Media Club Wins Big at Awards Celebration

On Friday, October 22nd, members of the Hawk Media Club journeyed to Ocala to attend the Florida Community College Press Association’s newspaper and magazine competition awards dinner. They didn’t return home empty handed.

In the magazine competition, the club’s publications Triad and Galeria won a total of six awards, including a first place win for Mark Martinez for his art, which appeared in Triad. About his work, the judge wrote, “The composition and contradiction of imagery (cross, peace, blood and sun on faded background) is intriguing and well done. It’s always refreshing when a piece is not sterile, but instead makes its mark by compelling thought as to the artist’s message. Has religion sold out? Is peace ‘done’?”

Other awards in the magazine competition went to Jasmine Burch and Eric Ondina in the “Art Works” category (Galeria), Cynthia Crank in the “Illustration w/ Text—Individual” category (Galeria), Jessica Luttrul and William Trentman in the “Photography” category (Galeria), and the entire staff in the “Cover” and “Staff Page” categories (Triad).

In the newspaper competition, the student paper The Hawkeye, won a total of eight awards, including a first place win for Noelle Chew in the “News Story” category. About her work, the judge wrote, “Good, descriptive hard-news lede. Lots of details, many good quotes from the victim, law enforcement personnel, college security officers and so on. Addresses students’ concerns for security and safety on campus. Good description and thorough attribution throughout the story.”

Other awards in the newspaper category went to Adonis Angeles in the “News Photo” category, Riane York in the “Sports Photo” and “Sports Writing” categories, Monique Turley in the “Ad Design” category, Carrie Hoeh in the “Feature Story” category, Ali Klos in the “General Column” category, and the newspaper’s staff in the “Editorial” category.

Congratulations to all!

Hawk Media Club members at the FCCPA Awards ceremony included (standing L-R) Tyler Beebe and Michael Madison and (sitting L-R) Rachel Bryson, Sarah Bunch, and Patti McDonald.
Bringing it Home to Ybor!

The last issue of *Lamp Post* reported on the winners of the Ybor City campus’s Employee Excellence Awards.

During All College Day, Ybor City Campus’s own super librarian Alicia Ellison was named the award winner for the entire college.

Here, Alicia poses with her award and the much coveted Librarian Action Figure toy.

Congratulations go to Alicia for her honor.

Library Resources Showcase

On the last day of September, the Ybor City Campus Library held an event to inform students about the many resources available there.

There were demonstrations, displays, and prizes. At noon, a rare 16mm film, “The Beatles at Shea Stadium,” was shown, courtesy of David Audet and the Ybor Festival of the Moving Image.

The Master Storyteller

Ybor City Campus psychology professor Norma Caltagirone was recently featured on a nationally aired documentary series, *What’s Your Story?*, which was filmed on location at Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.

Norma was one of fourteen people who were led through the journey of discovering their own stories. She reports that it was an amazing experience.

The series, which was aired in five parts, examined the Timpanogos Storytelling Institute, whose site can be found at www.TimpanogosStorytelling.org.

Norma was featured prominently in episode one, which aired on January 3rd and repeated on January 6th. Inspired by her experiences, Norma is now on sabbatical, and she is using the time to review more than thirty years of journals in an effort to assemble a narrative book about her life and experiences.

Way to go, Norma!
Hispanic Heritage Festival

Dr. Luz Lono and her team put together the festival with the usual aplomb. The events, spread throughout the month of October, ranged from an examination of the work of Salvador Dali to the always entertaining “Travelogue” to the “Latin Fiesta,” which always features great music and dancing.

The Hispanic Heritage Festival, which is held every year during the month of October, has become one of the most anticipated events on campus, with students, staff, and faculty coming together to have fun, sample wonderful food, and kick up their heels on the dance floor, although the couple below chose to kick off their shoes to dance.

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Grand Opening: HCC Collaboration Studio

On November 16, HCC President Dr. Ken Atwater travelled to Ybor City to cut the ribbon and mark the official opening of the new Collaboration Studio, located just a few blocks south of the main campus buildings.

The Collaboration Studio is a state-of-the-art training and conferencing center.

Official Reader Photo of the Year

This photograph, taken by Lamp Post editor and Ybor City Faculty member Cheri Borman, was named Reader Photo of the Year by the editors of TBT* in the paper’s last issue of 2010.

The photograph was taken on my iPhone while I was walking my dogs in the early morning at Al Lopez park. It obviously had been very cold the night before, and the dripping faucet created a column of ice. The rays of sun give the photo some interest.

I sent the photograph via email to TBT* on December 30, and was very surprised to see it published in the paper the next day.

At right is a totally unnecessary but incredibly cute photograph of my dogs.
SMART

Last year, Dr. Richard Gaspar wrote a grant application to Verizon and was awarded a $20 thousand grant to purchase four SMART Boards, which have been installed in the YFAC, YBOR, and YADM class rooms. So far, he has trained ten other faculty members how to incorporate the SMART Board into their curriculum.

Familiar with the technology from his days working in the Hillsborough County School System, Rick felt that our students would benefit from the use of the boards in class. The boards allow more interactivity in the classroom, and, therefore, appeal to more learning styles.

Rick is a nationally certified SMART Trainer, having received his certification after about 40 hours of training in New Orleans and Tampa.

A Big Welcome (or Welcome Back)

On January 11th, Ybor City SGA welcomed students to campus with a celebration, which was held in the plaza. Students could make their own bookmarks (at right), lollypops (bottom right), or take their chances at the giant Velcro wall (below). After a couple of tries, the student below finally stuck to the wall.
On December 1st, The HCC Jazz Band performed its fall concert with a program that included selections from Cole Porter, Horace Silver, Vernon Duke, and Chick Corea. Conducted by Robert Winslow, the Jazz Band moved seamlessly through the tunes and had audience members toe tapping and head bopping to the beat.


On Sunday, December 5th, HCC’s Concert Choir and Select Ensemble performed “Celebrate the Season,” a program of holiday-themed music. A big surprise during this show was the departure from the holiday music into “Forever Motown,” a section that captured the easy groove of those great classics.

On February 3rd, the Arts Gallery celebrated the work of Michel Delgado, “an exhibition of intensely powerful outsider, intuitive, Art Brut paintings by Senegalese-born artist Michel Delgado, currently a resident of Key West.” Pictured at right, Mr. Delgado talks art with a gallery visitor.
A Special Day to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 18th, HCC’s Ybor City Campus held a special celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his legacy.

Co-chairs of the event, speech professor Dr. Shelly Stein and reading professor Dr. Dexter Brock, assembled a wonderful presentation with the invaluable assistance of new SGA Advisor Judith Freeman.

Speakers included the Reverend Alphonso Petway and Kredelle Petway, brother and sister of our own Margaret Petway, Assistant to the Dean of Student Services. Many years ago, Alphonso and Kredelle were freedom riders who knew and worked with Dr. King.

Both Alphonso and Kredelle had been arrested during civil rights marches, and their arrest photographs often appeared projected on the screen behind them while they were speaking.

These wonderful speakers shared some vivid memories of their experiences during the fight for civil rights, and they both provided important insights about what makes our lives worthwhile today.

Kredelle, speaking about a person’s tombstone, said that there are always two dates that mark a life: the date of birth and the date of death. What’s essential, however, is that dash that rests between those dates.

Two singers, Visions of Harmony, honor Dr. King with the song “Wind Beneath My Wings.”
Random Shots: The Club Scene

On January 31st, the Ybor City Campus SGA held a Mardi Gras themed event to showcase all of the student clubs on campus. It was a beautiful winter day in the Plaza, and clubs set up tables to inform students about their activities and to seek new members.

Fun was had by all!