A Hawk’s Eye View of the Dale Mabry Campus

Dale Mabry Campus Beautification Project

On All College Day, October 17, 2008, the Dale Mabry campus donned 100 plants of various Florida-Friendly species. Professor Richard Senker selected these plants, and the Service Learning Students during their final event of the semester on November 8, 2008 planted throughout the Dale Mabry Campus.

Many HCC community members have asked the names of these plants. We are working on compiling an annual with the pictures and names of various plants introduced to Dale Mabry by the Campus Beautification Committee under the direction of Dean Elizabeth Johnson. 164 faculty, staff, and students participated in the three fall term Saturday events. In addition, our Campus Beautification Committee member, Mr. Stephen Miciak, conducted an introductory seminar on Orchids during All College Day. We have included a few photos of these amazing plants featured during the seminar.
Robert Flickeringer, a new transfer student to the Hospitality Management Program at Dale Mabry, led the guests in this traditional German Toast at Dale Mabry’s first Oktoberfest dinner in the Gourmet Room on Thursday, October 23. Dr. Peter Germroth, DM Instructor of Biology, shares with us the correct spelling of the toast. He explains, “EVERY German knows this one…There is no literal translation, it is “ritualistic”. Fifty-One guests attended this authentic German food, beverages, and music. The Sparten Oktoberfest beer was served on wooden paddles. The HCC Wood Carvers’ Club skillfully carved the paddles for our Oktoberfest guests.

All the guests were given a complimentary CD of the recipes prepared by our AS Programs Computer Science Supervisor Eve Perry. If you would like a copy of the recipes, please contact Anne White at awhite10@hccfl.edu.
Four Hillsborough Community College to Florida A&M University (HCC-FAMU) BRIDGES to the Pharmaceutical Sciences Program participants (Nigeria McHellon, Wintana Teklehaimanot, Coleman Haughbrook and Moulaye Kone) participated in an intensive 10-week Summer Research Experience at FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (COPPS) this summer. The purpose of the research experience is to provide sophomore Bridges students with “hands-on-experience” in the fundamentals of scientific research and to motivate them to pursue biomedical research careers. Each student was paired with a graduate student and a research mentor and was assigned research projects such as “Estrogen Based Compounds as Potential Breast Cancer Agents” and “A Comparative Study of the Inhibition of Liver Polysoprenylated Methylated Protein Methyl Estrase with Various Cooking Oils.” Each student successfully completed the research experience. After showcasing their work to FAMU pharmacy faculty, staff, 6th year PharmD candidates and other Bridges participants, Nigeria McHellon and Wintana Teklehaimanot plan to present their research projects at scientific conferences in October and November. “The wealth of knowledge and hands-on experience I acquired during this experience was tremendous” says Nigeria. While Coleman Haughbrook and Moulaye Kone have matriculated into the pharmacy program at FAMU beginning this fall, Nigeria and Wintana have returned to HCC to complete the AA degree track and are looking forward to transitioning to FAMU COPPS next fall. “Overall the research experience was a success and this experience was an opportunity of a life time”, says Wintana Teklehaimanot. For information about the Bridges program, contact Ms. Sharon Williams at (813) 253-7000, ext. 5651 or swilliams1@hccfl.edu.
Dale Mabry Associate in Science Division Clubs!

The *Clubs of the Associate in Science Degree Programs* end a busy semester this Thursday, November 20 participating at the Fall Festival sponsored by the Dale Mabry United Way Committee.

The *Emerging Builders Club* under the faculty sponsorship of Professor Joseph Tisdale has participated in the September 20, 2008 Coastal Clean-up with the Dale Mabry Beautification Committee, planning a joint green design competition. The group is involved with continual research on green building products for our library collection and routinely post new industry information on their information board on the north side of 1st floor of the DTEC Building. The group meets each Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in DTEC 137.

The *Electronics and Computer Engineering Club* under the direction of Professor Tracy Barnes will assist with Personal Computer repairs at the United Way Health Fair. Professor Barnes says this club provides students additional educational experiences beyond their course work. Students have the opportunity to meet various industry professionals to see different faucets of the industry.

The *S.I.F.E. (Dale Mabry students in Free Enterprise Club)* concludes their busy semester with a Student Seminar Series held in the DM SGA Lounge. Subjects range from tips on how to buy car insurance to time/stress management. Schedules are posted throughout campus and sessions are held the remaining Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Their club sponsor is Professor Linda Tarrago.

At the Health Fair, the DM Hospitality Club will feature a table to sell their Thanksgiving Pies as a fund raiser. You can order either your pumpkin or apple pie for $10 and $8 for pumpkin. The Culinary Competition Team will compete in February at St. Augustine in an American Culinary Federation-sanctioned competition event. Professor Fred Jaeger is the club sponsor for the club.

Our newest club beginning this Fall Semester in the Associate in Science Degree Programs is the *Nutrition and Dietetics Club*. Under the guidance of Professor Stephen Gagnon, members have begun working among our DM community giving nutritional guidance. The Dietetic Technician program received its candidacy from the Commission on Dietetics Education until Spring 2012. At the Health Fair, students will conduct the basal metabolic rate in a program called “are you an apple, or you a pear.”
Lee Stokes
Health Sciences Program Coordinator
Division of Health, Wellness and Sports Technologies

What is a health sciences program coordinator...you can be sure whatever is required is done and more if Lee Stokes is involved! Lee is an indispensible part of the Opticianry program and the overall administration of the health sciences division.

Lee joined HCC in August 2005. He is basically responsible for the Opticianry Clinic and to assist the Dean of Health, Wellness and Sports Technologies in myriad administrative tasks. Lee is an HCC Opticianry program graduate and worked in dispensing for over five years and in a lab actually creating lens over three years before joining HCC. His past includes several medical field roles beginning as a corpsman in the Navy and including working as a nationally registered EMT. One of the most important things that attracted Lee to a career in vision care is the flexibility...part or full time, lab or dispensing, management or sales.

When Lee was a student, he was also employed as a student assistant in the program. Bill Underwood, program manager, encouraged Lee to return to HCC and replace Jim Reese who had accepted a faculty position. The program began in 1973 under the direction of Dr. Norman Ross who was an optometrist. Our program was the first Opticianry program in the southeast. The first class graduated in 1975 and Dr. Ross was replaced when he retired by Bill Underwood. Lee said that he had come to realize that “teaching is my first love.” Of all of his jobs and careers, this is really “home.”

As Opticianry Clinic Manager, Lee has several classes of 3 to 6 students assigned to clinic each term. Students are at different stages in the program. Each student has three on campus clinical assignments prior to graduation. One of Lee’s challenges is to duplicate his accomplishment as a student: he was the last of a total of 4 HCC students that have won the nationwide College Bowl Competition held annually in New York City. Every year, faculty and students meet in Manhattan to participate in the Vision Expo East. The student competition is a highlight of the meeting and our own Jim Reese, faculty member, has been the master of ceremonies. Lee won in 2000 and has high hopes for this year’s student representatives.
The Opticianry Clinic, located on the second floor of the Technology Building, is a state-of-the-art dispensing facility located in Room 227 is open for students, staff, and faculty and members of their families. The clinic hours vary each semester but it is open between 12 and 15 hours a week. Students work in the clinic and learn how to run a dispensary. They assist patients with all of their eyeware needs; however, the main focus is quality control.

Lee also is responsible for property inventory, tracking and reporting. This is no small job...the health science programs have approximately 30% of all the campus’s tracked inventory. According to Lee “I really support all of the programs and help in any way I can, especially with facilities, computers, electronic problems...anything I can do.”

The Opticianry – Vision Care program offers several different majors and having this facility as well as affiliate sites gives all of the students, on campus and distance learning, an opportunity to learn and provide customer service. It houses the clinic, labs, classroom and the offices of Bill Underwood, program manager, and faculty Laurie Pierce and James Reese. Graduates of our program are eligible to sit for their professional license examinations because the program is accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation. For more information on the programs, please visit www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci and select one of the Opticianry options from the menu at the left of your screen.

40th Annual Commencement Exercise

The 40th Annual Commencement Exercise of Hillsborough Community College will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall.

Graduation day is a day to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and faculty. Please save the date for this special occasion.

More information will be forthcoming within the next few months.

Have a story...

Please send all news worthy items to Dr. Mary Bendickson, Dean AA Programs (mbendickson@hccfl.edu) or Brent Ellis, Assistant to Dean (jellis16@hccfl.edu) to be included in future issues of A Hawk’s Eye View. Please include pictures when possible.