

Career Day at Ybor

The Ybor City Campus Career Planning and Placement Office hosted more than a dozen local employers looking for students to fill their job vacancies. Students were assisted by Career Planning and Placement Coordinator Alisa Keaton in filling out applications and preparing their resumes. More than 50 students participated in this event.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction

The Ybor City chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Beta Beta, welcomed its new members and co-advisors Lisette Bellizzi and Dr. Jessica Olney at its Spring Induction Ceremony. The Ybor City chapter increased its membership by 16. The new and outgoing officers spent much of the summer working with their advisors, the student activities office, and the campus president on planning events for 2008-2009 that would have an impact on the campus, college, and community.



Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Ybor City Campus faculty, staff, and administrators enjoyed a lunch of barbeque pork, salad, baked beans, rolls, and desserts. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get together and a time to thank everyone for their hard work. Campus President Dr. Shawn Robinson and Campus Advisory Council members served the lunches. The Employee Appreciation Luncheon was funded by the HCC Foundation.



Visioning Sessions

Ybor City Campus has a clear vision of what it wants to look like and accomplish in the 21st Century!

Dr. Shawn Robinson, campus president, charged the Ybor City Campus faculty, staff, administrators, and students to come up with ideas and suggestions for what they thought their "ideal" campus could be. They began by attending the first "Visioning Session" last April where they started listing pages and pages of what they wanted, what the campus needed, and what they each had on their ultimate "wish list." No ideas were turned down, and every voice was heard. The lists were then categorized at a second Visioning Session during the summer into more manageable lists that took into account college goals, campus priorities, availability of resources, and urgency. There will be a third session held in October to share the status of progress on the items. Each future session in this continuous improvement process will contain reports on what has been accomplished and crossed off the list as well as recruitment for volunteers and shepherds to keep each project on track. As different people participate, new items are sometimes added, and the discussion about what is implemented and what can be expected in the future continues to evolve. The sessions are a great way to bring the campus together, to bring every department together, and to foster a shared vision for the campus with immediate and ongoing results. So far, nearly 80 faculty, staff, administrators, and students have participated in the face-to-face meetings with more than 120 faculty, staff, administrators, and students providing input via online surveys and through email.



Ybor Welcomes Fall Adjuncts!

Fifty-nine new and former adjunct faculty members and many full-time faculty, program managers, and staff attended the Fall Adjunct Faculty Reception and Information Session in the Ybor Room on Thursday, August 14. A light traditional Ybor dinner of Cuban sandwiches, yellow rice and black beans, fruit, and desserts was served. Dr. Shawn Robinson welcomed the group, gave the "State of the Ybor City Campus" remarks, and set the tone for a year to be focused on student learning, student achievement, student empowerment, and the campus's First Week Learning Principles. Deans Alford, Evans, and Herlocker gave presentations on AA programs, AS and technical programs, and student services so that the faculty were aware of division specific procedures and the unit goals for the academic year. In addition, representatives from other important areas of the

campus presented information to assist adjunct faculty: Carlton Williams, evening and weekend coordinator, Charles Coney, Ybor Campus security, Ralph Waithe, Facilities, and Jeneice Sorrentino, Library. Judy Nolasco, the Ybor City academic assistant to the campus president, also presented the faculty with a new Ybor City Campus Adjunct Faculty Handbook and spoke about the new 21st Century classrooms, adjunct faculty offices, Hawknet, grades, and other issues that are of special interest to adjunct faculty. The evening ended with an open question and answer session and an opportunity for faculty to meet with their respective program managers.