



Crane Strands: EAP students used a variety of paper – from traditional origami to recycled copy paper - to create their cranes.

Peace of Paper Project

A 2008 International Student Festival Event

In many cultures, the crane is a symbol of peace, harmony, honor, and beauty. The Japanese culture especially reveres the crane. One of their traditions states that if a person folds one thousand origami cranes, he/she will be granted one wish. However, over the years, other cultures have taken this tradition and made it their own. In America, for example, origami cranes quite often represent peace and are folded to commemorate many different types of occasions.

During the fall 2008 semester, the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) students at the HCC Dale Mabry Campus took the tradition of the crane and made it their own. EAP students learned to fold the cranes and set a goal of collecting 1,000 of the birds. Initially, the group worked alone to produce the birds; however, at midterm they reached out and began teaching mainstream HCC students and other Tampa residents. The idea of this stage of the project was to encourage brotherhood and cultural understanding by allowing the students to assist someone that they might have not normally met to create a thing of beauty while also stretching their burgeoning English language skills. During a variety of these teaching sessions, they urged those they assisted to teach others how to fold the cranes so that the movement could continue to gain momentum.

This semester-long project came to an end on April 17 at the 11th Annual Dale Mabry Campus International Student Festival. During this popular student event, the EAP students sponsored a booth that allowed festival participants to make cranes to add to the count. By the end of the project, EAP participants had collected well over 1,800 paper cranes. Several hundred of the cranes were used to create an art display for the Dale Mabry EAP department. The rest of the birds were donated to the Ybor Campus art department to be used by students wishing to create their own art with the birds.

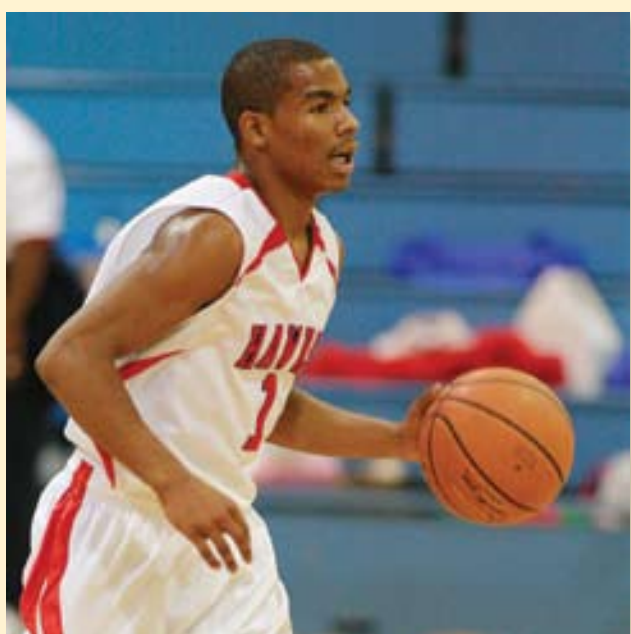
Those who would like to learn more about the Peace of Paper project are encouraged to contact April Muchmore-Vokoun at 813.253.7360 or amuchmore-vokoun@hccfl.edu for more information.



Spring Fling: EAP students man the Peace of Paper booth during the DM SGA Spring Fling.



Student Pride: Estefany Agudelo, Leila Chevarria, Nilofar Khosravi, and Alicia Torres take a moment from teaching origami at the DM Spring Fling to display their accomplishments.



Hawks Continue to Excel

There is great news concerning former Hawks baseball players. Coach Gary Calhoun is very proud to report that:

- Bruce Pugh, who was drafted by the Minnesota Twins, is doing very well in his professional baseball career.
- Mike Schwartz, Dagmire Pena, A.J. Pintera, and Rick Howroyd will be attending the University of Tampa.
- John Gains and Josh Castanza will be attending Flagler University.

Congratulations to our former students and good luck in the pursuit of their academic and sports goals!

Go Hawks!

CSI: Career Seeking Investigation Returns for the Fall Season 2008

CSI returned for its second season on Friday, October 3.

In spring 2008, Hillsborough County middle school students attended a variety of programs on HCC campuses. Eighty students from each of the middle schools attended sessions at each campus to seek potential careers. Students attended sessions on aquaculture, to culinary and dental assisting, to computer science. This year, with the leadership of Ms. Carla Sparks, our School District of Hillsborough County career pathways coordinator, students will participate in five sessions at each campus of HCC.

The program grew from a campus tour request from Ms. Rose Tozzi, career specialist at Dowdell Middle School. With the support of her principal, Mr. Robert Lawson, Ms. Tozzi's goal was for all eighth graders to visit nearby college campuses beginning with HCC's Dale Mabry Campus in December of 2007. She brought 160 eighth graders in two sessions to the Dale Mabry Campus. The visit was such a success that the idea manifested into planning a countywide experience for eighth graders. HCC's Vice President Craig Johnson said that "CSI is a wonderful opportunity for those students on the verge of making decisions on the high school experience which will have an impact on their future. It also gives the college an opportunity to demonstrate to them that higher education should also be a conscious decision."