

A COLLEGE FOR **EVERYONE**

2022-2023 **ANNUAL REPORT**





Dear Friends of the College,

College of Central Florida is a college for everyone! From dualenrolled high school students to certificate, associate and bachelor's students, CF provides a supportive, high-quality learning environment that prepares individuals to excel in work and life.

In this annual report, you'll read about exciting expansions to our Health Sciences and workforce programs, learn about some of the honors and achievements our students, faculty and staff have earned this year, and discover new art and science installations on campus that you'll want to come see for yourself.

Thank you for all the ways you support CF's vision to be our community's first choice for quality higher education.

Sincerely,

James D. Henningsen, Ed.D. CF President

A COLLEGE FOR HEALTH CARE HEROES



In 2022-2023, CF received **\$31.4 million** for expansion of the nursing program from the Florida Legislature, Citrus County Hospital Board, Marion County Hospital District and Marion County Commission. The total includes a **\$6.7 million** Linking Industry to Nursing Education grant funded by the Florida Legislature and **\$6.7 million** from the Citrus County Hospital Board. CF received the largest share of LINE funds among the 26 colleges and universities that applied for the competitive grant, and the combined **\$13.4 million** gift is one of the largest in the college's history.

The newly remodeled Allied Health Sciences building on the Ocala Campus opened in March with a celebratory ribbon cutting. This hub for Health Sciences houses the expanded Surgical Services program and will be home to new programs in Cardiovascular Technology, Respiratory Care and Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology, which are expected to serve 200 students per year. The project was supported by the Florida Legislature and the Marion County Hospital District.

CF's Associate Degree Nursing program was named 2023 Best RN Program in Florida by RegisteredNursing.org. The ranking places CF at the top of a list of 20 colleges and universities including other state colleges as well as University of Florida and Florida State University. The two-year program prepares students to become registered nurses.

In April, CF renamed its award-winning nursing program the CF Debbie Ressler Nursing Program to honor the retired registered nurse who served as a leader on the Citrus County Hospital Board and Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation board for many years.





A COLLEGE FOR CREATIVES

A new mural, "Artists Rule the World," was unveiled at the Ocala Campus in May. Funded by a CF Foundation New Initiative Grant, the project started with an open call to artists, and a committee of faculty and staff chose alumna Carla Gonzalez's piece, which depicts the different visual and performing arts courses offered at CF. Gonzalez said the mural was created to "celebrate the power of art, bring people together and create a sense of community." It is located outside the Dassance Fine Arts Center.

A COLLEGE FOR **STEM STARS**

Sam Ajlani, associate professor and program manager of engineering technology, was honored in April with the American Association of Community Colleges 2023

Dale P. Parnell Faculty Distinction Recognition. In nearly 10 years at CF, Ajlani has modernized the engineering technology program with cutting-edge technology, leveraging community partnerships to create apprenticeship opportunities and achieving a nearly 100% job placement rate.

Three members of the CF STEM Club, **Frankelly Guzman**, **Andrew Slaughter** and **Barnabas Tanczos**, presented a prototype of their True Wireless ECG device, a lower-cost wireless cardiac monitor, at the Global Innovation Exchange Finals. They developed the device to give heart patients a way

to monitor their cardiac health at home and debuted it as finalists at the 2022 Community College Innovation Challenge.

The community can now enjoy a 1 to 10-billion scale model of the solar system at the Ocala Campus. "Voyage" was placed at CF by the Kappa Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was installed in October 2022. Stanchions corresponding to the planets are located along a 2,000-foot path through the center of campus. The permanently installed replica of the display located in front of the Smithsonian Institution on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was made possible by the CF Foundation, a gift honoring Mrs. Charlotte Rosenberg, Ocala Municipal Art Commission, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Renaissance Printing.



A COLLEGE FOR **BUSINESS LEADERS**

The innovative CF Entrepreneurship Academy, in partnership with Chick-fil-A Ocala, launched in spring 2023 with a cohort of seven students. In addition to learning the theory portion of the Principles of Management course, the students received hands-on training from Chick-fil-A leadership, including five site visits to business locations in Ocala. Students who complete the academy's two semesters of instruction earn a Business Entrepreneurship College Credit Certificate.

Seven outstanding students were named to the Florida College System 2023 All-Florida Academic Team.

Ebony Baxter, Jessica Diers, Sydney Henninger, Mindy Jean-Gilles, Kaleb Leslie, Krishma Patel and Stephen **Ward** are members of the CF chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the largest honor society in American higher education. They were selected based on academic performance, leadership and community service.

CF honor students who complete 18 credits of Honors Institute courses toward their Associate in Arts degree at CF are now eligible for direct acceptance into the Burnett Honors College at the University of Central Florida. CF and UCF have entered into an articulation agreement whereby transfer students from CF have all the rights and privileges as Burnett Honors College students who begin as freshmen and can earn a University Honors diploma upon completion of the program's requirements.



A COLLEGE FOR **CHAMPIONS**

CF Baseball, Cross Country and Softball celebrated stellar seasons in 2022-2023. The CF Baseball team finished 56-7 as the 2023 National Champion, winning the National Junior College Athletic Association JUCO World Series. Juan Correa was named the World Series MVP. Brian Holiday was awarded the World Series Most Outstanding Pitcher. Correa, Holiday, Cam Schuelke and John Marant were named to the World Series All-Tournament team. Coach Marty Smith was named the NJCAA Div. I National Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

CF Softball won the Mid-Florida Conference Championship for the fifth year in a row. Coach **Mike Lingle** was named the Mid-Florida Conference Coach of the Year and **Brooke** Roberts the Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year.

In its inaugural season, CF Women's Cross Country ran to a 14th place finish at the NJCAA National Half Marathon. Ten student athletes found their stride under Head Coach Lauren Lumley. Heidi Kearney was named the Bob Zelinski Cross Country Scholar Athlete of the Year as well as the team's Most Valuable Player.

The former Newton Perry Aquatic Center has been named the Bob Zelinski Athletic Building and will be the new home of athletics administration. Zelinkski retired from CF in June 2022 after 23 years of service to the college and 51 years in the Florida College System.



A COLLEGE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

To meet the need for the next generation of highly qualified teachers, CF partnered with Marion County Public Schools and CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion for a Pathways to Permanent Certification initiative. Four college credit courses were created to help individuals on temporary teaching certificates become qualified to earn a permanent license. CareerSource CLM provided tuition assistance to 31 students to help cover enrollment expenses in summer 2023. Pictured above with a CF pennant is **Tiffany Williams** at Romeo Elementary School, one of the teachers awarded funds to complete the coursework. CF also partnered with MCPS for the Aspiring Educator Pathway, which supports noninstructional team members interested in pursuing a teaching career. In the coming years, an estimated 300-400 teachers will need to enroll in at least one course to finalize their teaching license.

Students in Citrus County visited with local employers and community leaders in July 2023 to refine their job interview skills as part of Summer RISE college prep workshop in partnership with the Citrus County School Board at the Citrus Campus. More than 100 rising high school seniors participated in the program that included sessions on how to complete college applications and financial aid forms.

Marion County high school students learned about higher education and career opportunities during NEXTworking events held in partnership with the Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership in fall 2023. Sessions at the Ocala Campus and Vintage Farm Campus focused on agribusiness, equine, health sciences, teacher education, and business and technology.

A COLLEGE FOR WORKFORCE WARRIORS

Commercial truck drivers are now being trained at the Ocala Campus through a partnership between CF Corporate College and FleetForce Truck Driving School. The hands-on program began in March and students can complete training in as little as four weeks.

In spring 2023, CF President Jim
Henningsen presented checks for
\$38,557.84 to the Marion County
Sheriff's Office and \$7,070.16 to Ocala
Police Department to help support
law enforcement recruits attaining
certification through the CF Criminal
Justice Institute. CF received funds
through the Florida Legislature Open
Door Grant Program to increase the
number of qualified graduates to fill
open law enforcement jobs.



TOP 150 COMMUNITY COLLEGES 2023 -ASPEN INSTITUTE

2/3
OF CF GRADUATES LEAVE THE COLLEGE WITH NO STUDENT LOAN DEBT

170+
ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

FOR AFFORDABILITY NATIONWIDE

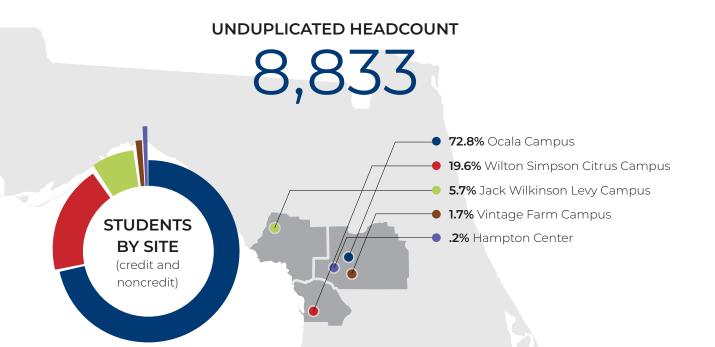
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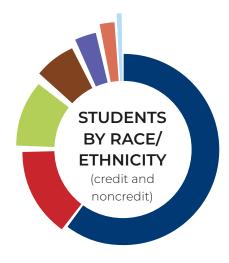
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86%

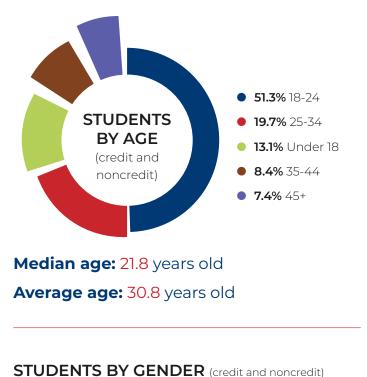
OF CF GRADUATES ARE FOUND EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING EDUCATION ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION

2022-2023 **BY THE NUMBERS**





- **57.2%** White (not of Hispanic origin)
- 17.1% Hispanic origin
- 10.9% Black (not of Hispanic origin)
- 7.7% Undeclared
- 3.7% Multiple race
- **2.7%** Asian
- .7% American Indian/Pacific Islander



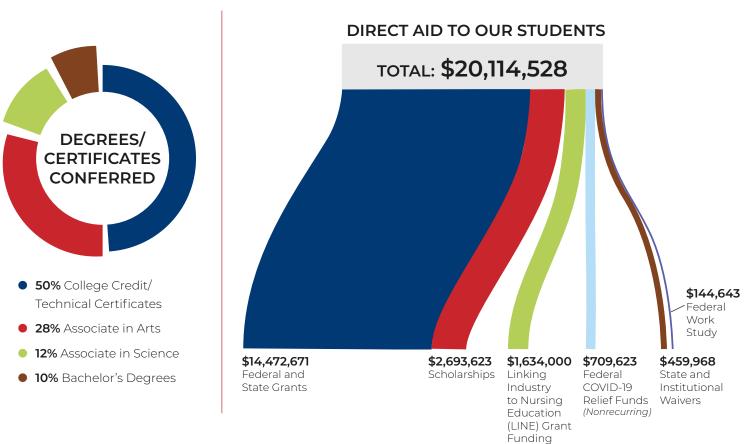
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MALE

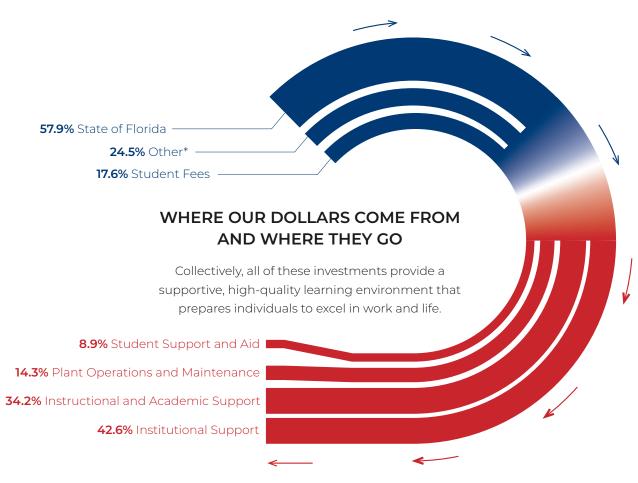
2.8% Undeclared

60.3%

FEMALE



(Nonrecurring)





Ocala Campus

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Wilton Simpson Citrus Campus

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

Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus

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

Hampton Center

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

Appleton Museum of Art

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

Vintage Farm Campus

4020 S.E. Third Ave. Ocala, FL 34480-4708 CF.edu/VintageFarm

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