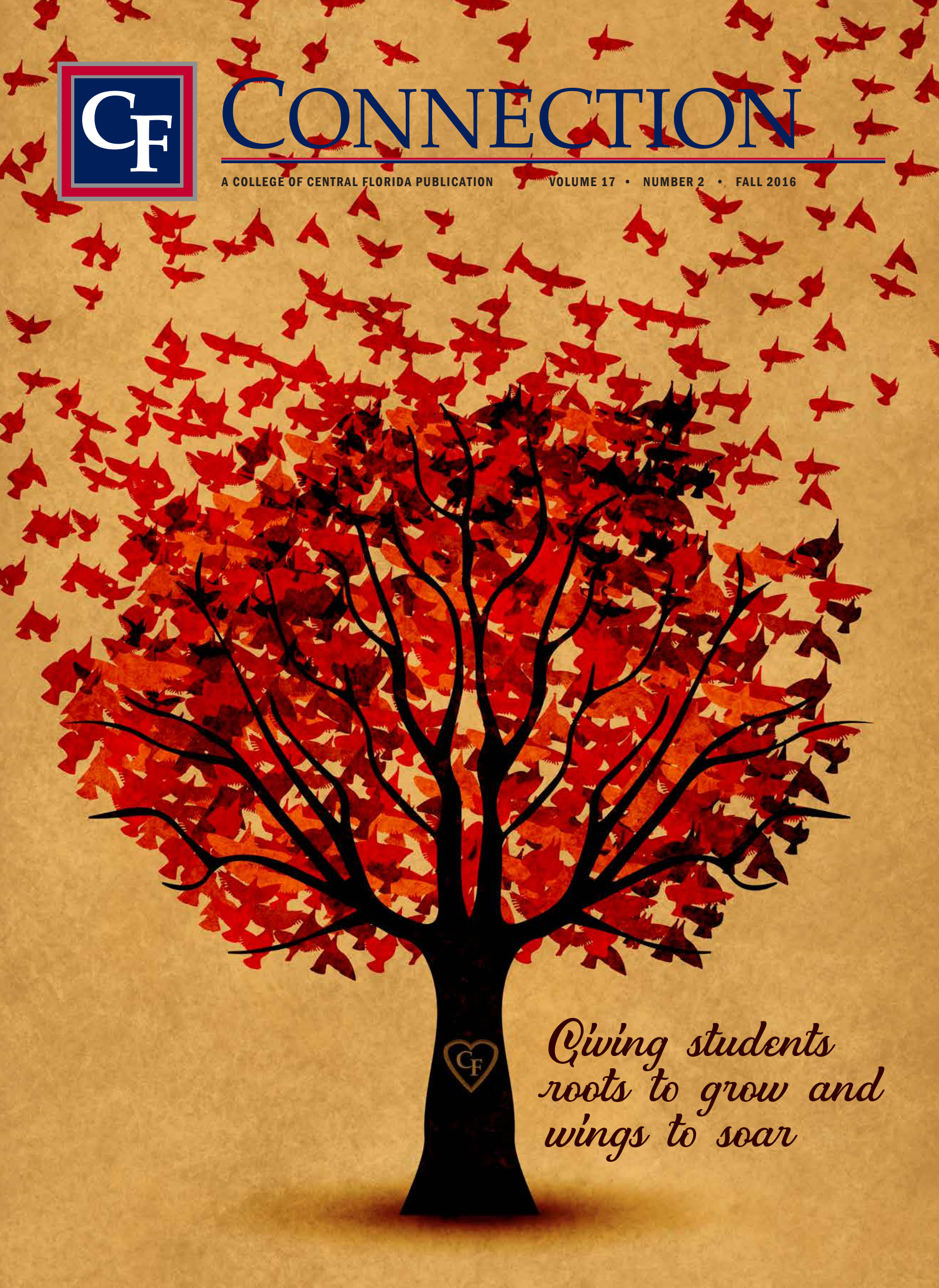




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*Giving students
roots to grow and
wings to soar*



Levy Campus construction ahead of schedule

The foundation for the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus was poured in August. Faculty and staff at the Levy Center are expected to move into the new building in July 2017, and classes will be offered at the campus in August 2017. The college's next construction priority is a Health Science Technology Education Center at the Ocala Campus.



\$2.1 million grant to help students succeed

The college has received a \$2,121,179 five-year grant to improve student success. The Title IIIA Strengthening Institutions Grant is to improve retention of first-year students, increase the success rate for key first-year classes, and increase four-year graduation and transfer rates. CF received its first distribution of \$437,841 Oct. 1, and funds will continue to be distributed annually through the 2020-2021 academic year. With initial funding the college will hire project personnel, enhance onsite and online tutoring, expand professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and design and implement a First-Year Experience course.

Talent Center open for business

A ribbon cutting and open house for the new Talent Center at the Ocala Campus was held in September. A joint venture of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and CF, the center is located in the south entrance of the Enterprise Center. Talent Center staff

will work one on one with employers to help recruit, train and retain vetted professional and highly skilled technical talent. Candidates receive individualized career counseling and coaching, job leads and referrals, resume assistance and interview preparation, invitations to job fairs and hiring events, skills and aptitude assessments, resources and other employability services.

Fallen Officer Memorial unveiled in Ocala

The new Fallen Officer Memorial at the Ocala Campus was dedicated in August. This memorial honors the lives of CF law enforcement academy graduates who died in the line of duty. Fallen officers include William Rutherford and Brian Litz of the Marion County Sheriff's Department, Jared Forsyth of the Ocala Police Department and Renee Danell Azure of the Union County Sheriff's Department. The memorial consists of a flag pole and a wall that bears the Criminal Justice Institute seal along with plaques for each of the fallen officers.

CF No. 10 among Florida online colleges and universities

OnlineColleges.com has ranked CF 10th out of 112 Florida institutions for Best Online College. CF ranked higher than dozens of public and private universities including Embry-Riddle, Flagler, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University and Florida State University. The only universities that ranked higher than CF were Saint Leo, University of Florida, and University of Central Florida.

More than 40 percent of CF students took at least one online class and more than 30 percent took all of their classes online in 2015-2016. In 1998, CF became one of the first colleges in Florida to offer an Associate in Arts degree completely online. A list of online degrees and certificates is available at CF.edu/eLearning.

OnlineColleges.com is an interactive tool that ranks more than 2,500 accredited colleges and universities on a variety of factors, including affordability, student services and the availability of online programs.

Guaranteed admission to University of South Florida

CF has joined FUSE, a new University of South Florida program that guarantees USF admission to students who earn an associate degree at CF.

"This new partnership gives students the opportunity to complete their first two years at CF, where they thrive in smaller classes with our award-winning faculty and programs and pay less in tuition," said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president. "It is a another step forward in helping increase the education attainment level of our community."

While students who graduate with an A.A. or an articulated A.S. from a Florida College System institution are guaranteed admission to a state university in Florida, FUSE guarantees admission to USF. Students can begin their studies at CF with the knowledge that they will have a seat at USF once they attain an A.A. and meet grade point average and other program-specific requirements.

CF will begin enrolling students in FUSE in fall 2017. To learn more about FUSE degree paths, visit USF.edu/fuse.

CF offering private music lessons for K-12 students

College Visual and Performing Arts faculty are now offering lessons in voice, piano, bass, flute, strings and percussion for students in grades K-12 through the CF Community School of the Arts. Lessons are held in the Dassance Fine Arts Center at the Ocala Campus. Tuition for 15 half-hour lessons is \$260 plus a \$25 registration fee. A payment plan is available. To learn more, visit CF.edu/CSA.

800 to receive training on suicide prevention

The college was recently awarded a \$294,930 Campus Suicide Prevention Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funds will be used to implement a collegewide suicide prevention project. The

project will promote education and awareness, incorporating the philosophy that it is everyone's responsibility to be knowledgeable on suicide awareness, know the signs and symptoms, strategies to dealing with and know the resources to use, if an occurrence occurs. It is estimated that a minimum of 800 CF students, faculty and staff, and family members will receive formal education and training on suicide prevention and mental health issues through classroom-based instruction, a series of seminars/workshops, and guest speakers.



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Campus USA creates endowed scholarship

► Pictured from left: Fred Roberts Jr., Chris Knife, Tarin Acaron, Jennifer Hunt, Ruby Puckett, Jerry Benton, Keith Birkett, Bill Edgar and Dr. Jim Henningsen.

Campus USA gave \$50,000 to establish an endowed scholarship for students in CF's Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management program.

"With double-digit enrollment growth in our bachelor's programs, this scholarship will permanently help students earn a bachelor's degree here at CF," said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president.

Chris Knife, CF Foundation executive director, said the gift of education empowers students to become successful members in the community. "Many students would not be able to fulfill their dream of receiving a degree in higher education without the generosity of donors like Campus USA," he said.



Foundation reaches goal of \$420,000 to purchase patient simulators

In September, the College of Central Florida Foundation received a \$300,000 gift from a longtime college supporter to purchase patient simulators for the college's Health Sciences Simulation Center.

These high-fidelity patient simulators are designed to deliver the most realistic training possible. "This generous gift helped complete this project and create a new center with nine patient simulators that includes a state-of-the-art mother and baby simulator," said Chris

Knife, CF Foundation executive director.

"This very realistic hands-on training allows us to replicate high-stakes, hands-on training scenarios for our student nurses, paramedics and EMTs," said Dr. Stephanie Cortes, CF dean of Health Sciences. "Thanks to this gift, our graduates will be well-equipped for the demands of their future jobs."

CF has a strong history of meeting the workforce needs of our local community. Since

1963, more than 9,700 students have earned a certificate or degree in health sciences from CF.

"To address the need of the college's tricity region for more nurses, we are continuing to expand our Bachelor of Science in Nursing and associate degree-level programs offering online courses, flexible class times, and additional training opportunities in a simulated lab setting," said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president.

AT&T provides \$25,000 in scholarships for students to complete B.A.S.

The foundation received \$25,000 from AT&T to establish a scholarship fund for CF students pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management, Management Information Systems specialization.

"As Marion County and the region continue to expand their high-tech interest, so grows the need for an educated workforce with specialized degrees," said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president. "We applaud

AT&T's commitment to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives through scholarship opportunities."

The \$25,000 contribution will provide 20 CF students with \$1,250 scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Since 2011, CF's B.A.S. program has had an annual growth of 25 percent. Currently, more than 750 students are enrolled.

"Many students do not graduate because of financial reasons, so scholarships are critical

in helping our students to complete their degrees," says Matt Mucci, AT&T Florida regional director. "The College of Central Florida Foundation can provide life changing scholarships as a result of this investment by AT&T."

To be considered for a scholarship, students must be entering their final year of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management, and complete the CF scholarship application.



EMS students participate in a drill during 2015.

Emergency drill held at Ocala Campus

A cross-jurisdictional emergency management drill was held at the CF Ocala Campus in October. The drill was funded by the Frank M. Webber Memorial Endowed Chair that was awarded to Health Sciences Professors Marta Allen and Rod McGinnes in August 2014. The award is funded for three years and this is the culmination of their project.

Munroe Regional Medical Center and Ocala Regional Medical Center helped plan the drill where Emergency Medical Services students played victims in a multi-agency emergency response that involved CF Public Safety, Ocala Fire Department, Ocala Police Department, Marion County Fire and Rescue and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. The drill provided hands-on training for those involved in a simulated high-stress, safe and controlled environment. Thanks go to the many CF Foundation donors who provide funding for endowed chairs that make possible such unique and creative learning opportunities for our students.

Alumni' Association

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What's next for this alumna?

Meet the CF Alumni Association's newest board members and learn about their favorite places on campus!



"My favorite place, well ALL of IT! I loved all my experiences while I was here – from student activities to my great professors. CF holds a special place in my heart."

Emily Cummins '11 – Bryant Student Union, All of CF



"I loved Chemistry, doing the experiments and mixing things up. Funny, that was my favorite part, yet my career and passion is accounting."

Gwynne Lewis '97 – Chemistry Lab



"The theater productions and classes were the highlights of my time at CF."

Marc Stalvey '97 – Dassance Fine Arts Center

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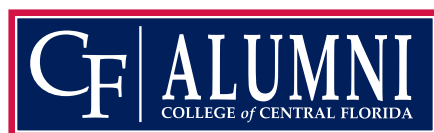
Marc Stalvey, '97

Whether it's the lifelong friendships, the special professors, the endless memories or just staying true to the school that gave you your start, the CF Alumni Association lifetime and annual memberships are a great way to show your love and support for CF.

Our memberships give you access to alumni networking events throughout the year, free admission to CF sporting events, free admission to the Appleton Museum of Art, free admission to student Visual and Performing Arts events, and so much more!

Your membership supports the **CF Alumni Association, student scholarships** and the **Promise for the Future Fund** through the CF Foundation.

Visit CF.edu/alumni to update your contact information and to join the Alumni Association.



During her 10-week fellowship at Harvard University, Ana Oliveira-Beuses assisted with a research project on developmental psychology and linguistics, which directly ties in to her studies at the University of Florida.

The college invited alumna Ana Oliveira-Beuses, 25, to share her "life after CF" story with current students and area high school seniors Oct. 24.

A Psychology major at the University of Florida, Oliveira-Beuses will graduate from UF in December 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Linguistics. She recently completed 10 weeks of study at Harvard University through the Summer Research Opportunities at Harvard program. She spoke about how CF helped her get where she is today.

"I think if there is one piece of advice I can give you, it is that no place is too small that it cannot impact your life in meaningful ways," she said. "A college in Ocala opened doors for me that will impact the rest of my life. At CF I was able to

forge relationships, get to know my professors and get involved with campus life."

While at CF, Oliveira-Beuses was in the Honors Institute: A Community of Scholars and Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and president of the Psychology Club. She was named to the 2015 All-Florida Academic Team and was the 2015 Ocala Campus Student Activities Board Student of the Year.

Andrew Jenkins, director of the CF Honors Institute, said he invited Oliveira-Beuses to speak so current and future students — particularly high school seniors — could see that CF is an excellent place to launch a successful college career.

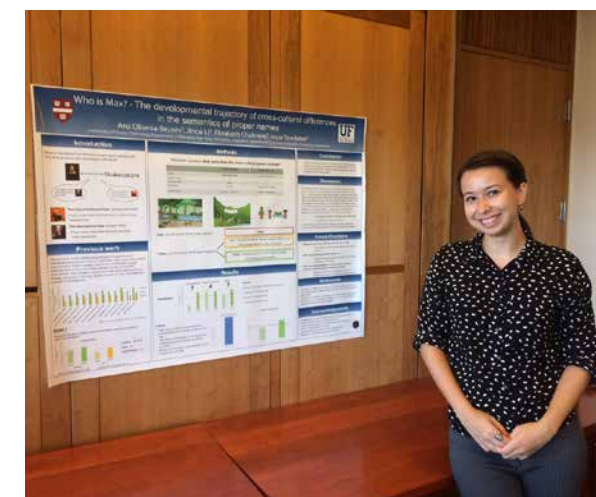
"Ana is an excellent example of what students can accomplish when they are actively engaged

in their education," said Jenkins. "She seeks and pursues opportunities to further her education and career rather than simply sitting back and waiting for her diploma to get her there."

On her time at Harvard, Oliveira-Beuses said, "No place should feel too big or so important that it discourages you from even trying. Harvard sounds intimidating and a big deal, but all it took was one day in front of a laptop when I asked myself 'what can I do to go do research at Harvard?'"

A quick Google search led Oliveira-Beuses to the Summer Research Opportunities at Harvard program. She didn't tell anyone about her application until she received an email confirming she had been selected for the program.

"I think that was the most satisfying call I've made to my parents in the four years I've been in the U.S. Actually, my whole life," she said. "Hey mom, I'm going to Harvard this summer."



Course correction has student reaching for the stars



A required reading for the CF Honors Institute inspired Samantha Baxter, 23, to change her career aspirations from pathologist to aerospace engineer and led her to the prestigious NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars program.

“We had to read Andy Weir’s ‘The Martian,’ and it really made me think about how I could apply my interests in science and math to space exploration,” said Baxter, who was a logistics specialist in the Army until 2015. “I began researching aerospace careers and Google led me to the NCAS program.”

Baxter, who is also president of CF’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, was selected as one of 216 community college students nationwide to participate in a four-day on-site workshop at the Kennedy Space Center in October.

As part of the program, students form teams as fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team is responsible for developing and testing a prototype rover, forming a company infrastructure, managing a budget, and developing communications and outreach. Students also have opportunities to interact with NASA engineers as they learn more about careers in science and engineering.

“NCAS not only inspires community college students to advance in STEM fields, but it also opens doors for future careers at NASA,” said Tania B. Davis, Minority University Research and Education project manager. “NCAS has a legacy of alumni moving from NASA internships to ultimately entering the NASA workforce. It is rewarding to see the progression of a student from NCAS participant to NASA colleague.”

CF Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Phi Theta Kappa advisor Allan Danuff said he fully

expects Baxter to work at NASA someday.

“Oftentimes students from community colleges feel that they either do not have the opportunities or cannot perform as students from universities do,” said Danuff. “Samantha has demonstrated that College of Central Florida students can earn the opportunities if they want and can perform at very high levels. She is definitely a role model.”

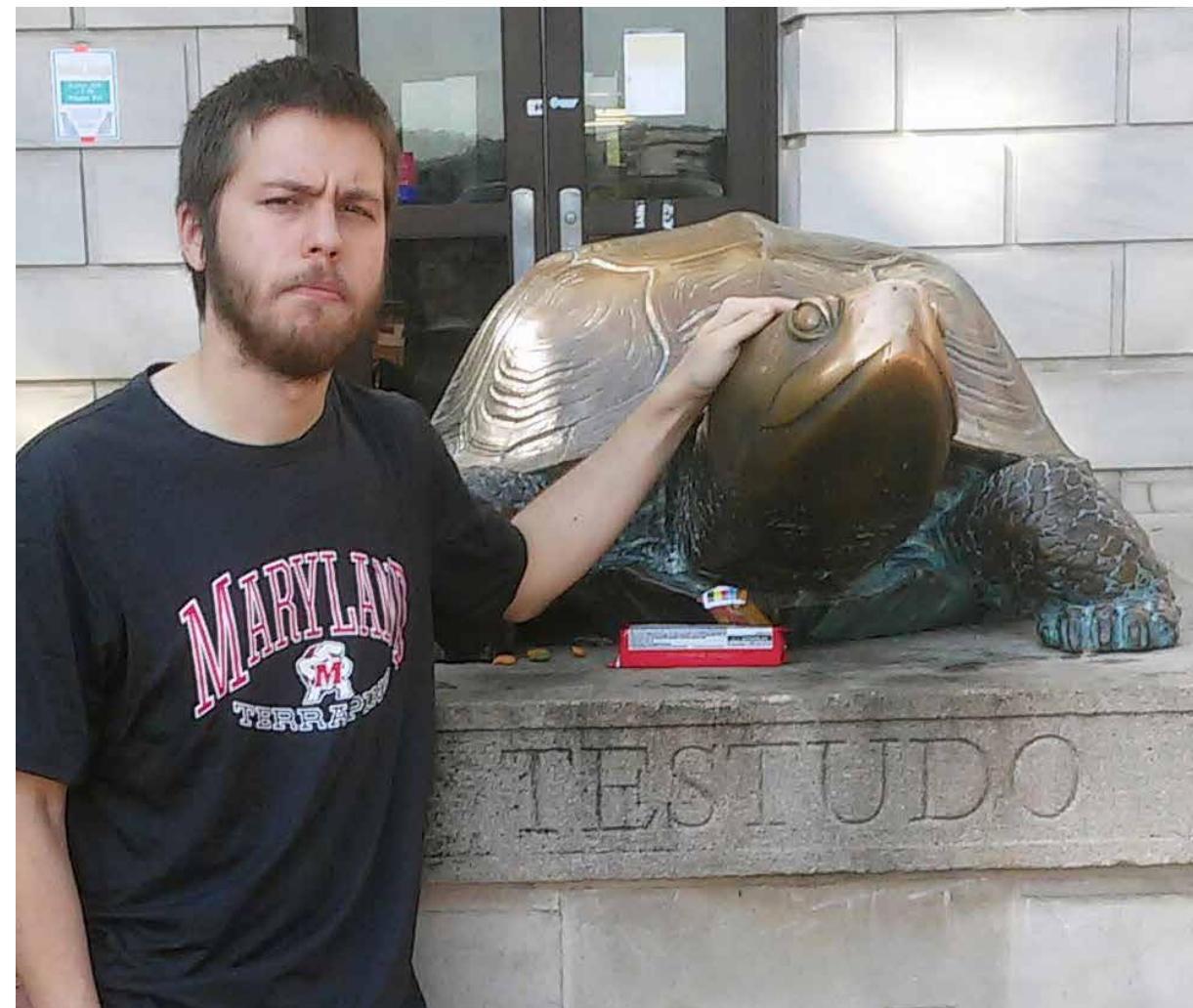
Baxter is already making progress toward her career goals. In addition to being accepted into the NCAS program, she was also recently accepted to the Embry Riddle Aerospace Engineering program.

“I originally chose the College of Central Florida because I spent so much time in Ocala. CF was the most appropriate, affordable and convenient choice,” she said. “I found so much more than that, though. My time in the honors program and Phi Theta Kappa has not only

prepared me for my career, but also life outside of my career. The academic standards I have been held to and my professors have helped make these opportunities possible for me.”



Alumnus receives prestigious NIH scholarship



Nick Munyan, 22, class of 2016, was one of 16 students in the country selected for the National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship program.

The program pays up to \$20,000 per academic year in tuition, educational expenses and reasonable living expenses to scholarship recipients who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral and social science health-related research. Scholarships are

awarded for one year, and can be renewed up to four years. The scholarship includes paid summer internships and employment with NIH after graduation.

Graduation may be a long time off for Munyan, however, who has ambitious career plans.

“My dream is to earn both an M.D. and Ph.D.,” he said. “I’d like attend medical school and pursue a specialty in endocrinology. My research interest is human metabolism. Following that, grad school is my go-to option, and I’d want to earn a Master of Science in Biochemistry with the hopes of managing my own lab.”

Munyan transferred to the University of Maryland with a 3.97 GPA and is pursuing a B.S. in Biochemistry. He also received the \$5,000 per year University of Maryland President’s Transfer Scholarship.

Munyan credits the CF Honors Institute program for encouraging him to look for scholarships, and his CF science instructors for helping him lay a solid foundation.

“CF definitely has some really qualified faculty — down-to-earth people who can have a casual conversation just as easily as they can teach,” he said. “After being at a big-name university, I’m starting to realize how much I took that for granted.”

Number of CF Transfer Students Attending Florida Public Universities in 2016



Source: SUS Student Data Course Files, 2016

CF student among first hired by FedEx



CF student Vanessa Smith, 36, was one of the first 150 people hired by the new FedEx Ground Hub that opened in August.

Some could argue that Smith's new job is the result of several stars aligning dating back to 2013. For Smith, it is the result of a life course correction that began in 2008.

Smith and 279 of her Merillat cabinet manufacturing co-workers were laid off in 2008 when the economy turned downward. Not one to sit idle, the Forest High graduate decided it was time to return to college and earn her associate degree. The proud wife and mother of three made slow but steady progress toward her A.A. over the next several years.

Meanwhile, it was announced in February 2013 that a FedEx Ground Hub would be built in Marion County, and the college began developing degree and certificate programs to prepare students for future FedEx jobs. At the same time, CF was awarded \$3.2 million from the

Department of Labor to support information technology careers for persons from rural areas. The XCEL-IT grant expanded programs for unemployed workers and focused on information technology industries: manufacturing, logistics and supply chain management, and cyber security.

In January 2014 CF began offering a Logistics and Supply Chain Management Specialization of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management program and an advanced technical certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

The XCEL-IT grant made it possible for the college to hire a recruiter and job placement specialist.

Smith completed her A.A. earlier this year and began the B.A.S. in Business and Organizational Management program when the CF job placement specialist let her know about a management opening at FedEx.

"I have always admired the professionalism and

culture of FedEx," she said. "I was excited for the community when the hub was announced a few years ago. Today I am honored to work for FedEx Ground as an operations manager and to be part of the inaugural team in Ocala."

CF president Jim Henningsen said Vanessa's story is a great example of what can happen when the private and public sectors, including education, work together.

"With more Fortune 500 companies eyeing Ocala/Marion County, I believe we will continue to hear more stories like Vanessa's," Henningsen said. "At CF, we are happy to have a role in making those opportunities reachable." Of course it takes plenty of hard work, dedication and sacrifice to get there.

Smith, who is also working on her Six Sigma certification, echoes that sentiment.

"I get it all done with meticulous time management. I work nights, sleep until my kids get out of school, help them with their homework, do my homework and I get a lot done over the weekend. We are weekend warriors."



The FedEx hub, located in a \$180 million 400,000-square-foot facility just east of Interstate 75 and north of U.S. 27, began operations in August with 300-350 employees. The facility will quickly employ approximately 500 people. As a ground hub, packages from throughout the country are sorted for distribution throughout Florida. It is anticipated that the facility will more than double in size to 1 million square feet and employ more than 1,000 people. To begin, the hub processes about 15,000 packages each hour. When the plant is fully equipped, that could grow to as many as 45,000 per hour.



Applauding our students, faculty and staff

Welcome new CF family members

At Convocation in August, the following new employees were recognized.

Academic Affairs

Beth Beaudet, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing

Deborah Becker, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing

Andrew Bosley, Faculty, Mathematics

Lori Bufka, Faculty, Communications

Dr. Stephanie Cortes, Dean, Health Sciences

Andrew Crusse, Faculty, Visual and Performing Arts

Patricia Dukeman, Faculty, Visual and Performing Arts, Digital Media

Jennifer Duncan, Faculty, Mathematics

Gina Fisher, Staff Assistant III, Health Sciences

Dr. Hingrid Kujawinski, Faculty, Visual and Performing Arts, Choral

Tammy Martineau, Faculty, Health Sciences, RN-BSN

Abraham Mathew, Faculty, Business and Technology, Economics

Warren Parkin, Faculty, Communications

Timothy Ross, Coordinator of Criminal Justice, Public Service

Amira Hanifah Sims, Faculty, Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. June Tickle, Faculty, Health Sciences, RN-BSN

Elvie Tyler, XCEL-IT Recruiter

Judith Vang, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing

Margaret Vang, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing

Uvonda Wilkerson, Faculty, Health Sciences, Surgical Technology

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Institutional Effectiveness and College Relations

Sarah Eshleman, Graphic Design, Web and Public Relations Coordinator, Marketing and Public Relations

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Jeffery Tellez, Tradesworker, Appleton Museum of Art

Student Affairs

Debora Avila, First-Year Success Specialist

April Charles, Financial Aid Specialist II

Victoria Colleli, Director, Access Services

Farida Culbreath, Financial Aid Specialist II

Jesse DelPrado, Admissions Advisor

Jennifer Moreno, Financial Aid Specialist I

Regina Summers, Financial Aid Specialist I

Susan Thomas, Assistant Director, First-Year Success

Boisy Waiters, Educational Advisor

Citrus Campus

Eileen Colon, Staff Assistant I

Erina Gross, Financial Aid Specialist I

Christopher Ray, Educational Advisor, Counseling



More than 500 attend job fair at Paddock Mall

The XCEL-IT program in partnership with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and Talent Center hosted 31 employers and more than 500 job seekers at the Paddock Mall in September. The fair was also an opportunity for the college to educate the community about CF services and degree programs. Exit surveys revealed that 90 percent of attendees would recommend the fair to others, and 100 percent would like the college to sponsor another job fair in the spring.

Crusse directs '9 to 5'

Associate Professor of Visual and Performing Arts Andrew Crusse directed "9 to 5: The Musical" at the Ocala Civic Theatre in September. "For Visual and Performing Arts faculty, maintaining an active professional career is the marker of expertise, just as having a novel published would be a marker for an English professor," said Dr. Jennifer Fryns, dean of Arts and Education. "Not only is Professor Crusse an expert in his field, his community involvement opens the door for CF students to experience high-quality community theatre and gives the college an opportunity to recruit future students."

Made with love

Current students and alums gifted Director of Student Life Marjorie McGee with a T-shirt quilt on her 10th employment anniversary. From her use of #lovemyCF job on social media to the exuberant smile worn at all campus events, it's no secret that McGee enjoys her work. Current and past students, including three who now work full time at the college, gave a shirt for each of McGee's 10 years. "We wanted to do something for her to show how much we love and appreciate all that she has done," said Jessyca Thibault, educational adviser and former Ms. CF. "Each shirt came with different memories and together they can wrap her up in her own life. Literally."

CF, West Port grad accepted to six florida universities

Congratulations, Trent Salmon, who is attending the University of North Florida on a \$4,000 per semester scholarship. Salmon was one of 76 West Port High School Early College students who graduated from CF with an Associate in Arts degree the same time they graduated from high school. Salmon was also accepted to the University of Florida, University of South Florida, University of Central Florida, Florida State University, and Florida Atlantic University. "The best thing about the Early College program is that it provides students with the opportunity to challenge themselves through the rigorous coursework assigned by the teachers but does not allow for the students to be left behind or overwhelmed," he said.



Endowed chairs and grants awarded at convocation

Congratulations to Valerie Murphy, Josh Strigle, Jean Imes, Lori Witkovich and Dr. Sarah Satterfield. The CF Foundation announced recipients of \$41,500 in faculty and staff awards at Convocation in August. The team of Murphy and Strigle received a \$2,000 New Initiative Grant for "Activate your GPS for Success," a project to introduce students to support available in the Learning Support Center. Imes received a \$3,500 collegewide New Initiative Grant to create a sustainable financial literacy program. The \$18,000 Sarala Ramkrishna Karve Endowed Chair was given to Witkovich, who will create a Center for Mindfulness at the Ocala, Citrus and Levy campuses. The centers will offer meditation workshops and yoga classes. The \$18,000 Gladys M. Webber Memorial Endowed Chair was given to Satterfield, who will conduct a community outreach program with music, theatre and dance students.





'Power & Piety: Spanish Colonial Art' **Dec. 3, 2016–Feb. 26, 2017**

Spanish-American elites living in the Caribbean basin became some of the wealthiest people in the world in the late 17th century to the 1820s, thanks to vast profits from cattle ranching and the cultivation and trading of tropical crops. The production and trading of religious art during this period was centered on high-end pieces for churches, the local nobility and wealthy. Painters, sculptors, gilders, silversmiths and cabinetmakers crafted fine pieces to compete with luxury goods imported from Europe. They benefited from a vast supply of assorted raw materials that included not only precious metals such as gold and silver, but also rare wood varieties with colors and grains of unmatched richness, and unique local pigments. Through 57 paintings, sculpture, silver pieces, furniture and other decorative devotional objects, this exhibition showcases a wide range of artistic production and the finesse of local masters. It offers an exceptional opportunity to learn more about the daily life and religious practices of colonial Latin America and sheds light on the nature of commercial exchange in the region.

Friday, Jan. 20, 6 p.m., join Appleton curator Patricia Tomlinson for an exhibition talk, "Trade and Treasures: Art in the Spanish Americas."



The African Collection Revamped

The Appleton's display of the African collection has not changed much in the last 20 years, and it's time for an update! Dr. Robin Poynor, an African Art scholar from the University of Florida, is taking a closer look at the collection, researching the objects to create contextual categories for a new-and-improved narrative display. In addition, a design team has provided a concept that will greatly improve the way visitors engage with the artwork and gather information. Grant funding will enable the Appleton to add three visitor experience stations — two digital and one with touchable objects — to provide interactive elements for adults and children. Touch-pad stations will include the option to view more objects in the collection, listen to music, and view other research and images that relate to the collection. This project is ongoing through 2017.

'A Dickens Christmas: The Urban Family Holiday Exhibit' **Through Jan 1, 2017**

Join us for The Urban Family Day Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This annual holiday extravaganza includes free admission, and from 1-3 p.m., pictures with Santa, carriage rides around the museum grounds, and holiday treats. Enjoy the Urban's beloved collection of Christmas trees, nativity scenes, the Dickens Village, and more! On the second floor, see trees decorated by community groups, including the Appleton and CF Student Activities Board.





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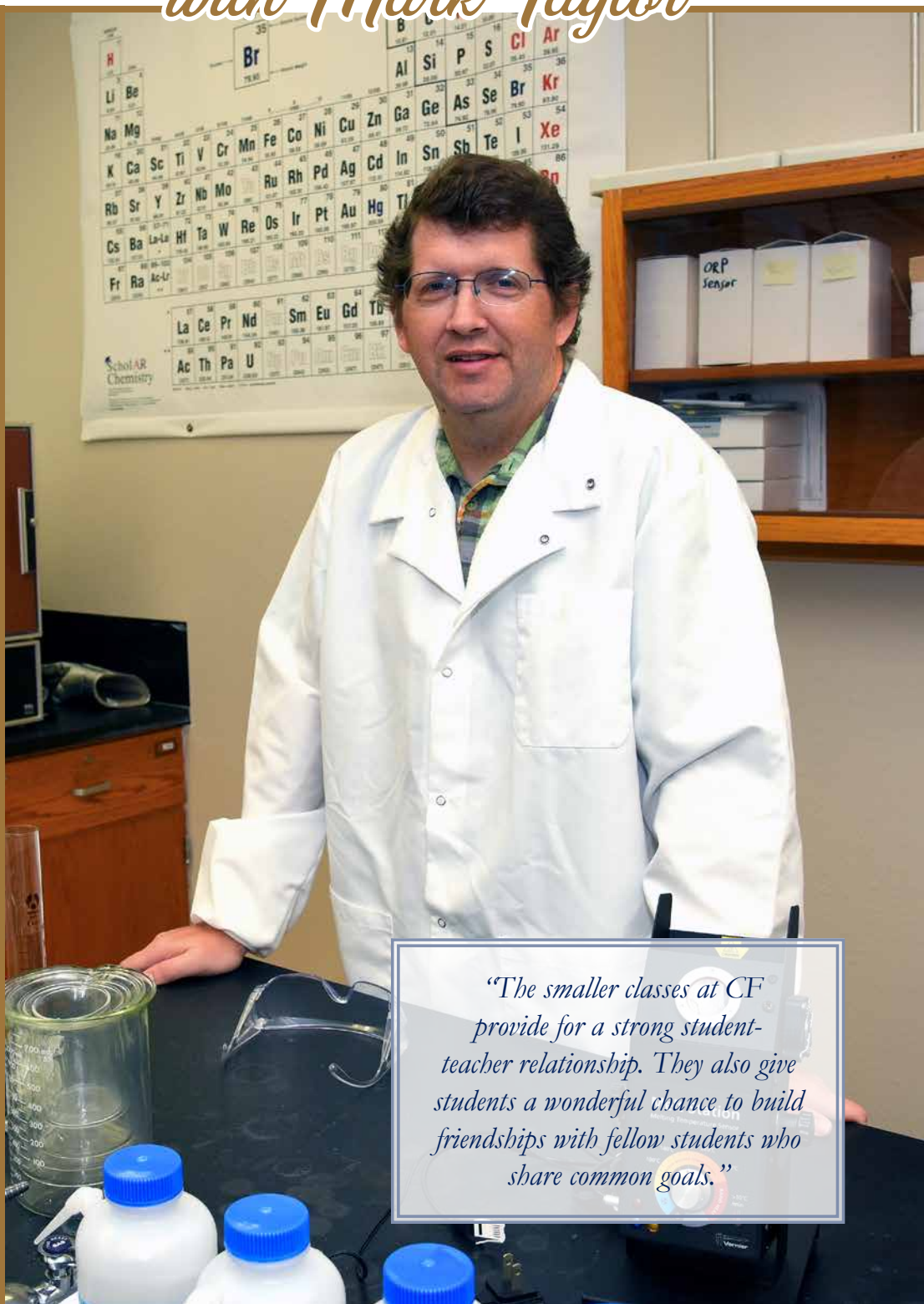
Assistant Professor of Chemistry Mark Taylor has found the formula for college success.

Taylor, who left a corporate career to pursue teaching and chemistry research at the college level, has seen his share of successful students during his nine-year career at CF. Ask, and he can regale you with stories about them — currently six are in the Pharmacy program at the University of Florida. Ask former students about Taylor and their remarks are glowing.

“Professor Taylor is exactly the sort of person we need more of in academia,” said Nick Munyan, now a student at the University of Maryland (featured on page 10). “He’s knowledgeable in what he teaches, but also has an actual sense of humor. He can hold a conversation — probably a bit too well — and is overall one of the very few people I feel will actually engage you as an equal.”

Taylor humbly believes that he doesn’t hold the formula, but CF does.

“The smaller classes at CF provide for a strong student-teacher relationship,” Taylor said. “They also give students a wonderful chance to build friendships with fellow students who share common goals.”



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