

# Student Support Services

## Highlighting our SSS Students



### Adrian Washington

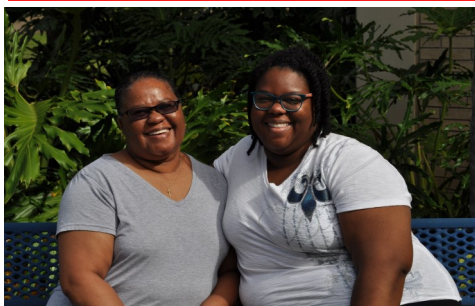
Adrian came to SSS in the Project Eagle Summer Bridge Program in 2012. He has persevered for the last few years and graduated in December. Adrian said SSS helped him balance his time and work. He said that he had some struggles during the years, but did not give up. He plans to start Florida Gulf Coast University in May and major in psychology.

### Adriene Collins

Adriene graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology in December and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Developmental Psychology. He came to CF in 2015 from Mississippi. He is now majoring in Psychology at Saint Leo. He plans to continue his education and obtain a doctorate degree.



## “We Are Family”



The 1979 hit by Sister Sledge, “We are family,” continues to be a motto for SSS. **Teshailah Dowdy (right)** was a Project Eagle 2012 participant who took advantage of all of our academic support services. Shailah was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society. She graduated in 2015 with her Associate in Arts degree and is completing her bachelor’s degree with the University of Central Florida in Elementary Education. Her mom, **Lois Dowdy-Nichols (left)**, also participated in the SSS program while Shailah was enrolled in the A. A. degree. Although she could only attend on a part-time basis, she was highly motivated and committed to obtaining her Associate in Science degree in Medical Office Administration. While on her path to obtaining her degree, Lois earned four business and office certificates and graduated in 2017 with an A. S. degree. She received Cum Laude academic honors recognition for having graduated with a high GPA. **Gregory McGhie (left)**, has participated in the SSS program since 2008. While he was here, Greg earned Dean’s List recognition three times. He earned his A. A. degree in 2015 and his Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management, with a Health Care Management Specialization in 2017, as well as an Advanced Technical Certificate the same year. His son, **Nathaniel McGhie (right)** participated in 2017 Project Eagle program and plans on pursuing a career in physical therapy. Both students are wonderful examples of what can be accomplished if you’re motivated and committed to your goal of achieving a higher degree of education regardless of the stage of life you’re currently in.



## Project Eagle 2018

Announcing Project EAGLE Summer Program **June 4-28, 2018.**

Early Achievement of Goals and Leadership Enhancement:

- ◆ Prepares students to take college level classes in math and English.
- ◆ Assists in the selection of college majors.
- ◆ Career assessment, and more!

This four-week program is FREE for eligible students.

More information is available at <http://www.cf.edu/academic-success/sss/project-eagle/index>.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- ◆ Student must be a first generation college student OR from a low-income family OR have a learning or physical disability.
- ◆ Must be seeking an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree at CF.

### Participants will be required to:

- ◆ Have a standard high school diploma or GED.
- ◆ Attend all classroom/lab instruction sessions in the student's deficient academic area (s).
- ◆ Apply for and participate in the SSS program.



## Winston E. Scott

Captain Winston Scott is a former NASA astronaut and has earned a distinguished record of service as a naval aviator and officer. He has a total of 24 days, 14 hours and 34 minutes in space, including three spacewalks totaling 19 hours and 26 minutes. This information, and more, about Winston Scott, is available at <http://www.winstonescott.com/bio.html>.

On February 26, Winston Scott will be speaking about his adventures in space. This conference will be held in the Klein Center 12:30-1:30 p. m. and refreshments and photos will be available 1:30-2 p.m.

## Financial Literacy Week at CF

Monday, Feb. 19	Tuesday, Feb. 20	Wednesday, Feb. 21	Thursday, Feb. 22	Friday, Feb. 23
<p>Mega Monday Topic: Checking Accounts - with Jean Imes/ Regina Summers 12:30-1:45 p. m. Building 8-110. Promote at Mega Mondays in January and February.</p>	<p>Do You Know Your Credit Score? Students use computers to check their credit score. 12-2 p. m. in the Bedford Plaza Dejuan/ Keith/Regina African American student club and club of educational opportunity to provide food and gift cards? Business and Technology Speaker series Klein Center 4:30—7:30 p. m.</p>	<p>Speaker Series - Retirement Planning for the Newly Employed Presenter – Patti Conrad (CF Foundation Board Member) 12:15-1:45 p. m. Building 40-107 Gift cards provided by Student Life</p>	<p>Managing Credit Cards – Speaker TBD Student Union Bryant Building Café 11-12 p. m. and 1-2 p. m. Smoothies and gift cards provided by African American student club and Club of educational opportunity for attendees</p>	<p>Eva Wagner Building 8-110 speaker series for staff/ faculty 9 a. m.-1 p. m., provide information about enrolling into the VALIC program and investing into retirement plans.</p>

**FAFSA**  
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

**EVERYBODY'S DOING IT**  
**RIGHT NOW!**  
**2018-2019 FAFSA**  
**AVAILABLE NOW**

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is Changing:

The FAFSA is available right now. The income used on the FAFSA will be from two years prior to the application year (referred to as “Prior-Prior Year”). This means students will use their 2016 tax return to apply for 2018-2019 aid.

This important change streamlines the college application process for students. Now they will be able to apply for aid at the same time many are applying for college.

If you have questions, visit [CF.edu/FinancialAid](http://CF.edu/FinancialAid).



## Financial Literacy Information

Continuing your education is often the first step toward achieving your career and personal goals, but it can be expensive and full of challenges. When you know how to manage your money, you will be better prepared to successfully meet your goals and have enough money to make them a reality. Please visit: Navigating Your Financial Future on MyCF portal under the Financial Aid tab.



## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 19-23:** Financial Literacy Week

**Feb. 26:** Winston Scott Conference in the Klein Center 12:30-1:30 p. m.

**March 3:** Bethune-Cookman University Wildcat Day; SSS van leaves at 6 a. m.; event starts at 8:30 a. m.; contact Mr. Willie Morris for more information

**March 12-18:** Spring Break

**April 10:** SSS Transfer Workshop; at noon in SSS Lab 2-205

**April 13:** SSS Florida Gulf Coast University Campus Tour; Departure at 5:30 a. m., Return 8 p. m.

**May 4:** Spring Graduation

**Summer Registration:**

**March 19:** 40+ priority registration

**March 26:** 20+ priority registration

**April 2:** 10+ priority registration

**April 9:** 0+ priority registration

### Spring Tutoring

Raj: MAT0057, MAT1033, PRE-CALC, CALC I, CALC II, CGS110

Liz: ENC1101, ENC1102, MAT0057, MAT1033, Writing

### Students of the Month

Alexander Snyder

Amaria Hillard



## Congratulations to 2017 Summer & Fall Graduates!

Aeriel Lee Toomey | Jessica Sealy | Alain Saint Clair

Joe Phillips Jr. | Nicklaus Pritchard | Damaris Otero

Robert Oakenell | Cassandra Macdonald | Nayeli Ascencio

Richard Barcia III | Adrine Collins | Andrea Calzada

Sameika Franklin | China Horne | Danielle Hurley | Jamell Washington

Theresa Hagan | Darren Liebegott | Tessa Mason | Adrian Washington