The past few months have been exciting ones for the Ybor City Campus’s Child Development Center. In mid-August, the CDC was visited by representatives of Marcom Visual Creation, Inc., to film Tomoko Kojima, who is a student at Brewster Tech (and, interestingly, a cheerleader for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers). Ms. Kojima is completing her Child Development Staff Credential Certificate and hopes to enroll in HCC’s Early Childhood A.S. program soon. The footage was to be shown as part of a Japanese television program by the Tokyo Broadcasting system. The program, entitled Woman Radiance Ability, is a documentary which shows the many occupations of women, their abilities, and their radiant lives.

As part of their practicum experiences, nursing students visited the CDC to discuss nutrition and exercise with the children. In the photograph at the bottom left, students review the food pyramid and some fun activities to help them get daily exercise. In the photograph below, a nursing student helps the children perform a routine health “examination” on a stuffed animal, which helps to make the visit to the doctor’s office less frightening for the children. In a more recent visit, nursing students demonstrated proper hand-washing techniques.

Visits such as these help not only our older students but also the younger children by teaching them how to stay healthy.
Getting Involved

By Shelly Stein

At Deep Carnivale, our students shine! This year, I responded to Dave Audet’s request for HCC students to help celebrate Deep Carnivale by reading children’s stories. Six students from my SPC 1608 course joined the festivities on Saturday, September 11th, reading their selections to a sometimes rowdy crowd in the Performing Arts Building’s Rehearsal Hall. In addition to a fun field trip, they learned about speaking from a manuscript and received extra credit points for their participation. My students and I agreed that their performances were particularly popular with the children because the stories were short, and read with enthusiasm. It was so much fun that I plan to have another SPC 1608 field trip for next year’s event!

A Busy Night on Campus

Thursday, October 7, was a great day on our campus. First, we hosted a reception for new HCC president Dr. Ken Atwater. Held in the Ybor Room, the reception allowed members of HCC and our surrounding neighborhood to come together, network, and discuss ways of working together to improve our community.

Those who attended were welcomed by Dr. Atwater and witnessed firsthand his friendly and hospitable nature.

Across the street at HCC’s Ybor School of Visual and Performing Arts Gallery, Gallery Director Carolyn Koszar hosted the opening night reception for “Reflections” by Cuban-born artist Ernesto Piloto. Part of our campus’s celebration of Hispanic Heritage, the gallery reception featured this student’s stunning art work. A little later that night, the Hispanic Heritage celebration continued with I Am a Cuban Sandwich, a play performed by Richard DePietra.

Members of the student services staff pose with President Atwater.

Public speaking student Jaritza Jones reads at Deep Carnivale.
Deep Carnivale: A Celebration of Words (Tampa’s only literature festival), was held Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11, 2010, at the Hillsborough Community College Ybor City Campus, and off-campus at Ybor’s Silver Meteor Gallery on Sunday, September 12. Due to the continued growth of community interest and availability of talent, Deep Carnivale found it necessary to expand to three days this year.

Friday evening was dedicated to playwrights and the HCC-Ybor Mainstage was graced with beautiful performances starting with a high energy performance of *Astro Boy*, choreographed by HCC student Tom McGowan with the HCC Dancers. Singer/songwriter Ronny Elliott presented a part of his new spoken word/musical *Not Dead Yet*; followed by Richard DiPietra in *I Am a Cuban Sandwich*, to be performed in its entirety on the HCC Mainstage in October.

Saturday was a huge mash-up of the serious and the silly: poets, authors readings, workshops, performances, arts activities for children and teens, puppet shows, book signings, dance, Dali Museum mustaches painted on anyone who got too close, dress-up for the little ones, hot dogs and Ferdie Pacheco telling off-color jokes in the children’s venue.

The festival is created by community partnerships spearheaded by the Artists and Writers Group and Hillsborough Community College-Ybor City Campus. Major funding comes from the Ybor City Development Corporation. This year’s literary and arts activities, readings, and performances come from the generous talent and energy of such diverse organizations as the HCC-Ybor School of Visual and Performing Arts, Dali Museum, Children’s Future Hillsborough, La France, The Bunker, Bits n’ Pieces Puppet Theater, Cigar City Magazine, Community Stepping Stones, Blake High School, Lee Academy, University of Tampa, WMNF Radio and numerous visiting poets, writers, authors, artists, actors including Tampa’s Poet Laureate James Tokley, Sr., and Ybor City’s Favorite Son, the famed fight doctor for Muhammad Ali, painter and author Ferdie Pacheco. Saturday ended with a Remembrance of Jeff Norton, a much-beloved area artist and actor who recently died—he could do Shakespeare and Saturday Night Live jive in the same breath. In the spirit of Deep Carnivale, the tribute ended with the audience doing a joyful sing-a-long to Jeff’s song, Sulphur Springs. Thanks to HCC theater manager Keith Arsenault for putting that together!

The festival closed out Sunday afternoon at Silver Meteor Gallery in Ybor with a lively celebration of the serial poem style known as the “exquisite corpse.” Numerous poets and writers read their poems and other original works in the bohemian surrounds of the theater space, the walls covered in unique artworks created for the event by area artists and the USF Mors Mortis Group. All in all, it was a special weekend of creativity, a celebration of many voices, quality words, interesting images, hopefully leaving the participants optimistic and energized for the future.
Bacon on the Side
By Brandee Fondren

The art scene in Tampa has really taken off in the last couple of years. Talented artists and show promoters, with new and different ideas, have emerged to help put the Tampa art scene on the map.

Chad and Suzie Car- doza, a husband and wife team that love art and hosting awe- some events, started Kick Start My Art, a promotion company specializing in themed shows for local artists. The creativity of the themes is rivaled only by the artwork that the amazing locals come up with. Some of themes have included “99 Bottles” (where a bottle is the main ingredient to the piece), “Art Deck Yo!” at Skate Park of Tampa (using skateboard decks), and Munny “Change is Everything” where each artist got a little vinyl Munny to change up how they saw fit.

On Friday, September 24, “Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon” opened at The Bricks, in the heart of Ybor City Using the theory that all actors and entertainers can be tied to Kevin Bacon in 6 films or less (try it yourself at www.oracleofbacon.org), each of the 18 artists will bring to life one of these connections. Some of the featured artist/celebrity matchups include David Bowie by Jason Fondren (who began his art education at HCC), The Great Gonzo by Ellen Ault and Snookie (yes, the one from Jersey Shore) by Jennyfer Maria.

Artists interested in showing their work at an upcoming Kick Start My Art show can email Chad and Suzie at kick-startmyart@gmail.com.

On Friday, October 8, Ybor City personnel gathered to celebrate those who have distinguished themselves and been awarded both this year’s Excellence Awards and service awards. This year’s award in the faculty category went to Librarian Alicia Ellison (pictured at left). The award in the staff category went to Ed Ryan (pictured below), who works in the IT department; the award for excellence in the supervisor category went to Julie White (pictured below), who works as financial aid supervisor. All of our Ybor City winners are in the running for the college-wide awards, which will be announced during All College Day. Wish them luck!

Also recognized during the festivities were those employees who reached mile- stones in their years of service to the college. They included the following:


Ten Years: John Bueno, Joseph Castellano, Frank Elmendorf, Michael Mainguth, Sheila Merchant and Tamika Thomas.

15 Years: Roberto Rubini and Narine Ramlal

20 Years: Bridget Harris and Katherine Moyse

25 Years: Barbara Weeks

30 Years: Liana Fox