

# >>> A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Classes began at the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus in fall 2017, providing educational opportunity in the first permanent higher education facility in the community.



As you will see in the pages of this annual report, we have much to celebrate at the College of Central Florida. From the opening of our Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus, to the launch of our new student success initiative focused on the first-year experience, to the capacity expansion of skills-based programs in business, logistics, nursing, robotics, welding and more — we are focused on serving our students and community.

As we wrap up our 2013-2018 strategic plan, we felt this would be a great year to reflect on our successes through the lens of our strategic priorities. We have championed student learning and success, strengthened collaborations and partnerships, maximized institutional efficiency and effectiveness, leveraged technology, fostered a great place to work and demonstrated value.

Our vision is to be the first choice for quality higher education in Marion, Citrus and Levy counties and we continue to build upon our strengths to respond to the unique needs of the communities we serve. While I hope you enjoy reflecting on our successes in this report, I hope you will also take time to visit one of our campuses or the Appleton Museum of Art to see for yourself the great things we are doing every day.

Together, we are transforming lives.



### Mission Statement

College of Central Florida provides access to high quality, high value baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, certificates and diplomas, and promotes the economic, social and cultural development of our community.



# >>> BY THE NUMBERS 2017-2018



75% STUDENTS GRADUATE WITHOUT DEBT 2,377
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STUDENT SATISFACTION RATE

### **SUCCESSES**



95% of graduates are found working in their field or continuing with an advanced degree one year after graduation.

11,994 certificates and degrees were awarded in the last five years





Five students named to the Florida College System's 2018 All-Florida Academic Team: Danielle Bryan, Katelyn James, Crystal Palmer, Karma Pfeiffer and Jacob Ratcliffe were named to the team because of their outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service to the community.

100% of first-time-in-college students will take First-Year Seminar to help them be successful in on-time college completion.



# >>> CHAMPION STUDENT LEARNING **AND SUCCESS**



## **StartSmart@CF aims** for success

CF has launched its new student success initiative, which has revamped the first-year experience to ensure that first-time-in-college students are on track for success. StartSmart encourages students to explore their strengths through career and interest surveys, select an academic pathway based on their interests, be matched with a success specialist who will advise them through their first year, and take advantage of resources and connections to help them be successful.

Some accomplishments in 2017-2018 include providing students with five or more First-Year Success advising touch points and giving them more opportunities to receive support in their first year. Students have selected one of 146 academic pathways and nearly 50 percent of students participated in subject area tutoring to help them succeed. StartSmart Fellows, faculty who have increased contact time with students, have organized and hosted 45 workshops on everything from overcoming math anxiety to exploring STEM careers. In the 2018-2019 academic year, the new First-Year Seminar will be required of all Associate in

Arts degree seeking students. The evidence-based course offers students engagement opportunities, success skill development, academic preparation, and career exploration in small classroom settings. The results are proving that students who go through the first-year experience program are staying on track each semester, leading to on-time graduation.

### SUCCESSES



In 2017-2018, 50 CF team members represented the college on the eadership boards of 83 community

Team members volunteered with 73 organizations from the American Heart Association, to Fine Arts for Ocala Hospice of Marion County, Ocala Royal Dames for Research Inc., United Way,



18 students and staff participated in alternative Spring Break, providing pportunities for students to travel and give back to others while enjoying heir time outside of the classroom.

# >>> STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIONS AND **PARTNERSHIPS**



## **Dual enrollment** numbers climb

Ask students what they like most about dual enrollment and they will tell you about the opportunity to graduate with an Associate in Arts before their high school graduation. Ask their parents, and they are likely to mention the two years of free college tuition. Regardless of motivation, CF is pleased to offer a program that helps increase the number of college graduates in our community.

CF works with Marion, Citrus and Levy County school boards to offer dual enrollment opportunities at high school and college locations, and the number of 43 percent in the last five years. In May 2018, 100 students graduated with their Associate in Arts before receiving their high school diploma, including 82 students from West Port High School. West Port hosts CF's Early College program, where students can complete their A.A. without leaving campus.

According to the Community College Research Center, students who participate in a dual enrollment program are more likely to earn a college degree. In Florida, 75 percent of students who dual enroll earn a college credential within five years. That's higher than the national average of 64 percent.

"Dual enrollment can be a catalyst for a student who finds themselves in the academic middle to see themselves as college material," says Dr. Jennifer Fryns, dean of Arts and Education.

And dual enrollment can also provide opportunity for outstanding students like Maurice Gilbert, who earned several scholarships due to his high level of academic achievement. "Dual Enrollment provided Maurice opportunities that he would not have had with other programs," said Ginger Cruze, principal at West Port High. "He is well prepared for finishing his bachelor's degree at Florida A&M University."

### SUCCESSES



For six years, CF tuition rates have been unchanged, reinforcing our commitment to affordability. CF is ranked in the top 5 percent of colleges in the nation for affordability, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The college received a \$6 million commitment from the Marion County Hospital District and \$6 million from the Florida Legislature for a new health sciences center.



CF ranked No. 17 Best Community College in the Nation by CollegeChoice.net out of more than 1,000 colleges based on performance

# >>> MAXIMIZE INSTITUTIONAL EFFICIENCY AND **EFFECTIVENESS**



## **Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus making a** difference for our community

The college opened its Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus for fall semester 2017, welcoming the community at a ribbon cutting Aug. 11 and students to classes on Aug. 21. The project is a testament to determination and years of fundraising in the community and incremental support from the state Legislature during lean economic years.

In 1982, the college opened the Bronson Center and in 1993 moved to the Providence Mall Shopping Center, where classes were offered until last year. The CF District Board of Trustees first identified a Levy Campus as a college priority in 2004. In 2006, property was donated by former Trustee Loy Ann Mann and her husband, Jack. In 2009, educator and farmer Jack Wilkinson donated \$2.5 million for the project, which at that time was the largest donation in college history.

The state-of-the-art Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus brings opportunity as the county's first permanent higher education facility. The 44,000-square-

foot, two-story building sits on 40.44 acres and includes multi-purpose classrooms, computer labs for college credit and corporate education courses, a large multi-discipline science lab, and 3,000 square feet of exhibit and conference space.

The campus is making a difference for students like Micaela Studstill, who graduated with an Associate in Arts in May. Micaela completed her degree at the Levy Campus and is now enrolled at the University of Florida, studying environmental science. "CF inspired me to accomplish anything and not let things stand in my way."

### SUCCESSES



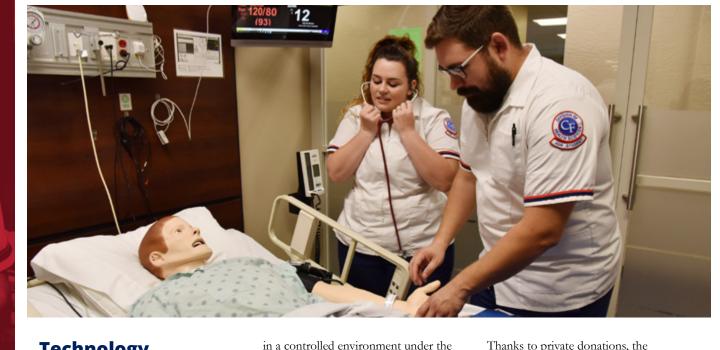
38% of our courses are taught online to improve efficiency.

CF has the third most affordable Nursing Degree in Florida, according to CollegeChoice.net, which noted the college's state-of-the-art, high fidelity simulation labs



16 programs are offered completely online, including the Associate in Arts; Associate in Science in Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Criminal Justice Technology; Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and certificates in business administration, childhood development, computer information technology, equine technician and more.

# >>> LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY



## **Technology** optimizing CF Health **Sciences programs**

Health Sciences programs are among the fastest growing at the college, and technology is giving students more opportunity for hands-on experience. In the past five years, CF launched the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, with the first cohort graduating in 2015.

At the Ocala Campus, students at the Health Sciences Simulation Center learn, test and master essential skills

observation of qualified professionals. High fidelity patient simulators allow students in CF's Nursing, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Dental Assisting, Physical Therapist Assistant and Surgical Technology programs to practice rapid responses and teamwork in a high-stakes environment. This past year more than 2,400 student experiences were recorded along with 904 clinical simulation lab hours. Clinical simulations have contributed to a 150 percent growth in the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Thanks to private donations, the simulation center is equipped with six hospital/examination rooms with all the standard equipment needed for patient care, one family obstetrics suite designed to simulate child birth, neonatal care and pediatric treatment, one classroom for group instruction and training, three debriefing/study rooms, a conference room, a student computer area that simulates a charting nurse station, and a control room with one-way windows for observing and controlling simulations, outfitted with audiovisual equipment for recording scenarios.

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# >>> FOSTER A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

### SUCCESSES



94% student satisfaction rate on service by CF employees.

CF is committed to fostering a great place to work, which is reflected in an 85% satisfaction rate on surveys and dedicated service of employees. In the last five years, 10 employees have been honored for serving 30 or more years.





At the annual employee recognition program in May, 70 employees who reached milestone anniversaries or celebrated retirement were recognized for a combined 900 years of service.

The CF Counseling Center was recognized in March as a "Champion in Student Mental Health Equity" by the Student Mental Health Policy Alliance for demonstrating core values of compassion, accountability, respect and excellence.





## **Faculty and staff** set the bar high for achievement

At CF, everyone has a role in student success. Rob Marino, Thomas Ziesemer and Deborah Becker have been recognized for impacting the learning environment on a daily basis.

In August 2017, Associate Professor of Communications Rob Marino was named 2017 Distinguished 2-year Newspaper Adviser by the College Media Association. The award is presented annually to a member with five or more years' experience. Marino has served as faculty adviser of the CF Patriot Press

student newspaper for 14 years. During that time, the newspaper won state and national honors, including two first place finishes in the Florida College System Publications Association annual state conference and three top 10 finishes in CMA and American Collegiate Press Best of Show competitions.

In April, Criminal Justice Associate Professor Thomas Ziesemer received the inaugural Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award from the American Association of Community Colleges. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate passion for students and the classroom, support students inside and outside the classroom, participate on college committees, and go above and beyond what is required to ensure that

students are successful in their academic endeavors.

Also in April, Professor Deborah Becker was presented the Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology at the Association of Florida College's International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. Becker's innovative spirit and desire to create evidence-based learning activities were cited as contributing to the establishment of a state-of-the art simulation program at CF. Becker was also selected as one of 20 individuals nationwide to participate in the National League for Nursing's Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators.

# >>> DEMONSTRATE VALUE

### SUCCESSES



CF graduates earn nearly double that of area high school graduates in the first year: \$41,522 compared to \$22,644.

100% of Nursing and Surgical Technician students passed their licensure tests on the first try (second quarter 2018).





CF students who receive their associate degree and transfer to the State University System perform better than other Florida College System transfers and students in their junior year who began as freshmen in the university system. 69% of Associate in Science graduates and 65% of Associate in Arts graduates maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average at a state university.



## **Engineering student** receives national recognition

Allison Potts, 36, is accustomed to overcoming obstacles. At 2 years old, she developed meningitis that left her in a coma for 10 days and she almost died. When she awoke, she was diagnosed as profoundly deaf, which gave her a challenging start in life. Potts knew that she would have to work harder to achieve her goals. Her father took her under his wing and, once out of high school, she found herself working alongside him at his business, where he built custom electrical control panels and products.

"I started off working in the front office, handling payroll and other accounting functions," Potts said. "But it wasn't long after that when dad pulled me into actually building the panels myself."

In 2010, Potts moved to Ocala from Pasco County. She worked some odd jobs, still helping her dad when she could. But as a single parent of two children, she needed to make sure she could provide for her family. Advancing her education was the answer.

"Being at CF really motivated me to use my talents in electrical work," Potts said. "I knew pursuing an Associate in Science in Engineering Technology with a Manufacturing Specialization would be a great fit for me."

Sam Ailani, associate professor and program manager in Engineering Technology, is one of CF's outstanding faculty who helps students make the transition from classroom to career. He knew that Allison had the right skills to manage her father's business and provide a flexible living that could accommodate her disability.

"Allison has worked in the automation and controls industry for several years and excelled in the Hydraulics and Pneumatics course that helped her design and build controls for the industry," Ailani said. "As a top performer, Allison really showed her ability to balance her schedule between the demands of family and academics."

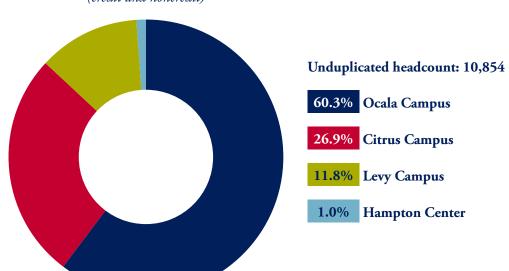
In July, Potts received a national scholarship from the National Fluid Power Association. One of 12 in the country, Potts will receive \$2,000 to help her achieve academic and professional goals.

"This is the second scholarship that I have received since being at CF," Potts said. "I also received one from the Mid-Florida Regional Manufacturers Association."

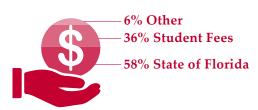
Potts graduates in December and is looking forward to taking her skills to the next level and helping to lead her father's company, Florida Automation Machinery.

## >>> FAST FACTS

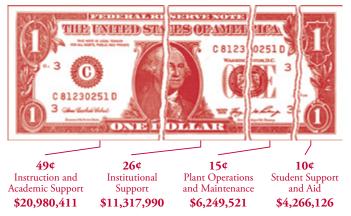
### Students by Site (credit and noncredit)



### Where Our Dollars Come From

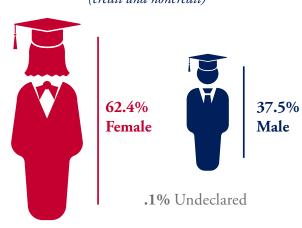


### Where Our Dollars Go

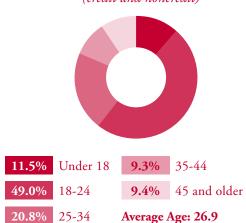


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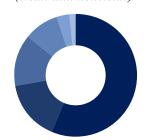
### **Students Enrolled By Gender** (credit and noncredit)



### Age of Students Enrolled (credit and noncredit)



### **Race/Ethnicity of Students** (credit and noncredit)



56.5%	White	9.1%	Undeclared
15.9%	Hispanic	3.3%	Asian
13.6%	Black (not Hispanic origin)	1.6%	American Ind





### **Business Administration Program**

OnlineColleges.com ranked CF's Business Administration program No. 9 in the nation for colleges and universities that offer certificate, associate and bachelor's degrees. Affordability, flexibility and student success contributed to the ranking.

Data Sources: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S.



# **CF No. 22**

## **Best Online Community College**

CollegeChoice.net ranked CF No. 22 in the nation for helping to lead the way on convenience, flexibility, affordability and efficiency. Retention and graduation rates, credentials awarded, the percentage of nontraditional and minority students, percentage of Pell grants, as well as in-district tuition rates and potential salary contributed to the ranking.

Data Sources: Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, Payscale, and individual community colleges



# **CF No. 5**

## Most Affordable Four-Year Online College in Florida

OnlineColleges.com ranked CF No. 5 in Florida for providing a good option for students who want to earn a bachelor's degree but also don't want to break the bank. CF was listed due to its low in-state tuition.

Data Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.



### **Ocala Campus**

3001 S.W. College Road Ocala, FL 34474-4415 352-873-5800 CEedu

### Citrus Campus

3800 S. Lecanto Highway Lecanto, FL 34461-9026 352-746-6721 CF.edu/Citrus

### **Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus**

15390 N.W. Highway 19 Chiefland, FL 32626 352-658-4077 CF.edu/Levy

### **Hampton Center**

1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala, FL 34475-6456 352-873-5881 CF.edu/Hampton

### Appleton Museum of Art,

College of Central Florida 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470-5001 352-291-4455 AppletonMuseum.org

### Vintage Farm Campus

4020 S.E. Third Ave. Ocala, FL 34480-4708















