Welcome, Levy Campus
As our 60th anniversary year comes to a close, it’s fitting that we look back and reflect on the milestones that have brought the College of Central Florida to where it is today. The immeasurable impact is a testament to the consistent dedication and commitment of faculty, staff and students over the decades.

In the following pages, we will share highlights of our first 60 years, crowned with the most recent, the opening of our Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus. Also in this issue are CF Foundation updates and the Appleton Museum of Art annual report.

It’s extremely satisfying to pause and reflect on all that has been accomplished. We continue to impact student learning and success, and we know that together we are transforming lives.

Congratulations on our first 60 years, and cheers to the next 60!

Mission Statement

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

Commencement Dec. 15

Fall commencement will be held Friday, Dec. 15, at First Baptist Church of Ocala, 2011 S.E. Matrix Road. Jack Wilkinson, namesake of the CF Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus, will be honored posthumously with the CF Foundation’s Distinguished Service Award. Iris Holmes, longtime CF faculty member and founder of the CF International Film Series, and student Chriseanna Mitchell will be graduation speakers. For those unable to attend, the ceremonies will be webcast live at CF.edu/graduation.

CF and Appleton, the Best of the Best

CF and the Appleton Museum of Art were recognized in nine categories of the Ocala StarBANNER’s annual Best of the Best Readers’ Choice Awards in October. CF was voted Best Local College, Best Community Learning Center, Best Place to Work and Best Green Business or Organization. The Appleton Museum was voted Best Art Charity/Nonprofit, Best Event Venue, Best Local Tourist Attraction, Best Museums and Best Wedding Venue. Thanks to community members for recognizing CF and the Appleton as Best of the Best.

Academic, Business Leaders Meet in Friday Talks

The college has partnered with the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership to host the Friday Talks Business Enhancement Series. The talks have featured Mark Davis on “Leadership Development for Business and Life,” Amy Osborne on “Tech Innovation and the Future,” and Dr. Ron Cooper on “What’s the Bottom Line with Ethics.” The presentations are generally held the last Friday of the month at the CF Hampton Center.

New 2017 Rankings

CF No. 9 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.


CF No. 22 Best Online Community College

CollegeChoice.net ranked CF's Business Administration program No. 9 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 online community colleges.

CF No. 3 Most Affordable Nursing Degree in Florida

The independent online publication noted CF’s state-of-the-art, high-fidelity patient simulation labs.

“CF’s rankings reaffirm that the College of Central Florida is a great value,” said Dr. James Henningsen, CF president. “Students can be confident that they will receive a high quality education at half the cost of a public university or fraction of a private college.”
Meet our Newest Campus: Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus

The college made history with the opening of the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus for fall semester. Students attended classes at the first permanent facility for higher education in Levy County.

Jack Wilkinson, the building’s namesake, would have been proud. Mr. Jack, as he was affectionately known, was a 45-year educator who started his own education in a one-room school house in Levy County. In later years, he drove a Model-T to Chiefland High School, where he graduated in 1932. He earned a teaching certificate at the University of Florida.

He taught generations of families who remember him as a kind, gentle man who promoted education as a personal path to success. In 2009, when he made a $2.5 million gift to the college, he said: “It was a pleasure to be able to give it for education.”

The Levy Campus will change the lives of students like Joshua Brabham, who is completing prerequisites for the Associate Degree Nursing program. Brabham graduated from Chiefland High School in 2013 and took a year off before enrolling at CF. He took a few computer courses as he explored career options and settled on nursing as a way to help people while also making a living.

For Brabham, having a college campus in his own community has made all the difference. “I don’t know if I would have gone to college if the Levy Campus wasn’t here,” he said.

Dozens of models, modern microscopes and other equipment are ensuring a rich learning experience in his Anatomy and Physiology class. Comfortable classrooms and lounge areas are encouraging him and other students to stay on campus longer and enjoy the more focused environment.

Brabham, who serves as the Levy Student Activities Board president, says that attendance at student events has also increased. “I love it because I get to be involved and give back to the college that has helped me.”

Mr. Jack would truly be proud.

Wilkinson will be honored posthumously with the CF Foundation’s Distinguished Service Award at fall graduation. See brief, page 2.

Levy Campus Milestones


2016 — CF receives $7.28 million in state funding and construction begins.

2015 — CF receives an additional $2 million and holds groundbreaking ceremony.

2014 — CF receives $4.3 million in state funding for construction of a Levy Campus.

2012 — CF offers Applied Welding Technologies program in existing buildings at the Levy property.

2009 — Jack Wilkinson donates $2.5 million for Levy Campus.

2008 — CF holds kick-off for Promise for the Future – Levy Campus Capital Campaign.

2007 — CF makes initial request for PECO state funding.

2006 — Former CF Trustee Loy Ann Mann and husband, Jack, donate 15.4 acres of undeveloped land to the college. Additional property, purchased 2007-2010, brings total acreage to 46.4.

2004 — Levy Campus is identified as a college priority and CF District Board of Trustees approves search for property.

1993 — Center relocates to Providence Mall Shopping Center in Chiefland.

1982 — Bronson Center opens on a 20-acre site east of Bronson.
Our first 50 years

1957 Established as Central Florida Junior College

CFCC classes begin at the Lecanto Joint-Use Facility for Citrus County students

1984

1959 First graduating class, having seven members

1963 Nursing Education added to curriculum

1966 Merger with Hampton Junior College

1971 Name changed to Central Florida Community College

1973 Levy Center opens in Chiefland

1982 Bronson Center opens in Levy County

1984 College Square Apartments open its doors to students

1994 Webber Center completed 1995

1996 New Citrus Campus officially dedicated

2002

2004 Ewers Century Center opens, becoming CFCC’s front door on College Road

Renovated Hampton Center opens in west Ocala

The college and CFCC Foundation assume full responsibility for the Appleton Museum of Art

2007 50-year anniversary; Bell Tower dedicated

2009

2010

2013 Study by Economic Modeling Specialists International shows that CF has an annual economic impact of $349.7 million in Marion, Citrus and Levy counties

First bachelor’s degree offered at CF: Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management

2014 Bachelor of Science in Nursing added to help meet the Institute of Medicine’s recommendation that nurses with a BSN increase to 80 percent by 2020

Citrus Learning and Conference Center opens in Citrus County

2016 University Center opens on Ocala Campus, providing bachelor’s degrees locally

For the third time, CF is named among the top 10 percent of colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute

2017 $6 million pledged by Marion Hospital District for new Health Sciences building

Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus opens in Chiefland

Keeping the Momentum Going

Some things get better with age. Take the College of Central Florida, for example. The first 50 years were extraordinary, with the addition of new programs, new locations and new facilities. Generations of Marion, Citrus and Levy residents proudly made CF their college. And more than 100 current CF faculty and staff were here for at least part of the first 50 years.

The last decade has been a time of change for CF, and some might say it has been the best decade ever. The college has a new name, an expanded mission offering baccalaureate degrees, and a new program mix to better serve the community. Enrollment has fluctuated as the economy has ebbed and flowed. Online enrollment has soared, with more than 30 percent of students enrolled exclusively in online classes. And we are honing our focus to ensure that we remain the first choice for higher education in our community.

New programs include bachelor’s degrees, which are critically needed in our community. Business programs such as Logistics and Supply Chain Management have been added to meet workforce needs. New Health Science programs, including the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Associate in Science in Radiography, are meeting the critical need for health care providers in our community.

The CF footprint expanded with the Citrus Learning and Conference Center, the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus, and the Vintage Farm Campus.

Our greatest accomplishments are, without a doubt, the students we have reached and the number of careers that we have launched. Over the last 10 years, we have conferred 18,458 certificates and associate degrees and 689 bachelor’s degrees. “Those students would agree that the last decade has been the best ever at the College of Central Florida.”

Our last 10 years

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017
Dear Friends of the Appleton:

A very special thank you to our members, visitors, sponsors, and donors who are committed to the Appleton Museum. Through their generous support, we will continue to meet our mission of providing exceptional art exhibitions and educational programs for many years to come.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, record-breaking attendance figures were achieved for several of our exhibitions and educational events including the Frida Kahlo photography exhibition, “Magical Night at the Museum,” our annual Community Day and several of our Trips ‘N’ Tours adventures.

We are excited about the upcoming schedule of programs. Be sure to watch for the exhibitions “Rembrandt and the Jews: The Berger Print Collection,” “‘Folk Couture: Fashion and Folk Art,’” “Elements of Art” and “Young in Art,” as well as our expanded line-up of educational programs for children and adults and After Hours concert series.

Please join us! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Cindi Morrison
Director, Appleton Museum of Art

Upcoming Exhibit Highlights

Jan. 20-March 18, 2018
Rembrandt and the Jews: The Berger Print Collection
“Rembrandt and the Jews” features 22 engravings that explore the relationship between the Dutch master and Jewish residents of his Amsterdam neighborhood. Organized by the Westminster-Riley Tree Museum of Art at Westminster College, Santa Barbara, California. Made possible in part by Phil and Charlotte Rosenberg.

Rembrandt Revealed: Etchings from the Collection of Dr. Robert and Mrs. Mariann McClary
“Rembrandt Revealed” features 10 prints that meticulously reproduce Rembrandt’s works — one inhabited by physicians, beggars and print-sellers.

Director’s Circle and VIP Reception: Friday, Jan. 19, 6-7 p.m. RSVP required to Colleen Harper, harper@cf.edu or 352-291-4455, ext. 1831.

Inspired Speakers Series Exhibition Talk: Friday, Jan. 19, 6-7 p.m. Scholar and Rembrandt catalog essay author Dr. Lisa DeBoer will share Rembrandt’s legacy and the inspiration for “Rembrandt and the Jews.” Free for Appleton members; $10 for nonmembers. Buy tickets at AppletonMuseum.org or Visitor Services, 352-291-4455.

Exhibition Talk, Tusk Clatter: Sunday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m. Associate Professor Clutter will present “Scratching the Surface: Rembrandt the Master Etcher.” Free for Appleton members; included with regular admission fee for nonmembers.

Folk Couture: Fashion and Folk Art
Feb. 3-April 29, 2018
What happens when 13 fashion designers are set loose in the American Museum of Folk Art in New York City and asked to create a costume fashion ensemble based on a piece of art? The answer is “Folk Couture: Fashion and Folk Art.” Although the relationship between fashion and fine art may not seem a very wide gulf, a link between haute couture and folk art — which often consists of handicrafts by self-taught artists, such as figurative wood carving and quilting — is a bit more unexpected.

The exhibit, organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art in Alabama, includes 13 original ensembles and 23 works of art from the collections of the American Folk Art Museum. The artworks that served as the inspiration and the garments created will be on display in this innovative exhibition that explores how art can serve as inspiration across disciplines.

Visit AppletonMuseum.org for exhibition events, including a VIP opening reception and an art-inspired fashion show on April 21 with fashion designer and Project Runway star Fabio Costa.

Exhibitions

“Inspired Lines: Drawing Biennial 2016”
July 2-Aug. 28, 2016
“John Raimondi: Drawing to Sculpture”
Aug. 6-Oct. 30, 2016
“Survival Architecture and the Art of Resilience”
Sept. 10-Nov. 13, 2016
“Mobile Photography Exhibition”
Oct. 11-23, 2016
“A Toast to the Arts: Masters of Inspiration”
Nov. 12-Dec. 31, 2016
“A Diedrich Christmas: The Urban Family Holiday Exhibit”
Nov. 12-Dec. 31, 2016
“John James Audubon: Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America”
Nov. 12, 2016-Jan. 22, 2017
“Power & Poetry: Spanish Colonial Art”
Dec. 3, 2016-Feb. 26, 2017
“Diversity in Cultures Through African Insights”
Jan. 10-June 11, 2017

“Hallowed Absurdities: Work by Theodore Waddell”
Jan. 14-May 28, 2017
“Art on the Move, Youth Art Exhibition”
Jan. 14-Feb. 5, 2017
“Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray”
Jan. 28-April 2, 2017
“Hand in Hand, Youth Art Exhibition”
Feb. 11-28, 2017
“Young in Art, Youth Art Exhibition”
April 8-May 7, 2017
“ConText: The Word Based Images of Tyrus Clutter”
June 10-Sept. 10, 2017
“Coveted Delights: Qing Dynasty Snuff Bottles from the Permanent Collection”
June 17-Sept. 10, 2017
“Bandits & Heroes, Poets & Saints: Popular Art of the Northeast of Brazil”
June 17-Aug. 13, 2017

Donations and Acquisitions

Fabio Costa’s “Samba Dancer,” hand-quilted in raw silk, raw silk yarn, Japanese bamboo, and raw silk yarn, will be on display at the exhibition. Photograph by Mete Ozeren.

Annual Report 2016-2017
and Volunteer of the Year Jane Meyers.

Original songs.

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In 2016-2017, the Appleton presented educational programming that spoke to a diverse audience, engaging a variety of our community’s population. Art or exhibition-related documentaries and feature films were shown on select Sundays throughout the year, as well as the CP International Film Series.

In combination with the thought-provoking exhibition “Survival Architecture and the Art of Resilience,” Brooklyn-based designer Mitchell Joachim gave a talk on his environmentally conscious design projects, including his award-winning “Cricket Shelter” (at left). Several exhibition talks were held as part of the exhibition “Tides Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray,” which through photography illustrated the iconic artist’s love for her Mexican heritage, family and friends. Nigerian-born Florida artist Ameilies Dyligdraf gave an artist talk and led a printmaking workshop in combination with her solo exhibition, “Divinity in Cultures Through African Insights,” which featured woodblock and linocut prints using textile pattern designs and themes of West African folk tales and myths. All talks were free to attend.

Musical Performances

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Paul de Ritter Quintet
Dec. 1, 2016

Marion Civic Chorale
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SoulBase Band
Feb. 2, 2017

Saratoga Band
April 6, 2017

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The Appleton hosted two free community days with a focus on families: the annual holiday Family Day, celebrating “The Urban Family Holiday Exhibit” and Museum Day 2016, which invited the public to enjoy the exhibitions and make art in the ARTSpace with no admission fee. The annual “Mobile Photography Contest & Exhibition” engaged approximately 200 community members who submitted more than 500 personal photos, all exhibited in the Preview Gallery.

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Our Members

Member support provides valuable funding to support exhibitions and educational programming, making a difference in visitor experiences throughout the year. With nearly 2,400 members, membership fees contributed nearly $90,000 to help further our mission of bringing art and people together to inspire, challenge and engage present and future generations through our wide range of collections, exhibitions, programs and educational opportunities.

In fall 2016, a series of member appreciation events were held, including behind-the-scenes tours of the print collection and the facility, as well as a special exhibition preview with museum staff. Throughout the year, members enjoyed free admission to exhibitions, artist talks and the annual After Hours concert series, as well as discounts in the Appleton Store and on studio art classes and workshops. Upper-level Director’s Circle supporters attended VIP exhibition previews, receptions, artist meet-and-greets and a wine-making and bottling workshop.

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Mark Emery, Photographer and Filmmaker
Upcoming Speakers
Mark Emery, Photographer and Filmmaker
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2-4 p.m. (Klein Center at CF)
Dr. Lisa DeBont, Scholar and Author (will speak on Rembrandt van Rijn)
Friday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m.
Kate Stone, Rising-Star Ballerina
Sunday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.
Nilda Comas, Master Sculptor and Painter
Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m.
Fabián Cota, Fashion Designer and Project Runway Star
Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m.

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Inspired Speakers Series 2017-2018 Season

Designed to pose the question, “What inspires you?” the Inspired Speakers Series features individuals who are not only passionate, but inspire others along the way. Our inaugural talk kicks off with acclaimed National Geographic photographer and filmmaker Mark Emery, who for more than 25 years has traveled the globe sharing his love of wildlife with his incredible images. Free for Appleton members, included with general admission, $10 for all others. Tickets required, make reservations online at AppletonMuseum.org or at the museum.

Give the Gift of Art This Holiday Season

Memorabilia to the Appleton are a great way to give the gift that keeps giving. Memberships provide one year of unlimited access to exhibitions, special discounts in the Appleton Store and on studio art classes, invitations to special events — and so much more! With different membership tiers, there’s something for every individual, family and budget.

Did you know that joining the Appleton automatically enrolls you in the Southeastern Reciprocal Membership Program, giving its members free admission to nearly 100 other museums? By joining the Appleton’s upper-level Director’s Circle, members are also enrolled in the North American Reciprocal Museum Association, providing free admission to 985 additional museums across the country, including MOCA Los Angeles, Pérez Art Museum Miami and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., just to name a few.

For questions about membership, or to join, contact Colleen Harper at 352-291-4455, ext. 1851, or harper@cf.edu.

Studio Art Classes for Children

Do you have children who can’t get enough of art class? The Appleton Museum of Art offers engaging art classes for all ages. Art Explorations, ages 7-12, is offered Wednesdays after school and Saturday mornings. Themes range from drawing to photography. AppleTEENS, ages 12-17, covers topics like Foam Sculpture and Wacky Weaving. And in 2018, the Appleton will offer one-day Museum & Me classes for children ages 2-5 and their accompanying adults to enjoy a guided exploration of the museum and an art activity. For information about additional opportunities or to register, visit AppletonMuseum.org or contact Hollis Mutch, museum educator, at 352-291-4455, ext. 1613, or mutch@cf.edu.
Upcoming events

The college calendar is full of student performances, visiting entertainers, art exhibitions and more. Visit CF.edu for a complete event schedule. Purchase tickets at Tickets.CF.edu, or call the CF Box office at 352-873-5810.

Patriot Performances
60 Years of Arts at the College of Central Florida

Come celebrate 60 years of the arts at CF with a signature anniversary event that features all of our performing arts groups in one powerful, fast-paced production. Includes CF Wind Symphony, Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Patriot Blues Jazz Band and Jazz Combo, Wind Ensemble, Patriot Singers, Chamber Choir and Percussion Ensemble.
Saturday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3, 3 p.m. Tickets $15
Call the CF Box Office at 352-873-5810 for more information and to purchase tickets.

Webber Gallery
“Best of the Season”
Presented by the Visual Artists’ Society
Nov. 13-Dec. 8
Reception: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5-7 p.m.
Free

22nd Annual “Trains at the Holidays”
Dec. 9-30 (Closed Dec. 24-25)
Reception: Saturday, Dec. 9, Noon-2 p.m.
Free

20th Annual “Taste of Ocala”
Join us as we celebrate the College of Central Florida Foundation’s 20th annual Taste of Ocala on Saturday, March 3, 2018.
Ocala’s favorite food and philanthropy event, hosted by the CF Foundation, will feature a social hour, live music and culinary delights from local restaurants vying for the title “Best of Taste.”
Since its inception in 1999, Taste of Ocala has raised more than $1.5 million for CF student scholarships. The 2018 event proceeds will support scholarships for students in CF’s Agribusiness and Equine Studies programs.
Saturday, Dec. 30, 3 p.m. Tickets $15
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Alumni Association

Keep up with the CF Alumni Association on Facebook or online at www.CF.edu/Alumni.

Daniel Marineli
Class of 2012, 2015
Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Charge Nurse – Intensive Care Unit, Citrus Memorial Hospital
“CF prepared me for the workforce by instilling within me an understanding of what professional leadership is, how to develop myself as a leader, and the importance of my role within the health care team. In addition, I was taught the importance of nursing research and knowledge. Evidence-based practice is paramount to the provision of quality, affordable and efficient nursing care.”

Matthew C. Grosse
Class of 2014
Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management
Director, Radiology/Cardiology Services, Munroe Regional Medical Center; Current CF Radiology Advisory Board Member
“The Health Care Management program at the College of Central Florida taught me specific skills to be able to address all opportunities professionally and manage a large business. We have a staff of over a hundred and utilize all types of imaging to provide great services to our patients. I am grateful for the experiences and the tools CF provided me to effectively run my department of the hospital.”

Florines Gonzalez
Class of 2016
Associate in Science in Nursing
Registered Nurse, West Marion Community Hospital
“CF’s nursing program not only has provided me with the skills and knowledge to take care of my patients, but also enforced the importance of integrity, compassion, and empathy that goes into caring for our diverse community.”

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Ike and Sarah Gaston Endowed Nursing Scholarship Established at CF

Just this past year, Betty Jo Gaston established the Ike and Sarah Gaston Endowed Scholarship for Nursing in honor of her parents. Although neither Ike nor Sarah had a college education, Betty Jo said that they made every effort to ensure that all four of their daughters did.

Ike operated a barbecue restaurant in southwest Ocala, and Sarah worked as a nurse’s aide at Marion Regional Medical Center. Because of Sarah’s time at MRMC and her love of health care, the family decided to establish a scholarship for a deserving nursing student with financial need who would be the best way to honor the Gastons.

“Scholarships are the backbone of the CF Foundation and one of the most important ways in which we can provide much needed support to our students at the college,” said Chris Knife, CF Foundation executive director. “We are grateful to Ms. Gaston for this generous gift that will transform the lives of students in our nursing program for years to come.”

CF Foundation Receives $20,000 from Duke Energy for STEM Education

The CF Foundation received a $20,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation to fund high school dual enrollment courses for women and minorities.

During summer 2018, six credit hours of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics courses will be offered through the college’s Digital Media program, which Duke Energy has previously supported.

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The $20,000 contribution will benefit 36 high school dual enrollment students in Citrus and Marion counties. Special enrollment information is available at www.CF.edu/Dual.

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The funds presented this year came from the 33rd annual Cobia “Big Fish” tournament held in June 2017. This annual event attracts more than 600 anglers and is considered one of the largest fishing tournaments held on the Nature Coast.

“We are grateful for the scholarship support we receive annually as a result of the Cobia Big Fish tournament,” said Dr. Vernon Lawter, CF vice president of Regional Campuses. “The generosity of donors like the Homosassa Game and Fish Club helps many students fulfill their dreams of receiving a degree in higher education.”

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CF Foundation Celebrates STEPS Scholarship Award Recipients

The CF Foundation honored recipients of STEPS, Scholarships Taking Elementary Promising Students to CF, at the 12th annual STEPS to CF reception at the Ocala Campus Sept. 20. More than 100 STEPS to CF recipients, family members, school administrators and donors from the tricounty area gathered to celebrate and support the 207 scholarship recipients on their path to college.

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“Supporting educational initiatives is an integral mission of the Duke Energy Foundation,” said Harry Sideris, Duke Energy Florida president. “This grant provides College of Central Florida students with the opportunity to realize their full potential and create models of success that will have implications for years to come.”

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Emmirial Griner, Student Activities Board president for the Ocala Campus, and Chriseanna Mitchell, Student Activities Board service chair and 2009 STEPS to CF scholarship recipient, both spoke at this year’s reception. They shared inspiring messages about their college journey and the many opportunities that await them for getting involved at CF when their college journey begins.

STEPS to CF provides scholarships to fifth-grade students who have excelled academically and can benefit from the incentive of having a college scholarship at an early age. The students must maintain good grades and remain drug and crime free. In return, each receives $4,000 toward an education at CF. To date, 756 awards have been presented at 47 area elementary schools and three locations of the Boys & Girls Club of Marion County.
**CF Student Illustrates Children’s Book**

Daniel Santiago, a student in the Digital Media program, has illustrated a book with local author Dr. Cristina Reinert. Santiago’s colorful drawings capture a backyard adventure of a young boy and his pet pug “Vaughn’s Adventures.” CF professor Tynas Clatter was approached by the author earlier this year, and Clatter knew that his student was up for the challenge. Santiago moved to Marion County from New York with his family three years ago and is in his second semester at the College of Central Florida. “I was looking for a balance between affordability and quality,” Santiago said. He participated in student exhibitions at the Webber Gallery and with Marion Cultural Alliance. He enjoys creating artwork as a freelance and ultimately would like to own a design studio. “Vaughn’s Adventures” is available at Amazon.com and www.archwaypublishing.com.

**Student Publications Garner Awards**

CF student publications and contributors brought home numerous awards from the Florida College System Publications Association conference in Orlando Oct. 13. The Patriot Press earned fourth, placing in nine of the 18 individual categories, including two first-place awards, James Blevins, who graduated from CF in May, and Delaney Van Nest, currently managing editor/photography editor, were two of only four students at the convention to earn an Inter-Circle Award for placing among the top three in three different categories. Blevins, who works part time at the CF Citrus Campus, won first place in Sports Column, second in Sports Writing and Feature Story, and third in Editorial. Van Nest, who started at CF as a dual enrollment student, placed first in Sports Photos, in News Photo and Illustration, and third in Editorial Cartoon. She also won the On the Spot Contest at the convention where students must take a photo representing Orlando. Mark Anderson, the editor-in-chief in the spring and a current CF student, placed second in Humor Writing.

“At the Write Mind,” the Citrus Campus student literary and art magazine, placed third in Division A for Best Poets: Elena Kane’s “Ode to a Housefly.” Also earning third place for Best Art Works were Ashley Sadehoy, for her piece “Bone Deep,” and his Matley, for her pieces “Color Emphasis” and “Hummingbird Hibiscus.”

Prince Quamina, contributor and member for “Imprints,” the Ocala Campus student student literary and art magazine, received second place for On the Spot Poetry.

**Urdaneta Named Promise Scholar**

Gabriella Urdaneta has been selected as a 2017 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a $1,000 scholarship. The Leaders of Promise Scholarship, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, recognizes 200 Phi Theta Kappa members with awards totaling $200,000. Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. This year’s recipients were selected by a panel of independent judges from nearly 1,000 applicants. Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential.

**Welcome new CF Family Members.**

Academic Affairs
Jameka Allen, Staff – Assistant III, Math; Elena Ansbury, Faculty, Biological Sciences; Deborah Becker, Faculty, Health Sciences Nursing Foundation Last Coordinator: Mal Blodow, Faculty, Health Sciences; DMY, Zackary Cove, Faculty, Communications; Maria Davalos, Staff – Assistant II, Business, Technology and Career Center; Mark Davis, Faculty, Business and Technology; Kathleen Dunn, Faculty, Visual and Performing Arts; Tho Duyen, Faculty, English; Matthew Hedigar, Faculty, Health Sciences; Robyn Hooper, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing; Lillian Howard, Learning Lab, Pre-enrollment; Stavi Kohn, Faculty, Arts; Tanya Litman, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing; Lezlie Mountains, Foundation; Anise Smith, Staff – Assistant III, Learning Lab, Peggy Reckaman, Faculty, Human Resources; Christina Moore, Faculty, Early Childhood Education; Mike Stich, Faculty, Counseling, Critical Juvenile; Cheleca Stover, Staff – Assistant III, Health Sciences; Jamie Neath, Faculty, Health Sciences; Anna Louisa Vital, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing; Karen Wilson, Project Manager; Tia-Lou Wiltshier, Faculty, Counseling, Teaching, Learning and Engagement; Graham Young, Faculty, Visual and Performing Arts; Arts, Digital Media, Lorraine Zaith, Faculty, Health Sciences, Associate Degree Nursing; Administration and Finance
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Tania Cocek, Computer Analyst – Staff – Assistant III, Mike Crosby, Maintenance Coordinator, Ocala, Hampton and 1 1st Forme.

Institutional Effectiveness and College Relations
Jamie Clinton, Institutional Research Analyst, Tiki Grant; Danielle Deary, Manager, Community Relations; Giselle Gonzalez-Yaques, Cape York and 11th Student Services Manager; Nadia March, Assistant, Human Resources; Karol Lamb, Specialist, Catering Services; Vanessa Vila, Human Resources Coordinator; Sage Dick, Executive, Administrative Assistant, Ashley Gonzalez, Faculty, Safety and Security; Christine Lasser, Program – Assistant III, Ashley Peirano, Coordinator, Benefits and Special Projects
Foundation
Stephanie Bartschv, Database Manager; Norma Telles, Accounting Special II

At Convocation in August, the following employees were recognized for new positions or new roles.

President’s Office
Misty Alstott, Executive Administrator/Assistant to the President & Angel Gonzalez, Executive Assistant/Assistant to the President
Cecil Banao, Staff, Academic Affairs: Student Services Coordinator; Staci Rabinowicz, Executive Assistant/Assistant to the President & Angel Gonzalez, Executive Assistant/Assistant to the President
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**Dezelen Attends Veterans Leadership Institute**

Matthew Dezelen, president of the CF Veterans Club attended the Student Veterans of America’s 2017 Leadership Institute in October at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas. The highly selective program brings together student veterans for intensive onsite leadership training. Dezelen enlisted in the Army in 2006 after graduating from high school. He served as water treatment specialist, infantryman, and was twice deployed to Afghanistan. He plans to graduate with a Bachelor’s degree in 2018. His goal is to earn a bachelor’s degree and pursue a career in advertising.

**Faculty Member Performs Hurricane Relief Work**

Dr. Russell Wright took to the skies following Hurricane Irma to deliver emergency supplies to South Florida. Wright, associate professor and coordinator of CF’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management program, is also a pilot. In the days following Hurricane Irma, he became restless after seeing television reports of Floridians without power and food. On Sept. 15, he joined forces with AEROnugs, an organization that coordinates donated aircraft to provide a powerful and immediate response to disaster. “I’m doing it because I can. And people need help,” Wright told the Ocala Star-Banner. “I felt helpless doing nothing.”
“An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. So, when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means that it’s going to launch you into something great. So just focus and aim.”

- Anonymous

Chriseanna Mitchell enrolled at College of Central Florida in 2016 and will graduate in fall 2017 with her Associate in Arts. She plans on transferring to the University of Florida to continue her education in Public Relations. She has already begun seeking experience by working in the CF Marketing and Public Relations Department.

She graduated from high school with her International Baccalaureate diploma and acceptances to all three of the colleges she applied for: the University of Florida, Florida State University, and College of Central Florida. She chose CF because she could save money, have smaller classes, and acclimate to college life. At CF, she has been involved in the Student Activities Board as the Service Programs Chair, the Community of Scholars, Student Life Committee, Phi Theta Kappa, Brain Bowl, and published in Imprints art and literary magazine.

“I loved how easy it was to get involved on campus and the variety of events that resulted in me meeting new people.”

Mitchell sites attention, support and passion from the faculty, staff, family and friends as the reason she succeeded here.

“They were willing to go the extra mile to help me succeed.”