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ON THE COVER: Clockwise from top: David Scalf from Marion County Public Schools, Tiffany Bandomo from R&L Logistics, CF graduates now employed at E-One, and Lorelly Crespo from Munroe Regional Medical Center.

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My View



Our Early Childhood Education students partnered with Marion County Public Schools at the Superintendent's Literacy Festival in Ocala April 7. The participation reinforces classroom instruction, allows students to network with peers and potential employers, and also supports our partnership with the school district.

Partnerships are the key to success!

It was Helen Keller who said: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." At the College of Central Florida, we collaborate with our partners to ensure the economic, social and cultural development of our community.

As you will see in the following pages, CF students, faculty and staff continue to make their mark in the classroom, in the community and with our workforce partners. Read about interns who have turned their passion into job opportunities, students and faculty who have been recognized locally and nationally, and the CF Foundation's success in leveraging the support of its donors.

At CF, we take pride in transforming the lives of our students and together with our partners we are transforming our community.

I can't wait to see what happens next!



James D. Henningsen, Ed.D.
CF President

Mission Statement

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

News

Ewers appointed to District Board of Trustees

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has appointed Randall Ewers to the CF District Board of Trustees. He will represent Marion County for a term beginning March 13, 2018, and ending May 31, 2021. Ewers, 50, former city of Ocala mayor, is a strategic sourcing manager with Hale Products. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. Ewers succeeds Ron Ewers, his father, who has served on the CF board since 2009.

"We are excited to welcome Randy to the College of Central Florida board," said Dr. James Henningsen, CF president. "His expertise in working with community groups including our manufacturers will be invaluable as we continue to strengthen our academic programs at the college."

Ewers is an Ocala native and has been extremely active in the Ocala/Marion County community, involved with Locks of Love, Kimberly's Cottage and United Way. He currently serves as the head coach for the Vanguard High School volleyball team.



Randall Ewers, left, with father Ron Ewers

New Levy Campus, new Levy provost



Holly McGlashan is the new provost for the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus. McGlashan has served a number of roles at CF since 2010, most recently as campus manager. She has served as the director of Adult Education and manager of Instructional

Services, and she continues to teach credit and noncredit courses. Previous experience includes a career as a behavioral therapist and case manager in Lake City and Gainesville.

"Holly has worked directly with students and the community for many years and helped transition CF from the Levy Center to our new Levy Campus," said Dr. James Henningsen. "She is well qualified for this position. It's also satisfying when we are able to promote from within our ranks at the college."

McGlashan has a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Florida Southern College, a Master of Science in Sociology from Valdosta State University, and is a doctoral candidate in Higher Education Administration at the University of Florida. She is a member of the Suwannee Valley Club of Rotary International and Chiefland Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the Haven Hospice Community Advisory Board.

CF student counseling center gets national recognition

CF was recently recognized by the national Student Mental Health Policy Alliance for demonstrating core values of compassion, accountability, respect and excellence for its student counseling center. Recognition as a "Champion in Student Mental Health Equity" signifies that the college observes the highest national standards for access and quality of care, while being committed to continually improving student wellness. CF offers students counseling for psychological or emotional challenges; the Psychological Rehabilitation Education Program, which helps them achieve their academic goals; and online mental health screening. CF also offers additional off-campus counseling services seven days per week, 24 hours per day by Florida licensed clinicians through a contract with Bay Care Behavioral Health.



CF recognized as a Tree Campus for ninth year

CF has earned Tree Campus USA recognition for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. This is the ninth year that CF has been recognized.

Tree Campus USA is a national program that honors colleges, universities and their leaders for promoting healthy management of their campus forests and for engaging the community in environmental stewardship. CF met the five core standards of tree care and community engagement in order to receive 2017 Tree Campus USA status.

The standards are establishing a campus tree advisory committee, providing a campus tree-care plan, dedicating annual expenditures on the tree-care plan, participating in an Arbor Day observance, and instituting a service-learning project to engage students.

The Arbor Day Foundation launched Tree Campus USA 10 years ago and continues to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and engaging students and staff in conservation goals.

Partners in education

Teacher inspires at commencement and in the classroom

Growing up, David Scalf thought that someday he would like to teach writing and English to high school students.

While working with young children in his church's Sunday school classes, he found his niche. Scalf was hired as an elementary school teacher before he graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education in May.

Scalf was selected to deliver the spring commencement address and inspired graduates with two challenges. The first: to find what you love to do and do it. He said that countless times, he has been asked: "Why be a teacher?" "Who would want to be a teacher?" "Why teach when you could do anything you wanted?"

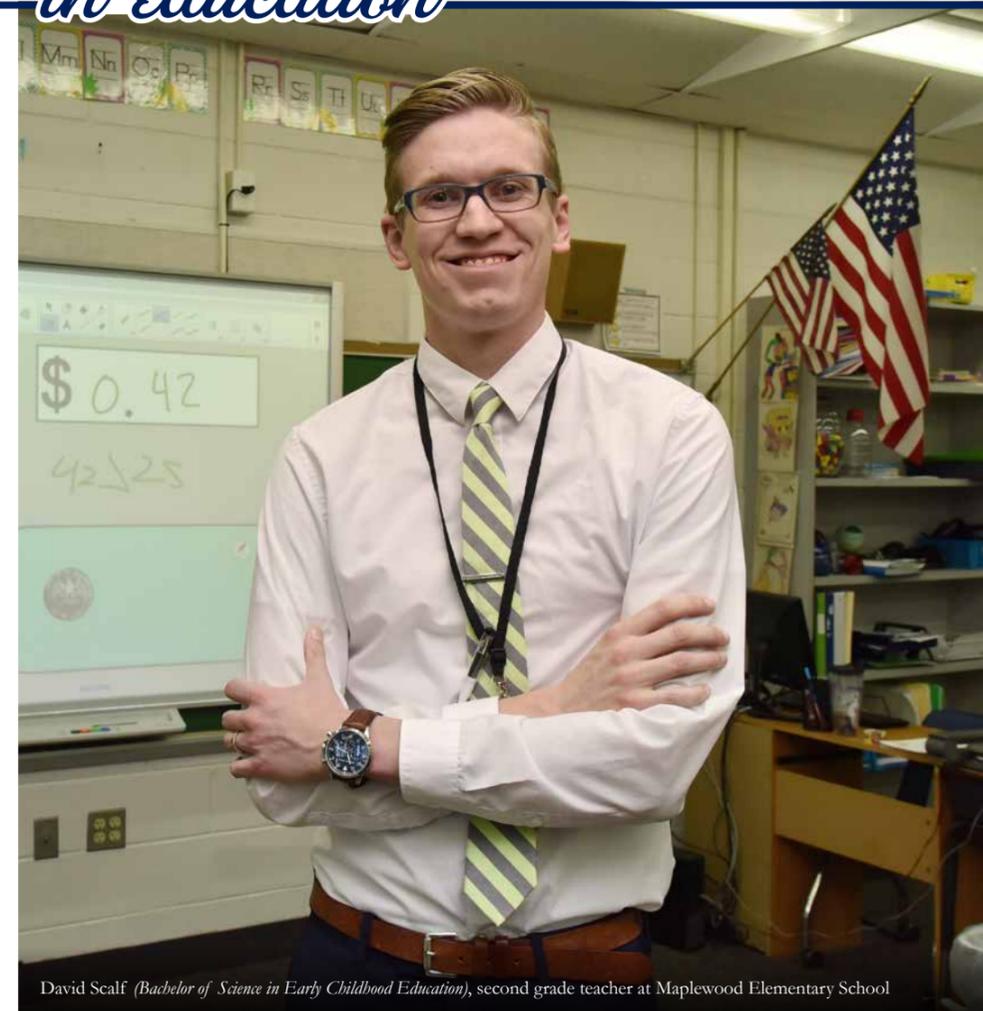
"When I am asked these questions, there is always one thing I remember. It is the words of my grandfather, who has said to me time and time again, 'do what you love, and you will never work a day in your life.'

"I have had my own second grade classroom at Maplewood Elementary for about six months now, but I have never gone to work. I have never woken up and said, 'it's Monday.' I have gotten out of bed every morning with a passion and purpose for what I love to do. So, I challenge you all, find what you love to do and do it."

Scalf also shared the story of teaching icon Ron Clark, who opened his own school

"I have never woken up and said, 'it's Monday.' I have gotten out of bed every morning with a passion and purpose for what I love to do. So, I challenge you all, find what you love to do and do it." - Scalf

to inspire other teachers after becoming National Teacher of the Year. Clark's academy included a two-story tube slide that students used when they were running late to class. During a visit to the academy, an 84-year-old retired teacher opted for the slide. And when she reached the bottom, she was angry.



David Scalf (Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education), second grade teacher at Maplewood Elementary School

"She explained how she wished she could go back and do it all again; she wished she could slide into her classroom every day," Scalf said. "When everyone else was taking the stairs, doing the same things day after day, she wished she would have taken the slide.

"So that is my second challenge to you: Slide every day. It doesn't matter if everyone else is taking the stairs, slide every day," Scalf said. "It

doesn't matter if the job is hard, slide every day. Because, if you love what you do you will never work a day in your life."

Celebrating our graduates

CF celebrated its graduates at two ceremonies May 4 in Ocala.

Among the graduates were 108 dual enrollment students, the highest number ever for the college. CF partners with Marion, Citrus and Levy county school districts to offer dual enrollment to students, who earn college and high school credits simultaneously. Courses are offered at the students' home high school or at one of CF's locations.

Luther Drummond, class of 1963, was honored with the Distinguished Alumni award. Drummond is chair and CEO of Drummond Banking Company, and played a significant role in bringing the CF Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus to a reality.

Partners in engineering



Matt Dettman (Associate in Science in Engineering Technology – Advanced Manufacturing Specialization), left, and Richard Millett (College Credit Certificates in Automation and Mechatronics)

Climbing the ladder of success at E-One

Matt Dettman, 30, explored different cultures, colleges and careers before enrolling at the College of Central Florida. He was born in Georgia, spent several years in Singapore, studied manufacturing at Rochester Institute of Technology and held

In looking at CF, Dettman was intrigued by the Associate in Science in Engineering Technology – Advanced Manufacturing Specialization. He worked on campus as a lab assistant, and knew that getting an internship was the next logical step as graduation got closer.

“CF helped prepare me for my internship,” Dettman said. “They reviewed my resume, conducted a mock interview and helped me

find the right fit I was looking for.”

That fit was with E-One, a worldwide manufacturer and marketer of fire rescue vehicles with more than 23,000 vehicles in operation around the world.

In March 2017, the internship turned into a job offer.

“I couldn’t believe it,” Dettman said. “They offered me a job and I accepted. But I didn’t start for two more months because I wanted to graduate first.”

Dettman now works as an associate designer. “I love being able to look at production challenges and figure out how to make things more efficient.”

CF student takes challenge head on

It was either going to be the military or college for Richard Millett, 19, when he started Seminole High School. He knew in order to find stability, he needed to make a decision and stick to the plan.

“It was ROTC classes or Advanced Placement classes,” said Millett. “I chose AP and never looked back.”

To escape a challenging home life, Millett traveled to Ocala often to visit grandparents. “Life was definitely a challenge, but I just kept focusing on the future,” Millett said. “The day I graduated, my bags were packed and I headed to Ocala.”

The Advanced Placement credits made for an easy start in the Associate in Science in Engineering Technology program at CF.

“I have always loved to take things apart,” Millett said. “Engineering seemed like a natural fit, and the staff at CF were very supportive in helping me to navigate through the process.”

As Millett got closer to completing his degree, Sam Ajlani, associate professor in Business and Technology, knew a local manufacturer looking for an intern that knew the AutoCAD program. Millett was just the student for the job.

“I had never even had a job before, so having an internship was a big step for me,” Millett said. “I liked the idea of working with weapon systems, but fire trucks seemed cool, too.”

Millett landed the internship at E-One working in the electronic parts design department, and less than a year later he became the youngest full-time employee to work for the company as an associate designer.

Millett received College Credit Certificates in Automation and Mechatronics, and plans to complete his A.S. this summer. He encourages other students to get an internship and look for an employer that is willing to make an investment in you as an employee.

“The people here at E-One are so supportive and have really encouraged me to finish my degree,” Millett said. “I love knowing that my boss can rely on me to get the work done.”

Locked and loaded at Custom Windows

Jessie Diaz had her sights set on a career in digital media when she attended West Port High School. She had completed several college credits through the Early College program and knew she would continue her education at CF.

“CF was a natural fit for me,” she said. “I like Ocala and it’s growing, so by attending CF I could still live at home and continue my education for a great price.”

“My parents didn’t go to college. They always encouraged my older brother and me to go to college and to do better for ourselves,” Diaz said. “I knew that if I wanted to support myself and a family one day that I needed to advance my education.”

Her digital media interest turned to engineering when she visited a local manufacturer during high school and was amazed by the engineering component of the workplace. At CF, she decided to



Jessica Diaz (Associate in Science Engineering Technology – Quality Specialization)

pursue an Associate in Science Engineering Technology – Quality Specialization.

Diaz worked to pay bills as she completed classes and was excited when she was contacted by the Talent Center at CF.

“I wasn’t even thinking about an internship,” Diaz explained. “But they made it so easy and helped me find an internship that would be a great fit so I could get experience before graduation.”

Custom Windows is a Talent Center partner that was looking for opportunities to connect with students. The Talent Center is a CF partnership with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion that offers employment services to local employers and provides assistance to students, alumni and professionals in transition.

At Custom Windows, Diaz works in quality control and looks for root causes of deficiencies in the product and how to make improvements.

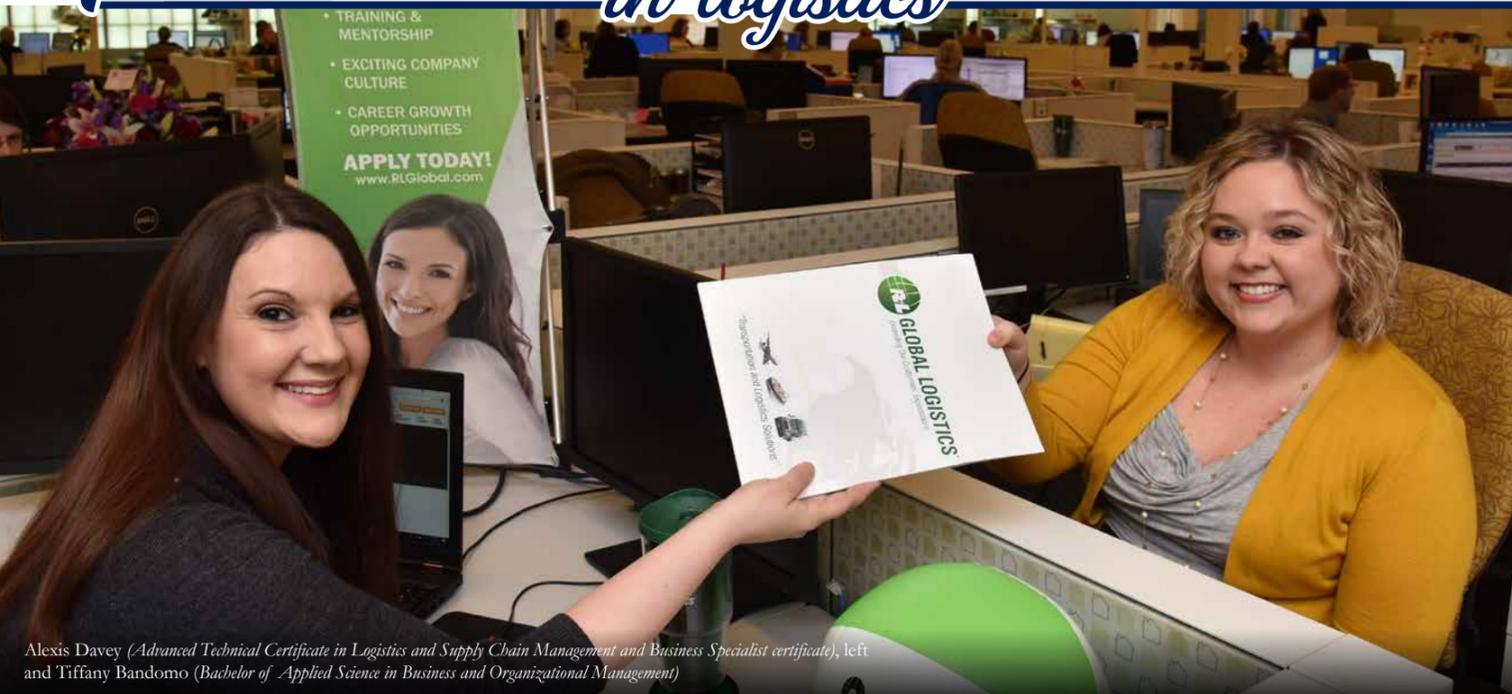
“CF was a natural fit for me. I like Ocala and it’s growing, so by attending CF I could still live at home and continue my education for a great price.” - Diaz

“I love the team atmosphere here,” she said. “Everyone is so supportive and I really feel like I’m making a difference.”

Diaz graduated in May and looks forward to being successful in her next role.

“The internship really opened some doors for me,” Diaz said. “CF was so proactive in assisting me and the support has been invaluable.”

Partners in logistics



Alexis Davey (Advanced Technical Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Business Specialist certificate), left and Tiffany Bandomo (Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management)

R&L Global Logistics helps CF grad find the solution to the puzzle

Alexis Davey, 33, said her family always encouraged her to reach for her goals. “I’m not the first in my family to go to college, but the first one to get my degree,” Davey said.

It was an information session on the Logistics and Supply Chain Management program at CF that put her on the road to her career. The excitement of moving product at such a fast pace from procurement to retail was fascinating.

“That session was so informative and so exciting,” Davey said with a smile. “I remember it being packed and receiving a promotional item that was an airplane. I placed it on my desk at home to remind me every day that I could reach my goals.”

Davies graduated in 2015 with an Advanced Technical Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and a Business Specialist certificate and started working in the domestic transportation department at R&L Global Logistics. Eventually that led to her current position as a marketing coordinator.

“I love figuring things out and the certificate in supply chain and logistics was a great way for me to take a deeper dive,” Davey said. “I did some additional research and knew that

this industry was growing and there was a need for employees.

“So much of what we do is connecting our customer to the best transportation method possible that will help them accomplish their goals,” Davey said. “We want to give them the best user experience and being in marketing allows me to use new digital tools as well as traditional marketing.”

Finding the right fit

Tiffany Bandomo, 26, is not shy to tell potential employees why R&L Global Logistics is the right fit. Bandomo is a corporate recruiter for the logistics giant and she credits CF for helping her to get there.

After completing dual enrollment classes through the Early College program at West Port High School, Bandomo chose CF after graduation.

“I paid for my college education, so CF made complete sense,” she said. “Both my mom and younger brother graduated from CF, and it was a natural progression for me.”

She earned an associate degree while working two jobs in retail and mail packaging, and

then decided to pursue her passion in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management program.

“The CF team really helped me navigate through the transition,” Bandomo said. “They explained the classes I needed to graduate and that obtaining an internship would help me gain more experience.”

Bandomo interned in the human resources department at R&L Global Logistics and learned about the business operations, employee on-boarding and helped with recruiting and giving employee tours. A year and a half later she was hired as a corporate recruiter.

“[The CF team] explained the classes I needed to graduate and that obtaining an internship would help me gain more experience.” - Bandomo

“In school I was always known as an excessive talker,” Bandomo laughs. “Now I get to pour all that energy into talking to potential employees. I love being able to learn more about someone and finding the right fit for them in our company.”

Partners in health care

Providing nurturing and compassion

The College of Central Florida was not the first choice for Lorelly Crespo, but it was the best choice. Crespo left Ocala after graduating from Forest High School, but the college in her new community was not a good fit. After two years, she returned to Ocala and enrolled at CF, where she earned an Associate in Arts, an Associate Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

“It was like night and day at CF,” Crespo said. “My whole experience at CF has been a great one. From financial aid to enrollment to the faculty and staff, everyone has been very helpful and supportive.”

Crespo, 29, will be the first to tell you that the classes have been tough, but the hard work continues to pay off. Employed at Munroe Regional Medical Center since December 2013, she has been a quick study and went from working as a renal nurse to an intensive care nurse where she has been for two and half years. She has also worked as a traveling nurse, and visits other hospitals to help fill the need.

“The best thing I love about my job is that I am usually the first person they see as they are coming out of a horrible situation,” Crespo said. “This job has really taught me a lot about compassion, especially after seeing what patients are going through. This career has allowed me to practice empathy with others.”

She feels that CF has prepared her well for the future and is thankful for the caring faculty who continue to challenge her and support her through her whole experience.

“It’s nice to have options and I am so well prepared and feel like the learning experiences and opportunities given to me were so rewarding,” Crespo said. “Anyone who is looking to pursue a nursing degree should know that there are so many resources at CF.”



Jayme Ruse (Associate Degree in Nursing)

Deciding on a path to nursing

Jayme Ruse, 32, came to CF after graduating from Forest High School, but stopped attending when she thought she couldn’t be successful.

“I haven’t always made the best decisions, and I ended up working a variety of different jobs trying to figure things out,” Ruse said. “It wasn’t until I got married and had my daughter that I realized that I needed to have a career to support my family.”

Both Ruse and her husband, a Marine veteran, decided to go back to school to set an example for their young daughter. With her parents’ support, Ruse was able to get the extra help she and her husband needed to finish school. She completed an Associate in Arts, then an Associate Degree in Nursing. When her father was diagnosed with cancer, she faced another tough decision.

“I had applied for a nursing job at West Marion and told them that I would rather be a floor nurse than emergency room department nurse,” Ruse said. “Then my dad got taken to the hospital one night and I can remember watching the E.R. nurses in action and how they treated my dad. That’s when he leaned over and said that working in the emergency room would be a great fit for me.”

Little did Ruse know that decision would come within that same hour as West Marion Community Hospital called to offer her a nursing job in the emergency room. With her dad’s words in her mind she happily accepted the offer. Ruse’s dad passed away two months before she started her new job.

Ruse has been employed at West Marion since February 2017 and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

“The people at West Marion have been incredible. There is such a sense of teamwork,” Ruse said. “Everyone jumps in and helps, which really makes a huge difference in the outcome of the patient’s care.”

Ruse also knows that without the caring faculty and staff at CF, the decision to be in the

“It doesn’t matter what has happened in your past. If you make the decision to go for it, then all you need to do is put your mind to it and it can be done.” - Ruse

emergency room would have been even harder.

“Ten years ago, I never thought I would be where I am today,” Ruse said. “It doesn’t matter what has happened in your past. If you make the decision to go for it, then all you need to do is put your mind to it and it can be done.”

CF Foundation

Annual Report

Reaching higher for our students and communities



Dear Friends of the College and CF Alumni:

With more than 60 years serving the citizens, businesses and communities of Citrus, Levy and Marion counties, the College of Central Florida is ready to reach even higher for the next 60 years. I hope you are proud of all that the CF Foundation has accomplished — and will accomplish — because you are an integral part of our success and of CF's impact on the region.

In 2017, we reached some significant milestones. Total assets increased 7 percent and surpassed the \$100 million mark for the first time in the Foundation's history. We added to the 400+ scholarships and 79 chairs that help students pursue their dreams and for faculty to be even more innovative in the classroom. Overall, the total financial impact the Foundation provided to students, faculty and staff, and the college was more than \$5.9 million in 2017 — another major first!

The CF Foundation was established solidly by the great work of volunteers and staff throughout its history. We have reached these "firsts" thanks to their work and because of the support of loyal community leaders like you. As we look to the future, we will continue to build on our history and reach higher for the betterment of our community.

If we can be of assistance, please contact us. The Foundation team is ready to serve you as we all strive to reach ever higher.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Knife
Executive Director



For more information about making a gift or including the CF Foundation in your will, contact the Foundation office at 352-873-5808 or foundation@cf.edu.

Fiscal Year 2017 by the Numbers



ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Investments	\$4,218,596
Other Current Assets	65,456
Total Current Assets	4,284,052

Non-Current Assets

The Appleton Museum	16,985,565
Other Property & Equipment	572,570
CF Vintage Farm Campus	2,950,000
College Square Residence	3,537,273
Enterprise Center	3,025,221
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,039,740)
Investments - Endowed	76,276,080
Investments - Restricted	-
Other Non-Current Assets	320,641
Total Non-Current Assets	100,627,611

TOTAL ASSETS \$104,911,663

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Bonds Payable (Current Portion)	\$154,998
Current Liabilities	635,892
Total Current Liabilities	790,890

Long-Term Liabilities

Bonds Payable (Long-term Portion)	820,002
Other Long-term Liabilities	791,552
Total Long-Term Liabilities	1,611,554

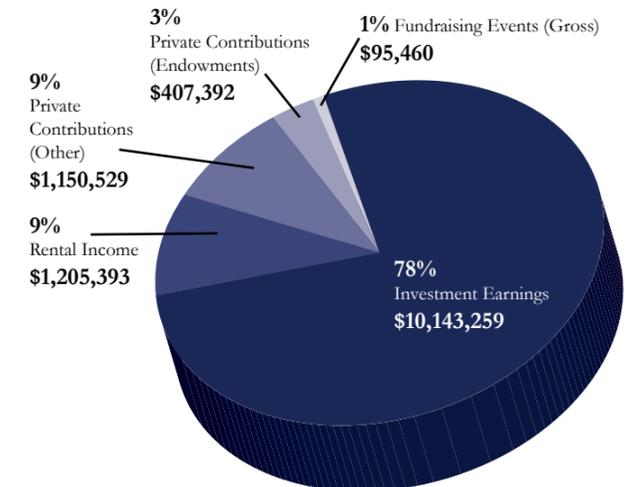
TOTAL LIABILITIES 2,402,444

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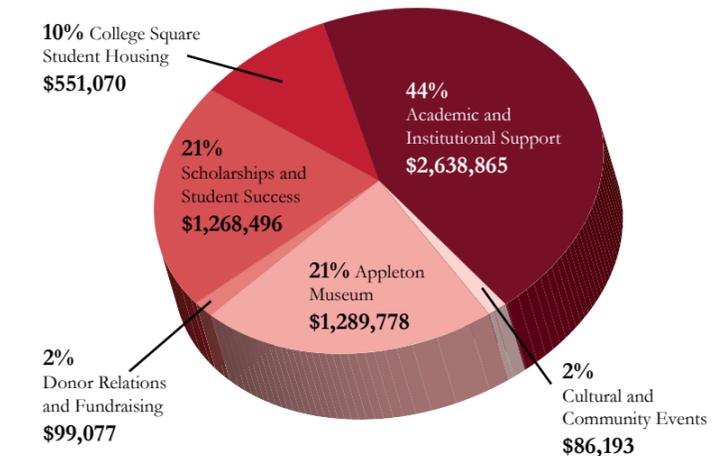
Operating Fund - Unrestricted	3,444,193
Operating Fund - Restricted	2,073,544
Non-expendable Endowed	74,577,226
General Plant	19,879,971
Student Housing	1,422,033
Enterprise Center	1,112,252
TOTAL NET ASSETS	102,509,219
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$104,911,663

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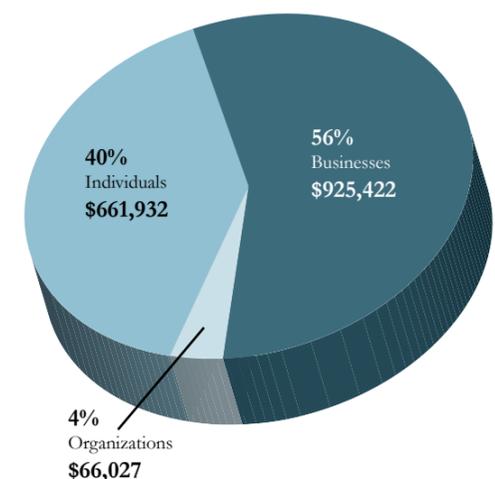
2017 Sources of Revenue



2017 Support to College and Community



2017 Sources of Contributions



CF Foundation news

Alumni Association



Warren Bullard, Jeannie Domingue and Fred Roberts Jr.

Dr. Jim Henningsen, Santos Cruz, LeeAnn Stewart, Brandon Magnuson and Chris Knife

Proud CF Alumni and friends at the March MEGA Monday event, held at the Ocala Campus.

CF Foundation kicks off \$20 million Reaching Higher campaign

The College of Central Florida Foundation kicked off a \$20 million campaign focused on raising money to expand CF's Equine Studies and Agribusiness programs at its annual Taste of Ocala in March.

for scholarships to continue its mission of making higher education accessible and affordable to all; \$7 million for capital and new program initiatives in CF's Health Sciences department; and \$1 million for enhancing the Appleton Museum of Art exhibition and education programs.

"I am pleased to share that to date we have raised \$11.9 million* toward our \$20 million campaign goal," said Dr. James Henningsen, College of Central Florida president. "This is the largest campaign the college has ever embarked on, and we look forward to working with our partners and friends to make the Reaching Higher campaign a success for our students and community."

This year's Taste of Ocala food and philanthropy event was themed a "Paddock Party," which was fitting due to the focus on the equine

and agribusiness scholarships. In 2016, the college received its largest gift on record, a 103-acre farm from the Vintage Farm family. "The event was a huge success and created three new endowed scholarships for Equine Studies and Agribusiness," said Chris Knife,

CF Foundation executive director. "Since its inception in 1989, Taste of Ocala has raised more than \$1.46 million for College of Central Florida student scholarships."

With CF's newly approved Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management Equine Studies Specialization, the enhanced farm will be a center for all aspects of training and education for students entering the equine industry. Students will utilize the arena to host public equine events as part of their capstone course. The covered arena will also be used for demonstration, labs and livestock judging events for both primary and secondary schools. The farm and CF's programs will produce the agribusiness and equine industry workforce for today and tomorrow.

The Reaching Higher campaign will create real, powerful change in the communities where it matters most.

Will you help us **Reach Higher?** Your contribution helps assist our students through scholarships, capital improvements and program enhancements. To make a difference today, please use the enclosed envelope to make a gift or donate online at CF.edu/Reachinghigher.

*\$12.7 million as of May 1.

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

CF Alumni Association engages former students, current students and other professionals to promote student success.

MEGA Monday

Three CF Alumni joined students and faculty at a March MEGA Monday event at the Ocala Campus to share their perspectives of how the college helped start their professional journeys.

Derek Simon graduated from CF in 2016 with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management Information Systems Specialization. After college, he became the account manager at Vertex Consulting.

"The greatest benefit to attending CF was preparation," said Simon. "My professors did a great job in presenting the concepts so that I could gain the knowledge I needed to be successful. With that knowledge I obtained certifications and ultimately the degree that qualified me for the career and salary I desired. The educational system at CF is centered on preparing the student to go out and achieve their goals."

Simon chose to enroll at CF because it provided the flexibility he needed to grow

professionally while attending college full time.

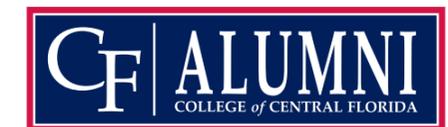
Bradley Wildman is a 2016 graduate with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management Public Safety Administration Specialization. Wildman also served in the Marine Corps. After five years of service, he decided to leave the military to pursue a college education.

Wildman manages the Ocala office of State Rep. Stan McClain as district aide. "I am in the process of researching graduate schools. I am interested in pursuing a master's degree in either public policy or public administration, where I can use my education and experience to better our community."

Kelly Besser, the third alum to share her story, is a proud CF team member, assisting current students as an educational advisor.

working with Wells Fargo Bank.

Additional Speaker Series events have focused on Financial Services Careers and Celebrating Excellence on Administrative Professionals Day.



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.

Speaker Series

CF alum William Alexander was the keynote speaker for the College of Central Florida Speaker Series in November. The series was developed to increase student awareness of local job opportunities and facilitate successful job placement for CF graduates in business and technology careers.

Alexander graduated in spring 2015 with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management Information Systems Specialization. He is currently



Speaker Series Keynote Speaker William Alexander and Kelly Besser



Mayor Kent Guinn, Rashad and Patrice Jones and Ken Kirkpatrick

CF Reaching Higher

The Campaign for College of Central Florida

The plan includes the \$3.5 million addition of classrooms, labs and a covered arena training center at the Vintage Farm Campus. CF is working to offer a unique 100 percent experiential learning program for students.

Other plans include raising \$8.5 million

Applauding our students

Students take first place in state music competition

John Miller and Christopher Patti, CF Visual and Performing Arts students, were awarded first place in the Concerto Competition at the Florida College System Activities Association Winter Music Symposium held at Jacksonville University in January.

Miller was awarded first place in the Brass category and Patti received first place in the Male Vocalist category. Both students received a \$2,000 scholarship to continue their studies at a state university in Florida. Students earned the nomination to enter the competition after a competitive selection process at CF. Both students were accompanied by CF piano instructor Marie Jo.

Other CF students who participated in the event were Landon Blackburn, Dylan Coulson, Elizabeth Gerace, Tyler Kozsey, Emily Mosely, Stephanie Nottke and Hailey Welch.



Christopher Patti, left, and John Miller

Students shine at education gala

Six CF graduates were recognized at the Marion County Public Education Foundation Golden Apple Gala event in January, with the Rookie Teacher of the Year distinction at each of their respective schools.



Congratulations to graduates of CF's Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education: Rachel Burrage, Eighth Street Elementary School; Brittany Danielson, Dunnellon Elementary School; Katie Sellers, East Marion Elementary School; Ashley Stockel, Belleview Elementary School; Latisha Valentine, Evergreen Elementary School; and Chandra Wiebe, Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary School.

The teachers were individually honored at the annual event where each school selects their teacher of the year, who then participates in the selection process.

Five named to All-Florida Academic Team

Congratulations Danielle Bryan, Katelyn James, Crystal Palmer, Karma Pfeiffer and Jacob Radcliffe. The students were among 141 in the state named to the 2018 All-Florida Academic Team for their outstanding achievements, leadership and service to the community. They were recognized at an awards ceremony April 6 at

the University of South Florida in Tampa. Students were selected for their 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.

Former CF basketball star makes it to the big dance

Congratulations to former CF basketball standout K.J. Maura. Maura is a University of Maryland Baltimore County point guard who helped his team upset Virginia, a No. 1 seed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament in March. Maura played for CF in 2015-2016 and racked up accolades including Junior College All-American, Florida College System Athletic Association State Player of the Year and Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year.

Applauding our faculty and staff

"I believe the support of the public in community colleges remains strong, due in no small measure to the efforts of educators and administrators who fiercely believe in the mission of their institutions and who communicate that mission in every classroom," Ziesemer said. "I believe that my work as instructor, facilitator and mentor is a simple and honest reflection of the dedication put forth by the thousands of faculty, staff and administrators at state and community colleges in America."

Language professor is Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Judy Haisten, CF foreign language professor, for being recognized by the Florida World Languages in Colleges and Universities as the Teacher of the Year. This is a top award

for college teachers in foreign languages. The nonprofit association was founded with the purpose of enhancing the teaching and research of foreign languages and culture at the postsecondary level.

Ashlock inducted into FCSAA Hall of Fame

Former CF women's basketball coach and professor Gary Ashlock was inducted into the 2018 Florida College System Activities Association Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in March. Ashlock, who coached the Lady Patriots from 1992-1997, becomes the fourth Patriot head basketball coach to be inducted into the FCSAA Hall of Fame. Former head mens coach Gene Smithson was inducted in 1998, while current men's basketball head coach Tim Ryan was inducted in 2014 and former women's coach Cheryl Rice was inducted in 2017.

"I want to thank the current administration at CF who still believe in me that after 20 years of coaching my last game, it meant enough to them to nominate me for this great honor," said Ashlock. "I'm just grateful for the opportunity to have coached some amazing women while at CF."



Professor Deborah Becker and students

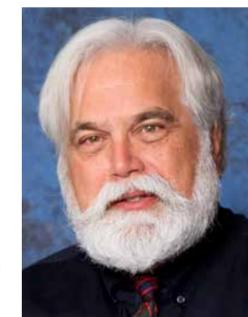
CF Nursing faculty receives Institutional Award of Excellence

CF Associate 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 in Orlando April 6.

The Boyer Award recognizes individuals who have made contributions with broad, significantly positive effects on student learning, motivation and creativity beyond their own departments and institutions.

Becker is an associate professor in the Associate Degree Nursing program. Her 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 recently selected as one of 20 individuals nationwide to participate in the National League for Nursing's Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators, a yearlong fellowship that will further strengthen her knowledge of simulation.

Criminal Justice faculty receives Distinguished Faculty Award



Thomas Ziesemer, CF associate professor of Criminal Justice, received the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award from the American Association of Community Colleges.

The award is named in honor of former AACC President and CEO Dale P. Parnell and recognizes individuals making a difference in the classroom. Ziesemer was recognized for demonstrating passion for students and the classroom, willingness to support students inside and outside the classroom, participation on college committees, and going above and beyond what is required to ensure that students are successful in their academic endeavors.

Partnering with our community

Day of Caring fosters long-term relationships

United Way's Day of Caring brings individuals and community organizations together for a day of service. At CF, the project is part of a long-term relationship with Evangeline Booth Garden Apartments. Each year, faculty, staff and students donate countless hours gardening, painting, washing cars, and assisting with light housekeeping. And each Thanksgiving, the CF family serves an early Thanksgiving dinner to the residents.

Most importantly, volunteers spend time reading, story-telling, playing games and enjoying fellowship with residents of the low income Salvation Army facility. The partnership benefits the older residents, but also fosters a sense of community and the value of service by CF students and staff. Thanks to the Association of Florida Colleges CF Chapter for its leadership with these projects.



Students and staff give back in alternative spring break

While many students use their spring break for rest and relaxation, a CF group spent their 2018 spring break in service. Ten students and staff traveled to Ashville, North Carolina, rolled up their sleeves and participated in several service projects including packing and distributing food boxes, serving lunch to the homeless, working at a thrift store, landscaping, transporting and interacting with residents at the North Carolina State Veterans Home, and much more.

"The Alternative Spring Break program gives students the chance to see a different part of the country while giving back to others," said Richard Kirk, Humanities and Social Sciences professor. "Our hope is that they will come back and put what they have experienced to use in making a difference in their local community."

Arts Partner program supports community nonprofits

CF partners with nonprofit organizations through the Community Arts Partners program. Each academic year, one or more organizations are selected through an application process to hold an event at a CF venue with basic rental fees waived.

"Becoming a Community Arts Partner gives a local performing arts organization a chance to try a new idea or refresh an existing program in a new environment without a great deal of financial risk. Take that risk away and the most creative ideas can flourish," said Dr. Jennifer Fryns, CF dean of Arts and Education.

In 2017-2018, Hospice of Marion County staged a reading of a play that featured the perspectives of cancer survivors. Other partners have included Ocala Civic Theatre, which presented a student production of Macbeth; Marion Civic Chorale, with a spring concert; Belleview High School, with an arts fundraiser; and Ocala Symphony Orchestra, with a young artists concerto competition.

College of Central Florida APPLETON MUSEUM of Art

"Medieval To Metal: The Art & Evolution Of The GUITAR" Through Sept. 2

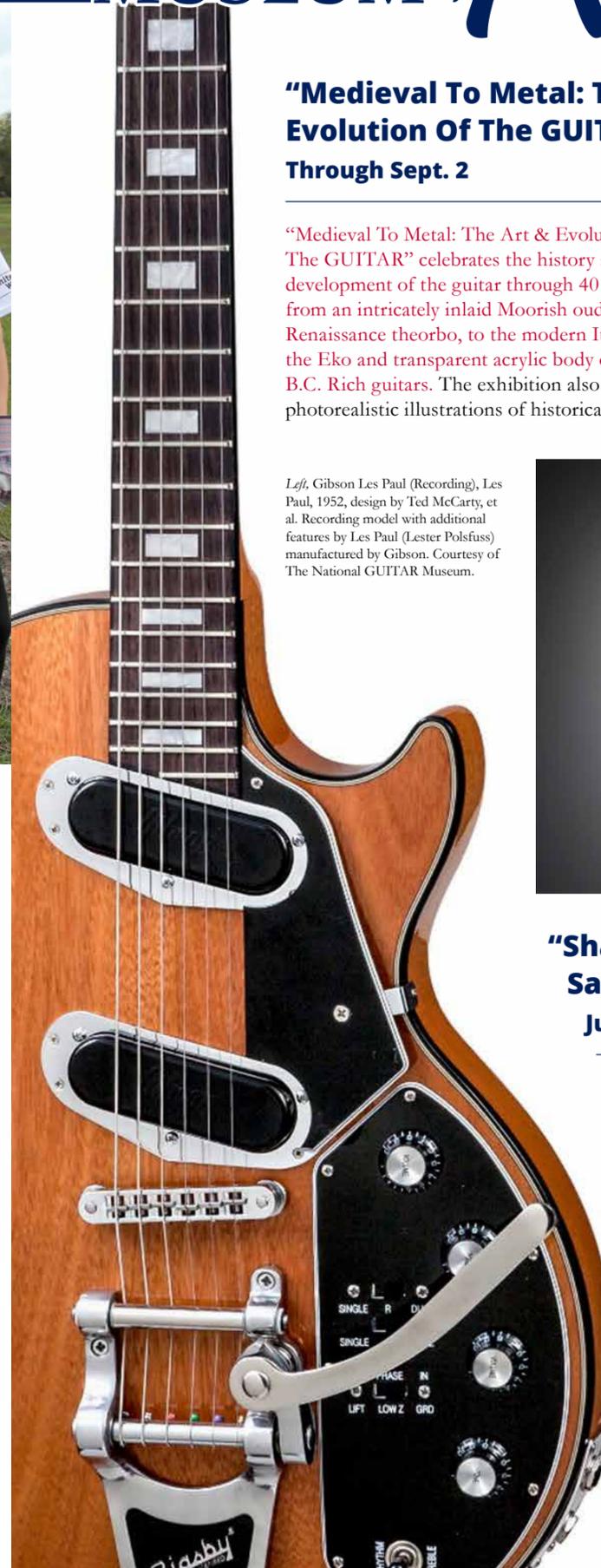
"Medieval To Metal: The Art & Evolution Of The GUITAR" celebrates the history and artistic development of the guitar through 40 objects, ranging from an intricately inlaid Moorish oud and 6-foot Renaissance theorbo, to the modern Italian design of the Eko and transparent acrylic body of California's B.C. Rich guitars. The exhibition also includes life-size photorealistic illustrations of historically important

guitar designs from noted artist Gerard Huerta and 20 photographs of acclaimed musicians and their guitars from Neil Zlozower, one of the world's premier concert photographers.

The touring exhibition "Medieval To Metal" was developed by The National GUITAR Museum, founded in 2009 to promote and preserve the legacy of the guitar, and is the world's first museum dedicated to its history, science, evolution and cultural impact.

The Appleton will host several talks in celebration of "Medieval To Metal" that will appeal to guitar and music lovers. Please see Speaker Series, page 18.

Left, Gibson Les Paul (Recording), Les Paul, 1952, design by Ted McCarty, et al. Recording model with additional features by Les Paul (Lester Polsfuss) manufactured by Gibson. Courtesy of The National GUITAR Museum.



"Shadow and Reflection: Visions of Florida's Sacred Landscapes"

June 30-Sept. 30

This exhibition by photographic artist Suzanne Williamson and writer John Capouya re-envisions the past with images and words inspired by their exploration of Florida's Native American mound sites. Using photographs printed on transparent fabric, metal and paper, as well as creative nonfiction texts, they create an installation — an environment — that illuminates the multiple meanings of these monuments.

Capouya writes, "This is exotic stuff, but a sustained look at mound-making Native civilizations also reveals how much their lives resembled our own. We still make monuments; one Florida archaeologist sees football stadiums as our ceremonial equivalent. Native Americans were tribal, as are we — sometimes to our detriment. And humans still crave community, still search for meaning and order."

Exhibition Talk

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2-3:30 p.m. John Capouya and Suzanne Williamson on "Envisioning Florida's Sacred Landscapes Through a Collaboration of Words and Images."





Jim Abernathy, shark and ocean advocate, and professional diver

Summer Art Camp

Do your kids love getting their hands dirty? Register them for a one- or two-week art camp at the Appleton. Full descriptions, pricing, registration and other need-to-know information are available at AppletonMuseum.org. Camps fill quickly so register early!

June 11-15

Behind the Scenes: Ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-noon
 Painting Possibilities: Ages 11+, 1-4 p.m.
 Asian Fusion: Ages 7-12, 1-4 p.m.

June 18-22

Cat Fancy: Ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-noon
 Doggone Days: Ages 7-12, 1-4 p.m.
 Meet the Masters: Ages 4-6, 1-4 p.m.

July 9-13

Rad Reptiles: Ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-noon
 Crazy about Color: Ages 4-6, 1-4 p.m.

July 9-20 (two-week camp)

Dig into Clay Jr.: Ages 7-12, 1-4 p.m.

July 16-20

Back in Time: Ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-noon
 Rock 'n' Roll Art: Ages 7-12, 1-4 p.m.

July 23-27

Folk Art: Ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-noon
 Brickworks: Ages 7-12, 1-4 p.m.

July 23-Aug. 3 (two-week camp)

AppleTEENS Clay: Ages 12+, 1-4 p.m.

July 30-Aug. 3

Wonky Sculptures: Ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-noon
 A Week at the Beach: Ages 7-12, 1-4 p.m.

Inspired Speakers Series

Summer Schedule

There's so much inspiration to be found at the Appleton, including the diverse artwork, grand architecture, and now, the Inspired Speakers Series. This monthly series features individuals who not only excel in their fields, but who are also an inspiration to others. Appropriate for all ages, speaking topics are multi-disciplinary and range from fine arts, photography, dance, music and beyond.

Advance ticket purchase is recommended as previous talks have sold out. Inspired Speakers Series events are free for Appleton members and CF students; \$10 for nonmembers. To reserve or purchase tickets, call visitor services at 352-291-4455 or visit AppletonMuseum.org.

Upcoming Speakers

Howard Paul, musician and president and CEO of Benedetto Guitar Sunday, July 29, 2 p.m.

Jim Abernathy, shark and ocean advocate, and professional diver Sunday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m.

These talks take place at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Parking is free. The museum, ARTSpace and Appleton Store are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and closed every Monday.

Summer workshops for adults

Summer fun isn't just for the kids! Adults can exercise their creativity in a variety of one- or multi-day workshops, ranging from painting, clay, henna and more.

Want to try something new without committing to an entire session? Enroll in an Art 101, a one-day workshop that lets you explore unique mediums. Upcoming workshops include pen and ink, henna and foam sculpture. In August, a special one-day metal embossing workshop is being held in combination with the exhibition "Medieval To Metal: The Art & Evolution Of The GUITAR."

If you enjoy getting your hands dirty then Dig into Clay is for you, with sessions covering both wheel-throwing and hand-building. Other multi-week classes include acrylic painting and Painted Skies, using water-soluble oil.

Workshops are appropriate for all skill levels. To view a full schedule of summer workshops and classes, or to register, visit AppletonMuseum.org or contact Hollis Mutch, mutchh@cf.edu, or 352-291-4455, ext. 1613.



Museum Day and Education Open House, July 7

The Appleton invites the community to its annual Museum Day, all about celebrating the arts! Enjoy the special exhibitions and permanent collection, make art in the ARTSpace, or take a stroll in the Sculpture Walk and Garden, all for free! Museum Day hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.



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In Person with Josh Harper

At CF, the expectation is that student-athletes will perform as well in the classroom as they do on the field. As recipient of the James D. Harvey Department of Athletics Achievement Award, Josh Harper has exceeded that expectation. Harper has been recognized for excellent ethical character, commitment and service to the college, community, the athletic program and fellow students.

“Josh Harper is a tremendous young man,” said Athletics Director Bob Zelinski. “He is a wonderful example of a student and an athlete.”

Harper, who attended Saint John Lutheran High School in Ocala, graduated with an Associate in Arts with honors in May. He consistently achieved President’s List and Dean’s List status at CF.

As a star pitcher for CF Patriots Baseball, Harper logged 4 wins and 1 save, averaging 5.54 strike outs per game with an ERA of 3.32.

Harper serves his community as a leader of Ocala United, where he works to renovate homes, prepares meals for the homeless, and volunteers with a music program. He has traveled to Cuba, Canada and Honduras to help feed and interact with children. And this summer, he will make his fifth trip to Nicaragua with Honoring the Father Ministries.

“I’ve really enjoyed my time as a student-athlete at CF,” Harper said. “I’ve made a lot of great memories on and off the field.”

In May, Harper was named the 2018 Florida College System Activities Association Bill Tuten Scholar Athlete of the Year.



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