Yet again, HCC Ybor City put on two great festivals in one week. The International Festival was held on Wednesday, April 7. Under a clear blue sky and the shady canopy of pollen-shedding oak trees, participants, many of whom dressed in traditional clothing, lined up for the parade of flags. As they were introduced, they walked to the microphone to utter greetings in their native language to the gathering crowd.

Inside the Ybor Room, colorful displays provided interesting information about many countries’ history, art, traditions, and religions. Samples of Spanish, Cuban, Greek, Chinese, and Turkish food were served up on the patio to the delight of those in attendance.

Later that night saw the opening of the 8th Annual Ybor Festival of the Moving Image, which kicked off with the opening reception and gallery talk for Dreamers and Troublemakers, featuring the work of sculptor Charlotte Lee and graphic artist (and HCC professor) Chris Weeks. A collection of short films were screened in the Studio Theatre and the HCC Dance Department performed a piece called Fire. All in all, it was a busy four days for festival director David Audet, but, as always, the festival was an interesting and exhilarating experience.

Great job, everybody! More photos on page 3.
We see them most every day, but what do we truly know about those who work with us? What follows is a list of not-so-well-known tidbits about our fellow HCC Ybor employees. Can you figure out who did what?

1. This professor was the president of her fourth grade class at Villa Madonna.
2. This staff member won a contest for dancing the salsa.
3. This professor won a raffle in 1982: the prize was a free trip to Hawaii for him and his wife.
4. This staff member is rebuilding her entire house from the ground up.
5. This professor boogied at New York’s Studio 54 in 1982.
6. This program manager won an igloo building contest as a child.
7. This professor, while in 8th grade, took 73rd place in the National Spelling Bee.
8. This professor celebrated her 50th birthday by jumping out of a plane.
9. This professor took ball room dancing lessons for a year.
10. This professor shot an impala in Africa.
11. This professor was awarded a prize for having the lowest average score in a bowling league.
12. This staff member owned a canoe/kayak business until a flood washed everything away.

The answers appear on page 4.
L-R: International Festival Committee Co-Chairs Mike Massey, Shelly Stein, poster contest winners Ernesto Piloto-Marquez (1st place), Kateryna Demchenko (Honorable Mention), Brittany Self (2nd place), and art department faculty member Chris Weeks, who managed the International Festival poster contest.

International Festival committee members Dr. Luz Lono, Mike Massey (chair), and Dr. Shelly Stein (co-chair) at the podium just before the parade of flags.

Artist and faculty member Chris Weeks stands by his favorite panels of his in-progress graphic novel, which were on display for the Ybor Festival of the Moving Image.
On Friday, April 16, the 37th Annual awards ceremony was held at the Inter-Continental Hotel. The ceremony, which honors students for academic achievement, service and leadership in campus clubs, success in the TRiO Student Support Services program, and for being named in Who's Who, is a special time for students and their families, faculty, staff, and administration to get together and acknowledge all of the hard work that our students do.

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