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My view



CF Student Activities Board leaders from Ocala and Citrus Campuses with Gov. Ron DeSantis and CF team members in Tallahassee.



In this issue of Connection, we introduce representatives of our faculty who inspire and instill a love of learning in our students. Their commitment ensures that students get far more out of their education than they would otherwise.

But these rock stars and many others are not just invested in student success, they are invested in CF and the community, and they embrace opportunities to connect and grow while delivering high-quality learning experiences.

Also in this issue, you will find stories on student and staff accomplishments, our CF Foundation annual report, and upcoming events at the Appleton Museum of Art.

Being part of a great team is how CF continues to raise the bar of excellence. Our faculty and staff are passionate about delivering great service to others and are fully focused on student success. Together we are committed to being the community's first choice for quality higher education.

James D. Henningsen, Ed.D.
CF President

Mission Statement

We transform lives and enrich our community by providing a supportive, high-quality learning environment that prepares individuals to excel in work and life.

News

Four appointed to CF Board of Trustees

The College of Central Florida District Board of Trustees has two new and two reappointed members. Newly appointed members Avis Craig and Dr. Robert Winsler both join the board from Crystal River.

Avis Craig is the grants and donations specialist for the Key Training Center. Craig served on the CF Foundation Board in various roles from 1998 to 2010. She fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term ending May 2021. **Dr. Robert Winsler** is the president of Winsler Consulting and Advocacy LLC and is an adjunct professor at the University of Tampa. Winsler succeeds Donald Taylor and his term officially ends in May 2019. Reappointed members include **Robert Durrance** from Bronson and **William Edgar** from Ocala.

"Our two returning members have demonstrated their commitment to our students by focusing on affordability and to our community through their expertise in workforce development," said Dr. James Henningsen, CF president. "One new appointee is a strong community leader and has extensive experience serving on the CF Foundation. The second new appointee is a local business owner and has experience in higher education as a professor. I am excited to see how our new 2019 board will



Dr. Henningsen with new and reappointed District Board of Trustees members, from left, Robert Durrance, Dr. Robert Winsler, William Edgar and Avis Craig.

positively impact our college, our students and our community."

The CF District Board of Trustees is made up of seven members. Additional representatives include Joyce Brancato from Levy County, and Rusty Branson and Randy Ewers from Marion County.

Trustee responsibilities include appointing, supporting and assessing the performance of the college president, approving long-range plans and educational programs for the college, and ensuring the well-being of faculty, students and staff.

CF receives an additional \$3.5 million for health sciences facilities

Thanks to a generous gift from the Marion County Hospital District, CF will add a fourth floor to the planned health sciences building and renovate existing health sciences facilities. The gift is an addition to \$6 million the hospital district pledged in 2017. While working to secure funding for the new building, CF determined that plans for the health education facility were not adequate to meet growing needs. The facility will provide new opportunities for students in the areas of sonography and cardiovascular technician. The proposed plans would renovate the existing Hampton Center into a dental health center and would include additional community outreach programs.



Applauding students, faculty and staff

CF student honored at Florida College Music Symposium ▶

Marcus Chandler, at right, CF Visual and Performing Arts student, was awarded first place statewide in the Concerto Competition at the Florida College System Activities Association Winter Music Symposium held at Southeastern University in February.

Chandler, who is studying music education, was awarded first place in the percussion category and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to continue his studies at a state university in Florida. Students earn the nomination to enter the competition after a rigorous selection process at CF.

"I am so proud of Marcus and his determination to compete in this year's symposium. Marcus won an honorable mention in this category the first time he attended, and him winning it this year is truly a testament to his dedication to music and practice," said CF Associate Professor John Ash. "He is truly a great representative for our department, and an ambassador for the College of Central Florida."

This is the third year in a row that a CF student has won in the Best in the State categories. Chandler also works in the CF Learning Lab as a teacher assistant and coaches several percussion lines at area high schools.

Other students who participated in the event were **Virginia Boyd**, **Parker Bush**, **Dominique Gandiongco**, **Elizabeth Gerace**, **Brian Hence**, **Ajax McDonell**, **John Miller**, **Emily Mosley**, **Skylar Skiles**, **Shana Vardis**, **Theresa Weatherly**, **Hailey Welch** and **Haley Zink**.

Journalism students and staff take home awards

CF students won numerous awards for CF's student newspaper and literary magazines at the Florida College System Publications Association awards banquet in Tampa earlier this year.

"Imprints," CF Ocala Campus literary magazine, and CF student **William Andrews** received first place in the Cover category. **William Andrews**, **Elizabeth Hinde** and **Nathalya Reyes** received first place in Two-Page Spread category. And



first place went to the "Imprints" staff for General Excellence. Several students received second place honors for their work: **Raul Colmenares**, **Anna Howes**, **Hannah Newman**, **Gary Pealer**, **Prince Quamin**, **Carlos Ramos** and **Victoria Thacker**.

"In the Write Mind," CF Citrus Campus literary magazine, placed second in the magazine division for overall photography. Students **Julia Brodmerkel**, **April Howell**, **Jazzy Philipson**, **Meghan Williamson** and **Isabella Witkowich** were recognized for artwork and photography in the magazine.

"Patriot Press," CF's student newspaper, placed fifth in the Newspaper division. Co-Editor-in-Chief **Delaney Van Nest**, Sports Editor **Zach Grinstead** and former Editor-in-Chief **Katelyn James** all took home awards for various columns and photos.

CF Associate Professor of Communications Rob Marino was also re-elected to serve as president of the Florida College System Publications Association. This is Marino's sixth year serving as FCSA president during the last 13 years.

Six CF students named to All-Academic Team

Six College of Central Florida students were named to the Florida College System's 2019 All-Florida Academic Team. The students were recognized at an awards ceremony in April in Orlando.

CF students **Angelique Alarcon**, **Danielle Bryan**, **Corey Evans**, **Layna Freilich**, **Hanya Noussier** and **Jessica Pollare** were named to the team because of their outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service to the community.

In nominating students for the All-Florida Academic Team, colleges considered participation in honors programs; membership in, and awards received from, academic or honors organizations; awards and honors received for academic and leadership accomplishments; and academic enrichment achieved through study, internships and cultural experiences.

Spring commencement includes first radiography class ▲

This May, CF celebrated our students with two graduation ceremonies, conferring 1,836 certificates and degrees. Among the group were nine students, above, who earned an Associate in Science in Radiography. They are the first cohort in the program, which was recently accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

CF professor receives silver medal for novel

Dr. Ron Cooper, senior professor for Humanities and Philosophy, received the Silver Medal in the General Fiction category for "All My Sins Remembered" from the Florida Book Awards Florida Humanities Council. The novel is set in Ocala and deals with a deputy on the verge of retirement. In this 13th year of the competition, more

than 170 books were submitted across 11 categories. The winning authors from across the state are honored at the annual awards banquet, at the Mission San Luis in Tallahassee.

CF recognized for community and employee engagement

The Marketing and Public Relations team earned five awards from the Florida Public Relations Association Ocala Chapter. The team earned a Grand Image Award, Image Award and a Judges' Award for increased engagement through CF's social media platforms and an Image Award and Judges' Award for the Insider employee website and online newsletter. The Image Awards recognize exceptional public relations programs from across the region. Winners demonstrate the very best examples of innovation, planning and design, and have become a standard of public relations excellence in Florida.

Former CF athletes inducted into FCSAA Hall of Fame

Alberta Auguste, former CF women's basketball player, and **Ricardo Ratliffe**, former CF men's basketball standout, took their rightful places in the Florida College System Activities Association Men's and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame this spring. Ratliffe and Auguste are the first CF players to earn a spot in the hall of fame.

Auguste was an impact player for the Lady Patriots, but that was only the beginning of her success. She signed with Tennessee and led the Lady Volunteers to consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association national championships. Auguste was the first-ever junior college player recruited by the legendary Pat Summitt. Before heading to Knoxville, Auguste was a two-time all-Mid-Florida Conference selection. As a sophomore at CF, she earned Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year and FCSAA Player of the Year. She was also first-team all-state, National Junior College Athletic Association All-American and Kodak All-American.

Auguste was drafted 35th overall in the 2008 Women's National Basketball Association draft, and then played professionally for two seasons overseas. Alberta now resides in Nashville as a law enforcement officer.

As part of the Class of 2010 at CF, Ratliffe led the program to back-to-back state tournament appearances, which included the school's first-ever preseason NJCAA national No. 1 spot in 2009. While at CF, he became the 12th player in NJCAA history to be named first-team All-American in each of his seasons. Ratliffe was so dominant at CF that he broke the all-time school scoring record in both his freshman and sophomore seasons. After that, he signed with the University of Missouri and immediately made an impact, as he earned the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year in 2011 and was named to the all-Big 12 Rookie team that same season. From there, Ratliffe has embarked on a successful professional career in the Korean Basketball League. In 2018, Ratliffe became a naturalized citizen in South Korea and immediately placed on that country's national team.

Our faculty *Amira Sims*



Amira Sims is surrounded by student art work from her psychology classes in her office.

Finding your 'why' in life

Amira Sims knew that she was destined to be a teacher. Growing up, her nickname was "School" because she always had a passion for helping others learn. From lining up her Barbie dolls to teaching anyone who would listen, Sims knew her "why" was to empower students.

"Higher education provides a bridge to so many opportunities like networking and professional development," Sims said. "The

and master's degrees. Later on, she had the opportunity to be an adjunct professor at multiple institutions in California before she made her way back east. She was hired at CF in 2016 and teaches General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Positive Psychology, and is adding Social Psychology to her list this fall.

"One of the things I love best about CF is the autonomy they give you to do your job," Sims said. "The students are great because they are very curious and are willing to go the extra mile when called upon."

Sims wants her students to accomplish two things in her classes in addition to learning the subject and understanding how behavior and the mental process work together. She wants them to learn about themselves, which helps with their personal development, and she wants them

interacting with their peers.

"College is about connecting with others," Sims emphasized. "I remember college really being the first time I interacted with individuals who were different than me."

Sims is big believer in interaction and inspires her students to learn in different ways. From classroom activities to games and videos tied to instruction, she knows that keeping students engaged will help her accomplish her "why."

"I want to encourage students to find their 'why' and stay the course," Sims said. "When students have that bigger picture, then it helps them remember why they are here."

"I want to encourage students to find their 'why' and stay the course." -Sims

more your community is educated, the stronger your community becomes."

Sims' first taste of teaching in higher education was as a graduate teaching assistant at Valdosta State University in Georgia, where she received bachelor's

Our faculty *Sam Ajlani*



Sam Ajlani works with Lockheed Martin engineer Frank Boria, taking a class for FANUC robotics.

Igniting passion in engineering

Associate Professor Sam Ajlani has said that CF gave him more opportunities than he could have imagined to grow the Engineering Technology program at the college. But it is Ajlani who truly put the program on the map.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to help leadership understand the needs in this growing industry." -Ajlani

Recently CF became a FANUC Authorized Satellite Training center, where employees from Lockheed Martin and other local companies like Zefon can be trained and certified on robots at CF.

"I feel incredibly supported here at CF," Ajlani said. "I really appreciate the resources I have been given to get the job done, as well as the opportunity to help leadership understand the needs in this growing industry."

Ajlani, who received his bachelor's and master's in engineering from the University of Florida, has been teaching at CF since 2014. He considers himself an old-school guy who loves to see the "ah-ha" moments when his students get it and can experience that end result.

"When I was a student, and even working, I was a problem solver and constantly moved on to the next problem," Ajlani said. "But now, I get to help our students see the fruits of their labor and let them experience what it is like in the real world."

Using hands-on applications, Ajlani has students go through three steps: designing and figuring out the calculations, taking a project through simulation and seeing how that matches with calculations, and finally the building stage. Students find that every step has a different result.

"That's why it's so important that they do all the steps," Ajlani said. "I never had that opportunity in college to see my design all the way through. I'm glad I can provide that level for our students."

Ajlani believes that igniting the engineering passion in students is important for

continued growth in the industry. Partnerships with Marion County Public Schools have helped expand Career Pathways programs that allow high school students to earn college credit by successfully completing career and technical courses.

"The community has really come together to make sure that we are providing options for students to find a career that is right for them," Ajlani said. "The return on investment that the community receives and the impact of the economy from its citizens who receive a college degree is indescribable."

Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 3

Education: Valdosta State University

Courses: General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Positive Psychology and Social Psychology

Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 5

Education: University of Florida

Courses: Engineering Technology and Manufacturing courses including Hydraulic and Pneumatics, Motors and Controls, Mechanical Devices and Systems and many more

Our faculty Catherine McDonough



Dr. Renae Robinson



Cathy McDonough works with nursing student F. Mark Covert on how to properly give an injection.

Early Education student Nicole Schreiber reviews her teaching observation with Dr. Renae Robinson at Williston Elementary School.

Paying it forward one student at a time

Catherine McDonough received her Associate Degree in Nursing from CF and always thought how rewarding it would be to come back and teach. After working for many years at Marion Community Hospital, now Ocala Regional Medical Center, in the cardiovascular and intensive care departments and doing clinical research, she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing education from the University of Central Florida. In 2010, her dream became a reality as she began her teaching journey as an adjunct professor at CF.

"I absolutely love when I see the students get it. You can see it in their eyes," McDonough said. "Our students are amazing — many who are single parents — and they really work hard."

McDonough is the team leader for Level 1 students who are just coming into the program, and she teaches Clinical Concepts 1 and Foundations of Nursing. CF's culture is what McDonough loves most about being at the college.

"The college is so student-centered and community-minded through our outreach," McDonough said. "The outpouring of support to our Health Sciences Department is truly amazing."

Through the face-to-face interaction, McDonough knows that being a nurse is hard work and that she needs to encourage students throughout their time in the program.

"I tell my students that I will work as hard as you work," McDonough said. "I'm here to facilitate learning and support them to be successful."

Two years ago, McDonough and faculty member Angela Martin received the CF Foundation's Dorothea Jerome Endowed Chair award to establish a student success program involving pre-nursing and current nursing students with expectations to be a successful nurse. They also provide the first-level students with resources through a series of seminars and lunch-and-learn sessions.

"Nursing requires a lot of critical thinking and being able to prioritize and think on your feet," McDonough said. "There are difficult situations that nurses encounter and

these sessions help students start to think differently to help their patients."

McDonough is also one of three advisors for the Student Nursing Association, which supports student nurses through outreach and advocacy. She knows that higher education opens doors that help students realize a life that they never knew they could have.

"When my students first come into the program, I tell them to make sure you have enough personal support at home, because the demands are high," McDonough said. "But the payoff is incredible."

Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 19

Education: CF, University of Central Florida

Courses: Clinical Concepts 1 and Foundations of Nursing, the first two courses completed by all full-time Associate Degree Nursing students.

Meeting students where they are

Dr. Renae Robinson started her career in elementary education, and today she is having an even greater impact in preparing teachers for the classroom.

"I want to inspire students that they can make a difference in another person's life." -Robinson

After graduating from Olivet Nazarene University south of Chicago, Robinson moved to Florida and began teaching in a Title 1 elementary school in Daytona Beach, where she would serve for 11 years. While teaching, she also received her master's in reading and doctorate in instructional technology and distance education and organizational leadership from Nova University. She is especially fond of the opportunity she was given to pilot an innovative program called looping, in which

a teacher follows her class from kindergarten through fifth grade.

"It was one of the most rewarding experiences because I got to work with the same kids for so many years and see them progress year after year," Robinson said.

Robinson knew the jump from primary education to higher education would be a big change, but she considers herself a lifelong learner and knew that the opportunity to be program manager for the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education was a great way to continue to grow. She knows that education prepares an individual for success, and she wants her students to feel the same way.

"My favorite thing about teaching is the impact that you make on students," Robinson said. "I want to inspire them that they can make a difference in another person's life."

She understands that there are all different types of student learners and she makes sure CF students are prepared in addressing all the modalities: visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic. Robinson likes to use cooperative learning to reach and engage her students

and embeds technology and multiple sensory lessons to teach her students how to be strategic in their teaching methods.

"It's about teaching to meet the needs of the individual student," Robinson said. "Our students are learning how to make learning impactful and engaging."

Robinson credits CF with the incredible amount of support and mentorship and focus on the students.

"I love that CF is focused on student success and the needs of students," Robinson said.

Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 2

Education: Olivet Nazarene University, Nova University

Courses: Children's Literature for Educators, Cognitive Experiences for Young Children, Classroom Management and Child Guidance, and more

Our faculty Dr. Pete Nicely



Dr. Pete Nicely reviews a chemical mixture with student Nicolas Staub.

Finding the right chemistry

Dr. Pete Nicely knows that the best way to learn is by doing, which leads to problem solving. It is one thing to appreciate the material, but using that information to solve a problem is what can set you apart.

“I love it when past students I taught re-connect with me years later, and they share how much of a difference I made in their learning,” Nicely said. “When I can prepare students and they do well, it is very gratifying.”

“CF allows you to try new things to elevate your teaching.” -Nicely

Connecting with others was always something that appealed to Nicely, and the subject of chemistry was no exception. Originally from Jamaica, Nicely graduated with his undergraduate degree from the University of West Indies. He had the opportunity to teach

one year in an all-girls school and knew that no matter what he ended up doing as a career, he definitely wanted to be teaching.

Eventually, he found himself stateside and received his doctorate degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He then taught at Bowie State University in Maryland for nine years before coming to Florida. Nicely has been with CF for eight years, and currently teaches Introduction to Chemistry, Chemistry 1 and 2, primarily at the CF Citrus Campus in Lecanto. He occasionally teaches at the Ocala Campus.

“CF is really serious about professional development and wants to give you the tools to help you do your job better,” Nicely said. “They allow you to try new things to elevate your teaching.”

Nicely knows the value of having the college in Citrus County and wants the community to understand that CF offers many career options that can lead students to a better life.

“It’s the best bargain in this area in terms of cost, and we offer some really great services,” Nicely said. “I wish more people would take the time to understand all that we offer.”

He knows that college can be difficult for some, especially nontraditional students trying to balance work and life. Nicely tries to connect with students who can’t physically be on campus, even if it’s through Skype.

“I try to meet students where they are at, and technology allows me to help them with an assignment or answer questions about the material,” Nicely said. “I tell my students to try not to get distracted and try to achieve a balance, because this is a journey and we want you to be successful.”

Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 8

Education: University of West Indies, Howard University

Courses: Introduction to Chemistry, Chemistry 1 and 2

Dr. Sarah Satterfield



Dr. Sarah Satterfield helps student Dominique Gandiongo on her technique with the flute before a performance.

Challenge accepted

Dr. Sarah Satterfield is no stranger to challenges. When she came to CF in 2001, it was after the retirement of three long-term faculty members and she had big shoes to fill. She accepted the challenge as an opportunity to bring new life to the program.

“Never give up or be discouraged. You have to find that inner fire and go after it.” -Satterfield

Growing up, she wanted to be a band director. But her band director told her that she would never be successful in music. She proved him wrong when she graduated magna cum laude from his alma mater, Furman University, with a 4.0 GPA. She went on to earn a master’s in music from San Diego University and a doctorate from University of Florida, and she has written three books.

“I remember telling him, ‘watch me.’ I used his words to fuel my fire,” Satterfield said. “I tell my students today, to never give up or be

discouraged. You have to find that inner fire and go after it.”

Satterfield serves as chair for CF’s Visual and Performing Arts Department and teaches Music Appreciation, Introduction to Humanities, Applied Flute and the History of Rock. She also leads the Woodwind Ensemble.

Satterfield enjoys watching her students grow and become successful. She also recognizes that not all students learn the same way, so she uses a variety of teaching methods from standard lecture to listening to music and watching videos.

“You have to find a way to connect with students and share concepts of how the music they listen to everyday can relate to classical music,” Satterfield said. “Many students will share that after taking my class they really never listen to music quite the same way. They get to experience music on a different level.”

Satterfield’s passion continues into the community, where she teaches classes through Senior Learners, a nonprofit group that offers classes at CF, and Master the Possibilities at On Top Of the World. Three years ago,

after receiving the CF Foundation’s Gladys M. Webber Memorial Endowed Chair award, she launched an educational and therapeutic outreach program for CF students to visit K-12 schools and work with students interested in music, theatre and dance.

“It’s really a win-win, because we engage our CF music students to teach master classes to younger students,” Satterfield shared. “Then we can take these students into nursing homes and other places to perform, and it begins to give them the confidence they need as musicians.”

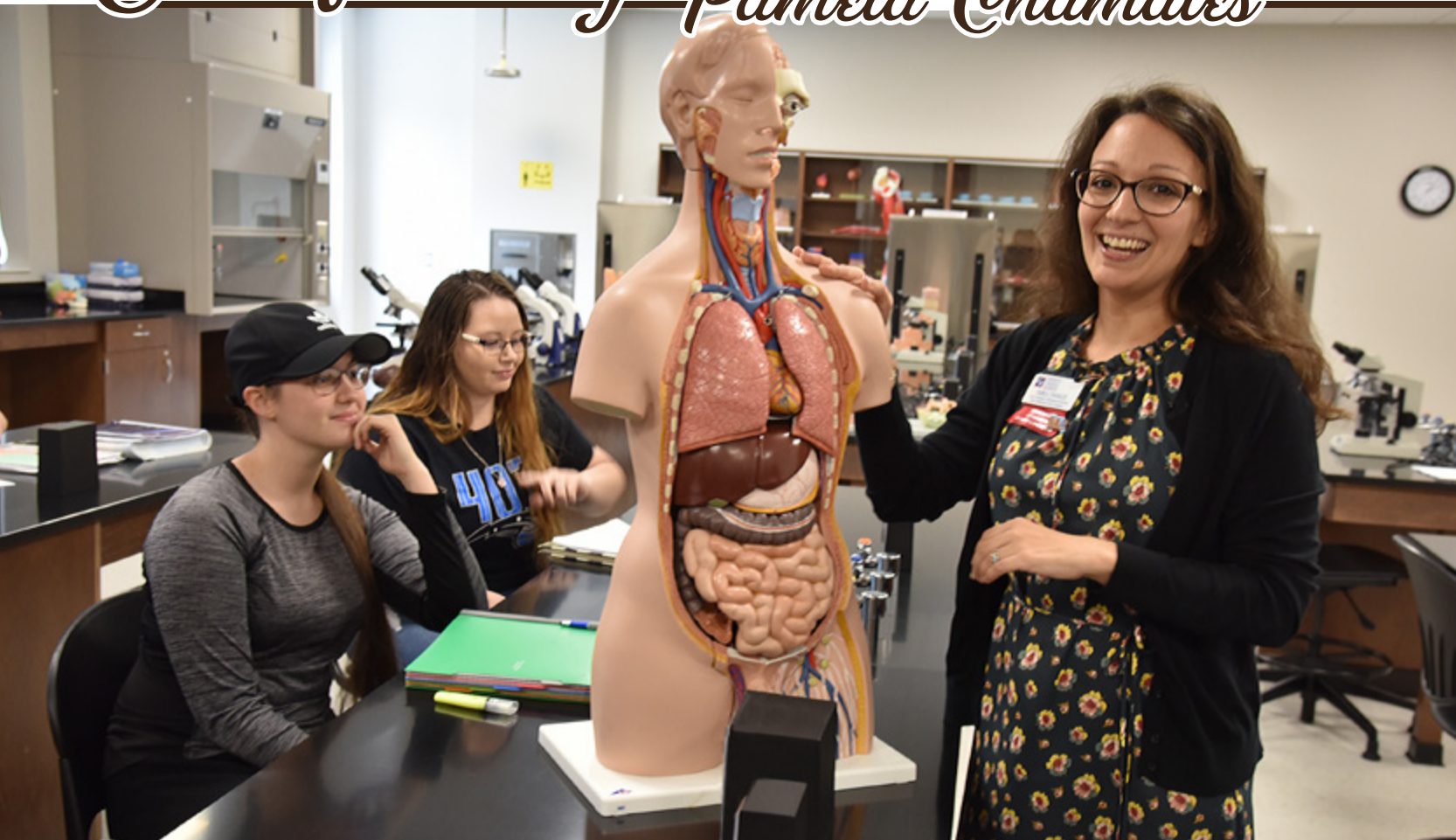
Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 18

Education: Furman University, San Diego University, University of Florida

Courses: Music Appreciation, Introduction to Humanities, Applied Flute and History of Rock

Our faculty Pamela Chamales



Pamela Chamales uses a human anatomy model with students at the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus.

Motivated by student success

Pamela Chamales, science faculty at the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus, fully embraces the college strategic plan's focus on student success. She didn't always know that teaching would be in her future, but once she completed her master's in biomedical sciences at the University of Florida she realized that interacting with people would be far more exciting than research.

“The only person who can stop you from your journey is yourself, so keep pushing forward.” -Chamales

“Just being around the students, especially when they are curious, that's what really inspires me to bring my love of the subject matter alive,” Chamales said.

Chamales was an adjunct professor at both Santa Fe College and CF before coming on

board full time in 2017. She teaches Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, Microbiology and Environmental Science, and values her connection with science department faculty.

“I really love the personal connections I have made at CF and the professional development that is offered,” Chamales said. “I really feel a sense of belonging and credit the department for being so welcoming.”

Being student-centric is what drives Chamales, and it's evident in her teaching philosophy.

“Guiding the students and giving them the tools they need to learn and be successful is what I feel is important,” Chamales said. “I always find that the most curious students do the best, and they are motivated to learn more.”

Most of Chamales' subject matter is not for the faint of heart, and she knows that a large majority of students taking her classes are looking to pursue careers in the medical field.

“Most of the students taking Anatomy and Physiology are looking to be nurses or physical therapists,” Chamales said. “So I find that when I break down the concepts

and make things easily digestible, my students benefit more.”

From offering study groups during lunch twice each week to assisting with the Salsa Club on campus, Chamales loves to be there for her students. She said that sometimes personal experiences can color students' beliefs about themselves. When they come to college, they learn what they really can do.

“I tell my students don't stop even if you fail, just try something new,” Chamales said. “The only person who can stop you from your journey is yourself, so keep pushing forward.”

Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 2

Education: Ohio University, University of Florida

Courses: Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, Microbiology and Environmental Science

Zackery Cote



Zackery Cote reviews layouts for the next “Imprints” literary and art magazine with students Byron Luckey and Emily Bennett.

Being ‘that’ teacher

When studying creative writing in college, Zackery Cote didn't consider teaching as a career. But opportunity came knocking after graduation and he hasn't looked back.

“I really try to be the teacher that I always wanted to have when I was in school,” said Cote.

As a young instructor, Cote has the ability to relate to the students and get them engaged. He knows that finding a sense of belonging is critical to success and that can be tough for college students. He knows, because he said he was challenged as a socially awkward student.

“I really try to be the teacher that I always wanted to have when I was in school.” -Cote

“College affords you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be exposed to world-class speakers and events,” Cote explained. “You never know who you will meet and what you

are missing out on if you don't get out there.”

Cote's favorite thing about teaching is that he gets paid to talk about the things he loves and he is extremely fascinated by the nonsensical way words come together. He impresses on students the importance of English and writing and how they can help them in whatever career they pursue.

“Your trade could change or become less valuable over the years,” Cote shared. “But college teaches critical thinking and problem solving and that is far more valuable than anything else.”

Cote earned a bachelor's degree in English from Texas State University and a master's degree in creative writing from the University of Tampa, and came to CF as an adjunct instructor soon after graduation. He later added an adjunct position at Valencia College in Orlando.

“I was juggling both institutions and really trying to get as many teaching hours under my belt as I

could, because I knew I needed that practical classroom experience,” Cote said. “My first semester I was all in, attending every meeting I could and different campus events to really soak up the culture.”

Two years later, Cote was offered a full-time faculty position. He teaches Freshman Composition Skills 1 and 2, Creative Writing and the new CF First-Year Seminar class for first-time-in-college students. He also works with students who create the annual Ocala Campus “Imprints” magazine, composed of 100 percent CF student-created art and literature.

“I love how CF gives me academic freedom and creativity,” Cote said. “And I love how I have the opportunity to continue learning, even as I teach.”

Faculty Fast Facts

Years at CF: 2

Education: Texas State University, University of Tampa

Courses: Freshman Composition Skills 1 and 2, Creative Writing and the new CF First Year Seminar course

CF Foundation

In 2018, CF gave **\$1.2 million** in scholarships and student support, raised **\$2.1 million**, and had a **\$6.8 million** impact to our college and communities.



"Education is not something you can finish." - Isaac Asimov

2018 was a momentous year for the CF Foundation! Building on the strengths of our past, we continue to move higher to meet the ever-changing needs of the community we serve.

We do this with the help and support of many generous individuals, businesses and organizations.

While our total assets decreased slightly, the decrease was mostly due to our increased support of students and programs. The foundation's total impact in direct and indirect support was more than \$8 million. Compared to 2017, we were up double digits in our percentage of support through scholarships, the Appleton Museum, and academic and institutional support.

In terms of investments, December 2018 was a rough month for many, and we did see a 7 percent decrease due to the down market. That said, we are rebounding in 2019.

Our comprehensive campaign publicly launched in early 2018. "Reaching Higher: The Campaign for the College of Central Florida" ended the year with 70 percent of the goal committed, or gifts in hand. This campaign seeks to raise

\$20 million for scholarships, health sciences, agribusiness and equine, and the Appleton Museum by 2025. We are well on our way to achieving this goal because of the generous community we have the privilege to serve. At the time of writing, 89 percent of the goal is now committed!

Thank you to all who have helped make the CF Foundation an important and strong component of the College of the Central Florida. Lives are transformed through education, and our donors are a significant part of aiding the college to successfully graduate day-one, work-ready students who have little to no debt. This is an awesome enterprise to be part of, and I am personally and professionally overwhelmed by your commitment to helping our students succeed. Education is never finished; and with your continued support we will continue to reach higher.

If we can be of assistance, please contact us. The foundation team is ready to serve you.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Knife
Executive Director, CF Foundation

CF *Reaching Higher*
The Campaign for College of Central Florida

Annual Report

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Investments	\$7,612,069
Other Current Assets	66,404
Total Current Assets	7,678,473

Non-Current Assets

The Appleton Museum	17,231,090
Other Property & Equipment	370,552
College Square Residence	3,553,206
Enterprise Center	3,025,221
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,123,893)
Investments - Endowed	67,482,482
Investments - Restricted	-
Other Non-Current Assets	231,167
Total Non-Current Assets	88,769,825

TOTAL ASSETS \$96,448,298

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Bonds Payable (Current Portion)	\$165,000
Current Liabilities	1,383,264
Total Current Liabilities	1,548,264

Long-Term Liabilities

Bonds Payable (Long-term Portion)	655,002
Other Long-term Liabilities	1,048,239
Total Long-Term Liabilities	1,703,241

TOTAL LIABILITIES 3,251,505

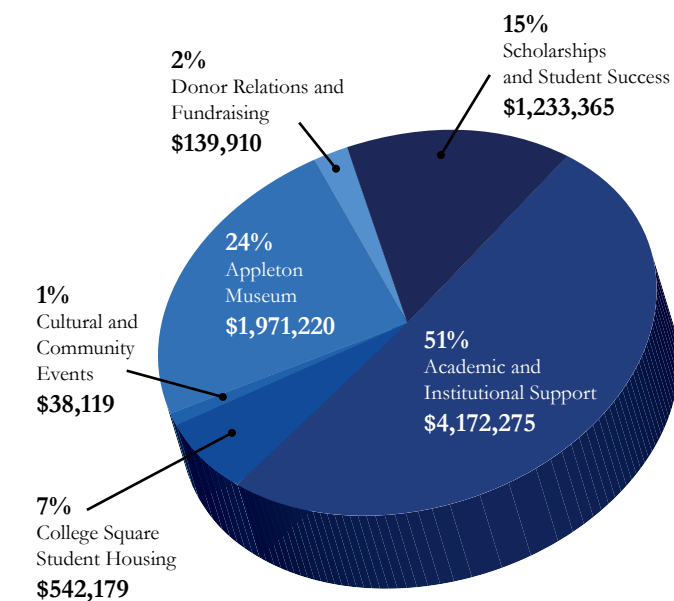
NET ASSETS

Operating Fund - Unrestricted	3,817,026
Operating Fund - Restricted	3,186,404
Non-expendable Endowed	66,207,546
General Plant	17,237,083
Student Housing	1,585,737
Enterprise Center	1,162,996

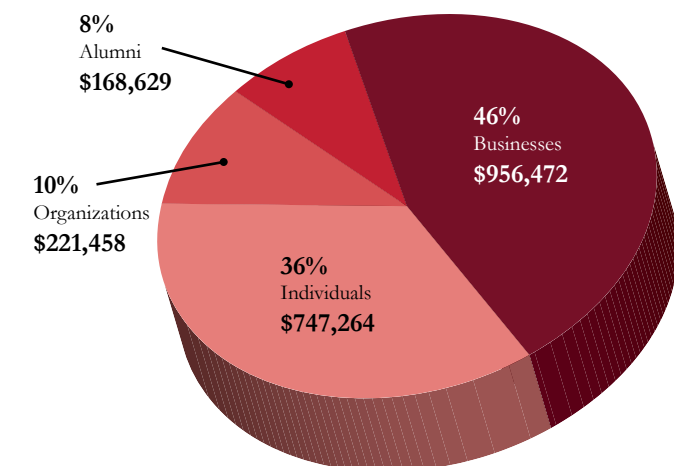
TOTAL NET ASSETS 93,196,793

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$96,448,298

2018 Support to College and Community



2018 Sources of Contributions



For more information on the College of Central Florida Foundation, call 352-873-5808 or visit CF.edu/Foundation.

CF Foundation news

CAMPUS USA Credit Union Named CF Partner



This past spring, the College of Central Florida was named a proud partner with CAMPUS USA Credit Union. As part of the partnership agreement, which will provide CF with \$50,000 annually for five years, CAMPUS USA will be recognized as the premier sponsor and partner for college and foundation events and programs.

“This new partnership will provide funds for scholarships, which are the center of what we do at the CF Foundation,” said Chris Knife, executive director of the foundation. “CAMPUS USA has been a supporter of student scholarships at the college, and through this partnership they will continue to help students.”

The foundation’s \$20 million Reaching Higher campaign includes raising \$8.5 million for scholarships to continue its mission to make higher education accessible and affordable to all.

“CAMPUS USA has been a great friend to CF for several years, and this new partnership agreement will add value to our college and community,” said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president.

CAMPUS USA Credit Union was originally chartered in 1935 as Gainesville Florida Campus Federal Credit Union, and was the first credit union on a U.S. college campus. CAMPUS serves more than 100,000 members from all over the world.



The CF Foundation’s Taste fundraiser will return to Vintage Farm in 2020.

Taste at the Farm

The College of Central Florida’s Vintage Farm Campus was the place to be on March 2. This sold out event was the 31st Taste and was the first college fundraiser held at the farm.

This year’s event theme was “An Evening of Celebration” and was presented by CAMPUS USA Credit Union. It featured past Taste participants and celebrated the long history and transformational impact on students who have benefitted from scholarships the event created.

New this year, guests ditched the usual cocktail attire and dressed in country chic. Guests were entertained by live country music while they enjoyed small bites from nine Ocala area restaurants. Craft beers were served by Tri-Eagle Sales on the outside patio. Guests also toured the newly renovated learning space inside the barn, where classes are now being held. The weather was perfect for the indoor/outdoor event and the new location provided the 275 guests in attendance not only fabulous food, music and networking, but also beautiful evening under the stars.

“What a great time everyone had this year at Taste at the Farm, and the change of venue was delightful and well received,” said Patti Conrad, CF Foundation board president. “Everyone enjoyed being more casual and we saw many new faces this year. My husband and I are both alumni and are very thankful we can continue to support the college by sponsoring and attending the annual fundraiser.”

Since its inception in 1989, Taste has raised more than \$1.46 million for CF student scholarships. This year more than \$64,000 was raised to support scholarships, specifically for students pursuing a degree in one of CF’s bachelor’s degree programs.

“Taste has been such a success because of the outpouring of restaurant, sponsor and community support for 31 years” said Chris Knife, executive director of the CF Foundation. “Hundreds of students have benefited from scholarship opportunities through the years created through this event.”

Plans are already underway for the CF Foundation’s next big event at the farm. Save the date for March 7, 2020.



Dr. Jim Henningsen; Dr. Cash Pealer, retired CF Foundation; and Fred Roberts Jr., immediate past chair, CF Foundation.

John S. and Shirley B. Rudnianyn named 2019 CF Distinguished Alumni

John S. and Shirley B. Rudnianyn are recipients of this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award. The Rudnianyns were honored at a reception April 4 at the Appleton Museum of Art and received the award May 3 at CF’s spring commencement ceremony.

Recipients are selected based on peer recommendations and notable accomplishments in the community and in their careers. The CF Alumni Association has recognized 28 Distinguished Alumni since the award began in 1996.

The Rudnianyns have supported numerous local nonprofit organizations over the years, including the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership’s Leadership Ocala Marion Youth program, 4-H and the Future Farmers of America, the Marion County Literacy Council, United Way of Marion County, Operation Hope, Friends of the Library and the Reilly Arts Center. Additionally, the Rudnianyns open their farm in northwest Marion County every year to host the agriculture education session for LOMY participants.

Mr. Rudnianyn graduated from CF in 1970 and Mrs. Rudnianyn graduated in 1971. They are lifelong residents of Marion County. Their three children were raised and work and live in Ocala. They have built numerous successful development projects and businesses, and have made it a point to give back generously to their community, whether through purchasing livestock at the local Southeastern Youth Fair, helping make possible the construction of the Freedom Library, or assisting with government acquisition of numerous conservation lands. Together they are a true homegrown success story.

“Our Distinguished Alumni honorees are great examples of what it means to be a CF Patriot, each one making a unique and lasting impact in their community,” said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president.



The CF Alumni Association is a proud sponsor of student events on campus. To learn more, visit CF.edu/Alumni. Alumni who would like to share their stories can contact Alumni Relations at 352-873-5808.

At the Appleton



Sharon Kerry-Harlan, "Locks," 2011, mixed media art quilt, 46.5 x 82.75 in.

Summer exhibitions at the Appleton

The Appleton has two contemporary, mixed-media exhibitions on view this summer, celebrating cultural diversity.

"Do Not Bleach: Stephanie Brown," on view June 8-Oct. 20, expresses and encourages melanin love, whether one is dark-skinned, light-skinned, or somewhere in between. Through a series of mixed-media installations, Brown's work raises self-esteem and provides people experiential

opportunities that are not only educational, but also encourage them to advocate for themselves. The exhibition will also feature an interactive selfie station where visitors can try on one of her signature "Do Not Bleach" T-shirts and take a photo. The T-shirts are part of a larger public art

campaign and will be available for purchase in the Appleton Store.

Also on view June 8-Oct. 20 is "Urban Chatter," featuring work by Sharon Kerry-Harlan. Using thread and sun-baked cloth, "the density of contemporary city living" provides the inspiration for this series. The art quilts and textile collages are filled with figures and faces that seem to meld contemporary cartooning, abstraction, African sculptures and ritual masks among mid-century urban music references.

Exhibition Events

Opening Reception and Spoken Word Showcase
 Saturday, June 8, 5-7 p.m.

Celebrate the opening of "Do Not Bleach" and "Urban Chatter" with a reception from 5-6 p.m. At 6 p.m. in the auditorium, a spoken word showcase will feature performances on the topic of "appearance." This event is free to the public.

Left, Stephanie Brown, "Do Not Bleach" public art T-shirt campaign. Image courtesy of the artist.

Museum Day + Education Open House

The Appleton will host its annual Museum Day + Education Open House on Saturday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to celebrate the arts! Enjoy the special exhibitions and permanent collection, or take a stroll in the Sculpture Walk and Garden – all for free! Visit the Education Wing for art-making activities in the ARTSpace and a chance to see our art studios and meet the teachers.

Already receive free admission as a member? Bring your nonmember friends and family for an art-filled day at the museum. For more information, visit AppletonMuseum.org or contact Visitor Services at 352-291-4455.

Let your creative side show at summer art camp

The Appleton Museum of Art is thrilled to offer a variety of summer art camps this year. The museum offers 22 weeklong camps and several two-week camps over the course of eight weeks. Camps for ages 4 and older, including a few that are just for teens, begin the week of June 3.

Camps encourage children to get their hands dirty, build creativity and ingenuity, and — most importantly — to have a good time. Some camper favorites have returned this

summer, for example "Meet the Masters" for ages 4-6, which introduces children to popular artists while creating their own inspired masterpieces. "Fashion Fun" and "Brick Art" for ages 7-12 are also back by popular demand, both teaching children to transition their artwork from 2D to fabulous 3D creations.

There are also many new and exciting art camps this summer, like "Pop Art" for ages 7-12, which uses the bold, bright colors and subject matter seen in the Pop Art movement to spark campers' imaginations. Also for ages 7-12, "Florida Wildlife" will explore drawing, painting and sculpture using our state's furry and scaly critters as inspiration. "Ancient Egypt," ages 7-12, will take campers on an adventure through this mysterious ancient world. New for teens, "Printmaking and Illustration" will introduce a variety of printmaking techniques and how to use the Appleton's very own printing press.

Enrollment is now open and camps fill quickly. To see the full schedule of art camps, prices, need-to-know information, or to register, visit AppletonMuseum.org. Need-based scholarships are available. To apply, contact Hollis Mutch, mutchh@cf.edu or 352-291-4455, ext. 1613.

Appleton members at the Family/Dual level or above receive discounts on camp. To upgrade your membership or join, contact Colleen Harper, harperc@cf.edu or 352-291-4455, ext. 1831.



MUSEUM DAY, JULY 6



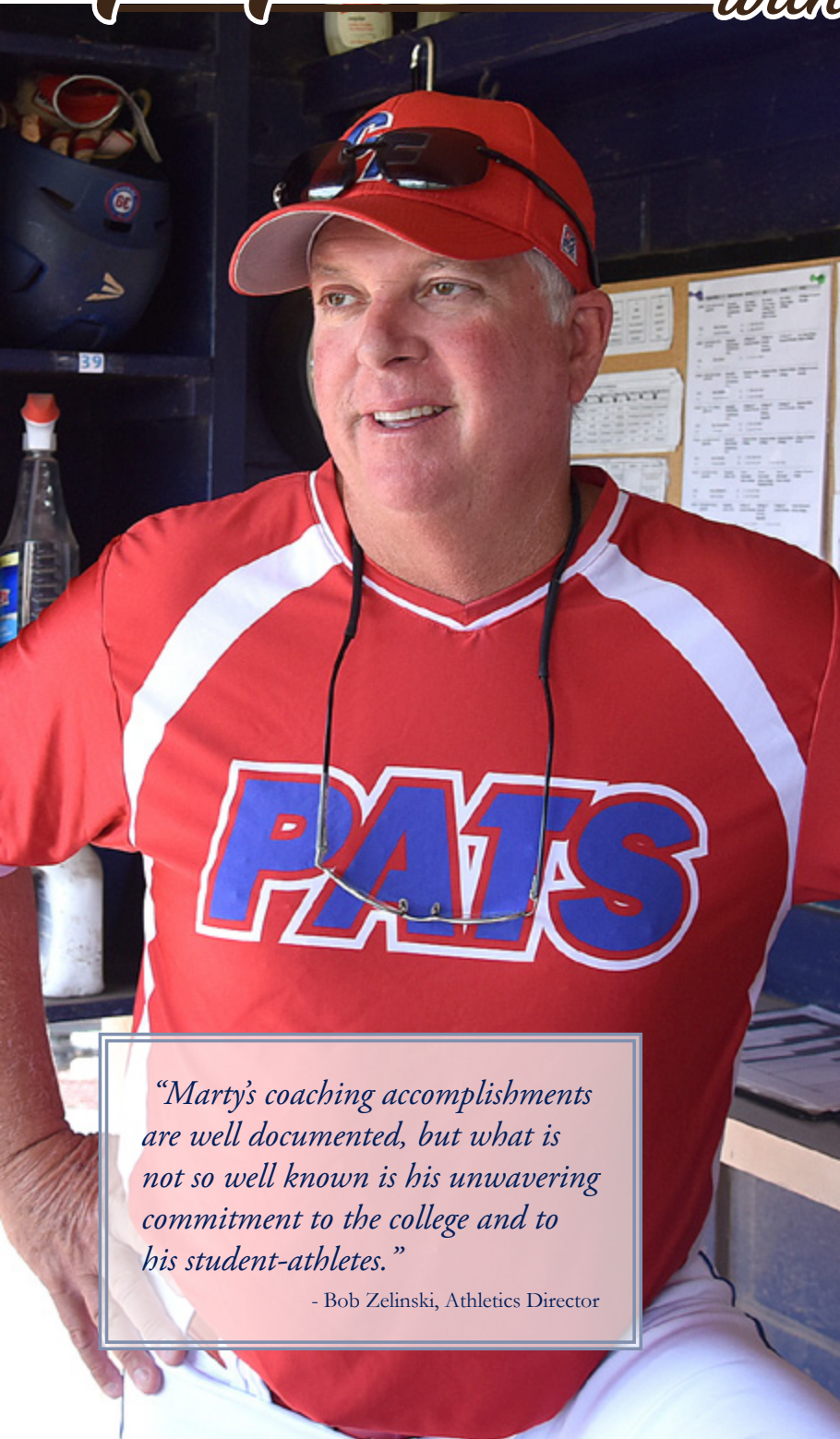


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In Person with Marty Smith



"Marty's coaching accomplishments are well documented, but what is not so well known is his unwavering commitment to the college and to his student-athletes."

- Bob Zelinski, Athletics Director

Head baseball coach Marty Smith entered his 25th season for the Patriots this year and became one of only three active coaches in the state to reach 700 wins in the Florida College System Activities Association. Smith will be inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame on May 24.

A two-time FCSAA Coach of the Year and five-time Mid-Florida Conference Coach of the Year, Smith's career includes two FCSAA state championships and participation in the NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series in 1997 and 1998. During his time at CF, the Patriots have captured six Mid-Florida Championships (1996, 1997, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2019).

A former baseball student-athlete at CF, Smith finished his collegiate career at St. Thomas University in Miami. His coaching career includes stops at Miami-Dade and Florida State College-Jacksonville. He returned to CF as an assistant in 1991 and took the reins of the program in 1994.

"Marty's coaching accomplishments are well documented, but what is not so well known is his unwavering commitment to the college and to his student-athletes," said Bob Zelinski, director of Athletics and Wellness Education. "He has excelled in his commitment to education, graduating 74.4 percent of his players, and this is a very special tribute to not only Marty's coaching accomplishments but to his overall commitment to his players' success at every aspect of life."

Smith has mentored hundreds of student-athletes who have moved on to four-year schools and more than 25 former student-athletes have been selected in the MLB draft, including Nate Pearson who was selected 28th overall in 2017.