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## SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

There are two types of reactors used in the United States:  
Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs) and Pressurized Water Reactors (PWRs).



Indian River State College Power Plant Technology students Hector Perez and Matthew Caliandro adjust a reactor cooling pump seal.

### Figuring It Out

Statistics shaping the higher-ed landscape

#### Adult Learners

On average, 38 percent of all college students in a fall term are adult learners, that is, over age 25. Here is a breakdown by age of the type of college they attended in 2011:

	Public	Private Non-Profit	For-Profit
25-29	69%	18.7%	12.4%
30-39	64.5%	16.6%	18.9%
40 and over	64%	16.2%	19.8%

SOURCE: NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE RESEARCH CENTER

# Powering Nuclear Education

A Florida college spearheads drive to standardize training of nuclear technicians

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Optimal alignment of a laser system engages students in the Photonics Laboratory in the Indian River State College Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The center serves as headquarters for the Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training.

# Going Nuclear

## College Consortium Aims to Standardize Nuclear Tech Curriculum

BY PAUL BRADLEY

In the not too distant future, most of the skilled technicians working at nuclear power plants across the country likely will have been trained at a community college.

They will have learned their math, chemistry and physics through a common curriculum offered nationwide and is consistent state-to-state. Many will have gained hands-on experience from industry partners in their essential job duties: monitoring the performance of equipment used in nuclear power generation; measuring the levels of types of radiation; collecting test samples of air and water for radioactive contamination; instructing personnel on radiation safety procedures and warning them when conditions are hazardous; maintaining, monitoring and operating equipment.

In years past, many of these workers required only a high school diploma and intense on-the-job training. Many had gone to work at nuclear power plants straight from the nuclear Navy.

But as demand for nuclear energy grows — stemming from overall growth in energy demand and greater interest in energy sources that do not emit greenhouse gases — so has demand for skilled technicians holding associate degrees, especially as the current workforce ages and nears retirement.

Community and technical colleges around the country now offer associate degree programs in nuclear science, nuclear technology or related fields, with students studying nuclear energy and radiation and training on equipment and components used in nuclear power plants and labs.

But curriculum and coursework varies widely from state to state, and even from college to college. Now, an effort being led

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DIRECTOR OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY  
INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

by Florida's Indian River State College aims to change that.

Last year, IRSC won a four-year, \$3.1 million National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education grant to establish the nation's first Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training. RC-NET is intended to assure that the future demand for skilled nuclear technicians is met in a standardized and systematic way.

“What we want to do is create an industry-recognized credential that can carry across state lines,” said Kevin Cooper, director of advanced technology at the college and principal investigator for the NSF grant. “The idea is to create a national curriculum for nuclear technicians.”

Though called a regional center,

RC-NET is actually a broad consortium that includes 46 colleges and universities from across the country, in addition to 35 industry partners and multiple government agencies. Primary partners include Central Virginia Community College, Chattanooga State Community College (Tenn.), Midland Technical College (S.C.) and North Carolina State University.

Over time, the center hopes to develop a model that can be utilized at the national level to benefit utilities and colleges providing nuclear energy training. Acting as a centralized resource, RC-NET will provide curriculum, training for faculty and staff and facilitate communication and collaboration across the nuclear industry, colleges and universities.

The center's goals include:

- Providing standardized curriculum, problem-based learning and hands-on lab for nuclear technicians.

- Development of a learning repository for nuclear curriculum.



SPECIAL REPORT



SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## Ivy Tech To Offer Intensive Nanotechnology Program

By MARGARET FOSMOE,  
SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

**S**OUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend next year will add an intensive, 18-credit summer nanotechnology study program that is expected to draw students from across Indiana and possibly from other states.

The new program will be funded with a \$165,000 National Science Foundation grant awarded to the South Bend campus. The grant will allow the campus to develop a Nanotechnology Application and Career Knowledge (NACK) Network teaching site hub here, one of just seven such hubs in the nation.

The teaching site here is being developed in partnership with Penn State University.

Nanotechnology involves research and technological development at a scale so tiny it's measured in nanometers — billionths of a meter. It creates and uses structures that have novel properties because of their size, and it offers the ability to manipulate individual atoms and molecules.

Jobs prospects are expected to be good in the growing field of nanotechnology.

The initial 10-week summer program will have room for 20 students. The program will be intense: six courses, requiring class work eight hours a day, five days a week.

Ivy Tech in South Bend last year became the first — and so far the only — college in Indiana to offer an associate's degree program in nanotechnology.

Abdollah Aghdasi, chair of Ivy Tech's nanotechnology program, expects the summer program to



**Nanotechnology student Judah Easton uses tweezers to hold up a probe used inside an atomic force microscope inside the Nanotechnology Lab at Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend, Ind. The Ivy Tech campus will add an intensive, 18-credit summer nanotechnology study program next year.**

draw students from Ivy Tech's other campuses around the state and also from some four-year colleges and universities.

"You don't need to be an Ivy Tech student. We can take students from Notre Dame, IUSB, Western Michigan University — anyone who wants to come and get the exposure to nanotechnology," he told the *South Bend Tribune*.

Although the nanotechnology degree currently is offered only in South Bend, students at other Ivy Tech campuses could take their general education requirements at their home campus, attend the intensive summer of nanotechnology courses in South Bend, then arrange to complete requirements (including an internship) for the nanotechnology degree back at their

home campus, Aghdasi said.

Students who stop short of the eight required nanotechnology courses for the degree may be able to earn a certificate, but that hasn't yet been approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Ivy Tech administrators are working with local residential colleges to find housing options for students who choose to come to South

Bend for a summer to participate in the program.

The NSF grant will allow Ivy Tech to hire a full-time faculty member for the summer program.

Sixteen students started in Ivy Tech's first nanotechnology degree cohort in fall 2011, with nine of them still in the program. The first students are expected to complete their degrees next August. Ten new nanotechnology students started in the degree program this fall.

A graduate with an associate degree in nanotechnology is qualified to work as a technician, helping with research and maintaining expensive high-tech equipment in nanotechnology clean rooms and other highly specialized laboratory environments.

The students learn skills on state-of-the-art laboratory equipment at Ivy Tech and also spend some time in the University of Notre Dame's clean room.

The new program will allow students to devote a full summer immersed in nanotechnology studies, said David Brinkruff, dean of Ivy Tech's Schools of Technology and Applied Science/Engineering. Some students may choose to pursue the full two-year nanotechnology associate's degree program, and others may just attend for a summer study immersion and major in another field, he said.

There may not be immediate demand for nanotechnology technicians in this region, but there will be as the field continues to grow, Brinkruff said. "We're ahead of the demand," he said.

"It will allow people to be able to gain skills in an area that is going to become very important to the local economy," he said.

■ Providing professional development for technicians already working in the field.

■ Embedding unique training systems and 21st century technologies into the classroom.

■ Providing career and academic pathways and promoting nuclear energy and nuclear careers.

Located on Florida's east coast, IRSC was a natural choice for the task. The college has established itself as a leader in energy education, helping the region transform itself from an agricultural center into a research hub.

Last April, the college cut the ribbon on its Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, a \$21.6 million facility aimed at connecting training in energy and technology with services for business start-ups on what has come to be called Florida's Research Coast.

Education in alternative energy and sustainability is central to the mission of the center. Students learn how to produce biofuels, construct photovoltaic cells, experiment with light technologies and gain hands-on

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PRESIDENT  
INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

experience in energy efficient building construction.

"Our vision was to build a facility and focus on clean energy, life sciences and ocean sciences to meet a local demand," said college President Edwin R. Massey. "Over time the energy sector has not received a lot of attention. But if we are going to meet the need for the jobs of the future, community colleges have to step up."

RC-NET, which is housed in the Brown Center, builds on IRSC's successful Power Plant Technology Institute, which was created in 2006 to support the growing need for

maintenance technicians at Florida Power and Light's St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant, said Jose Farinos, IRSC dean of advanced technology.

Central to the PPTI is the partnership with Florida Power and Light. Students enrolled in the program get hands-on experience at the St. Lucie nuclear plant with paid summer internships. Graduates not only get a degree, but also earn a nationally-recognized certificate from the Nuclear Energy Institute's Nuclear Uniform Curriculum Program.

The hands-on element is critical, Farinos said.

"We have the opportunity to work with our partners on a regular basis," he said. "We get together and we talk about what works and what doesn't. Many of the core courses are taught by representatives of the industry."

The PPTI has been a resounding success. In 2007, the PPTI received the 2007 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College. The program has a retention rate of

better than 95 percent, and its job placement rate is similarly high. More than 140 graduates got jobs immediately after graduation, most at the St. Lucie plant, Farinos said. Entry-level employees can earn more than \$55,000 a year. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual wage of nuclear technicians was \$68,090 in May 2010.

RC-NET aims to replicate the successes of the Power Plant Technology Institute on a national scale. It comes at a time when the nuclear power industry is trying to find, train and hire more than 41,000 skilled nuclear employees by 2030 to replace those who will retire. About 40 percent of the current nuclear workforce will be eligible for retirement within five years, according to industry estimates.

There are currently 104 nuclear reactors at 65 power plants across the country. In addition, there are 30 applications for licenses for new plants currently before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, with each new facility employing 400 to 700 workers,

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though enthusiasm for new plants has waned following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster and meltdown following the Japanese tsunami in March 2011.

Some observers believe the Japanese disaster has actually created an imperative for more training. The nuclear industry must address new safety and operation protocols, and these new procedures will result in increased oversight and in the implementation of emergency systems, all of which will require added manpower.

Those who are designing the RC-NET curriculum know they have a challenge ahead. Getting community college students through demanding courses like chemistry, physics and nuclear engineering can be a daunting task. The college has taken an approach that emphasizes applied science, teaching academic skills within the context of the power plant program, Massey said.

"If we can get students through internships and applied research, if we can get them working in the facilities we built, they'll be much better prepared

for the world of work," he said.

Industry partners have also said workers need more than a strong academic background. The so-called soft skills — critical thinking, listening and communication skills — are also essential, Cooper said.

For example, nuclear technicians must be able to explain their work to scientists, engineers and reactor operators. They must instruct others on safety procedures and warn them when conditions

are hazardous. Nuclear technicians receive complex instructions from scientists and engineers that they must follow exactly. They have to be able to ask questions to clarify anything they do not understand.

The program also faces the imperative of increasing the ranks of women and minorities in the nuclear program. The nuclear industry workforce includes only a small percentage of women and members of minority groups.

Massey said the college plans to continue its efforts to reach out to students in high schools and middle schools and get young students interested in science.

"It's vital that we reach the students with examples of applied research," Massey said. "If we can do that, we can facilitate that upward path." ▲

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## NEXT EDITION PREVIEW: Training Nuke Workers

*In future years, employees working at nuclear power plants across the southeastern U.S. likely will have been trained at a community college. Aided by a \$3.1 million grant from the National Science Foundation, Florida's Indian River State College is leading a consortium of colleges, government agencies and industry partners in creating the Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training, the nation's first regional center for nuclear energy education.*

**Coming in the Monday, Oct. 29, 2012 Community College Week issue:**

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## Press Release

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### Indian River State College Earns National Recognition

**Tallahassee, Fla.**, September 28, 2012 - A national report ranks Indian River State College the tenth top public college in the southern region by the U.S. News and World Report 2013 Best Colleges report. The ranking is based on 16 measures of institutional quality and student success.

"Indian River State College's commitment to student success has again been recognized at the national level," said Florida College System Chancellor Randy Hanna. "We congratulate the college for continuing to provide an affordable, quality education that improves student's lives and helps them enter the workforce."

The college was rated in the regional college category that includes schools that concentrate mostly on teaching and undergraduate education. Over the past few years, the ranking method increased the focus on outcome measures and student success, moving the college up from a twelfth place rating last year.

For more information, visit [2013 Best Colleges Report](#).



# IRSC gets designation as military friendly school

Indian River State College has been designated a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, which honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses and to ensure their success as students.

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows the commitment of Indian River State College to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Director for G.I. Jobs and Vice President of Victory Media.

IRSC provides a wide range of services for veterans including assistance obtaining financial aid and certifying enrollment for the Montgomery GI Bill, VRAP and Vocational and Rehabilitation Employment Program. The College holds orientation sessions to explain veterans education benefits and college processes, provides referrals to state and federal agencies and offers free career planning, advisement and tutoring services. IRSC student veterans benefit from joining the Student Veterans Organization. The Veteran's Business Institute offers students the opportunity to earn a business certificate in

a cohort group with other veterans, and to continue their education with an Associate Degree and Bachelor's Degree in a supportive environment.

Now in its fourth year, the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. More information can be found at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com). For more information about IRSC programs for veterans call 1-866-792-4772.

Indian River State College is a public, comprehensive college serving Florida's Research Coast with campuses in Fort Pierce, Okeechobee, Port St. Lucie, Stuart and Vero

Beach. IRSC has earned a statewide and national reputation for quality, innovation and responsiveness to community needs, inspiring over 32,000 people to enroll in courses each year. Every aspects of IRSC is focused on enhancing student success with small classes, one-stop student services, convenient campuses and online courses, resulting in the College's ranking as the 10th top public regional college in the South by U.S. News & World Report. Tuition is affordable, and IRSC students benefit from many opportunities for scholarships and financial aid. IRSC was designated as the 5th Most Affordable College in the country by the US Department of Education.



Hometown News 10-5-12

# College designated military friendly

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degree in a supportive environment.

Every aspect of IRSC is focused on enhancing student success with small classes, one-stop student services, convenient campuses and online courses, resulting in the college's ranking as the 10th top public regional college in the south by US News & World Report.

Tuition is affordable, and IRSC students benefit from many opportunities for scholarships and financial aid. IRSC was designated as the fifth most affordable college in the country by the U.S. Department of Education.



# Veterans Summit at IRSC to focus on educational opportunities

Representative Gayle Harrell, Florida District 81, will be guest speaker

BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC  
YourNews contributor

**FORT PIERCE** — Veterans and military service members are invited to attend the Veterans Summit on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Indian River State College to learn about programs, services and educational opportunities to benefit veterans. Information will be provided on IRSC educational programs especially developed to promote the success of veterans in college, as well as financial aid and community services. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Serving as guest speaker, Representative Gayle Harrell, Florida District 81, will announce an exciting new educational opportunity for veterans.

The presentations will be followed by a panel discussion at 12:45 p.m. of veterans' experiences overseas with veterans who have served in World War II, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam and other countries around the world.

The event will begin with displays and information from participating organizations including the IRSC Veterans Business Institute, IRSC Student Veterans Organization, St. Lucie County Veterans Services, American Legion Post 40, Jupiter Veterans Center, Workforce Solutions, US Army and US Naval Recruiters, US Department of Veterans Affairs and more.

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The Veterans Summit will be held in the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the IRSC Main Campus, Virginia Avenue, off 35th Street in Fort Pierce.

For more information, call 1-866-792-4772.



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- Jean Patton - IRSC
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# Preconference Workshops (Wednesday)

**Preconference Lunch (outside meeting rooms), Noon–1:00 P.M.**

Lunch is provided for participants who attend a full-day workshop or two half-day workshops.

## Half-Day Workshops Wed 9:00 A.M.–Noon

### **OVAE Panel: Implementing Rigorous Programs of Study (RPOS): Game Changers (E11C)**

Although most of the POS Design Framework components and subcomponents are not new, there are a few that states find difficult to implement. The OVAE funded RPOS states will share how they have dealt with these components, which really are the “game changers” in creating programs of study. In this session participants will learn about “lessons learned” and “challenges” from the perspective of state-level administration, local/district administrators, and classroom teachers representing the OVAE funded RPOS sites as they put into practice the Programs of Study Design Framework.

**Moderator: Robin Utz**, US Department of Education (OVAE). **Panelists: Janice Brite**, Arizona State Department of Education; **Kathy Mc Nerney**, Maryland State Department of Education; **Lyle Courtnage**, Montana University System; **Mari Tucker**, Kansas Board of Regents; **Thalea Longhurst**,



Robin Utz

Utah State Department of Education; **Sharon Wendt**, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

### **iPads: A Primer (E22AB)**



iPads, since their introduction, have transformed how technology is used in the classroom. The problem is that since this device is so new, many people don't know what to do with them. In this workshop we will be going over the basics using iPads and

how they are effective tools for both educators and students. There will be a small presentation followed by plenty of time for general iPad ‘finger-smudging’! Bring your iPads. **Nai Wang**, Founder and CEO, KP Education Systems

## Half-Day Workshops Wed 1:30–4:30 P.M.

### **College and Career Readiness (E21BC)**



Kimberly Green



Libby Livings-Eassa



Debra Mills

The skills needed in the United States go beyond reading, mathematics, and science. Educators are taking a holistic view of 21st-century teaching and learning that combines a discrete focus on 21st-century student outcomes (a blending of specific skills, content knowledge, and expertise) with innovative support systems to help students master the multi-dimensional abilities required of them in the 21st century. Participants will gain an understanding of 21st-century skills, the college and career readiness culture, and an introduction to both the common core standards and the common career technical core. **Kimberly Green**, National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc); **Libby Livings-Eassa**, Indian River State College; **Debbie Mills**, CORD

### **iPads: Advanced Uses for the Classroom (E22AB)**

iPads have been out in the industry for a little more than two years. With any truly innovative device, there is often a steep learning curve for consumers to figure out how to make the best use of it. Over time, early pioneers find ways to better use these magical devices in the classroom. In this workshop we will be using your experience and mine as a platform to discuss advanced uses of the iPad. I will share some useful apps, but this session will also rely on you to share your experiences so we may all benefit. Bring your iPads and let's work together! **Nai Wang**, Founder and CEO, KP Education Systems



# Full-Day Workshops, Wed 9:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

## Career Pathways Leadership Certification (E11A)



Carol Jurgens



Debra Mills



Libby Livings-Eassa

NCPN has developed a certification workshop for current and future leaders for the purpose of empowering local/state personnel to successfully implement career pathway systems. Implementation tools and strategies will be provided including an action planning process and a CD with more than 100 current resources. Workshop topics include academic achievement, career pathway systems, career planning, community teaming, curriculum development and alignment that encompasses common core state standards (CCSI) as well as the common career technical core (CCTC), emerging economies, professional development, and where to begin. Requirements for certification include:

**Wednesday:** Attend this one-day workshop.  
**Thursday and Friday:** Attend at least 7 sessions from the main conference program.

**Carol Jurgens**, CORD Consultant; **Debra Mills**, CORD; **Libby Livings-Eassa**, Indian River State College

## Adult Career Pathways: Flexible Models for Challenging Times (E10B)



Richard Hinckley



Hope Cotner

Significant efforts are underway across the country to assist adults in acquiring the skills they need to earn postsecondary credentials and secure family sustaining jobs. Adult career pathways programs are providing effective solutions to help communities accomplish this challenging task. **This full-day workshop will feature models from across the country and delve into essential components that make ACP programs successful.** Major topics will include:

A wide variety of resources will be provided and models examined, from both community college and ABE program administrative perspectives.

- Contextualized instruction
- Employer partnerships that work
- Need sensing and workforce development planning
- Leveraging community resources
- Building partnerships between ABE and community college faculty

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**Richard Hinckley**, **Hope Cotner**, CORD; **Jim Matt**, Central/Southern Tier RAEN; **Rosemary Matt**, New York State Education Department; **Bob LePage**, Springfield Technical Community College; **Libby Livings-Eassa**, Indian River State College

## Empowering Students and Adults through Counseling, Coaching, and Advising (E21A)



Jeraline Marsh



Felicia Gray-Watson



Scott Kemp

For several years school districts, colleges, adult education institutions, workforce boards, and other stakeholders involved with Career and Technical Education have partnered to develop rigorous programs of study as part a Career Pathways system across the country. Partnerships have blossomed and activities have led students to opportunities that have prepared them for college and careers. But part of the foundation to the successful implementation of rigorous programs of study is the strength of the guidance that must be in place to make sure the partakers of the programs of study are reaping the most benefits they can. This workshop will focus on collaboration between counselors, coaches, and advisors. Participants will take part in collegial conversations and learning exercises to address how counseling and advising students in a Career Pathways system can be strengthened. The workshop will address:

- the role of counselors, coaches, and advisors in a Career Pathways system.
- how to create a seamless partnership among those in positions of counseling and advising from secondary to postsecondary and adult career pathways.
- the use of programs of study as counseling tools.
- cost-effective resources that are available to assist counselors, coaches, and advisors in effectively and efficiently implementing programs of study.
- best practice sharing
- how Virginia has implemented career coaches
- career clusters

**Jeraline Marsh**, School District of Palm Beach County; **Felicia Gray-Watson**, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction; **Scott Kemp**, Virginia Community College System



## Briefs

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### IRSC summit to focus on veterans

Veterans and military service members are invited to attend the Veterans Summit on Nov. 8 at Indian River State College to learn about programs, services and educational opportunities to benefit veterans.

Information will be pro-

vided on educational programs developed to help veterans succeed in college, financial aid and community services. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m.

State Rep. Gayle Harrell will announce a new educational opportunity for veterans.

The presentations will be followed by a panel discussion at 12:45 p.m. of veterans' experiences overseas

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with veterans who have served in World War II, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam and other countries.

The event will be at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the IRSC Main Campus, Virginia Avenue, off 35th Street in Fort Pierce. For more information, call 866-792-4772.

Staff report



## **IRSC awarded grant to expand job training**

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Indian River State College in Fort Pierce has been awarded a national grant in the amount of \$589,401 for the development and expansion of innovative training programs that lead to jobs in manufacturing, science, technology, engineering and math.

The four-year federal grant is part of the U.S. Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Initiative (TAACCCT). IRSC will share in \$15 million received by the Florida TRADE consortium of 11 Florida state and community colleges. Grant funds will be used to develop business and education partnerships and create training programs to prepare students for industry certifications, internships and high-skills, high-wage jobs.



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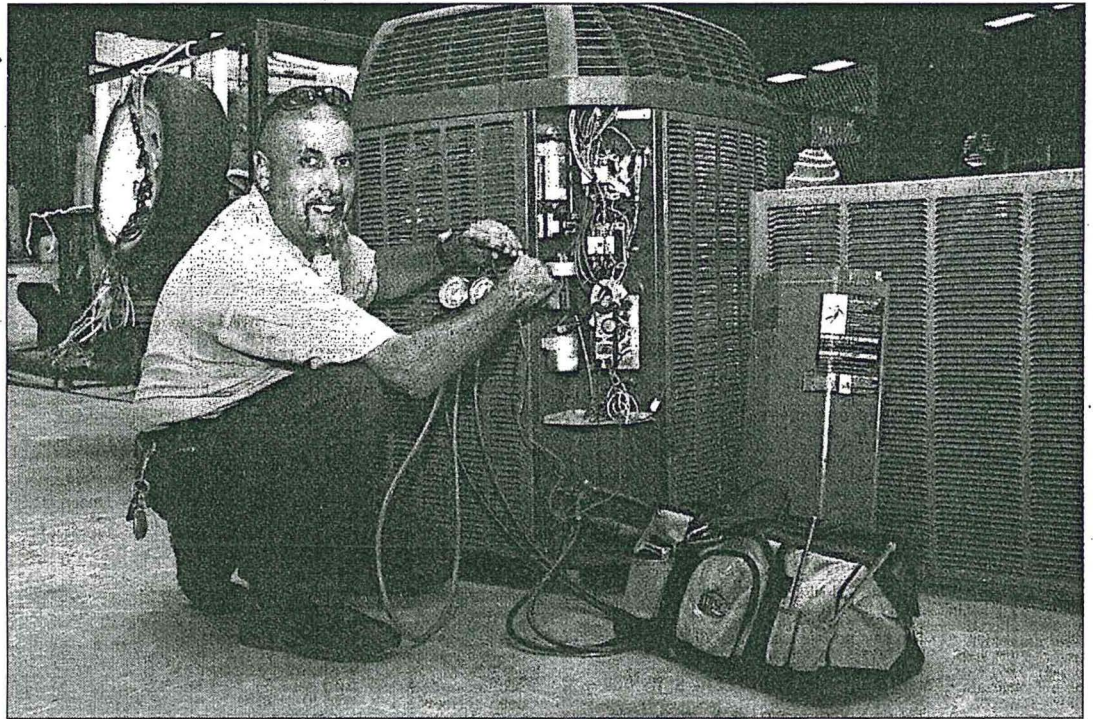


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# It's all about finding answers for area's medical examiner

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Dr. Roger Mittleman (left), chief medical examiner for the four-county area, talks with James Dickerson, a forensic technician, while cleaning the morgue following several autopsies at the medical examiner's office at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce.

## ■ Dr. Roger Mittleman enjoys the mystery of his job

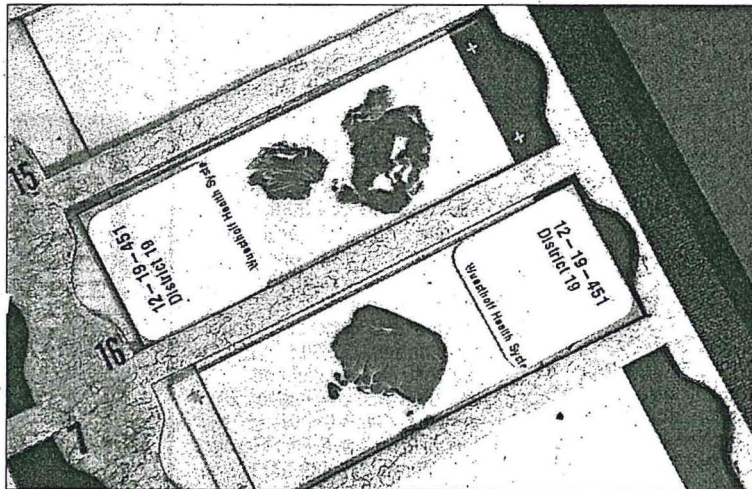
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**ST. LUCIE COUNTY** — The death happened years ago at a hospital in Miami, discovered after a bed caught fire and alarms sounded.

Doctors and nurses rushed to find out what happened to the man, who suffered from AIDS and used an oxygen mask.

Dr. Roger Mittleman, chief medical examiner for Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties, uses that case to explain one of the many things he enjoys about his job. The 64-year-old likes to figure things out; determining the cause of death in a complex or atypical case can be satisfying, he said.

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Mittleman examines glass slides containing the biopsy of human heart tissue. He's trying to determine probable cause of death in a case under investigation.

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The office's budget in the 2012-2013 fiscal year is nearly \$1.45 million, which is about \$90,000 less than the previous fiscal year. The budget passed \$1 million in the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

#### EXPANDED WORK SPACE

The space where Mittleman works at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce with associate medical examiner Dr. Linda O'Neil and others has expanded into areas formerly occupied by the regional crime lab. The Neill-Chapin Regional Crime Lab now is at the nearby Indian River State College Public Safety Training Complex.

Renovations to the medical examiner's office nearly doubled its size, so it can better handle the increasing number of bodies and also serve as a teaching facility for IRSC medical students, said Christine Weekes, administrative manager. The facility now

### Annual Autopsy Examinations

Office of the Medical Examiner District 19 annual autopsy examinations

Year	Indian River	Martin	Okeechobee	St. Lucie	District
2011	109	144	39	241	533
2010	107	105	45	262	519
2009	155	144	55	268	622
2008	160	140	56	250	606
2007	138	143	61	235	577
2006	138	154	57	229	578
2005	143	140	58	220	561
2004	144	179	53	220	596
2003	145	168	53	246	612
2002	136	164	57	245	602

Source: Office of the Medical Examiner District 19

can handle up to 25 bodies coming in simultaneously, Weekes said. It had remained largely unchanged for years, with furniture dating to the 1960s and office space growing increasingly cramped, Weekes said.

In 1990, there were just 390 autopsies performed there. Between 519 and 622 autopsies have been done there annually since 2001.

The renovations, which cost slightly more than \$1.25 million and began in February, were completed in late July, Weekes said. The four counties the office serves contributed \$135,000, which was matched by a grant. IRSC provided an additional \$997,382, according to Weekes.

Mittleman said the number of pathologists — two — at his office has remained constant over the years, but as the area's population grows, the number of deaths increases. Weekes said seven to eight investigative and support staff have worked there each year over the past decade.

To manage the work, Mittleman said he decreased the number of formal autopsies done beginning in 2010 and instead performed more "external exams."

Those require less time and involve the review of medical records and the deceased's medical history as provided by the family,

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officials said. They do not require an examination of the internal organs or tissues.

"The reason we've done that is because we've only two pathologists," he said. "We have to find ways of doing things differently."

"If it's a simplistic thing of an elderly person who falls at home, no suspicions of foul play, a doctor certifies it as an accident," Mittleman said. "We would probably not bring that kind of case in for an autopsy ... You don't want to do too many autopsies as a pathologist, because that can obviously distract from the cases you're doing."

Under state law, the medical examiner's office must authorize cremations in the four-county area, Weekes said. Last year, there were 4,462 of those, records show. Further, the office inspects remains and bones discovered. Weekes said three investigators also work closely with the families of the deceased, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, funeral homes and doctors.

#### MITTLEMAN, O'NEIL GET ANSWERS

Mittleman, a soft-spoken man who uses hand gestures when talking, has been the area's top medical examiner for more than a decade. Talking to him, you get the sense of being with a college professor. Lots of complicated terms, but he can bring it down to the layman's level.

For example, in the Miami case involving the fire in the hospital that he references, Mittleman said another patient offered the man cigarettes. Officials believed the man dropped a cigarette on his bed near the oxygen mask, accelerating the fire.

"The question, of course, then became, was he alive during the fire, and the answer was no because there was no soot in his airways," Mittleman said, noting the man died of AIDS.

"I think ... he was using his last cigarette, took his oxygen mask off and just died," Mittleman said. "The fire got started and the body got charred."

Mittleman's involvement in such investiga-

tions stretches to 1979 when he became an associate — and then chief — medical examiner in Miami-Dade County. The Brooklyn, N.Y., native came to the Treasure Coast in late 2000.

"In medical school, I was exposed to pathology, it was like trying to solve a riddle, solve a mystery, try and find out how pathology causes disease, why people die. I was interested in the appearances of different diseases," he said. "I find it a satisfying field, intellectually, because once more, you try and find out the hows and whys of how death occurs, the disease processes."

As a parent of a 16-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl, Mittleman says viewing the body of a young person who died is particularly difficult.

He was involved in the case of Brittany Hare, a 14-year-old girl who died in June after being hit by a van driven by a man found to have drugs, including cocaine and benzodiazepines (used as sedative, muscle relaxant), in his system.

"When you see deaths in that age you can identify with that," he said. "But once more you have to look into the situation and how this can help the courts."

The work, Mittleman said, provides a continuous reminder of his own mortality, but he separates himself from that notion to perform his duties.

"Each and every case that I do, approaching the body, it's eerie," he said. "It always is, until I kind of put that aside, which I do, and try and find out why the person died so I can do my job."

Dividing the autopsy case load with Mittleman is O'Neil, 50, who grew up in Memphis, Tenn., and is a big Elvis Presley fan. In medical school, O'Neil said she thought she'd become an obstetrician/

gynecologist, but discovered an interest in forensic pathology.

"Delivering babies was fun when the outcome was good, but when the outcome is not good, there wasn't any worse place to be," she said. "To me, pathology and forensic pathology, you're concentrating more on the science of medicine ... which is what I enjoy."

O'Neil, who has worked in similar roles in Broward and Palm Beach counties, said doctors treating patients are exposed to more difficult issues, such as the emotional trauma experienced by families during end-of-life events, than those in her field.

"We're all going to die, death is a part of life," O'Neil said.

One of her stepsons is a Broward County sheriff's deputy and another is pursuing a job with federal authorities. She's married to a Broward sheriff's lieutenant.

"We actually met over a dead body in a convenience store at 2:30 in the morning," O'Neil said of her spouse. "We started dating later."

She enjoys being involved with several facets of the community, such as relatives of the deceased, law enforcement officials and prosecutors.

Mittleman said assisting others is one of the greatest things he does, helping families by explaining what happened to a loved one and why.

Sometimes genetic implications are discovered, and the information can help family members better manage health issues in their own lives. A son would benefit, for example, to know his father had heart disease.

"It serves a real function for society, and also, of course, in courts in the interest of justice," Mittleman said. "It's an excellent public service."



# Orlando Sentinel

## Colleges track down students who earned degree but didn't know it

By Denise-Marie Ordway, Orlando Sentinel 7:07 p.m. EST, October 29, 2012

How would you like to get a [phone](#) call saying you've been awarded the associate degree you didn't realize you had already completed?

Or open your mailbox to find a professional certificate saying you finished a certain program at a local community college?

Across Florida, community colleges have been scouring their records in search of students who have earned degrees and certificates but not yet received them. And some of the thousands of students who have been contacted in recent months have been surprised by the good news, which comes as the state is pushing colleges to improve their completion [rates](#) and encourage more Floridians to pursue bachelor's degrees.

At **Valencia College** alone, officials say they identify about 60 students each semester who are eligible for associate degrees but failed to turn in the paperwork to graduate. This past spring, Indian River State College granted 222 degrees after poring over records dating back to 2005.

**Seminole State College** recently began awarding professional certificates to students regardless of whether they had applied for them. That came as a surprise to graphic design major Taryn Milosevich, 29, who did not realize she could earn a certificate in digital media while working toward an associate degree.

A few months ago, Seminole State mailed her a certificate. At first, Milosevich was confused. But a call to the school helped her understand the importance of the credential she held in her hand.

Thrilled, she immediately added it to her resume.

"It looks good to have another something on your resume," said the Sanford mother of one who works as a server in Lake Mary.

As lawmakers nationwide press higher-education institutions to help boost the number of Americans with [college degrees](#) to 60 percent by 2025, community colleges have made a host of changes designed to produce more graduates and ease students' transitions to state universities.

State records show that from 2008 to 2011, 13,629 students left community colleges with 60 credits or more completed and without graduating. An associate in arts degree generally requires 60 credits.



Historically, community-college students have had to apply for graduation, a process that prompts academic advisers to confirm degree requirements have been fulfilled. But some students are unaware they have finished their degrees.

Some lost track as they changed majors, moved from school to school or after years of repeatedly starting and stopping their studies. Some students who have their sights on a bachelor's degree simply forget to apply for their two-year degrees.

A number of Florida's community colleges have begun awarding degrees and certificates after an intensive, computerized review of records at the end of each semester instead of waiting for students to turn in their paperwork — a process sometimes called "auto-graduation" or "auto-identification."

Valencia started checking for degrees three years ago, a change that has helped raise its fall graduation rate 18 percent since 2008, said Edwin Sanchez, director of records and graduation.

Seminole State will begin looking for associate degree completions in December, an official there said. Hillsborough Community College started last year.

Nicole Jaguszystyn, a research analyst at Hillsborough, said ensuring students have their associate degrees is important, considering many students drop out before they complete a bachelor's degree.

"We want to make sure they have that marketable associate degree so at least they have something to fall back on," Jaguszystyn said.

Florida colleges also have spent the past several months scouring records going back a decade or more to identify students who meet graduation requirements now that the state has eliminated a standardized testing requirement for community college students.

So far, colleges have awarded 4,427 degrees through that effort, said Carrie Henderson, coordinator of student success at the state Division of Florida Colleges.

Those that have yet to complete that review, including Brevard Community College, will notify students of their results in coming months.

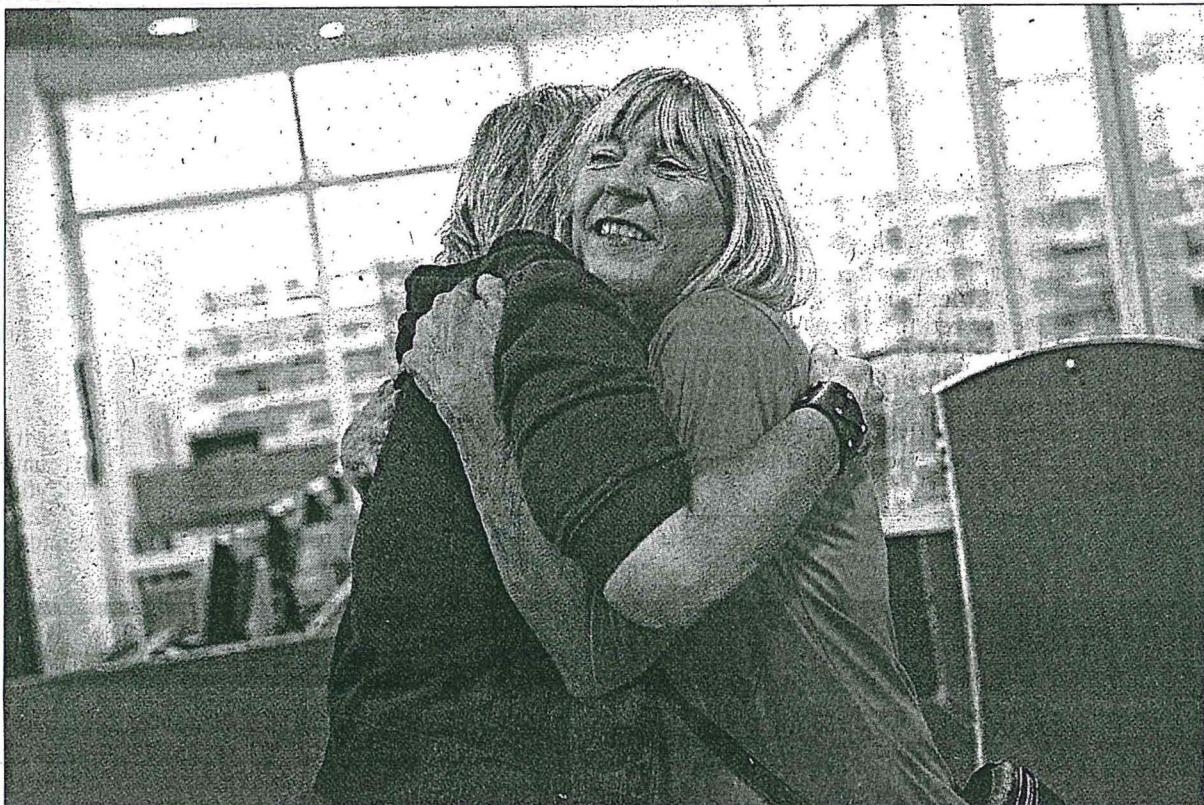
Rodolfo Sifuentes, 24, of Fort Pierce, had stopped going to school for more than a year when Indian River State College called last spring to say he had completed his associate degree. He thought he had one more course to take but could not find the time or money to go back.

"I couldn't believe it," said Sifuentes, a manager at Wendy's. He has been so encouraged, he recently enrolled in classes to start working on a bachelor's degree.

"It's literally changed my life," he said. "I feel so much more optimistic and focused."



# Patrons cheer library reopening



Diane Rose (right) of Vero Beach embraces Brackett Library children's librarian Patti Fuchs on Monday after not seeing her for four months while the Vero Beach library was closed for cleaning after a sewage backup flooded the first floor on June 2. Rose, who is a former children's librarian, has been volunteering since the library opened almost three years ago. "I came in to see if there was anything that I could do," Rose said. "It's good to be back."

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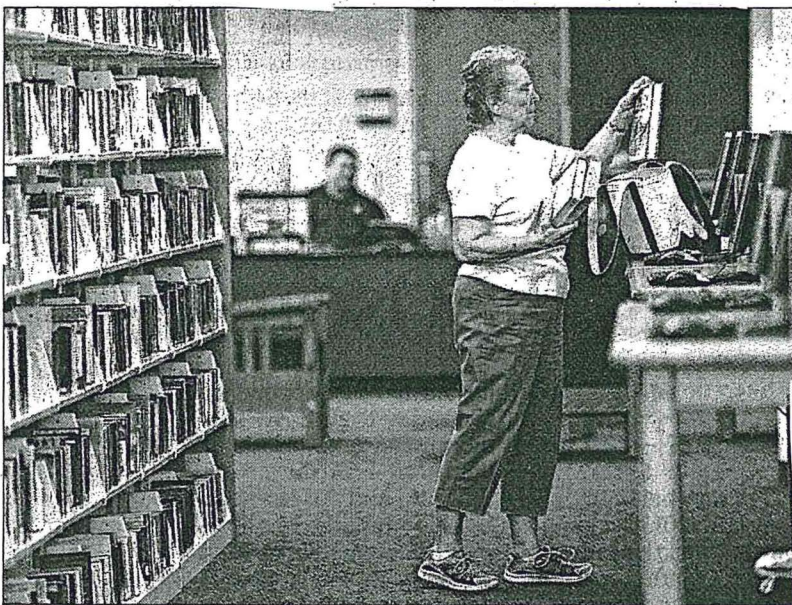
Patrons cheered as the doors of the Brackett Library were opened after a four-month wait.

The public library on the Mueller campus of Indian River State College in Vero Beach closed June 2 after a sewage backup flooded the first floor, according to officials.

"Every book has been gamma-ray treated... every piece of furniture was removed, disassembled, cleaned, re-assembled and returned," said Mike Zito, Indian River County assistant county administrator. "It was a meticulous process." Gamma-ray treatment kills bacteria and completely sterilizes the treated surface.

Library officials originally thought the facility would reopen a few weeks after the incident, said Zito, but they were surprised when industrial hygienists inspected the area and said that it needed to be gutted.

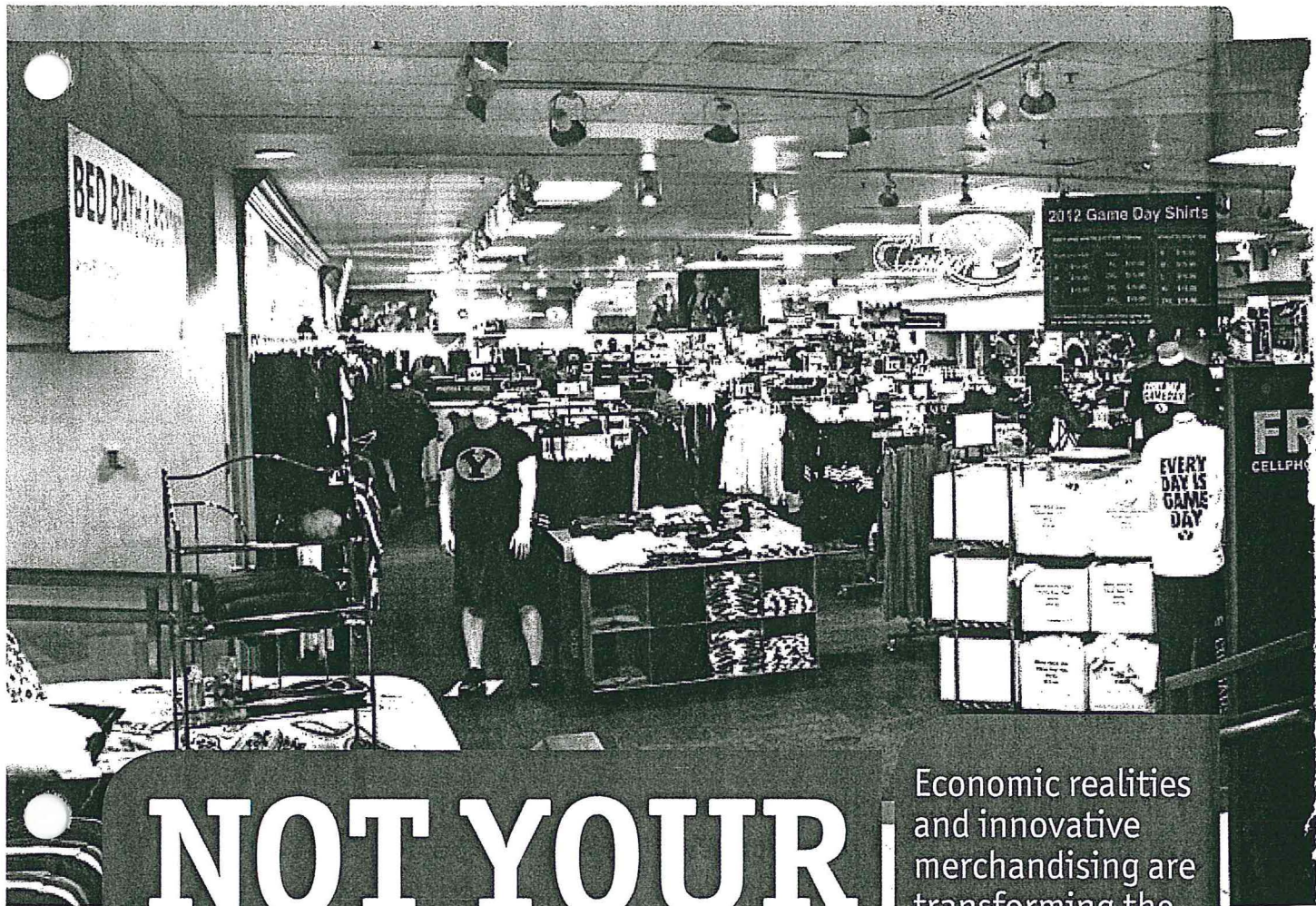
"We've taken every precaution possible," Zito said.



"I've missed it (the library) very much," said Nancy Wilson of Vero Beach, who checked out several books Monday, the first day of the Brackett Library's re-opening after being closed for four months.

The Brackett Library is a full service, joint use public/state college branch library. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday; noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. All children's programs will begin regular scheduling next week, according to Patti Fuchs, children's librarian.





# NOT YOUR PARENTS' CAMPUS STORE

Economic realities and innovative merchandising are transforming the traditional campus bookstore.

# CAMPUS STORE



By  
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*What's missing in this picture? Staff at the Brigham Young University Bookstore wheel out the textbook shelves after the term is underway to make room for a clothing boutique. The store now offers a wider array of merchandise than any other time in its 106-year history.*

**A**t the River Store in Ft. Pierce, Fla., it's hard to miss the course textbooks stacked along multilevel, metal shelves, as well as the array of insignia T-shirts, sweatpants, hoodies, and caps bearing the Indian River State College logo and nickname, the Pioneers. These offerings have long been what generations of students, faculty, and alumni have come to expect at many of the almost 4,500 college stores across the country.

But the River Store, which shares a building with the dining hall and post office on IRSC's main campus, is proving a pioneer in more than nickname. And items such as textbooks and insignia clothing are just part of a newer, wider-reaching approach that is changing business as usual.

Turn to the right after entering the front doors and you'll pass displays of everyday clothing without the college name, a food

section containing ample supplies of everything from Pop Tarts to canned soup, and a freezer crammed with Healthy Choice and Lean Cuisine entrees, as well as an assortment of ice cream products. Keep walking and you'll come to a separate gathering area with green armchairs, red swivel stools, and tables set between a 42-inch flatscreen television and a well-equipped coffee bar wedged into the far corner. On alternate Mondays, between noon and 1 p.m., a sign announces, the IRSC Spanish Club holds its Spanish conversation table here.

Across the hall, a separate store serves the school's medical students. And down the hall, yet another store offers cards and gifts; alumni paraphernalia; and a nook equipped with four computers and a printer available for free student use.

"If you can get students to come in and sit down, they'll walk around and look at

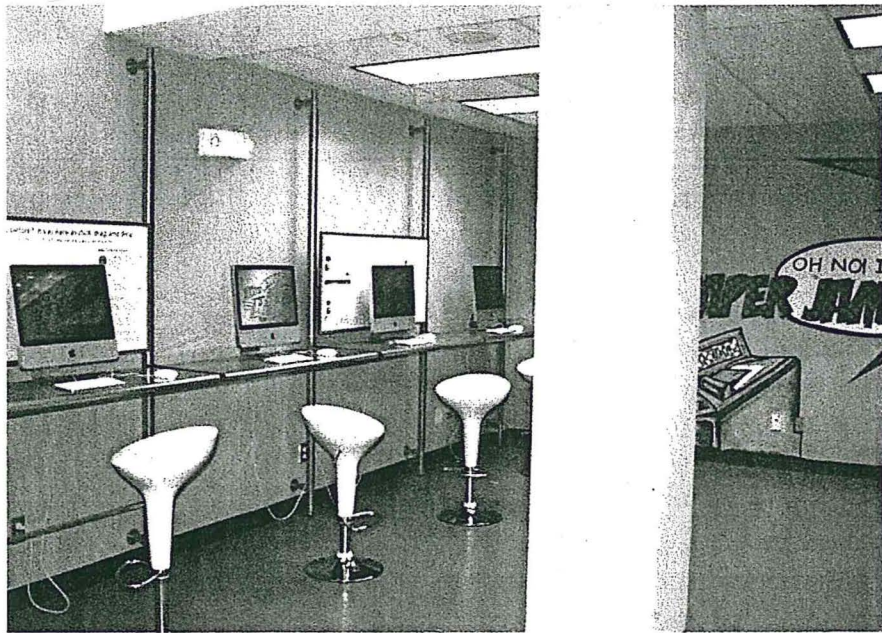
the items," says store manager Lissa Reilly, referring to both the computer area here and the aforementioned lounge and coffee-bar area.

The River Store management team is hardly alone in doing something about foot traffic and changing the mix of products and services available to customers. Whereas at one time college stores enjoyed a virtual monopoly on textbook sales, the option of buying textbooks from online vendors, renting them, or downloading them to e-readers has cut into once-dependable revenues. And a growing number of these businesses are transforming themselves to hold their own, and then some.

"A typical college store used to be a place to meet the academic mission of the school. We provided textbooks, merchandise for students, and a place for alumni to build loyalty," explains Vicki Morris Be-



## NOT YOUR PARENTS' CAMPUS STORE



A nook called the Paper Jam attracts foot traffic to the River Store at Indian River State College.

nion, executive director of the National Association of College Stores (NACS). "It was very clear to us that we needed to engage our students in different ways."

So, two years ago, NACS launched an initiative, dubbed "Defining the College Store of 2015," which encourages its more than 3,000 member stores to reinvent themselves. Among the imperatives NACS laid out were making traditional textbooks available in multiple forms, from e-books to rentals; getting student input in deciding what else to sell; and developing such additions as grocery sections, cafes, and gathering areas to keep students coming back after the textbook "rush" at the beginning of each term.

"Stores might have known they had to branch out, but they needed some education," Benion says, adding that NACS distributed grants to more than a dozen schools to help in the planning process.

### Holding On to the Textbook Trade

The first priority of Roger Reynolds, who has directed the Brigham Young University (Utah) bookstore for the past 13 years, has involved reclaiming a textbook business that has fallen off by 25 percent since 2007. Other college stores around the country report a similar decrease in

business. And in a NACS survey earlier this year, students estimated their annual expenditure on required course materials—wherever they obtain them—at \$655, down from \$702 four years ago.

"It's certainly been a challenge," Reynolds admits, noting that the federal Higher Education Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2008 required college bookstores to distribute lists of required books and their ISBN numbers during registration periods, so students would have the option to buy them more economically elsewhere.

The BYU Bookstore has countered with an online application dubbed My Booklist. "We give students the title, ISBN, and edition of the books for their courses, but on the same page, we list all of our options—new, used, rental, digital copies," Reynolds says, adding that the ability to buy textbooks in any of these forms and at the click of a mouse has kept more business in-house.

The store has also become an affiliate of Amazon.com by providing a portal to the online bookseller, while receiving an eight percent commission in the process. In addition, it has staked its claim as one of the first bookstores in the United States to buy the Espresso Book Ma-

chine—which can print and bind softbound books that the store does not have in stock.

But the biggest change in the textbook business, most observers agree, has been the explosion in rentals. NACS' Benion points out that less than three years ago, only about 300 college stores offered textbook rentals. That number has skyrocketed to 2,500.

"The evolution that we've seen is having a business where you are renting out the assets. Renting textbooks is the most sought-after option for students," says Elio Distaola, the director of public and campus relations for Follett. Nearly all of the almost 900 campus stores managed by Follett now offer the Rent-A-Text program, which was first piloted in 2009. Distaola reports that more than half of the textbooks at Follett-managed stores now go out as rentals. Those books are due back after final exams and cost about half as much as new textbooks.

Starting last year, Barnes & Noble College, which manages 650 campus bookstores, has bent its marketing efforts towards social media. Using the Class of 2015 Facebook pages created for incoming freshmen at various universities, says Lisa Malat, vice president of marketing and operations, "we did a lot of listening and analyzing of conversations."

What resulted was B&N's Freshman Connection, through which the company's college stores stay in online contact with new students months from the date of their acceptance. Those students get answers to questions from whether financial aid debit cards were accepted in the college store (yes, they are) to what's involved with renting textbooks.

The online conversations also make a point of proactively telling students how to save on course textbooks. "They've become a huge medium for us that can create a very personal two-way dialogue," Malat explains. "We're educating early and often."

### Growing the Retail Side

College stores also have dealt with the altered landscape—and revenues—of the textbook business by launching more aggressively into retailing. "Today, it's much more important to focus on true retail management," says Jackie Middleton, the associate vice president for facilities and auxiliaries at The College of Wooster (Ohio). "We needed to grow retail sales to make



up for the shortfall by selling what we've never sold before."

Among its more recent initiatives, the college's Florence O. Wilson Bookstore has brought a growing number of technology products and peripherals into the mix. "Everybody on a college campus today is walking around with headphones or earbuds," Middleton observes.

Some college stores now include mini-Apple stores, and Brigham Young sells various e-readers, as well as cellphones and plans. But the new retailing push goes well beyond high-tech. "We're bringing in new products that we never thought we'd be bringing in, such as health supplements and protein powders for students who take their workouts seriously," Reynolds says.

Charles Schmidt, NACS' director of public relations, sees a silver lining in growing the retail side of the business. While new textbook sales may net between four and six cents on every dollar, he explains, "what you really make money on are the hoodies, T-shirts, and computer accessories."

There's also a new emphasis on ready-to-wear fashion in many stores, leveraged by their central locations and informed by student consultants. "We have employed more and more student workers and let them make more of the buying decisions on the clothing front," says Wooster's Middleton. "We've created hipper boutique sections where students can take a quick look at a shirt and say, 'That design mimics the big retailers at the mall.'"

At Brigham Young, Reynolds wheels out the textbook shelves after the first weeks of the term to make room for a clothing boutique, and he has partnered with companies such as Bed Bath & Beyond to sell their products on campus.

Keeping in mind the values of a younger generation also has begun to pay off for the store. "A few years ago, we brought in chocolates and snacks made by a company that contributes a portion of sales to rainforest preservation, and we were very successful with those products," Middleton reports. "Sometimes an item as small as that can bring a student into the stores. You can do small things to increase sales and get back some of the

foot traffic you've lost."


While playing up school insignia merchandise before big tournaments and games still pays, say college store managers, so does building around Earth Day and products related to sustainability.

### Staying Relevant

The new driving force for today's college stores, say Middleton and others, is becoming—and remaining—relevant to the students who make up the primary customer base.

"You get to the point where you think you're hip, but the kids jump ahead of it," Schmidt from NACS points out. "I say to our (largest middle-aged) store directors, if you feel comfortable in your store, there's probably something wrong. It's the 18- to 22-year-olds who need to be comfortable."

BYU's Reynolds used an NACS grant to survey faculty and student preferences and run focus groups. "We really needed to get into the heads of our customers, because things were changing," he admits.

Besides hearing about new retail directions to pursue, Reynolds learned that the respondents wanted the school's nicknamed "Cougar Wear" to move front and center. "Prior to the 2015 initiative, our Cougar Wear was at the back of the store," he says. "But after our faculty and student research, we moved it forward. They expected to see it as soon as they walked into the store. Now it really looks rah, rah. And we've seen sales increase by 10 percent for those goods." 

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### Resources

Akadémos, [www.akademos.com](http://www.akademos.com)

Barnes & Noble College, [www.bncollege.com](http://www.bncollege.com)

Follett, [www.follett.com](http://www.follett.com)

National Association of College Stores, [www.nacs.org](http://www.nacs.org)

Neebo, [www.neebo.com](http://www.neebo.com)

Rafter, [www.rafter.com](http://www.rafter.com)

## The New Competition

You won't find an college store named Rafter, Akadémos, or Neebo, but these companies have been reshaping the landscape of textbook buying, renting, and more.

Rafter and Akadémos help college stores outsource their textbook operations. After years of doing business as BookRenter—amassing almost 500 affiliations with campus bookstores and claiming to have saved students more than \$200 million in textbook costs along the way—the company renamed itself Rafter this year and launched its online Course Materials Network. It gives professors information on available textbooks, lab equipment, and online education software from which to choose, with an eye to more affordable options.

Stores working with Rafter can connect through a portal that shows traffic, orders, and revenue. RapidReturn and LocalPickup services at the stores themselves aim to help ensure increased foot traffic.

Also making a mark is Akadémos, which sells and rents new and used textbooks. Students at affiliated colleges and universities save money by getting books through its Virtual Bookstore and Marketplace. The reported savings include \$200,000 so far at Bank Street College in New York City and \$100,000 at Wheelock College in Boston. The company also offers CoursePacks, which combine materials from textbooks, digital media, and articles.

The Akadémos online portal allows faculty to evaluate textbooks, which are peer reviewed, before adopting them. While providing college stores with software to track orders, the company emphasizes that without having to manage inventory and sales, managers can save money and use freed-up space for selling more retail merchandise.

Neebo, which sells and rents textbooks online, has established itself at almost 300 sites in college towns, either at official college bookstores, other bookstores near campus, or in some places, actual Neebo stores. The company's textbook rental program promises a hefty savings of up to 75 percent over buying the books new.

The company has also made inroads into the once sacred ground of college-insignia apparel, noting on its website, "We've got everything students and fans need before they head to the big game."



## FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce honors faculty

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FORT PIERCE —Two prestigious awards were given out Sept. 20, when the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine gathered its faculty members for a night of appreciation and academic updates.

The star-studded evening event took place at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. The keynote speaker was John P. Fogarty, M.D., dean of the FSU College of Medicine, presenting his State of the College address.

The regional campus faculty is composed of over 240 active Treasure Coast physicians who take turns teaching 38 third- and fourth-year medical students. The students work one-on-one with the physicians and gain clinical experience through seeing patients in the local hospitals, surgery centers, physicians' offices and other ambulatory care facilities.

Two faculty members received awards from Randall Bertollette, M.D., dean of the Fort Pierce campus.

One, titled Guardian of the Mission, is for a physician whose activities have furthered the college's mission: to "educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations."

Michael Jampol, MD, FSU pediatrics clerkship director, presented this award to Lynn Scheel, MD, a pediatrician at Florida Community Health Center in Port St. Lucie. She has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2007, teaching the first-year Summer Clinical Practicum course and the third-year pediatrics clerkship at her office and St. Lucie Medical Center.

Some comments from them include: "One of her greatest strengths is her compassion for her patients. She is truly an advocate for their health. She is also very interested in learning new things and keeps abreast of new drugs, technology and ways to make



patient care better. She is very knowledgeable about diseases, treatments and resources for her patients in the community.”

The other award, Outstanding Community Faculty Educator, is for exemplary achievement in meeting student educational needs, working collaboratively, dedication to the curriculum principles and enthusiasm for teaching.

Bill Hood, MD, FSU internal medicine clerkship director, presented this award to Ian Boykin, MD, an internal medicine physician in private practice in Fort Pierce with privileges at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and St. Lucie Medical Center.

Boykin teaches the FSU medical students in the first-year Summer Clinical Practicum and the third- and fourth-year internal medicine courses. He has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2007, and is one of the favorite instructors of the students.

The students who have worked with him commented, “Dr. Boykin was a wonderful teacher, doctor, and person. He was great at challenging what you know and pushing you to your best. He is well respected by his patients and colleagues, and is well-liked in this community. He is a good role model and one that I look up to and aspire to emulate. His energy and enthusiasm are incredible. He was very encouraging and gave criticism in a constructive manner. He is a true patient advocate, with an incredible ability to communicate with them.”

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR SARAH PIZARRO, 29

# Port St. Lucie woman wins national honor for company

By Julius Whigham II  
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PORT ST. LUCIE — Sarah Pizarro needed little time to think when she was laid off four years ago from her job in home health care administration.

She decided to start her own company — Ability Home Care, a business that refers nurses, nursing assistants and other caregivers to patients in need of services at home.

Today, Pizarro's company has a staff of 45 and serves clients across the Treasure Coast and in Palm Beach County.

"I enjoy the freedom of being an entrepreneur," said Pizarro, 29. "I enjoy being able to provide jobs for people. And I enjoy having some control over the quality of care that the elder community receives in our area."

Pizarro, who grew up in Wellington and now resides in Port St. Lucie with her son, was recognized as one of the nation's top young entrepreneurs. Her company was selected to this year's Impact 100 Showcase Award list, a national ranking of entrepreneurs under 30. She was invited to, but could not attend, a ceremony at the White House.

"It meant a lot to be able to be recognized for the work that I've put in," she said. "Being young and being able to put this together, it wasn't easy."

Pizarro recalls a time during the company's inception that she did not take a paycheck, and when she was also en-



Sarah Pizarro, 29, of Port St. Lucie, is the owner of Ability Home Care. She started the business after being laid off from her job as an administrator with another home health care service. She recently was recognized with a national Impact 100 Showcase Award, which goes to top entrepreneurs under the age of 30. RICHARD GRAULICH / THE PALM BEACH POST

rolled as a student at Indian River State College.

"It was pretty challenging," she said. "It was all work and no break. I woke up and I was working and I was also in school full time, so a lot of projects I did in school I would try to use my business as the model."

Pizarro said she owned a company a few years ago that provided home physical therapy and massage therapy for the developmentally disabled patients. A cut in state funding forced her to close the business.

But Pizarro said she drew upon that experience as well her administrative experience.

"I knew that I was capable of doing it," she said.

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## Q&A What are your hobbies?

I like to go yoga. I like to exercise. I like to participate in charity events, and I like to cook.

## What is your biggest accomplishment?

"It would definitely be finding success with my business, and becoming a mom as well."

## What has been your biggest challenge?

"Doing everything at the same time. Being a mom and doing school and starting a business."

## What's best advice that you've been given?

"Not to lose sight on why I'm doing what I'm doing. To not get so wrapped up in becoming successful that you don't enjoy life."

## What's one thing people don't know about you that might surprise them?

"I'll try any food at least once. I tried escargot the other day."



## IRSC graduate one of nation's top young entrepreneurs

BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC  
YourNews contributor

**FORT PIERCE** — After a series of layoffs, Sarah Pizarro decided to open her own health care business, Ability Home Care. Energetic and motivated, the single mom had previous work experience in health care but knew she had to polish her business skills and create a business plan for her new firm. Pizarro found the education and guidance she was looking for through the Indian River State College Bachelor's Degree program in Organizational Management.

"The professors were so helpful - their knowledge base and real experience helped me expand the business," she said. Since graduating with her bachelor's degree, Ability Home Care has grown more than 400 percent. The Wellington resident now employs 45 people offering home health services on the Treasure Coast and in Palm Beach County.

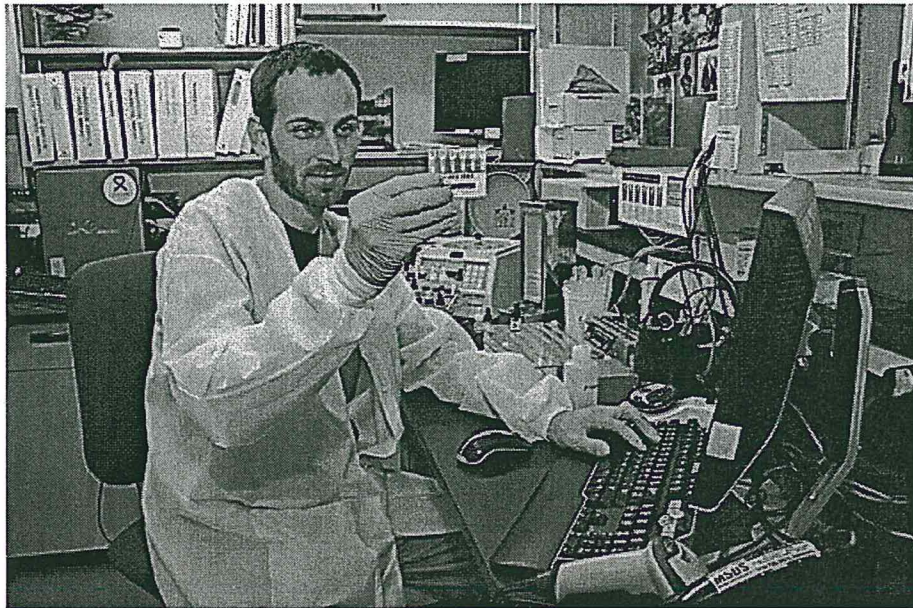
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A former Marine who served eight months in Iraq, Bounds checked out the IRSC website when he returned from his tour of duty, became interested in the information on medical laboratory technology and applied to the program. After completing the classroom, laboratory and clinical coursework, the 26-year-old earned his IRSC Associate Degree in Science in Medical Laboratory Technology in June. He is now employed as a Medical Lab Technologist at Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach as a generalist in the laboratory running tests and processing blood samples.

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For more information visit <http://www.irsc.edu> and click on Choose a Program or Career and then Health Science Programs, or call 1-866-792-4772.

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# Vero Beach resident receives Florida Association of Science Teachers award

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IRSC graduate and teacher, Amanda Sartain (fourth right), recipient of a Florida Association of Science Teachers award, encourages her students' curiosity and participation in science.

FORT PIERCE – Indian River State College graduate Amanda Sartain recently received the Award of Promise by the Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST). The award recognizes a new teacher for maintaining a classroom atmosphere that encourages a positive student attitude toward science, for developing new approaches to teaching science, and for enhancing student curiosity and participation.

Sartain, 25, earned her bachelor's degree in Middle School Science Education from IRSC in 2010. The Vero Beach resident worked as a receptionist while attending IRSC. She credits her professors for their support and sharing their expertise with her success. She presently teaches science and social studies at Northport K-8 Middle School in Port St. Lucie. "I always wanted to make a difference in the lives of children, and now I'm able to influence my students every day," Sartain said.

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Janicia Ricks, Guepsone Belizaire, Nehemie Jean-Phillippe, Mercedes Johnson and other students prepare to race hydrogen fuel cell cars during the summer program for Upward Bound.

## Program prepares students for college

By Dawn Krebs

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Going to college can be hard, and being the first one in a family to go to college can be even harder.

But Indian River State College is making it a little easier for some students. The facility recently received \$2.8 million to help 165 students in Indian River County achieve their goals of going to college.

The money will be used in the Upward Bound program, which provides disadvantaged youth with the skills necessary to not only be suc-

cessful in high school, but to prepare to be successful in college, as well.

"Upward Bound is one of the programs that came out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964," said Adriene Jefferson-Dover, dean of minority affairs at Indian River State College. "The program has been here since 1995."

The goal of the program is to increase the graduation rate of high school students, as well as increase the graduation rate of college students.

"Over the life of the program, 232 students have been served in Indian River County," she said. "We are currently serving 65 students."

The program has high results. According to the data, 97 percent of the stu-

dents in the program graduated high school and enrolled in college.

The college actually operates three Upward Bound programs, two regular programs and one geared toward math and science.

"The Upward Bound math and science is designed to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science, and to pursue postsecondary degrees, and ultimately, careers in those fields," she said.

The students selected into an Upward Bound program must reside in Indian River County. Also, the family must meet specific income guidelines, neither parent can have obtained a four-year college degree and the student must demonstrate a need for financial support.

"There's a recruitment process in the eighth-grade middle schools, as well as targeted high schools for students to learn about the program," Ms. Jefferson-Dover said.

"Students are then asked to fill out applications, which are screened by a committee. The student will then undergo an interview process with their parent."

In addition to the many programs that are offered to students throughout the school year, they also take part in a six-week summer residential program where they live on a college campus and learn in a college environment.

*For more information on the Upward Bound program, call the school at (866) 792-4772 or go online to [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).*



# Study Aboard Creates Lasting Memories For IRSC Students

by Michelle Abaldo

**Indian River State College students returned from study abroad this summer energized with new interests and inspired by a broader world view.**

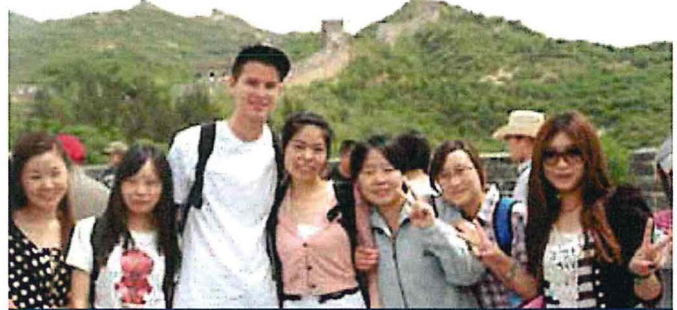
Four trips were held with emphasis on art, history, economics, business, astronomy and service learning. Each trip was replete with new experiences, including a mild earthquake over two miles up in the Andes. Centered in Venice, the ten-day Bella Venezia experience engaged students in in-depth study of one of the world's most unique and historic cities. The students viewed priceless art, visited the world-famous Cathedral de San Marco, of course, surrounded by pigeons, and floated on the Grand Canal. Surprisingly one of the most fascinating firsts for many of the students was riding a train. The group traveled from Venice to Padua to see the Scrovengi Chapel and Donatello's towering equestrian statue of Gattamelata.

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Back by popular demand, the trip to China focused on international business, with visits to Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The students toured Chinese companies, visited the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and attended lectures and interacted with students at Chinese universities. In addition to the business exposure, visits to Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall provided insight into the country's cultural and historic heritage.

The mysteries of Machu Picchu were revealed during the nine-day excursion to Peru. Students visited the Inca stronghold of Ollantaytambo, learned about astronomy and viewed the Southern Hemisphere's stars at the Cuzco Planetarium. They became familiar with the language, culture, and traditions of the Peruvian people and even were amazed to feel the shaking of a mild earthquake over two miles up in the Andes, the highest mountain range in the Americas and the longest in the world.

Immersed in service learning, seven students traveled to Costa Rica and delivered health information and care to the residents of the LaCarpio community. They



Climbing the Great Wall was one of many unique experiences for students engaged in IRSC Study Abroad to China.

conducted home visits and blood sugar testing, and held a health fair for women and children. One of the most meaningful experiences was helping young mothers. The students took on-site classes in Spanish and gained a deep knowledge of the country's customs and culture. Another group of intrepid travelers will participate in the 2013 IRSC Study Abroad experiences to Puerto Rico, Europe, Brazil, Macedonia and Costa Rica. 🇺🇸





## On the Move

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### Keim honored by association for work

Barry Keim, Indian River State College vice president of administration and finance, was named the 2012 Outstanding Chief Business Officer for Region VI by the Community College Business Officers Association. The award was presented at the organization's 30th Annual International Conference Oct. 2. Keim was previously honored with this recognition in 1996.



Barry Keim

In addition to being twice named the association's Regional Outstanding Chief Business Officer, Keim was selected as the Association of Florida College Administrator of the Year for Professional Excellence in 1997. In 2003 he was awarded the Ken Jarrett Service Award for Service to the Florida Community College Council of Business Affairs.



# IRSC provost to focus on networking, economic growth

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**By Michelle Ashworth**  
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**Dr. Tina Hart, IRSC**  
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Hart holds a Ph.D. in higher education leadership and a master's degree in counselor education from Florida Atlantic University and a bachelor of science degree from Florida State University.

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Each year, NCSPOD members nominate a faculty or staff member or an administrator that best exemplifies professional development.

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## Learn about underlying motivations, influence of media on community discussions

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STUART —Dr. Bruce Fraser, Assistant Dean of Communications and Social Sciences at Indian River State College, will present an introduction to the importance of community conversations November 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

In this first talk in Martin County Library System's Community Engagement series, Dr. Fraser will speak about underlying motivations when groups discuss certain topics, illustrating the influence of media on public discourse.

The event is free and open to the public. To learn more about the library system's Civic Engagement Series, Community Conversations, visit [tiny.cc/CommunityConversations](http://tiny.cc/CommunityConversations).

For more information or to learn more about the Martin County Library System, call (772) 221-1403, pick up a Library Connection at any Martin County library, or visit the library website at <http://www.library.martin.fl.us>.

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## IRSC professor to lecture in Taiwan

BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC  
YourNews contributor

**FORT PIERCE** — Dr. Elliot Cohen, professor of philosophy at Indian River State College, will conduct a series of lectures on philosophical counseling at the graduate school of psychology at Chengchi University in Taiwan.

He will also conduct a two-day workshop at Fu Jen Catholic University for

about 80 faculty members, graduate students and philosophical counselors. The lectures are based on his book, *The New Rational Therapy*, which has been translated into Chinese. The lecture series is made possible by a grant from the National Science Council (NSC), the main government funding body for science research in the Republic of China.

A Port St. Lucie resident, Dr. Cohen is the author of numerous books and publications on applied philosophy. He also writes a blog entitled, "What would Aristotle do?" for *Psychology Today*, and is the executive director of The National Philosophical Counseling Association (NPCA), the first major association of philosophical counseling in the United States.



**Calvin Lane** 10-19-12  
Fort Pierce *SL Tribune, Stuart News*

Calvin W. Lane, 63, died Oct. 14, 2012.

He was born in Piedmont, Ala., and lived in Fort Pierce since 1964.

He retired from Indian River State College as physical plant director.



He was an Army veteran serving in Vietnam and received a Vietnam

Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and an Expert Rifle Medal.

He was a member of the Sunrise Kiwanis Club and Haven Ministries Church and volunteered with the VanDuzer Foundation.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Delores P. Lane of Fort Pierce; sons, Chadwick P. Lane of Vero Beach, Christopher W. Lane of Fort Pierce and Jason Lane of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; brothers, Elbert "Pete" Lane and David K. Lane; sisters, Sue McDaniel, Jane Stanton, Gail Smith and Reatha Brown; one grandchild; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, William Slade Lane; parents, William P. Lane and Donnie Elizabeth Cain; brother, Alvin "Ricky" Lane; and sisters, Omenda Carolyn Mitchell and Joyce Marie Wilson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VanDuzer Foundation, c/o Scott Van Duzer, 2311 S. 35th St., Fort Pierce, FL 34981; or to the Treasure Coast Hospice, 5000 Dunn Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34981, [www.tchospice.org](http://www.tchospice.org).

**Services:** Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Oct. 20 with a service to follow at 3 p.m. at Haisley Funeral Home, Fort Pierce. A guestbook is available at [www.haisleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.haisleyfuneralhome.com).



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FT. PIERCE, FL**

Calvin W. Lane, 63, died October 14, 2012 in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Mr. Lane was born in Piedmont, Alabama and moved to Ft. Pierce in 1964.

Calvin retired from Indian River State College as Physical Plant Director. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam and received a Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and an Expert Rifle Medal. He was a member of the Sunrise Kiwanis Club, Haven Ministries Church, and volunteered with the VanDuzer Foundation. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a classic car builder, avid outdoorsman, and loved NASCAR.

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**Services:** Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 2-3 PM with a service to follow at 3:00 PM at Haisley Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service. An online guest book may be signed at [www.haisleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.haisleyfuneralhome.com)

*Paid Obituary*



## Grumman retirees award scholarship

10-17-13 *Stuart News*

**BY NANCY SCHAEFER**  
YourNews contributor

**STUART** — The Treasure Coast chapter of the Grumman Retiree Club presented its annual scholarship to Kuisman Mazariegos at its monthly meeting June 20.

Scholarship Chairman Werner Bols and President Nancy Schaefer represented the club, which awards an annual scholarship to an Indian River State College student who is majoring in engineering.

Mazariegos became the first person in his family

to attend college when he began as a dual enrollment student at South Fork High School in Martin County. He graduated in May.

This is the fourth year that the club has presented a \$1,000 scholarship to a local student. The club's membership is comprised of former employees and/or retirees of Grumman and its many subsidiaries.

For more information, contact the club's president Nancy Schaefer at 772-528-8169 or email [nmscha@aol.com](mailto:nmscha@aol.com).



## College hosting alumni dinner

### For Hometown News

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TREASURE COAST — The Indian River State College health sciences department, in conjunction with the IRSC Foundation and alumni association, is holding a health sciences alumni dinner.

The event will be held Oct. 30 starting at 6 p.m. in the IRSC Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, room Y102 on 35th Street at the main campus in

Fort Pierce.

The theme for the evening is, pioneer alumni transforming health care with the purpose of bringing alumni together to celebrate the pioneer spirit of caring.

Proceeds from the event will be designated to health sciences student scholarship support. The keynote speaker for the evening will be IRSC alumna Donna Vocelle, a registered nurse.

Tickets are \$50 per person

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## Alumni

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and include dinner, games, prizes and more. All IRSC alumni are invited to return to The River and reconnect with IRSC and fellow pioneer graduates.

RSVPs must be received by Oct. 19 and attendance is limited to the first 75 who respond.

To make a reservation, visit [www.irscfoundation.org](http://www.irscfoundation.org), call (772) 462-7254 or email [tcinkovi@irsc.edu](mailto:tcinkovi@irsc.edu).

## IRSC to host Health Sciences Alumni Dinner

The Indian River State College Health Sciences Department, in conjunction with the IRSC Foundation and Alumni Association, will host a Health Sciences Alumni Dinner. The event will be on Tuesday, Oct. 30, starting at 6 p.m. in the new IRSC Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Room Y102, on 35th Street at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

The theme for the evening is, Pioneer Alumni Transforming Health Care with the

purpose of bringing alumni together to celebrate the "Pioneer Spirit of Caring." Proceeds from the event will be designated to health sciences student scholarship support. The keynote speaker for the evening will be IRSC alumna, Donna Vocelle, R.N., C.H.P., C.N.N.

Tickets are \$50 per person for an evening filled with a "healthy dose" of dinner, games, prizes, and more! All IRSC alumni are invited to return to The River and reconnect with

IRSC and fellow Pioneer graduates.

RSVPs must be received by Friday, Oct. 19, and attendance is limited to the first 75 who respond.

Reservations can be made online at: [www.irscfoundation.org/p/144/events](http://www.irscfoundation.org/p/144/events) by clicking on the Health Science Alumni Dinner event or by contacting Terrea Cinkovic at 772-462-7254 or [tcinkovi@irsc.edu](mailto:tcinkovi@irsc.edu).



# IRSC to hold bachelor's degree information sessions

- Jean Patton - IRSC
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IRSC bachelor's degree in middle school science education graduate Amanda Sartain, right, presently teaches science and social studies at Northport K-8 Middle School in Port St. Lucie.

FORT PIERCE — Indian River State College now offers 20 bachelor's degree programs that can be completed locally at IRSC campuses and online. Information about program options, application procedures, financial aid and more will be provided during Bachelor's Degree Information Week in November. During the week of Nov. 13, information sessions related to various areas of interest will be held at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. All sessions begin at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, a General Information Session will provide information on IRSC Bachelor's Degree programs overall. It will be held in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies off 35th Street. On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the focus will be on Bachelor's Degrees in Education, including programs in middle school and high school math and science and Exceptional Student Education. The Education Information Session will be held in Building E, Room 108, off 35th Street. On Thursday, Nov. 15, attendees will learn about Bachelor's Degree programs in public service fields such as criminal justice, human services and public administration, with concentrations in public policy and leadership and emergency planning and management.

"IRSC students benefit from a quality education at affordable cost, with small classes and personal attention from faculty," said Ian Neuhard, IRSC Director of Baccalaureate Programs. "We invite you to attend an information session of your choice to learn how you can continue your education to the Bachelor's level at IRSC."

Five new IRSC Bachelor's Degree programs were added in 2012. These include the Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration offering students a competitive advantage in the business world with knowledge and skills in management, finance, strategic planning, human resources, accounting and entrepreneurship. Also new is the Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology/Security Management which prepares students for a well-paying career in information technology and cyber security, one of the nation's most rapidly growing fields impacting business, government and the military.

Other degree options include biology, digital media, nursing, organizational management, and health care administration. The Priority Application Deadline for the Spring 2013 Semester is December 7 and classes begin January 7.

IRSC recently earned two new rankings highlighting its combination of excellence and reasonable cost. The College was recognized as the 10th top regional public college in the South by U.S. News & World Report and as the 5th most affordable college in the nation on the U.S. Department of Education College Affordability and Transparency Report. Tuition cost at IRSC is 40 percent less than Florida state universities and many grants, scholarships and other financial aid opportunities are available. For more information, contact the IRSC Call Center 1-866-792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).

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# Okeechobee students attend STEM Symposium at IRSC

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Over 800 Okeechobee students attended the first ever STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Symposium at Indian River State College, Friday to learn more about various careers that emphasize science, technology, engineering and math.

OHS guidance counselor Heather Gillis thought a change to the old format of career day might make more of an impact on kids. Instead of one large forum, the kids were broken up into career fields that they showed an interest in. Each session lasted 15 minutes with a representative of that career briefly explaining the work shifts, responsibilities, and the advantages of these jobs.

Among the speakers were representatives of the Florida Department of Corrections, Martin County Fire Rescue, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue, Okeechobee County Sheriffs Department, Okeechobee City Police, Okeechobee City Public Works, the Okeechobee Clerk of the Courts office, Okeechobee County Schools, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Indian River State Colleges various career fields like culinary arts and nursing.

Gillis said she felt it was a great opportunity for students to get real, personal information about the career fields that interest them, "Students understand that they must have some sort of additional education be it a technical school, an AA degree, or a bachelors degree in order to compete for jobs. It is a competitive work force today."

She said students are definitely motivated to learn more about future opportunities and that she gets tons of questions at school.

Jill Rogers of Communities in Schools assisted in the organization of the event. She said they had a wonderful turnout and the kids were really excited to be there and learn more.

"The kids also got some good tips from these speakers on how to get involved, what they need to do to prepare for a career and avoid getting behind the 8-ball," she added.

Okeechobee Correctional Institution Classification Supervisor J.F. Jones said corrections is a field of courage because you must have courage to deal with violent offenders.

There is a thin line between fantasy in reality. In corrections the only thing an officer has is a belt and pepper spray. They must walk around violent offenders and tell them what to do and that takes courage," he added.

He said the FDOC is always hiring and that jobs are available online or by calling the various prisons around the state.

Karl Holtkamp of Okeechobee County Fire Rescue told students about the duties of firemen and paramedics, the various courses they must take and the salary and job hours of his profession.

Students also got to tour a medical helicopter from Martin County and take time to meet a tracking dog from the FWC.

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Tamara Nanaez of Port St. Lucie also explained to kids the many opportunities a career in the military can offer. She entered the army at age 19 and has been in the service for 12 years. She said it is a very competitive field but has a lot of advantages.

"We are highly selective and the field is not for everyone but the Army does provide excellent opportunities for its people," she added.

Students from Okeechobee High School, the Freshman Campus and Okeechobee Achievement Academy were among those that participated in the symposium.

IRSC Provost Russ Brown greeted the group at a morning session and they broke up into 18 different groups to tour the various career fields that interest them.





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## EDUCATION

# IRSC to celebrate Cultural Diversity Day

**BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC**  
YourNews contributor

**FORT PIERCE** — Indian River State College will launch its recognition of International Education Week on Monday, Nov. 5, with Cultural Diversity Day, a celebration of people, food, music and customs from around the world.

Students will present displays focusing on various cultures and student and community performers will provide entertainment, including songs and dances with international flair. Audience members typically join in the lively performances. The event will begin at noon with a Parade of Nations.

IRSC students from around the world will carry flag posters representing

their country of origin and parade into the Koblegard Student Union at the Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

Students are encouraged to enter the Cultural Events Photo Competition by submitting a photo of a cultural event, holiday celebration or international activity.

Prizes include a \$25 gift certificate from the IRSC Bookstore and a free enlargement from the Jiffy Photo Center in Fort Pierce for each of the top three winners. For more information on the photo competition, contact Keara Sodano at [ksodano@irsc.edu](mailto:ksodano@irsc.edu).

The week's events will continue with International Games Day on Wednesday, Nov. 7. The Campus



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The sounds of heel stomping accompanied the twists and turns of Mexican dancers El Ballet Folklórico Guadalajara at the 2011 IRSC Cultural Diversity Day event.

Coalition Government is sponsoring music, games and refreshments outdoors

under the gazebo at the Main Campus from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Activities will culminate in a Veteran's Summit open to the public on Thursday, Nov. 8 in the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, at the Main Campus, off 35th Street.

The event will begin at noon with displays and information about veteran's programs and services at IRSC and in the community. Representative Gayle Harrell, District 81, will be the guest speaker, followed by a panel discussion with representatives from various military conflicts sharing their experiences overseas.

International Education Week is sponsored by the IRSC Global Initiatives and the International Week Subcommittee. For more information, call 1-866-792-4772.



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## IRSC provides fast track to teaching career

The Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) at Indian River State College provides a fast track to a teaching career for anyone who holds a Bachelor's Degree in a field other than education. Participants can complete the program in less than a year with convenient Saturday, evening and online classes. EPI students are well-prepared to become a highly-qualified teacher with professional state certification. An information session about the program will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. in Building E, Room 108 at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Building E is on the 35th Street side of the campus.

Dozens of people from all walks of life have completed the program and have been hired by school districts. Tom White, who served as a Green Beret and always had an interest in history, is now teaching world history at Forest Grove Middle School. Another graduate, Jessica Kolibas, is teaching English at Martin County High School.

"We invite you to share your knowledge, give back to the community and positively

impact the future as a teacher," said Kelly Amatucci, who coordinates the program at IRSC.

IRSC is actively involved with the recruitment and education of teachers for Treasure Coast classrooms, and the EPI was developed to help combat the teacher shortage. EPI assists with certification in all subject disciplines with a special emphasis on attracting teachers in math, science and Exceptional Student Education (ESE).

For more information, call IRSC at 1-866-792-4772.



# IRSC students receive hands-on training

BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC  
YourNews contributor

**FORT PIERCE** — Aquaculture, the farming of aquatic animals and plants, is one of the fastest growing segments of the United States and global agricultural economies. Florida is the third largest aquaculture producing state and produces the greatest variety of aquatic organisms in the U.S., such as clams, ornamental fish and plants, shrimp, fish and alligators. Aquaculture scientists at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and Indian River State College offer a unique educational program where college students receive hands-on training in molluscan, fish, and crustacean aquaculture in a cutting-edge facility.

Recently, seven IRSC students enrolled in "Principles of Molluscan Aquaculture" class learned hands-on about clam farming by planting measured clams in mesh bags and planting the bags in state approved waters. Clam farming helps clean the water and is environmentally friendly. In 10 weeks the students retrieve the bags and



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IRSC aquaculture student Justin Kiger learns hands-on about clam farming by measuring and planting clams.

check the clams' survival and growth rate. It takes 12 months for the cultured clams to reach market-size.

Successful clam farmer and IRSC graduate Terry Lange assisted with the clam planting.

"Clam aquaculture in the state is big business with about 450 farmers producing

a crop worth approximately \$20 million," Lange said.

For more information about these growing educational and career opportunities contact IRSC Professor Dr. Ann McMullian (IRSC) at 772 336-6211 or email [amcmulliirsc.edu](mailto:amcmulliirsc.edu) or HBOI Dr. Susan Laramore (HBOI) at 772 242-2525.



# INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

## 'Pick Your Path' at IRSC Fall Career Fair

BY JEAN PATTON - IRSC  
YourNews contributor

**FORT PIERCE** — Indian River State College serves as an accessible resource for education and training in the local community. On Saturday, Oct. 13, IRSC will host the Pick Your Path Fall Career Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the IRSC Blackburn Educational Building.

The IRSC Pick Your Path Fall Career Fair is a family

event to come and learn more about careers, IRSC Quick Job Training, financial aid and educational opportunities available with IRSC.

The IRSC Pick Your Path Fall Career Fair will feature music, refreshments, demonstrations of many IRSC Quick Job Training programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) open house, career information,

and more. Community partners for the event include Workforce Solutions, Harvest Outreach, Fort Pierce Housing Authority and the Boys and Girls Club.

The Blackburn Educational Building is an IRSC facility that helps support the revitalization of Fort Pierce. The Blackburn serves as the learning hub of the R. "Duke" Nelson Human Development &

Resources Center located at 3002 Avenue D. It is a community resource that provides needed training for more rewarding careers, good pay and brighter futures.

For more information about the career fair or programs available at the Blackburn Educational Building and IRSC, call (866) 792-4772, email info@irsc.edu or visit www.irsc.edu.



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### 'Pick Your Path' at IRSC fall career fair

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## IRSC offers 'Pick Your Path' fall career fair

Come and 'Pick Your Path' at IRSC Fall Career Fair at the Blackburn Educational Building, Oct. 13.

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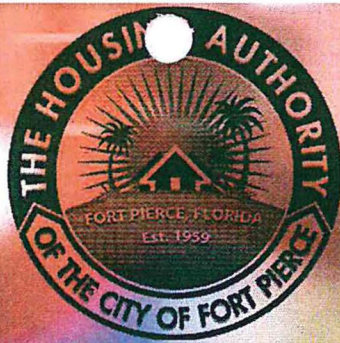
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## Spencer Gilbert Annual Scholarship

Educational Scholarships are available to outstanding students in FPHA's Public Housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and its Affordable Housing Program to start or continue secondary education. Scholarships are available for Associate Degrees, Bachelor Degrees, Master's Degree or Vocational Training.

Applications are available at 511 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce or at your Site Management Offices. Applications can also be downloaded at [www.hacfp.org](http://www.hacfp.org).

All applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, November 15, 2012.

## VOTE\*VOTE\*VOTE\*VOTE

The 57th quadrennial United States Presidential, State and Local Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Don't forget to vote and to remind others to vote. Your vote is your voice, speak up and be heard!

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## Free Tutoring

Wee Wuns Primary Preparatory & Developmental Learning Center is currently offering free tutoring services. For your child to be eligible for free tutoring your child must attend a Title 1 School and have scored Level 1 or Level 2 on the FCAT. Please call (772) 467-1555 for more information.

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## Quick Read

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### **IRSC OFFERS HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT COURSE**

Individuals looking for training to get jobs in hospitality and restaurant management will be interested in the new hospitality and restaurant management training course offered by Indian River State College and the Corporate Community Training Institute.

This program is free to eligible candidates and, upon completion of the course, will provide them with a National Certificate in Hospitality and Restaurant Management.

Many local high-end restaurants and country clubs are ready to hire students who complete this course.

Classes start Nov. 26 and end Dec. 21. All classes will be at IRSC'S Mueller Campus in the Richardson Center.

For information on the course, contact Sherrie Coleman at 772-226-2692 or email [scoleman@irsc.edu](mailto:scoleman@irsc.edu).

Visit [www.irscbiz.com](http://www.irscbiz.com) or more information for this and other available business, entrepreneurship services and training available through IRSC and the Corporate Community Training Institute.



# High school juniors, seniors invited to explore careers at IRSC event

- Jean Patton - IRSC
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Westwood High School student Brianna Brantley evaluated a strand of DNA from a strawberry at last year's Great Explorations event at IRSC.

FORT PIERCE —With so many choices, picking the best educational and career path can be daunting for high school students.

The Great Explorations event at [Indian River State College](#) offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities and tours of IRSC facilities related to their career interests, combined with information on the education required for their career choice.

Great Explorations will be held on Friday, Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. High school juniors and seniors from public and private high schools and home schooled students are all invited to participate at no charge.

"Great Explorations gives high school students the chance to get first-hand experience related to their career choices. This opportunity can reinforce their choice or result in a change of plan, but in either case Great Explorations is a very valuable experience for hundreds of Treasure Coast high school students each year," said Eileen Storck, IRSC Director of Enrollment Management.

Tours are customized relative to students' interests, such as health care, information technology, law, medicine, digital media, business, public safety, education, science or fine arts.

More than 50 tours will be created to accommodate students. Students will conduct DNA experiments, visit the Hallstrom Planetarium, convert cooking oil into biodiesel fuel, learn about emergency response to terrorism, tour a green-screen special effects studio, visit a national public radio station, perform lung function tests and much more.

The theme of the 2013 Great Explorations event is Innovation, and students will be asked to consider how innovations, discoveries and new companies will affect their future career.

Parents of students interested in the event should call the IRSC Call Center at 1-866-792-4772 for registration procedures.

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## EDUCATION

# High school juniors, seniors invited to explore careers at IRSC event

BY JEAN PATTON, IRSC  
YourNews contributor

**FORT PIERCE** — With so many choices, picking the best educational and career path can be daunting for high school students.

The Great Explorations event at Indian River State College offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities and tours of IRSC facilities related to their career interests, combined with information on the education required for their career choice.

Great Explorations will be held on Friday, Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. High school juniors and seniors from public and private high schools and homeschooled students are all invited to participate at no charge.

“Great Explorations gives high school students the chance to get first-hand

experience related to their career choices. This opportunity can reinforce their choice or result in a change of plan, but in either case Great Explorations is a very valuable experience for hundreds of Treasure Coast high school students each year,” said Eileen Storck, IRSC Director of Enrollment Management.

Tours are customized relative to students’ interests, such as health care, information technology, law, medicine, digital media, business, public safety, education, science or fine arts.

More than 50 tours will be created to accommodate students. Students will conduct DNA experiments, visit the Hallstrom Planetarium, convert cooking oil into biodiesel fuel, learn about emergency response to terrorism, tour a green-screen special effects studio, visit a national public radio station, perform lung function tests and much more.



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Westwood High School student Brianna Brantley evaluated a strand of DNA from a strawberry at last year’s Great Explorations event at IRSC.

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## Vendors sought for IRSC DECA Holiday Bazaar

By news release

Monday, October 1, 2012

Vendors are sought for the 32nd Annual DECA Holiday Bazaar offered by the Indian River State College Chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi, a student business organization.

It will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Hundreds of craft and gift items will be on sale. Food, drinks, and bake goods also will be available.

Each year the bazaar provides a forum for IRSC students to apply various skills learned in the classroom. IRSC business students plan, coordinate, and organize the event. The event features approximately 125 vendors.

Funds will be raised through various activities. A portion of all proceeds raised by IRSC student activities will benefit the President's Challenge Scholarship Fund.

For vendor information, call 1-866-792-4772.



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## **Mueller Center to offer FitnessFirst**

FitnessFirst, a circuit-training program, will be offered at 4 p.m. Wednesdays at the Brackett Library on the ~~IRSC~~ Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane in Vero Beach. The program is appropriate for all fitness levels.

FitnessFirst is a mix of cardio and strength training in short bursts, focusing on variety to build stamina, endurance and balance. It is designed for those short on time, seeking to enhance healthy lifestyles.

No registration is required; donations are suggested.

For more information, call 772-770-5060 ext. 4121.



# WQCS: 30 years on the air



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Drew Mello, the Morning Edition host on WQCS radio, prepares to record a segment for the noon news update from inside the station's state-of-the-art studio along with the station's public affairs and special features specialist Jill Roberts on Oct. 11. The Fort Pierce public radio station located on the campus of Indian River State College has been on the air 30 years and has been the area's national Public Radio affiliate as of last March. "I like this job because each day is different," Mello said. "I worked in rock radio and jazz radio for many years and it got to be much of the same, but each day is different here so I like the variety. You never know what's going to happen when you walk in the door."

## Public radio station plans Open House to celebrate

By Melissa E. Holsman  
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For three decades, public radio station WQCS 88.9 FM in Fort Pierce has kept listeners informed through devastating storms, provided engaging entertainment, news and classical music and sparked community involvement for causes across the Treasure Coast.

It's a 30-year mission the station's staff takes seriously, according to general manager Madison Hodges, who says the National Public Radio affiliate, located at the Fort Pierce campus of Indian River State College, will continue for decades to come.

"Thirty years is significant because it fairly represents the fact that the station has been providing service for a number of years," Hodges said of the radio outlet's anniversary, "and that the community has been very supportive of the station to enable it to continue to do these things."

To recognize its three decades of broadcasting, the award-winning station will have a 30th Anniversary Open House on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, where listeners can meet local program hosts and tour the station's all-digital studios.

WQCS debuted as 88.3 FM in a small campus

See WQCS, 4A

### INSIDE

WQCS's awards and operating budget through the years, plus a look at WQCS News Director Jill Roberts, who received an Edward R. Murrow award for her Honor Flight series. 4A



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO FROM WQCS

WQCS Station Manager Jim Holmes (front row, from left), Florida Department of Education Public Broadcasting Director Eric Smith and WFSU Development Director Mary Dekle. WQCS Public Relations/Development Specialist Adrienne Moore (back row, from left), Car Talk's Tom Magliozzi, WFSU Station Manager Madison Hodges, WKGC Station Manager Lester Spencer, WUFT Station Manager Rick Lehner and Car Talk's Ray Magliozzi.

### WQCS Open House

**What:** WQCS 30th Anniversary Open House

**Highlights:** Visitors can tour the all-digital station, meet "Young Musician Spotlight" performers along with on-air personalities "Morning Edition" host Drew Mello, public affairs and special features specialist Jill Roberts, "Floridays" host Janie Gould, John Bell of "Skywatch," "Lifeline" host Patty Corey, "American Songbook's" Dick Golden and many others.

**When:** 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 30 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 1

**Where:** Fort Pierce campus of Indian River State College near the Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave.

**For details:** Call 888-286-8936 or visit [www.wqcs.org](http://www.wqcs.org).



## TREASURE COAST

WQCS  
from 1A

building as a 3,000-watt station on March 23, 1982, and was licensed to then-Indian River Community College. In its earliest days, according to the station's history posted on its website, QCS served an area between Fort Pierce, northern Stuart and parts of Vero Beach. By April 1985, the station changed to 88.9 FM and was dubbed "Classic 89," as it turned on a new 100,000-watt transmitter and tower built adjacent to its studio then located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center.

In May 1993, the station moved into its current location near the Hallstrom Planetarium. It serves a listening area from northern Palm Beach County to southern Brevard County, including Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

Veteran news director Jill Roberts, who in 1987 was hired as the station's public affairs and special features specialist, said she was once accustomed to people not knowing who they were.

"I used to go places and I would have to explain to people what QCS was. I have found that as the decades have worn on, I no longer have to do that," she said. "We did classical music as we continue to do, and at that point, I don't know if we had the news reputation that we have now, and that kind of limited our audience. But now I find it completely different."

During its three decades, some of public radio's top broadcast professionals made a career of bettering QCS, including former general manager Jim Holmes, who retired in 2006 after 23 years.

Adrienne Moore, the station's 25-year public relations specialist until she retired in 2007, said among his accomplishments, Holmes established the station's "quiet drive" fundraising efforts to avoid the widely used "beg-a-thons" known to disrupt regularly sched-

uled programs. Holmes kept in constant contact with the operation, Moore said, on and off duty.

"In the early years," she recalled, "he used to sleep with a plug in his ear so he could hear the station at night in case we went off the air."

## COMMUNITY PARTNER

Moore said through the years, dozens of dedicated staff members fostered the station's commitment to bring local news and relevant programming to its audience.

"The community really wrapped their arms around us," Moore said. "We were active during the Fort Pierce Centennial ... we even have a CD and a CD player put away in one of their 100-year capsules."

Most important, she said, has been QCS' role as the area's emergency broadcast station, a state-assigned designation.

After the 2004-2005 storms, Moore said people often called to say "I may not listen every day, you're not my kind of music, but God knows you people have helped us, and we know where to go to listen."

In the late 1980s and 1990s, Moore said QCS often invited the Army and Navy bands and the Coast Guard band to perform for a live audience, which was recorded for later broadcasts.

"That was kind of our audiences' interests as well," she said, "so that's why we did that."

IRSC President Edwin Massey said QCS has always been a major part of the college's commitment to fulfilling a cultural responsibility to the community.

"We have our fine arts and dance and theater programs, but WQCS is another piece that rounds out and added to our commitment to culture in the community," Massey said. "We are very proud of the radio station, and from the very beginning it has been a tremendous asset to the college."

In addition to music, QCS broadcasts local news and feature stories,



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WQCS's public affairs and special features specialist Jill Roberts edits a long form story on Teen Court held in Port St. Lucie for a four-minute radio story while at her desk console at the radio station's office at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce.

“So the budget's a little lower; it's going to be very tight. We might have to make some programming changes for things that don't meet our budget any more, but we are still going to have the service people expect a public radio station to have.”

Madison Hodges, WQCS general manager

educational programs and emergency weather alerts on three digital channels, and at wqcs.org. It also operates an all-volunteer Radio Reading Service for the blind and visually impaired.

"To drive in and listen to WQCS every day has been a personal pleasure to me," Massey added. "Every time I do it, I swell up with pride because the station has been so successful over time."

## BUDGET CUTS

QCS though, has suffered its share of hard economic times, mainly through cuts in grants, state funding and fewer corporate donations.

At the same time, however, Hodges said individual contributions have gone up.

He attributed that in part to doing a better job of educating listeners about the station's budget woes — where its money comes from and the challenges it faces to keep popular programming on the air,

which must be purchased.

Its current operating budget is \$1.2 million, Hodges said, down more than \$100,000 from last year. In 2008, the station's budget was \$1.5 million.

A cut in state funding last year wasn't because of the Legislature, Hodges noted, but as a result of Gov. Rick Scott's veto pen, which stripped out \$62,000 lawmakers had approved for QCS.

That led to the station laying off on-air staff and cutting hours for part-timers.

"We've had reductions in a little bit of everything, but at some point," Hodges said, "we want to get back into growing what we can do locally."

To that end, Hodges said despite budget challenges, the station will endure for decades to come, and during a fundraising drive that ends Nov. 9, organizers hope to gain 170 new members. Their last drive sparked 400 new members contributing to the station, he said.

## 2012 WQCS 88.9 FM Awards

**Jill Roberts:** Received The Gabriel Award from the Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals for the Short Feature story "Art Your Hands Can See," texture paintings for visually impaired people to touch.

**Drew Mello:** Associated Press Best Radio Newscast up to 5 minutes, his third consecutive year to win.

**Jill Roberts and Janie Gould:** Associated Press Best Series Reporting: Sept. 11 Anniversary on the Treasure Coast.

**Jill Roberts:** Associated Press Hard News Feature Finalist: "Fighting Fire with Fire."

**Janie Gould:** Associated Press Series Reporting Finalist: "Peace Corps Anniversary." For its outstanding hurricane coverage during the 2004 hurricane season, the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association recognized the station with a Communicator of the Year Award and the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation presented its Service to America Award, naming WQCS the only radio station in the country to be recognized for its hurricane coverage.

Source: Madison Hodges, WQCS general manager

## WQCS Operating Budget

**\$1.216 million:** Anticipated budget for 2012-2013

**\$1.253 million:** Budget for 2011-2012

**\$1.320 million:** Budget for 2010-2011

**\$1.510 million:** Budget for 2007-2008

**\$357,000:** Current cost for programming and related services, including The Associated Press, Public Radio International, independent producers and contractors, National Public Radio, RRS network, and American Public Media for shows and materials.

**\$676,000:** Current costs for all full-time and part-time staff pay and benefits. This includes programming, operations, engineering, development and administrative staff.

Source: Madison Hodges, WQCS general manager

"We made an effort on air to tell our story and they've responded. It's more people, and they're pledging at a higher level," Hodges said. "Does that make up for the loss of grants? No, but it really does go a long way toward helping."

"So the budget's a little lower; it's going to be very tight. We might have to make some programming changes for things that don't meet our budget any more," he added, "but we are still going to have the service people expect a public radio station to have."

Although large cash contributions are significant to the station's operations, they aren't always the ones best remembered.

One of Moore's most memorable moments at QCS, she said, was in the mid 1990s when she opened an envelop containing a listener's donation.

"There was \$2 and a letter, saying, 'I have a boom box and I listen to the station every day, all day. It doesn't matter whether it's news or classical music, I just think it's a wonderful station, and I'm so glad public broadcasting and public radio is local here,'" she recalled. "He said, 'I'm a homeless vet and I live under the South Bridge, but I saved this \$2 to send to you.'"

"I'm sure it took him awhile to save the \$2. It's a story I love, and he loved the station."



# WQCS's Roberts wins prestigious award

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FORTPIERCE—When WQCS 88.9 FM news director Jill Roberts was hired in 1987, the National Public Radio affiliate was crammed into an upstairs storage space at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the Fort Pierce campus of Indian River State College.

"There were no windows, the offices were right over the practice rooms for people who would come to practice instruments, so we had to situate our production offices as far away from that as possible," Roberts, 50 recalled. "There was no running water, so to go to the bathroom you had to go down the steps and across the lobby to the public restrooms at the McAlpin."

Roberts, who produces news reports as the station's public affairs and special features specialist, said during her 25 years, she's covered wildfires, hurricanes, contentious elections, scores of community events and even driven an 18-wheel truck. She has picked up numerous media awards for excellence in broadcast journalism.

This year she won an Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio, Television, digital News Directors Association for a five-part series produced during an Honor Flight mission escorting World War II veterans from Martin County to Washington.

"I think I had a life-changing experience when I went with 100 World War II veterans from the Treasure Coast on an Honor Flight," she said. "I won numerous awards for that particular story. But that is one of those stories that if you go on and you don't win

an award, you aren't a very good reporter."

During the 2004 hurricanes, Roberts and her two children lived at QCS for about 10 days while she worked nearly nonstop.

"It was challenging," she said. "A lot of news organizations found us, and we were all kind of based out of here and helped each other out."

One of her funniest on-air moments involved her now-15-year-old son, who

was about 5 when she'd spent the day reporting from the scene of a fire in south Indian River County threatening homes. She'd been reporting live all day, she said, but her cellphone died so she went home to file one last report.

"I grabbed the phone and I walked outside because my family was home," she said. "I walked outside and my son Robbie picked up the phone inside and said

'Mommy are you home now?' And I said, 'Oh well folks, this is live radio and yes, Mommy is home so put down the phone and I'll be in a minute.' I was mortified, but I thought, 'Well, this is live radio.'"



# College to present classic drama

For Hometown News <sup>10/26/12</sup> NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com the truths that surround them make this play a delicately wrought exercise in human communication.

TREASURE COAST —

The Indian River State College Performing and Visual Arts Department will present a performance of Tennessee Williams' timeless drama "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

The show will run Nov. 1-3 at 8 p.m. and will feature two 2 p.m. matinee performances, Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3. Individual tickets are \$15 each.

The performance will introduce the audience to the Pollitt family as they have gathered to celebrate their patriarch "Big Daddy's" birthday. The tone is bright, but the mood is somber. Sins of the past, greedy hopes for the future and a desperate eagerness not to believe

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu) or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC main campus at 3209 Virginia Ave., in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

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

Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center box office today at (800) 220-9915 to reserve seats.

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For more information, call 800-220-9915.

Staff reports



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Broward  
holds off  
IRSC in 5

**Staff report**

FORT PIERCE — Stephanie Holbrook had 16 kills Tuesday as Indian River State College's volleyball fell to Southern Conference opponent Broward 22-25, 22-25, 25-22, 25-22, 15-12 in the inaugural Dig Pink Breast Cancer Awareness match.

Rebekah Bryan added 14 kills and 19 digs, and Olha Morekhodova finished with 53 assists and 20 digs for the Pioneers (9-14, 3-4 conference).

"The girls played well, we had them on the ropes but could not close it out," Indian River coach Stephanie Skidmore said.

Tuesday's match helped bring recognition to breast cancer awareness, and "the entire stands were filled," Skidmore said.

It was a key win for Broward, which gained an edge against Indian River in the chase for the runner-up spot in the Southern Conference.

Broward improved to 7-8, 5-3.

Indian River State College hosts a tri-match with Florida Christian College and St. John's River at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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**Briefs**

**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

**IRSC spotlights  
cancer awareness**

Indian River State College's volleyball team hosts Broward College in the inaugural Dig Pink Breast Cancer Awareness match at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at IRSC's main campus gym in Fort Pierce.

The match brings recognition to breast cancer awareness. It also is a key Southern Conference match with the league's No. 2 berth to the state tournament at stake.

Broward is 6-8, 4-3 in the conference. Indian River is 9-13, 3-3. Miami Dade leads the conference at 9-4, 6-0.



## Junior college volleyball: Indian River falls to Broward in Dig Pink Breast Cancer Awareness match

By staff report

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

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## IRSC volleyball team wins two

### Pioneers sweep tri-match

By staff report

Sunday, October 14, 2012

FORT PIERCE — Indian River State College's women's volleyball team posted a pair of wins in a home tri-match Saturday.

"It was great getting the wins," said Pioneers coach Stephanie Skidmore as her team improved to 11-14. "It's great anytime you can get two wins in one day."

The Pioneers opened the tri-match with a 25-8, 25-14, 25-10 victory over Florida Christian. In that match, Emily Davidson posted nine kills, Kaylin Glass had eight kills and Olha Morekhodova posted 27 assists and nine digs.

In the second match, IRSC beat St. John's Rivier College 26-24, 25-23, 26-24. Chelsie Ferguson posted eight kills for the Pioneers, Davidson chipped in 11 kills and Danielle Costello added 17 digs.

The Pioneers will play Brevard State College in Cocoa on Tuesday at 7 p.m.



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**VOLLEYBALL**  
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**Indian River  
knocks off  
Brevard**

**Staff report**

MELBOURNE – Emily Davidson had 10 kills and Devon Felts added nine kills Tuesday as Indian River State College's volleyball team defeated Brevard College 25-14, 25-13, 25-22 in a Southern Conference match.

Rebekah Bryan finished with eight kills and 11 digs for the Pioneers (12-14, 4-4 conference).

Indian River State College plays in a tri-match at Florida State College starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
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**IRSC closes with loss**

**Staff report**

AVON PARK – Danielle Costello had 27 digs and Chelsie Ferguson added nine kills Tuesday as Indian River State College's volleyball team finished

the season with a 25-21, 25-21, 24-26, 25-20 loss to South Florida State College.

Olha Morekhodova finished with 39 assists and 15 digs for the Pioneers (12-17).

Ritchie continued to be passionate for Central football after graduating in 1971. He was close to former coach Chris Hutchings and was an honorary captain for the team on multiple occasions in 2010.

"He used to be on the sidelines with the team and he really liked to talk about the games with Chris," current Central coach Josh Shaffer said. "He loved being around the players. He's a great guy, really fun loving and he cares about the school and the community."

Players from the 1970 and 1971 Central teams and current players from Central, John Carroll and the Treasure Coast Bobcats semipro football team will be in attendance, Van Duzer said.

"I got out of the hospital and a week later, much to my surprise, a couple of my teammates said they wanted to do this for me," Ritchie said. "I was totally awe-struck for it. I'm very appreciative and I can definitely use the help. I think it's going to be fantastic."

"The circumstances are what they are, but I get to go see friends from 40 years ago. That's superb."

**JUNIOR COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL** Stuart, Tribune News 10-21-12  
**Pioneers drop a pair in Jacksonville**

**Staff report**

JACKSONVILLE – Indian River State College lost a pair of games during a tri-match at Jacksonville's Florida State College.

The Pioneers (12-16) dropped the first match 25-16, 25-18, 25-14 to Alabama's Faulkner Commu-

nity College.

For IRSC, Danielle Costello posted 17 digs, Mary Geer chipped in 12 digs and Olha Morekhodova had 24 assists, 10 digs and four kills.

The Pioneers dropped the second match to Florida State College 26-24, 21-25, 25-16, 25-12.

In that match, Rebekah Bryan posted 10 kills and 18 digs, Devon Felts added eight kills and Chelsie Ferguson finished with seven kills.

The Pioneers will finish the regular season at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Avon Park-South Florida State College.



## Briefs

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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## IRSC Extravaganza will tip-off season

The Indian River State College men's and women's basketball teams will be on the court Monday at 5:30 p.m. for Basketball Extravaganza, a showcase for the upcoming season.

There will be music, scrimmages, a 3-point shooting contest, dunk contest and guest bench coaches (IRSC administrators) will be on hand to direct the scrimmages.

On the men's side, new assistant coach Jarrett Stephens will make his debut on coach Joe Sanchez's staff and the new women's head coach, Diana Couch, and assistant, Vanessa Santiago, will be introduced.

Admission to the Extravaganza will be two canned food items which will be donated to the Mustard Seed Ministries.

The Extravaganza is set for the main campus gym at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.



## Don Sonia, 82, was an inspiration to generations of swimmers

By Laurel Pfahler

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

VERO BEACH — Don Sonia was recognized as one of the nation's top swimming coaches of all time last month when he was inducted into the American Swimming Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Now the Vero Beach resident's contributions to swimming, and life in general, will be recognized on a much more personal level at his memorial.

Sonia, a former assistant coach at St. Edward's and Master's swimming coach at Indian River State College, passed away Saturday at age 82 after a bout with pneumonia. Funeral arrangements still are being finalized.

"He had an impact on everyone he coached," said former St. Edward's and Vero Beach High School swimming coach Steve Fenning, now with the Fort Lauderdale-based American Swimming Coaches Association.

"All the swimmers I've talked to all point to the same things about how he inspired them."

Sonia, who grew up in Lynn, Mass., made his name as a coach through club programs in California and Pennsylvania as early as the 1960s before later retiring on the Treasure Coast, where he remained active until just a few years ago as a Master's age group swimmer and coach.

The former All-American swimmer at North Carolina State coached several standout athletes during his career, such as 1964 Olympians Bill Craig, Rich McGeagh and Frank Bates, a three-time All-American at USC (1965-67), as well as current University of Georgia coach and 2008 U.S. Women's Olympic coach Jack Baurle.

"He had a profound effect on me personally," Bates wrote in an email. "I began swimming as a junior in high school and, under his watchful eye, was in the Olympic Trials as a finalist in less than three years. ... Don had an uncanny ability to read people, know what motivated them and use that information to make them better. He had a swagger at swimming meets that was unmistakable and only he could get away with it.

"I will never forget what he did for me as a swimmer and human being."

Fenning, who also swam for Sonia at the Philadelphia Aquatic Club, said Sonia was easy pick for the Hall of Fame. Sonia could not attend the Sept. 7 ceremony in Las Vegas because of health issues.



In more than 40 years of coaching, Sonia taught more than 10,000 children to swim.

"His strengths were his ability to read people, excite them and confidently inspire them through his knowledge and what he believed you were capable of doing," Fenning said. "He was ahead of his time before the science and swimming caught up to what he was doing. In the 1960s and 70s he was doing stuff with athletes now being put into books and being spoken about at clinics. He was a great psychologist with a lot of information and a great person to inspire people to succeed."

Former Indian River State College swim coach, Scott Kimmelman — who guided the Pioneers to multiple national championships — called Sonia "one of, if not the most, knowledgeable coaches" he has ever worked with.

"He put kids on Olympic teams, he put a lot of kids in college," Kimmelman said. "What he did for the (IRSC) Master's program, in particular, was take a group of people who wanted to learn and wanted technique and taught them. He is still greatly respected here.

"He had a keen eye. He could see things. In coaching, the most important thing is picking up on something, seeing it and relaying it back to the individual and getting them to do what you wanted them to do. That's what made him so successful. He was a brilliant swim coach."

#### **DON SONIA**

**Residence:** Vero Beach

**Age:** 82 (died Saturday)

**Swimming career:** All-American swimmer at North Carolina State

**Coaching highlights:** Coached at Burbank Swim Academy and Verdugo Hills Swim Club in California, leading Verdugo Hills to a third-place finish at the 1964 Outdoor National Championships with swimmers such as Bill Craig (1964 Olympian in 100 breaststroke and member of gold medal medley relay team), Rich McGeagh (1964 Olympian, world record holder in 100 backstroke) and Frank Bates (three-time All-American at USC 1965-67). Placed finalists at outdoor nationals in more than 30 events between 1962 and 1965. Also coached at the Philadelphia Aquatic Club, including instructing current University of Georgia coach and 2008 U.S. Women's Olympic coach Jack Baurle.

**Post-retirement:** Helped coach at St. Edward's in the late 1990s and early 2000s; helped run the Master's Swimming program at Indian River State College and competed as late as 2007

**Hall of Fame:** Inducted into the American Swimming Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Sept. 7



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## OUTDOORS NOTEBOOK

## SPORTS

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# IRSC anglers finish third in FLW tourney

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The Auburn University team of Jordan Lee and Shane Powell, both of Auburn, Ala., won the National Guard FLW College Fishing Southeastern Conference Championship presented by Evinrude on Lake Wylie in Rock Hill, S.C., Saturday with a five-bass limit weighing 11 pounds, 8 ounces.

Their three-day total weight of 35 pounds, 14 ounces beat the University of North Carolina-Charlotte by 5 pounds, 1 ounce.

Placing third in the event and earning \$3,000 was the Indian River State College team of Kyle Monti and Mike Cornell, both of Okeechobee, with a 15-bass limit weighing 29 pounds, 3 ounces.

A team from the University of Alabama placed fourth. University of Central Florida's Miles Burghoff, formerly of Fort Pierce and now of Orlando, and Casey O'Donnell of Bradenton caught 15 bass weighing 27 pounds, 3 ounces to earn \$3,000.

For complete results and more information, visit [www.CollegeFishing.com](http://www.CollegeFishing.com).

### KOHLER, EVANS TOP CASTERS

The Treasure Coast Casters senior division fished its monthly tournament Sunday out of Jaycee Park in Fort Pierce. Anglers competing in high school and middle school divisions and fishing on boats with adult volunteers caught redfish, trout, mangrove snapper and sheepshead. The biggest fish of the tournament was a 4-pound, 8-ounce redfish caught by Dylora Kohler of Fort Pierce Central High School. Kohler also caught two trout and a snapper.

Andrew Evans of St. Anastasia Middle School in Fort Pierce won the middle school division with a 1-pound, 3-ounce trout and a snapper.

The Treasure Coast Casters teen fishing club provides a free monthly fishing tournament to its members, who maintain a 2.0-minimum grade-point average and attend monthly meetings. For more information, follow the organization on Facebook,

visit [www.treasurecoastcasters.org](http://www.treasurecoastcasters.org) or call 772-201-5773.

### RESULTS

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. 30 points, Andrew Evans, St. Anastasia, Fort Pierce
2. 10, Savannah Ward, Forest Grove Middle, Fort Pierce
3. No winner

#### HIGH SCHOOL

1. 80, Dylora Kohler, Fort Pierce Central
2. 75, Shane Surrency, Lincoln Park Academy
3. 40, Maxwell Higgins, Treasure Coast

### FREE FISHING SEMINARS

Billy Bones Bait and Tackle Shop in Port St. Lucie has announced it will have free fishing seminars the first and third Wednesday each month. Billy Bones Bait and Tackle is at 10602 S. Federal Highway, Port St. Lucie.

Seminars begin Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

This week's seminar will feature Jayson Arman of That's R Man Land Based fishing charters and Capt. Dave Tift of Treasure Coast Kayak Adventures. The duo will speak about fishing the flats, fishing from bridges and jetties, wade fishing, kayak fishing, freshwater fishing and fishing the rivers and beaches. For more information, call 772-335-3715.