for their peers and for younger students, students not unlike my friend MacKenzie, who see what they have done and want to follow in their footsteps.

I have been honored to be a judge for the Young Floridian competition for more than a few years and I've met some truly remarkable young people who give me great hope for our future. During the interviews this year, there was laughter and there were a lot of tears, from students and judges, as we talked about where they have come from and where they hope to go.

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Winners this year are:

Academic excellence: Collin Vernay, SLW Centennial; art: Victoria Eaton, John Carroll High School; athletics: Kayla Mitchell, Fort Pierce Central; career and technology: Elizabeth Hatch, Port St. Lucie High School; computer science/engineering and architecture: Kaitlyn Wilke, Lincoln Park Academy; drama: Savannah Forbus, Lincoln Park Academy; foreign language: Christopher Duphren, SLW Centennial; human services: Rachel Lowe, Lincoln Park Academy; journalism/communication: Anthony Catalano, Treasure Coast High School; language arts: Eisvina Jankauskaite, Treasure Coast High School; mathematics: John Ware, Lincoln Park Academy; music: Rachel Phillips, Fort Pierce Central; science: Moriha Henderson, Fort Pierce Westwood; social studies: Danielle Tipple, Lincoln Park Academy.

Congratulations to all of you. Be proud.

Follow Michael Goforth's blog at tcpalm.com/goforth. Contact him at 772-409-1332 or michael.goforth.com

Claudia Jean wins \$1,250 scholarship

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Creative writers earn IRSC scholarships

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IRSC lab students win scholarships

Fort Pierce-area laboratory students are getting a financial boost to help them achieve academic and medical success. It's all part of the Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics and American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Student Scholarship Program.

Three students at Indian River State College won scholarships: Tammie L. Schaffer, Keith T. AcQuino and Carmen Jackson.

The goal of the Siemens-ASCP Student Scholarship Program is to curb rising educational costs, generate people's interest in laboratory science and address the ever-increasing shortage of qualified medical laboratory professionals.

The two organizations

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awarded a combined \$178,500 in scholarships to 171 top undergraduate and graduate medical laboratory students for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Awards are available to eligible students in the U.S. pursuing associate, baccalaureate, or master's degrees in medical laboratory science. To see a full list of recipients, visit www.ascp.org/ScholarshipRecipients.

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Scholarship awarded *Student News 1/16/11*

Lumin-friend Camille Yates is a member of Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), and tells us its membership is quite passionate about its mission of promoting educational opportunities for women. One such example is the recent

presentation of a \$1,000 scholarship to Christina Morse, who wants to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Christina has attended Indian River State College and is currently employed at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee. On hand for the presentation were Gail Flesche, chapter president, and Anna Toulson, the chair of the Program for Continuing Education. To learn more, visit peointernational.org.

Fort Pierce Police Department aims to diversify recruitment efforts

By news release

Thursday, March 31, 2011

FORT PIERCE — Fort Pierce Police Chief R. Sean Baldwin has teamed up with Indian River State College students and Professor Victoria Stalls to diversify the recruitment efforts of the Fort Pierce Police Department.

Five students were assigned a group Capstone Project by Stalls and will be attempting to diversify the department by creating a scholarship program called The Fort Pierce Police Department's Diverse Community Scholarship. Funds raised through community donations will be used to assist potential law enforcement candidates in their studies at the Indian River State College Police Academy.

The Capstone students are currently distributing commitment letters to area businesses seeking donations to establish and fund the scholarship program. All funds will be used exclusively for costs associated with enrollment and participation at the Indian River State College Police Academy Studies Program.

Community business partners and residents wishing to participate in the program by donating to the scholarship fund can contact Melissa DePriest, or the IRSC Foundation at 772-462-7249.



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① Elizabeth Hess, Flip Gates and Barbara Gates attend the 2nd Annual Luau to benefit Hibiscus Children's Center.



② (Seated) Carla Robinson, Vera Mann, Carnelle Clifton, (standing) Vivian McWilliams and Helen Lightner at the recent Zora Fest at Lincoln Park Academy.

③ Jim Russakis and Cathy Townsend-King show off the seven-foot tall sculpted peacock Cathy purchased at the recent 7th Annual Fur Ball to benefit the Humane Society of St. Lucie County.

④ The Pilot Club of St. Lucie County recently held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Spanish Lakes Country Club in Fort Pierce. Pictured are Anita Tudino, Lorraine Adkins, Janet DeLucia, Barbara McKenzie and Stefani Tye.

⑤ Lawnwood Auxiliary donates \$21,000 to charity. Representatives of the following St. Lucie County nonprofit organizations received donations from the Lawnwood Auxiliary: Mustard Seed Ministries, WPSL Christmas Kids, Lawnwood Auxiliary Proctor Scholarship, Fort Pierce

Police Athletic League, St. Lucie County Council on Aging, Indian River State College Scholarship Foundation, Pregnancy Care Center and Hospice of the Treasure Coast.



⑥ Christi Mollet, volunteer director of the foster cat and kitten program for the Humane Society of St. Lucie County, holds "Dutchess."



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Join Indian River State College alumni on the greens to raise some green

By Sydney Liebman
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Rick Kelley

Mark your calendars and register today for the always sold out Indian River State College Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament to be held on May 20 at Vero Beach Country Club.

Rick Kelly, well known for his beautiful landscape paintings and an IRSC alumnus, is serving as chair for the 2011 "IRSC Swing."

Now in its 11th year, the annual golf tournament has raised more than \$100,000 to support student scholarships at Indian River State College with campuses in St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

"The business community, a full field of golfers, our alumni and more than 50 volunteers all come together to ensure this event is a success," said Laura Kelley, program director of the Lifelong Learning Institute at IRSC and event coordinator. "However, it is the students who are the real winners."

It is with the generous support of the business community that "IRSC Swing" continues to provide necessary funds for college scholarships and lifelong learning opportunities. To date, returning major sponsors include Proctor Construction, H.J. High Construction, Summit Construction, Paul Massey and Bill Romans of Raymond James and Dr. John Mallonee. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities remain available.

Since 1965, the Indian River State College Foundation has been enhancing access and quality of education for IRSC students. Its focus is to attract and manage private contributions from individuals, organizations, business-

es and private foundations to support IRSC's mission. IRSC relies on private support – gifts from alumni, parents and friends, as well as grants from corporations and foundations – to support every aspect of its mission as a multi-campus, state college.

The non-profit IRSC Foundation is managed by a voluntary board of directors of business and civic leaders from all four counties served by IRSC.


Indian River State College provides a wealth of educational opportunities to students whose professional and career goals are as diverse as the Treasure Coast. From accounting to zoology, fire science to electronics, IRSC provides today's students with the education, tools, training and experience they'll need to excel tomorrow. As a partner in building a better community, the IRSC Foundation promotes higher education with student scholarships, support of instructional programs, technology grants and new and improved facilities

The Indian River State College Foundation awards more than \$1.9 million in scholarships each year to assist students in gaining a college education.

"IRSC Swing" shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. on May 20 at Vero Beach Country Club. Registration is \$100 per golfer, which includes cart and greens fees, breakfast, lunch, gifts and great prizes.

Space is limited, so call Laura Kelley today at (772) 462-7880.

Cover photos provided: Volunteers and golfers are ready to yell, "Fore!" at the 2011 "IRSC Swing" on May 20 at Vero Beach Country Club.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & AHEAD OF THE CURVE

The Indian River State College AFC Chapter invites a variety of guests to its monthly luncheon meetings. In January, Ray Carpenter, a professor with the College's Business Administration and Marketing Management Department, presented a session on *Keeping the Green in your Wallet! Debt Consolidation Tips*.



IRSC Retirees Joan Cade and Janis Brown show off one of the flourishing plants sold at the Alumni/Retirees Committee scholarship fundraiser.

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Open House focuses on technology careers

Treasure Coast residents interested in learning how they can train to become computer network technicians and information technology specialists as well as for careers in the gaming and video industry are invited to an Advanced Technology Open House at 6:30 p.m. May 4 at the Indian River State College. The event will be in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies off 35th Street and Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce.

Information will be provided about cyber security, robotics and photonics, digital media, graphics and engineering. Attendees will learn about IRSC's Institutes and two and four-

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year degree programs in advanced technology.

The Cyber Security Institute focuses on network security, how to combat cyber-attacks and identity theft. Graduates are in high-demand and typically command salaries well above average.

The Robotics and Photonics Institute prepares students for careers related to robotic manufacturing and laser technologies. Photonics affects almost every industry with applications in laser eye surgery, "smart" missiles, fiber optics for high speed Internet access and more.

Information will be provided on digital imaging, video and 3D animation. The two-year Digital Media Institute prepares students for careers in computer graphics, commercial arts and multi-media design. IRSC also offers a bachelor's degree program in digital media.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

The IRSC Surgical Technology program prepares students to assist in a hospital operating room or outpatient surgical center after a year of classroom, laboratory and clinical instruction. Students gain hands-on experience assisting a surgeon, learning

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The program will begin June 27 and involve students in 30 hours per week of instruction and clinical experience in preparation for certification and employment. Deadline for applications is May 5. Students are required to complete two prerequisites. IRSC also offers an Accelerated Alternate Delivery Program for those working in the field to take the national certification exam.

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IRSC offers help for those applying for financial aid for college

Okeechobee News 7-20-11

Need money for college? Cash for College at Indian River State College is a one-day event to help new and returning students obtain financial aid for college. Held on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. at IRSC campuses across the region, the event is designed to help college-bound individuals of any age with the financial aid application process.

Those attending the event will get no-cost professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

Attendees should bring their 2010 tax return and W-2 forms. Dependent students must also bring parent's tax and W-2 forms. High school seniors are eligible for a free placement test coupon and \$500 IRSC scholarship drawing.

Cash for college will be held at the IRSC Main Campus, Crews Hall/Building W, corner of 35th Street and Virginia Ave Avenue, Fort Pierce; St. Lucie West Campus, Schreiber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie; Chastain Campus, Wolf High-Technology Building/C Building, 2400 SE Salerno Rd, Stuart; Mueller Campus, Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach and Dixon Hendry Campus, Williamson Center, 2229 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee.

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Information will be provided by Palm Beach/Treasure Coast 211, Dianne Rob-

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Veterans Open House

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College accepting applications for surgical technology program

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST —
Indian River State College is accepting applications for its one-year surgical technology program.

The program is located at the IRSC main campus in Fort Pierce.

Combining classroom and laboratory instruction with clinical internships, the program will prepare students for employment as surgical technologists in a hospital operating room or outpatient surgical center.

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Friday, April 8, 2011

Hometown News

Veterans invited to college open house

For Hometown News

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY —

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Leadership

Are you a manager looking to add a little more R-E-S-P-E-C-T in the workplace? Learn to identify and practice the principles of dynamic, soulful management. This workshop on principle-centered managerial styles is from the leadership series at IRSC's Corporate & Community Training Institute. The course, which costs \$49, meets 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in room B-208 on the Indian River State College Main Campus in Fort Pierce. Register online at www.IRSCBiz.com, Continuing Education Institute, Licensing & Certifications. Or call (888) 283-1177.

Problem solving

Rosalie Hakker, a training consultant who helps corporations build competent management teams and retain top performers, will be in Vero Beach 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, May 10. She will teach individuals to tell the difference between real problems and temporary issues, to identify the root of the problem and to evaluate the solutions. This don't-miss workshop is \$49. It's in the Richardson Center Strategic Planning Room on the Indian River State College Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. Space is limited. Register online at www.IRSCBiz.com, Continuing Education Institute, Licensing & Certifications. Or call (888) 283-1177.

Strategic planning

Hakker, mentioned above, will be conducting her workshop in a Strategic Planning Room. The Strategic Planning Rooms at IRSC campuses on the Treasure Coast harness state-of-the-art technology to aid businesses with everything from a simple meeting to 10-year strategic plans. The SMART Board technology and room configurations allow planning participants to attend the central meeting, break out into smaller planning groups, and return to have their handwritten notes compiled into a single report, digitally converted to text. The attendees can then edit and publish their report. The productivity gains over older forms of planning are exponential. To learn how to utilize a planning room in your area, call (888) 283-1177.

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Advanced Technology Careers Open House May 4

Indian River State College is hosting a special Emerging Technology Open House on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. Students and interested individuals can learn more about career options in cyber security, robotics/photonics, digital media, graphics and engineering. Professionals in these fields are in high demand and command good salaries. The open house is at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, just off 35th Street, on the Indian River State College main campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. The Kight Center is home to IRSC's Advanced Technology Institutes.

For more information about courses and degrees in emerging technologies or information regarding the upcoming Emerging Technology Open House on May 4, call (866) 792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

Dental Radiography

Dental assistants — don't miss the dental radiography certification classes beginning in July. The \$499 class is required for state certification. Classes meet on a Saturday and three subsequent evenings to accommodate working adults. They meet at the IRSC Kight Center in Fort Pierce. For more information, visit www.IRSCBiz.com, Continuing Education Institute, Licensing & Certifications. Or call (888) 283-1177.

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Pictured above are winners and club representatives of the seven best of show trophies awarded at the 2011 IRSC River Classic Car Show. Paul Licausi of Fort Pierce won best of show overall; Greg Intzegian of Vero Beach won best of show, paint & graphics; Sherry Morin of Port St. Lucie won best of show, best interior; Jallme Cerda of Crestview won best of show, domestic; Alyssa Melton of Vero Beach won best of show, import; and best of show for engine was awarded to Michelle Lamb of Fort Pierce. The best of show club participation award was given to the Relaxed Atmosphere club from Vero Beach.

Car Show announces winners

Hundreds of car enthusiasts came out recently for the eighth annual River Classic Custom Car Show at Indian River State College. IRSC partnered with XTREMELOWZ of West Palm Beach to host the 2011 car show on March 13 on the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. Participants in the competition were recognized for their participation and seven participants received Best of Show recognition.

Best of Show, overall: Paul Licausi, Fort Pierce

Best of Show, Paint and Graphics: Greg Intzegian, Vero Beach

Best of Show, Best Interior: Sherry Morin, Port St. Lucie

Best of Show, Domestic: Jallme Cerda, Crestview

Best of Show, Club Participation: Relaxed Atmosphere, Vero Beach

Best of Show, Import: Alyssa Melton, Vero Beach

Best of Show, Engine: Michelle Lamb, Fort Pierce

Car enthusiasts can enter cars and trucks for competition in 32 categories, including classic, muscle cars, ladies ride, low riders, trucks and this year for the first time in a green cars category. The event also included a Sound Challenge. All proceeds from the event go towards funding IRSC Automotive Technology scholarships.

For more information on the River Classic Car Show at IRSC or automotive programs at IRSC, call 866-792-4772 or visit

MARTIN COUNTY

Tribune 7-22-11

'Step to Success' prepares students to join job market

By Kim Hughes

Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

STUART – While some high school students are completing college applications, others are concentrating on job applications.

To prepare graduates for the job market, the Martin County School District, in conjunction with the Human Resource Management Association of Martin County (HR Martin County), offered its annual "Steps to Success" program Thursday at ISRC's Wolf Technology Center in Stuart.

Now in its 10th year, the program is geared toward high school students age 15-18 enrolled in career and technical programs. About 100 students attended this year's event.

Debbie Banta, a GED testing specialist with Martin County Schools, said that upon graduation, many of these students "have industry-standard certificates that allow them to enter the work force."

Breakout sessions focused on customer service, resume-writing, using personal technology in the workplace and building confidence. Banta said the topics selected will help students translate their educational skills into job market skills.

They also receive valuable advice from business professionals.

It really resonates with students, said Banta, when they hear a prospective employer say, "The first thing I'm going to do is look you up on Facebook." She emphasized that students need to recognize they can't separate their social life from their professional image.

Tim Doyle, a professional services recruiter with Spherion Staffing in Port St. Lucie, served as the event chair. Doyle said the hands-on information the students get can make the transition from student to employee easier.

"The goal is to give them insight on how to behave once they are in the work world," Doyle said. "We have a lot of knowledge we can share."

Bryant Holman, a sophomore at Martin County High School who is in the marketing management program, came because he thought it would be a "good learning experience." He found the session on writing a resume most helpful.

Although only a freshman, Kaitlin Cyr from Jensen Beach High School attended because she "wanted to learn how to find a career and the right steps when I'm ready to

do that." She is currently taking classes in the architectural drafting program.

What impressed South Fork High senior Johnathan Lozano most was County Commissioner Doug Smith's remarks admonishing attendees to "do what you like and you'll never have to work a day in your life."

3 SAY LUMINARIES

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① Hosts Linda and Glen Hess with Dan Martinelli, executive director of Treasure Coast Wildlife Center, and one of the Center's feathered residents, at a planning session for the 2010 Golf for Wildlife Tournament, scheduled for May 20 at the prestigious Loblolly Pines Golf Club in Hobe Sound.



② Cow Chip Bingo committee members Eve Samples, Rick Sterl, Cindy LaConte, Theresa Ousley and Carl Newton plan the annual fundraiser for Project Graduation of Martin County, which takes place April 15 at Martin County High School.



③ The Anchor Home Health team Susie Johnson, Chelsey Wach, Elizabeth Jacklin, Alina Rumble, Liz Sweet, Patty Blomberg and Gwen Rasmussen at the Flower Power luncheon to benefit Council on Aging of Martin County's Meal on Wheels program. Anchor Home Health was presenting sponsor of the luncheon.

④ Members and models brighten the runway at the Woman's Club of Stuart Fashion Show & Scholarship Fundraiser that was held at Miles Grant Country Club on Feb. 21.



⑤ Gene Van Curen and Amy Albury, two of the participants in the United Way of Martin County's Site Visit Allocation Program, at the kickoff breakfast for the event, which took place at the Wolf High-Technology Center at Indian River State College.



Tribune 9-6-11

Big Taste goes well

By Cathy Reeder

Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

PALMCITY— The Big Taste was a big hit Tuesday night, as 36 area restaurants helped raise money and awareness for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties Inc.

Financially, it was a big success for the organization, with a bigger turnout than expected, said Mel Nobel, president of the organization's board.

"We estimate we had 1,500 tonight for the tasting," he said. "And we had 28 foursomes for the golf tournament earlier today. We had very good results with our silent auctions at both events. We don't have the numbers yet, but we think they will be good."

The two events are the major fundraisers for Big

Brothers/Big Sisters in Martin County, and all of the funds are used for that program.

"To borrow a line from Vegas, what's raised in Martin, stays in Martin," Nobel said.

Big Brother/Big Sisters pairs young boys and girls, most from single-parent homes, with mentors to guide them, boost their self-confidence, and be there as another stable adult influence.

The Big Taste was also a big hit from the food angle, too.

From a savory roasted corn and blue crab soup to fried green tomatoes to Tennessee spiral cut ham and Hawaiian sashimi, the football-field sized tent was jammed with great eats.

"Did you have the eggplant rollatini yet or these chicken 'wings?" asked

Theresa Pare, as she pulled a friend through the big tent to the table for Anthony's Coal-Fire Pizza. "Aren't they wonderful?"

Donna and Tom Valenzano found several restaurants to try in addition to their favorite, Manero's. Their daughters Faith, 7, and Hope, 9, liked Big Apple's cheese pizza and peach cobbler from the Seminole Inn.

"This was a wonderful event for a family," said Tyson Waters, carrying his son Holden, 2, while daughter Eve, 4, checked things out on her own. Mom Jennifer wasn't far behind.

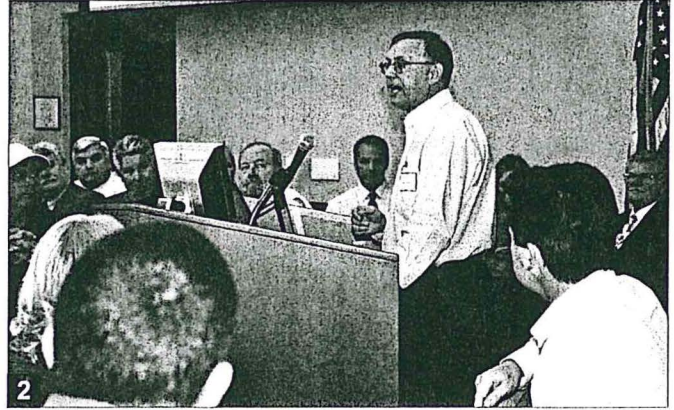
Eve's favorite was chicken Marsala, while mom enjoyed the bananas Foster from Indian River State College's Culinary Arts program.

Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County

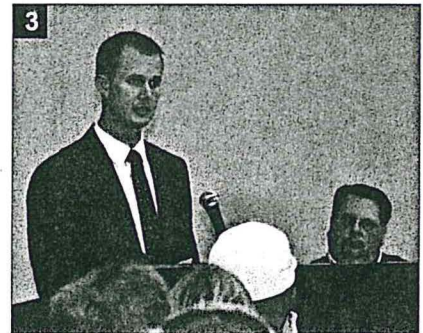


The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County hosted a kickoff event Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the Williamson Conference & Education Center at Indian River State College. There were 150 local business people in attendance. Executive Director Brian Cartland and board members laid out the business plan for this newly formed chamber. For membership information, call (863) 467-6246 or visit www.okeechobeebusiness.com.

(Left) Chamber President Terry Burroughs speaks to the large audience about the mission of the newly formed chamber.



- 1. The standing-room-only crowd listens with anticipation as they learn about what the chamber can do for the community.
- 2. Treasurer Mike Costopoulos of Costopoulos & Helton P.A. speaks about his duties on the board.
- 3. Chamber President-elect J.D. Mixon addresses the audience about his responsibilities and goals.
- 4. Executive Director Brian Cartland opens the meeting.



Catch a summer show at IRSC

Okeechobee News 4-24-11

Join the Indian River State College Fine Arts Department for their annual summer series, and while Florida's summer temperatures rise, catch a season set to sizzle. The IRSC 2011 Fine Arts Season Subscription Series tickets are now on sale, and a series subscription includes three shows for just \$30 – nearly a 20 percent discount over purchasing individual tickets.

The summer season starts with the production of "Anna In the Tropics" by Nilo Cruzas, May 12-15, followed by the "Hot Summer Nights" variety concert, May 26-30, and the "Summer Delight" Song and Dance performance on June 9-11, featuring IRSC musical theatre students and dance students.

For some additional sizzle to go with the Summer Series, IRSC alumni and Broadway performer, Alicia Tomasko returns to IRSC to direct "Steel Magnolias" in the

Wynne Black Box Theatre, May 19-21. This popular play examines the bond among a group of southern women from Louisiana. Tickets for this performance are \$12.

Tickets for individual shows are \$12. (\$10 for subscription holders). Purchase tickets online at www.irsc.edu or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, Master Card, Discover or American Express.

For your convenience, tickets may now be picked up at will call before the shows.

Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office today at 772-462-4750 or toll-free at 1-800-220-9915.

Seats are still available for this popular series, so contact the box office today to reserve tickets.

'Balance from top to bottom'

■ No. 1 Indian River begins quest for state championship

By Bill Whitehead
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

FORTPIERCE— Coach Dale Atkinson lists two reasons why his Indian River State College softball team should play well at the state tournament — a balanced starting lineup and a group that has shown composure in tough times during the season.

Indian River (46-8), ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 4 nationally, opens play at 2 p.m. Friday in the FC-SAA Atlantic District (NJCAA District G) Tournament in Pensacola, facing St. Johns River State College.

"It's not about stats and highlights in the state tournament," Atkinson said, "and we don't know much about St. Johns."

What Atkinson does know is the strength of his team and how well it has performed over 54 games.

The offense has been a strong suit, as this team hits for a higher average, runs the bases better and is characterized as more athletic than past state-bound clubs, Atkinson said.

Indian River hit .347 (25 homers) and IRSC baserunners stole 192 bases in 227 attempts — an 84.6-percent

THE HIT PARADE

Top batters for Indian River State College's softball team

Brittany Human: .415 batting average, 6 homers, 26 RBIs

Christen Moon: .412, 20 doubles, 5 triples, 4 homers, 59 RBIs, 34 runs

Dakara Anderson: .409, 8 doubles, 6 triples, 26 RBIs, 54 runs, 46 stolen bases

Loren Smith: .383, 6 doubles, 3 homers, 29 RBIs, 30 runs, 15 stolen bases

Melanie Oliver: .381, 13 doubles, 6 triples, 2 homers, 34 RBIs

Yoelmar Cuare: .323, 15 doubles, 38 runs, 15 stolen bases

Lauren Aldridge: .292, 3 triples, 32 runs, 41 stolen bases

success rate.

"We just have great balance from top to bottom," Atkinson said. "Offensively, we have a circular lineup. It doesn't matter where we are in the lineup or if we're behind. It's a business-like group with good synergy."

"We never really talk about the good moments. They just go about their business."

Southern Conference Player of the Year Christen Moon, a Jensen Beach graduate, anchors the team, but five other IRSC players were named to the All-Conference First Team. Da-



Dale Atkinson has IRSC ranked No. 1 in state, No. 4 in nation.



Christen Moon was named conference's top player.

kara Anderson was the top vote-getter among outfielders, while outfielder Loren Smith, second baseman Yoelmar Cuare and pitchers Sarah Read and Allison Pastor were also first-teamers.

Atkinson said he felt outfielder Melanie Oliver should have been selected, too. The Jupiter High School grad manned the No. 4 spot in the batting order the last six weeks and literally cleaned up — hitting .381 with 34 RBIs, second to Moon's team-leading 59.

In the pitcher's circle, Indian River will rely on Read (25-3, 1.19 ERA), but Atkinson said the whole staff chips in, despite it being led by freshmen.

"I can't say we don't have a dominant pitcher. She's 25-3. But we don't rely on one pitcher. We did it with a staff, and (Elizabeth) Corrigan (9-4, five saves) and Pastor (9-1, three saves) were big parts of our success," he said.

SENIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS

STUART NEWS/
Tribune 4-28-11

3-run 8th inning sends Indian River to state

By Bill Whitehead

Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

FORT PIERCE — Indian River's Cory Spangenberg tied the game in the bottom of the eighth with a two-out hit and Jordan Robinson followed with a two-run single as the Pioneers defeated Miami-Dade College 10-8 to win the Southern Conference baseball tournament.

The win sends IRSC (28-20-1) to the state tournament for the first time since 2004.

The seventh-ranked Pioneers will face No. 2 Polk

State College (39-10-1), in a first-round game May 7 at Lakeland.

The final game of the best-of-3 series was halted due to darkness Monday with the Sharks leading 8-7. It was suspended in the top of the eighth inning with two outs and a Shark runner on first. Lightning on Tuesday delayed the finish to Wednesday.

"(The win) was a carbon copy of our whole season," said IRSC coach Mitch Markham. "We hung tight and won late ... When you sit on it for 48 hours, it's a little nerve-wracking."

Reliever Dylan Wolchik ended the eighth without throwing a pitch. He wheeled when play began and threw to second baseman Eric Sams as Dade's Chris Morales took off running from first. K'Shawn Smith ended the rundown by tagging out Morales.

"We changed the momentum with that play," Markham said of the throw, which would have been a balk if Morales had stayed at first.

Mark Armenteros drew a four-pitch walk off reliever Josue Montanez. Pinch-

runner Tim Frawley was sacrificed to second, and Sam Kimmel dropped a single into center that sent Frawley to third.

After a strikeout, Spangenberg lashed a full-count pitch to left for a run-scoring single to tie it.

"I saw a pitch I liked and put a good swing on it," said Spangenberg, who had just one hit off the left-handed Montanez this year — a bunt single.

He then took second on the second pitch, and Robinson went the other way with a 1-1 fastball away that landed in right-center field

to score both runners.

"He threw me that last time we faced him," said Robinson, a Fort Pierce Westwood graduate who on Monday hit a three-run triple and added an RBI single to finish 3-for-5 with six RBIs.

Wolchik (7-3) worked a perfect ninth for his second save in the series.

INDIAN RIVER 10, MIAMI-DADE 8

Miami-Dade	240	100	100	-	8	12	1
Indian River	410	000	23x	-	10	14	1

Gonzalez, Gomez (1), Llorens (7), Montanez (8) and San Juan. Marcello, Greene (2), Wolchik (8) and Kimmel. WP: Wolchik (7-3). LP: Montanez. 2B: San Juan (MD), Rodriguez (MD). 3B: Robinson (IR). HR: Acevedo (MD). Records: IR 28-20-1, MD 33-18.

Scott honored at IRSC awards

Tribune 7-26-11 / Press Journal / Stuart News

■ Former IRSC star joins Pioneer Hall of Fame

Staff report

Former Indian River State College baseball standout Luke Scott was named to the school's Pioneer Hall of Fame on Thursday.

Scott played for Indian River in 1998 and 1999, earning team Most Valuable Player honors as a sophomore.

He continued his collegiate career at Oklahoma State University.

Scott, who has been an outfielder, designated hitter and first baseman, was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the ninth round in 2001.

He was traded to the Houston Astros for Jeriome Robertson in March 2004.

After making his major league debut with Houston in 2005, he spent two more years on the Astros' roster before being traded to the



Luke Scott, former IRSC standout, now with Baltimore Orioles

Baltimore Orioles in December 2007.

Scott, 32, is now in his fourth season with Baltimore.

In seven major league seasons, Scott has a .267 average with 105 home runs and 323 RBIs.

Scott, who resides in DeLeon Springs, is active in his church and routinely speaks about his core values.

GOOD SPORTS

Indian River State College Athletes were recognized for their contributions to the IRSC Athletics program during the 2010-2011 season at the annual Athletic Awards Banquet Thursday in the Koblegard Student Union.

Seven Indian River were honored with the Indian River Pioneer Pride Award for their demonstration of

outstanding sportsmanship throughout the 2010-2011 season.

Men's basketball: Patrick Diop

Women's basketball: Jasmine Singleton

Baseball: Robert Marcello

Softball: Lauren Aldridge

Women's swimming: Tryshia Centeno

Men's swimming: John Ellis

Volleyball: Brittney Clay

State Farm agent Bill Knight Jr. and other local State Farm agents recognize Indian River athletes with the State Farm Sportsmanship Awards.

The 2011 recipients:

Men's basketball: Quamain Foreman

Women's basketball: Ariel Robinson

Baseball: Spencer Castro

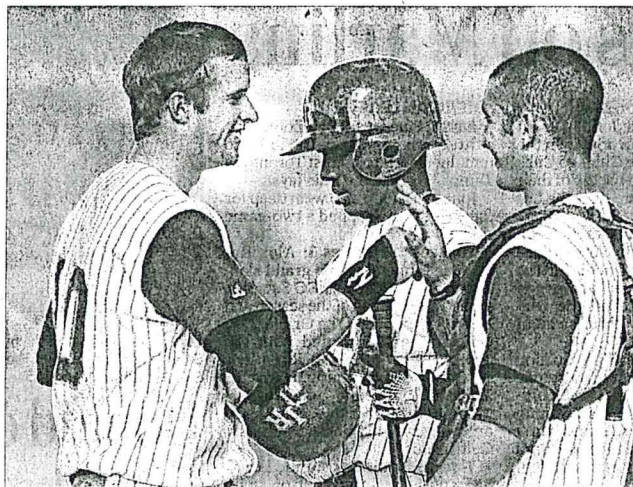
Softball: Kaitlyn Santo

Men's swimming: Corey Day

Women's swimming: Celeste Degen

Volleyball: Madison Westwood

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS



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Indian River State College's Cory Spangenberg (left) is greeted by catcher Sam Kimmel (right) and infielder K'Shawn Smith after scoring a run off of a single by Mark Donato in the sixth inning of Saturday's Southern Conference playoff opener against Miami Dade in Fort Pierce.

IRSC 1 win from state

Spangenberg's HR helps Pioneers take Game 1

By Bill Whitehead
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

FORT PIERCE—Indian River State College's Cory Spangenberg said he likes the pressure of batting in a big moment.

With the score tied in the eighth inning and Spangenberg leading off, that spelled big trouble for Miami Dade College on Saturday afternoon.

Spangenberg, a sweet-swinging left-handed hitter who was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year on Thursday, belted a go-ahead home run in the eighth and Dylan Wolchik tossed a complete-game five-hitter as the Pioneers won 5-2 in the first game of a best-of-3 playoff series with Miami Dade.

IRSC can clinch the series by winning Monday's noon game with the Sharks and advance to the state tournament that begins May 7 in Lakeland. If Miami Dade wins, the two clubs will play a second game Monday to determine the series winner.

"It was the kind of game we needed to keep close and kind of get to their starter late in the game. We're better in a low-scoring game with good pitching and defense," said IRSC coach Mitch Markham.

"Obviously, when the game's on the line and the Conference Player of the Year's coming up, you feel pretty good about it."

Spangenberg, who also doubled, stole a base and reached base all four at-bats, launched an 0-1 change-up from Sharks starter Jharel Cotton (4-3) to straightaway left field. The high shot carried with the wind blowing out, clearing the fence to



Mitch Markham is trying for first state tournament.

give IRSC a 3-2 lead. "That's the kind of situation I love to be in," Spangenberg said. "He left a change-up high, and this is a great hitter's park. I usually get base hits the other way, but I don't hit them out."

Spangenberg, who starred at VMI last year and has signed to play at the University of Miami, also was stellar at third base, making a pair of key plays, including one in the ninth, that likely prevented Miami Dade from putting together a big inning.

Trailing 2-0, IRSC (27-19-1) scored a pair in the sixth to even the score.

Spangenberg doubled to left-center with one out, and Jordan Robinson was hit by a pitch. Mark Donato's ground ball single and Eric Sams's fielder's choice drove in the runners and gave IRSC new life.

Two batters after Spangenberg's tie-breaking homer, Sams had an infield hit with two outs and the bases empty, then scored on K'Shawn Smith's triple. Mark Armenteros's single produced the final run.

Wolchik didn't allow a hit over the final four innings and retired 13 of the last 14 batters he faced. The sophomore from Coral Springs ran his record to 6-3 in putting IRSC in the series lead.

"I just went out there and battled. I had good control of my stuff late in the game, not in the beginning. I felt like I just had to pick it up a bit," said the right-hander, who struck out one and walked three, one intentionally.

Miami Dade defeated Palm Beach State College 5-4 earlier Saturday to advance to the series with IRSC.

INDIAN RIVER 5, MIAMI-DADE 2
(Indian River leads series 1-0)

Miami Dade College 002 000 000-2 5 0
Indian River State College 000 002 030-5 8 0
Cotton and Rojas, Wolchik and Kimmel, WP: Wolchik (6-3), LP: Cotton (4-3), 2B: Spangenberg (IR), HR: Spangenberg (IR).
Records: Indian River 27-19-1, Miami Dade 32-17

Indian River's Turnaround Season

- Indian River's 27 wins are the most in a season since the 2004 Pioneers finished 34-12 under coach Mike Eason. It's the program's first winning season since a 24-20 finish in 2006, Eason's last season.
- The Pioneers made the last of their 16 state tournaments under Eason in 2004.
- Indian River was 74-106 from 2007 to 2010, 35-62 in the Southern Conference, before this year's turnaround season.
- Markham is trying for his first state tournament as a head coach. He guided Gainesville-Eastside High School to two regional tournament appearances (1998, 1999) as head coach and was part of six NCAA Tournament appearances as an assistant at Stetson University.
- Indian River is 6-1 against Miami-Dade this season, including Saturday. The lone loss was 13-1 on March 16.

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JUNIOR COLLEGES

Pioneers move into 1st

Staff report

Indian River State College scored a couple of late runs to beat Palm Beach State 4-3 Friday and take a half-game lead in the Southern Conference with six games to play.

The Pioneers (23-16, 12-6) trailed 3-2 after two innings but tied the game in the seventh and went ahead in the eighth.

IRSC pitcher Robert Marcello (6-3) scattered eight hits, struck out three and gave up just one earned run in eight innings. Kevin Greene pitched the ninth for his first save.

Cory Spangenberg had four hits, including a double and had a stolen base. Catcher Sam Kimmel went 2-for-4 with a double and a run and Jordan Robinson had two hits and an RBI.

The teams play again at 1 p.m. Saturday in Fort Pierce.

INDIAN RIVER 4, PALM BEACH 3

INDIAN RIVER 020 000 110-4 13 1
PALM BEACH 030 000 000-3 8 2
Marcello, Greene (9) and Kimmel; Patric, Cullick (8) and Guarnaccia. WP: Marcello (6-3). LP: Patick. 2B: Kimmel (IR), Spangenberg (IR). 3B: None. HR: Guarnaccia (PB). Record: IRSC 23-16.

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Stuart News/
Tribune 4-21-11

JUNIOR COLLEGE Win but no title for IRSC

Staff report

Mark Donato's two-run home run in the ninth inning broke a 7-all tie Wednesday as Indian River State College's baseball team rallied to beat Brevard 10-7 in a Southern Conference game.

The dramatic rally helped Indian River (26-19-1, 15-9 conference) finish in a first-place tie with Broward in the conference standings, but the Seahawks (26-16, 15-9) get the league title and state tournament berth based on a 4-2 series edge over Indian River.

The Pioneers begin a best-of-3 series against Miami Dade or Palm Beach at 4 p.m. Saturday in Fort Pierce for a trip to state.

Miami Dade and Palm Beach play at noon Saturday.

Donato finished with two hits, two runs and three RBIs, and Jordan Robinson added two hits, two runs and two RBIs.

K'Shawn Smith went 3-for-4 with a triple, one run and one RBI.

INDIAN RIVER 10, BREVARD 7

Indian River 002 004 103-10 12 2
Brevard 001 042 000-7 7 3
Laporte, Wolchik (4), Hurley (5), Boulais (6), Monroe (9) and Johnson, Castro (9); Dixon, Cole (7), Donnelly (8), Gibson (8), Ortega (9), Tilson (9) and Delucia. WP: Boulais (2-0). LP: Ortega. SV: Monroe (4). 2B: Spangenberg (IR), Tilson (B), Vergason (B). 3B: Smith (IR), Seiter (B). HR: Donato (IR). Records: Indian River 26-19-1, Brevard 22-25.

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Stuart News/
Tribune 4-20-11

JUNIOR COLLEGE IRSC needs help to win league title

Staff reports

Indian River State College's baseball team ends its Southern Conference schedule Wednesday, but how the Pioneers fare against Brevard won't determine whether they win the league championship.

Instead, the Pioneers must wait on the outcome of Wednesday's game between Broward and Miami-Dade several hours south.

Indian River and Broward are tied with 14-9 conference records. Miami-Dade is 13-10.

A Miami-Dade win gives IRSC the title. A Broward win gives the Seahawks the title based on a 4-2 edge over IRSC in the season series.

The Pioneers (25-19-1 overall) defeated Brevard 16-7 Tuesday in Fort Pierce.

Eric Sams went 3-for-4 with four runs and two RBIs, Mark Donato had three hits and three RBIs, and K'Shawn Smith had three hits, and three RBIs for Indian River.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE
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Broward
back in 1st

Staff reports

The Broward College baseball team built up a 10-3 lead Wednesday and coasted to a 12-8 win over Indian River at Davie, regaining the Southern Conference lead.

Cory Spangenberg went 3-for-4 with a triple and a run and Eros Modena went 3-for-5 with a double, one run and two RBIs for the Pioneers (24-19-1, 13-9 conference).

Sam Kimmel went 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBIs and Jordan Robinson went 2-for-4 with a double, one run and three RBIs.

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

**BROWARD 12,
 INDIAN RIVER 8**

Indian River 002 103 002- 8 15 2
 Broward 311 320 02x-12 11 2
 Marcello, Greene (4) and Kimmel; Buerosse, Portobanco (7) and O'Connor. WP: Buerosse. LP: Marcello (6-4). 2B: Modena (IR), Robinson (IR), Spradling (B), Fabergas (B). 3B: Spangenberg (IR), Pryor (B). Records: Indian River 24-19-1.

SOFTBALL

**Indian River State 4-7,
 Palm Beach 2-0:** The Pioneers closed their Southern Conference schedule with a doubleheader sweep in Fort Pierce.

Brooke Shippee and Allison Pastor combined on a five-hitter in the opener. Molly Whittington went 2-for-3 with one run and one RBI, and Kaitlyn Santo added two hits and one RBI for Indian River.

Dakara Anderson went 3-for-3 in Game 2. Melanie Oliver and Sarah Read hit two-run home runs and Christen Moon finished 2-for-3 with one RBI.

Read pitched a two-hitter for Indian River (45-7-1, 18-2 conference).

**INDIAN RIVER STATE 4,
 PALM BEACH STATE 2**

Palm Beach 001 000 1-2 5 1
 Indian River 040 000 0-4 7 1
 Kuebler and N/A; Shippee, Pastor (5) and Santo. WP: Shippee. LP: Kuebler. 2B: Cuare (IR), Sooker (PB). 3B: None. HR: None. Records: Indian River State 44-7-1, Palm Beach State 10-23

**INDIAN RIVER STATE 7,
 PALM BEACH STATE 0**

Palm Beach 000 00-0 2 0
 Indian River 402 1x-7 9 1
 Gurico and N/A; Read and N/A. WP: Read. LP: Gurico. 2B: Moon (IR), Cuare (IR). 3B: Anderson (IR). HR: Oliver (IR), Read (IR). Records: Indian River State 45-7-1, Palm Beach State 10-24.

JUNIOR COLLEGE ROUNDUP

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Champs again

IRSC softball wins league title

Staff reports

Chalk up another Southern Conference championship for Indian River State College's softball team.

The Pioneers capped another run to the top Saturday by sweeping a doubleheader from Miami-Dade, 4-1 in 11 innings and 6-2 in Kendall.

"That's always the first goal of the season," Indian River coach Dale Atkinson said.

Melanie Oliver had three hits in the opener, including a two-run double that capped a three-run 11th.

Christen Moon added two hits and one RBI, and Loren Smith had two hits.

Sarah Read allowed five hits in 11 innings and got the final two outs in Game 2 for a save.

Yoelmar Cuare went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and Brittany Human went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for Indian River (43-7-1, 16-2 conference). Moon and Oliver had two hits and one RBI apiece.

Miami-Dade is 24-18, 12-6.

The conference title is Indian River's ninth in 13 seasons under Atkinson.

INDIAN RIVER 4, MIAMI DADE 1

Indian River 000 000 100 03-4 13 0
Miami Dade 100 000 000 00-1 5 1
Read and Santo; Meagley, Miller (3) and N/A. WP: Read (23-3). LP: Miller. 2B: Oliver (IR). 3B: None. HR: None. Records: Indian River State 42-7-1, Miami Dade 24-17.

INDIAN RIVER 6, MIAMI DADE 4

Indian River 001 030 2-6 11 1
Miami Dade 000 020 2-4 8 2
Pastor, Corrigan (6), Read (7) and Moore, Santo (6); Vehara and N/A. WP: Pastor (9-1). LP: Vehara. SV: Read (1). 2B: Moon (IR), Oliver (IR), Nazario (MD), Takahasi (MD), Silvera (MD). 3B: None. HR: None. Records: Indian River State 43-7-1, Miami Dade 24-18.

BASEBALL

Palm Beach State 6, Indian River State 4: The Panthers scored two runs in the ninth to drop the Pioneers out of first place in the Southern Conference.

Cory Spangenberg went 2-for-3 with a home run and three runs scored for Indian River (23-17-1, 12-7), which is percentage points behind Broward (22-13, 11-6).

Mark Donato added two hits and two RBIs.

PALM BEACH 6, INDIAN RIVER 4

Palm Beach 000 020 202-6 7 1
Indian River 000 111 010-4 8 2
Greener, Bullock (8) and Guarnaccia; Howell, Greene (7), Monroe (9) and Kimmel. WP: Bullock. LP: Greene (2-2). 2B: Giardina (PB), Spangenberg (IR), Robinson (IR). 3B: None. HR: Spangenberg (IR). Records: Palm Beach 22-16, Indian River 23-17-1.



JUAN DALE BROWN/TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS

Indian River State College's Christen Moon (5) throws to first after tagging out Brevard's Brittany Jones at second base Wednesday during a Southern Conference softball doubleheader in Fort Pierce. The Pioneers won both games by 5-4 scores.

No. 1 IRSC sweeps

■ Pioneers rally by Brevard twice

By Jon Santucci

Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

FORT PIERCE — Indian River State College softball coach Dale Atkinson was concerned that nine days off might hurt the Pioneers.

His fears appeared to be justified for the first six innings of each game of a doubleheader against Brevard Community College on Wednesday.

Then the Pioneers came back.

IRSC got a walk-off single in the first game and a go-ahead bases-clearing double in the second game to sweep the Titans. Both games were 5-4 contests.

"This team is starting to do a lot of these types of things," Atkinson said. "They're getting big in big situations."

The Pioneers (39-7-1, 12-2 Southern Conference), ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 6 nationally, fell behind 4-1 in the first game. They scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to make it a one-run game, but saved the dramatics for the final inning.

After Dakara Anderson walked with one out, Christen Moon hit what appeared to be a game-winning home run to centerfield. The umpire instead ruled the hit a dou-

ble, but Anderson scored on the play to tie the game. Melanie Howard then hit a line drive single to left field to drive Moon in.

"We have a circular lineup," Atkinson said. "It's not just the middle hitters. From top to bottom we have good hitters. I was worried during the game, but I'm not surprised that we won."

In the second game, Indian River trailed the Titans (34-18, 10-8) 4-2 in the bottom of the sixth. The Pioneers loaded the bases and with two outs, Loren Smith hit a bases-clearing triple to center field.

"Usually with the bases loaded and two outs, I'm under a lot of pressure," Smith said. "This time I felt relaxed. It just happened."

"This feels really good. In both games we fell behind and came back. Especially against Brevard — we always have trouble facing them."

INDIAN RIVER 5, BREVARD 4

Brevard 020 200 0-4 4 0
Indian River 001 020 2-5 10 3

Brown, Ryan (5) and Emery; Read, Pastor (2), Corrigan (5) and Sinto. WP: Corrigan (3-3). LP: Ryan. 2B: Moon 2 (IRSC). 3B: Halpin (8). HR: None. Records: IRSC 38-7-1, Brevard 34-17

INDIAN RIVER 5, BREVARD 4

Brevard 101 011 0-4 7 4
Indian River 002 003 x-5 7 3

Stone and Emery; Corrigan, Read (3) and Moore. WP: Read (21-3). LP: Stone. 2B: Smith (IRSC). Oliver (IRSC). Hunter (8). 3B: Halpin (8). HR: None. Records: IRSC 39-7-1, Brevard 34-18

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

IRSC wins in final at-bat

Staff reports

Cory Spangenberg scored from second base on Mark Donato's double in the bottom of the ninth inning Wednesday, giving the Indian River State College baseball team a 2-1 win against Miami Dade in Fort Pierce.

Spangenberg walked and advanced to second on a balk. One out later, Donato doubled down the right-field line to win it.

Spangenberg also hit a

solo home run in the fourth for Indian River (22-16-1, 11-6 conference), which has won four straight.

Sam Kimmel had two hits. Dominic Laporte scattered seven hits in 8½ innings. Marc Monroe (2-1) got the final out.

INDIAN RIVER 2,

MIAMI DADE 1

Miami Dade 010 000 000-1 7 0
Indian River 000 100 001-2 7 0
Cotton, Llorens (9) and Rojas; Laporte, Monroe (9) and Kimmel. WP: Monroe (2-1). LP: Llorens. 2B: Saez (MD), Kimmel (IR), Donato (IR). HR: Bogards (MD), Spangenberg (IR). Records: Indian River 22-16-1, Miami Dade 25-14



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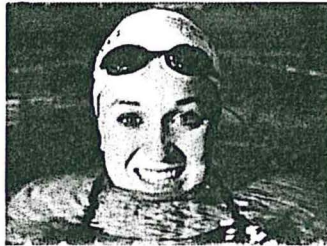
Pheil wins title in NJCAA swim championships

By Byron Saucer
Staff writer

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Katie Pheil is still swimming circles around the competition.

The Forest High graduate won the National Junior College Athletic Association title in the 200-yard backstroke at the swimming championships in Buffalo, N.Y. last month. The Indian River State College freshman added to her individual awards by taking silver in both the 100 backstroke and the 500 free. Pheil was also a member of the 800 free relay team that collected the national title.



STAR-BANNER FILE

Forest graduate Katie Pheil won the National Junior College Athletic Association title in the 200-yard backstroke at the swimming championships in Buffalo, N.Y., last month as a member of the Indian River State College team.

SCOTT SOMMER: Former Forest High swimmer qualified for three events at the 2011 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in Minneapolis, Minn. last week.

Sommer competed in the 50, 100 and 200 free events for the University of Florida, which finished fifth in the team standings. The sophomore was one of 15 Gators named to the All-America team, landing on honorable mention for the 200 free relay.

CASSIE HITE: Former Lake Weir High softball player drove in the winning run in Jamestown (N.D.) College's 3-2 victory over Northwestern Oklahoma State University on Monday.

The junior outfielder is hitting .319 with three doubles, 10 RBIs and 10 runs scored over 26 games for the NAIA Jimmies.

FRANK DEJIULIO: Former Belleview High pitcher leads the No. 9 University of Tampa baseball team with four wins on the season.

The right-hander also leads the team in innings pitched (34) and ranks third in strikeouts with 28.

Fellow Spartan Eric Grabe (Vanguard) continues to pace the offense, leading the team in batting average (.438), doubles (12), triples (3), home runs (3) and total bases with 83. He ranks second in runs scored (29) and third in RBIs with 25.

Tampa (24-9) opens a three-game set with Rollins on Friday.

KEYVIUS SAMPSON: Former Forest High hurler will begin his 2011 regular season with the Fort Wayne TinCaps in the Class A Midwest League.

The San Diego Padres' fourth-round pick in the 2009 draft went 3-3 for the Single A short season Eugene (Ore.) Emeralds last year. The right-hander started 10 games,

posting a 3.56 ERA with 58 strikeouts over 43 innings.

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Sampson is scheduled to pitch the season-opener against the South Bend Silverhawks on Thursday night.

JOE BOWEN: Former Vanguard High catcher will open the 2011 season with the Class A Lansing Lugnuts of the Midwest League.

Bowen, who was drafted by Detroit in the 12th round of the 2006 draft, played his first four seasons with the Tigers organization before catching on with the Blue Jays last season.

KYLE GINLEY: The 2004 Dunnellon High graduate seems ready to pitch again after nearly a two-year absence following Tommy John surgery.

The right-hander will open the season with the Class A Advanced Dunedin Blue Jays of the Florida State League. Ginley won 12 games in the minor leagues back in 2008, his last full season before arm troubles sidelined his career.

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Bahamas

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Junior girls softball camp ends

By Buster Laing

Special to The FN



Over 60 local softball players dedicated the weekend to advancing the skills at the 2nd annual Bahamas Telecommunications Company and Legacy Junior Girls Softball Camp that featured the Indian River State College Pioneers.

The camp was held over a four day period from March 31- April 3, 2011 at the Grand Bahama Sports Complex – Softball Diamond.

Yvonne Lockhart, vice president of Legacy Baseball Softball Association teamed up with IRSC head coach Dale Atkinson and his coaching staff.

Girls from ages 11-18 were learning from the Pioneers softball players about pitching, catching, hitting, fundamentals, training, mechanics, and the short game.

Lydia Fowler, assistant head coach, who was responsible for the catchers, taught the girls the art of blocking, framing the ball and how to make the ball look more like a strike for the pitchers

"This is great, I love seeing this because back in the day, you had to force people to catch," said Fowler, who was pleased with the girls who expressed interest in catching.

"Catching is considered the forgotten position because you can get dirty a lot, you are tucked back behind everybody but the catcher is a very important position on the field.

"They control everything on the field, they call the pitches, they are in every play."

In attendance were some of the primary and high school best softball players, like The Freeport News Player of the Year pitcher Altavia Hall, of the primary school softball champions Freeport Primary.

Also in attendance were Alexandra Austin, the ace-pitcher of Sunland Baptist Academy, who lost to Freeport Primary in the primary school championships and MVP's from the high school softball championships Miquel Roach (Bishop Michael Eldon junior girls) and Rashell Cooper (Tabernacle Baptist senior girls).

During the clinic, Kim Jalm, pitching coach, taught the fundamentals of pitching.

"We are teaching the girls the basic fundamentals in order for them to bring The Bahamas back to their world ranking.

"We taught them simple drills to get them started and hopefully after this they will get better ," said Jalm.

"Pitching is so important for any team, you are in control of everything; the offence of course scores the runs, but the pitching is what helps the defence."

"Everyone always says scoring runs is the greatest thing, but defence win games all the time.

"When you are pitching everybody is always behind you, and when you turn- around you see all your teammates behind you. It makes you feel so much better; so if you screw up, someone is going to be there, your teammates have got your back the whole time ."

In 2010 IRSC advanced to the FCCAA Regional Tournament for the 13th consecutive year. Under the direction of coach Atkinson, Indian River has developed into one of the most respected softball programs in the nation, posting a career record of 588-145.

In 12 seasons Coach Atkinson and his staff have received many coaching awards including:

* Eight Southern Conference Coach of the Year awards (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009)

* Five Region 8A Coach of the Year awards (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)

* Three Florida Community College Coach of the Year awards (2002, 2004, 2005)

* National Junior College Coaching Staff of the Year (2002)

* NFCA Coach of the Year (2002)

* NFCA Southern Region Coaching Staff of the Year (2006)

"The sponsorship of Bahamas Telecommunications Company and The Cable Care Foundation has allowed Legacy Softball to host Indian River and we offer our sincerest appreciation for their generosity in supporting Junior Girls Softball in Grand Bahama," said Lockhart.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

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IRSC climbs into 2nd in Southern Conference

Staff reports

Marc Donato had a run-scoring double and Eric Sams added an RBI single in a three-run eighth inning Saturday as the Indian River State College baseball team rallied past Miami-Dade 5-3 in a Southern Conference

game in Fort Pierce.

Sams finished 2-for-3 and Jordan Robinson went 2-for-3 with two stolen bases, one run and one RBI for Indian River (20-16-1, 9-6 conference).

The Pioneers moved into second place in the league standings.

Robert Marcello (5-3)

scattered eight hits and struck out five.

FRIDAY

Indian River 8, Miami Dade 5: Fort Pierce Westwood graduate Jordan Robinson went 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBIs and Cory Spangenberg went 3-for-4 with an

RBI for Indian River.

Sam Kimmel went 2-for-5 with two runs and Eric Sams went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for the Pioneers (19-16-1, 8-6 conference)

Kevin Greene (2-1) pitched 3⅓ scoreless innings in relief and Marc Monroe went the final 1½ innings for his third save.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

Tribune 4-6-11
Stuart News

IRSC gets 10th conference win

Staff report

Dylan Wolchik pitched a three-hit shutout and struck out six as the Indian River State College baseball team defeated Miami Dade in a Southern Conference game on Tuesday in Miami.

Eric Sams had a two-run single in the top of the third inning to score Sam Kimmel and Cory Spangenberg with the only runs of the game.

Kimmel went 3-for-4 and Mark Donato went 2-for-4 for the Pioneers (21-16-1, 10-6 confer-

ence).

Indian River plays host to Miami Dade at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

INDIAN RIVER 2, MIAMI DADE 0

Indian River 002 000000-2 10 0
Miami Dade 000 000000-0 3 2
Wolchik and Kimmel; Law and San Juan. WP: Wolchik (4-3). LP: Law. 2B: Kimmel (IR). Records: Indian River 21-16-1.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

Tribune 4-13-11 Press
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Indian River regains conference lead

Staff report

FORT PIERCE— A nine-run rally Tuesday pushed Indian River State College's baseball team back into the Southern Conference lead.

Eric Sams had a two-run single and Jordan Robinson had a three-run double in a nine-run seventh as the Pioneers defeated Broward 9-2.

Cory Spangenberg went 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI and Mark Armenteros went 2-for-5 with a two-run double in the seventh.

Dylan Wolchik (5-3) scattered nine hits and struck out five for the Pioneers (24-18-1, 13-8 conference).

Broward, which entered the week with the lead, dropped to 22-15, 11-8.

Miami Dade (29-14, 11-9) also remains in the hunt for the regular-season title.

Indian River and Broward play again at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Broward.

The Pioneers complete the conference schedule with two games against Brevard (22-13, 5-19) next week.

INDIAN RIVER 11, BROWARD 3

Broward 001 200 000-3 9 2
Indian River 001 100 90x-11 13 1
Parks, Jagemann (7) Cacciatore (7), Sadler (8) and Fabergas; Wolchik and Kimmel. WP: Wolchik (5-3). LP: Parks. 2B: Olivera (B), Lumpuy (B), Kimmel (IR), Robinson (IR), Donato (IR), Armenteros (IR). Records: Indian River 24-18-1, Broward 22-15.

College Signings

SOCCER

EVAN GREENBAUM

High school: Martin County

Grade: Senior

Sport: Soccer

Position: Center back

Signed with: Rollins College

2010-11 stats: 11 goals, 4 assists;
Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers
Player of the Year

Player quote: "It is an excellent school academically, and the soccer program has a long history of success, going to the D-II national championship game this past season. The campus is beautiful, the facilities are great, and I really like the coaches and the style of play they encourage."



Evan Greenbaum was the all-area player of the year.

SOFTBALL

ASHTYN BROWN

High school: Okeechobee

Grade: Senior

Sport: Softball

Position: Catcher/second base

Signed with: Indian River State College

2011 stats: .216 batting average, 10 runs, 9 RBIs, .955 fielding percentage, 17 assists (through 17 games)

Player quote: "(I) picked IRSC because it has one of the best softball programs in the state, and it is close to home."



Ashtyn Brown has 10 runs and 9 RBIs in 17 games.

SOFTBALL

NAOMI STEVENS

High school: Okeechobee

Grade: Senior

Sport: Softball

Position: Shortstop

Signed with: Indian River State College

2011 stats: .407 batting average, 20 runs, 13 RBIs, 1 home run, 18 stolen bases (through 16 games)

Player quote: "(I) picked IRSC because it is close to home and feels like family."



Naomi Stevens is batting .407 with 13 RBIs this season

SOFTBALL

COURTNEY WILSON

High school: Okeechobee

Grade: Senior

Sport: Softball

Position: Pitcher, first and second base

Signed with: Hillsborough Community College

2011 stats: 4-0, 2.62 ERA, 12 Ks in 16.0 innings; .286 batting average, 10 RBIs, 1 HR through 17 games

Player quote: "(I) picked HCC because the coaches are extremely nice. I love the area and the school is not too big."



Courtney Wilson is 4-0 with a 2.62 ERA this season.

FOOTBALL

TYLER COLLINS

High school: St. Lucie West Centennial

Sport: Football

Grade: Senior

Position: H-back

Signing with: Huntingdon College (Ala.)

2010-11 stats/highlights: Collins had one reception for 12 yards.
Player quote: "It was a good fit. It's a nice school — a small school — and it's a Christian college, which was a big thing. The coaches are nice and it's all-around a good atmosphere."



Tyler Collins will play for Christian college.

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SOFTBALL

IRSC gets 2 shutouts in tourney

Staff report

MELBOURNE — Elizabeth Corrigan and Sarah Read pitched two-hitters Saturday and Indian River State College's softball team shut out two opponents in the Southern Conference tournament.

The Pioneers collected 13 hits in a 16-0 win over Broward State, then used runs in the third and seventh innings to beat Brevard 2-0.

In the opener, Dakara Anderson went 3-for-3 with one RBI for Indian River, which scored 14 runs in the second inning.

Christen Moon and Kaitlyn Santo added two hits and two runs apiece. Sarah Reed hit a run-scoring double and finished with three RBIs.

Melanie Oliver went 1-for-3 with two RBIs.

Eight players had at least one RBI.

Indian River (35-7-1, 8-2 conference) had five singles in the second game. Anderson scored on an error in the third inning and Nellie Moore scored from second on Allison Pastor's infield single in the fifth.

INDIAN RIVER 16, BROWARD STATE 0

Broward	000	00-	0	2	4
Indian River	1(14)0	10-	16	13	2

Mineo and Cerda; Corrigan and Santo. WP: Corrigan (9-3). LP: Mineo. 2B: Moon (IR) 2, Read (IR), Smith (IR), Santo (IR) 2. 3B: None. HR: None. Records: IR 34-7-1, B 4-18.

INDIAN RIVER 2, BREVARD 0

Indian River	001	000	1-	2	5	3
Brevard	000	000	0-	0	2	1

Read and Santo; Ryan and Emery. WP: Read (20-3). LP: Ryan. Records: IR 35-7-1, B 29-14.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE

Pioneers split pair

Staff report

BRADENTON — The Indian River State College softball team split a doubleheader with State College of Florida on Saturday, ending the Pioneers' 17-game winning streak.

Sarah Reed allowed six hits and Indian River scored six runs in the ninth inning for a 7-2 win in the opener. State College used a five-run third to erase a 2-0 deficit and win 6-2 in Game 2.

Melanie Oliver went 3-for-5 for Indian River in Game 1. Kaitlyn Santo added two hits and two RBIs. Yoelmar Cuare also had two hits.

Dakara Anderson and Molly Whittington had two hits apiece for Indian River in the second game.

Indian River closes the regular season by playing host to Polk State at 3 p.m. Thursday.

**INDIAN RIVER 7,
STATE COLLEGE OF FLA. 2 (9)**

Indian River	000	000	016-	7	12	1
State College	000	000	011-	2	6	3

Read and Santo; Ogilevie and N/A. WP: Read. LP: Ogilevie. 2B: Maffucci (SC). Records: Indian River 46-7-1, State College 28-22.

**STATE COLLEGE OF FLA. 6,
INDIAN RIVER STATE 2**

Indian River	002	000	0-	2	10	3
State College	005	100	x-	6	14	0

Corrigan, Pastor (5), Read (5) and N/A; Campbell, Cabrera (4) and N/A. WP: Campbell. LP: Corrigan. 2B: Anderson (IR), Read (IR), Allgood (SC). HR: Maffucci (SC). Records: State College of Florida 29-22, Indian River State 46-8-1.