Florida may be the Sunshine State but that doesn’t mean we have to always be IN the sun. With the recent opening of the new Courtyard Shade Sail Pavilion on the Dale Mabry campus it has now become much easier to find refuge from our often-intense sun. Besides providing its namesake shade, the new space has also eliminated the uneven concrete, standing water, and limited utility of the area as it existed before the summertime renovations.

When asked to provide some general information about the renovations, Dale Mabry Campus President Dr. Bob Chunn remarked, “The Courtyard Shade Sail Pavilion was a collaborative effort of the college, campus and campus Student Government Association (SGA), and represents another ‘legacy project’ for the campus SGA. The project cost over $600,000 and is intended to create an open and airy gathering venue for faculty, staff, and students. The campus SGA committed over $200,000 to the project for the shade sails and furnishings. When installation of the sound and light system is complete, the courtyard will be the site for outdoor concerts, celebrations, and social gatherings. The shade sail colors, green and tan, were selected as homage to the trees that were removed to create the courtyard.”

Mr. Ken Turley, Dale Mabry’s SGA Advisor, also furnished information for this story. He said, “The Dale Mabry campus SGA was instrumental in driving the upgrades that will benefit the entire HCC community. These upgrades include the public address system, multiuse raised platform area, and the shade sails themselves. The big thing the SGA liked was that we were adding to the beauty of the campus while providing an inviting place to study, relax, or just hang out. We already got some great use out of the new facility at the recent Fall Fest.”

Please be sure to check out the newly renovated area the next time you find yourself on that part of campus. Now that some nice Fall weather has started to arrive, the space is becoming extra inviting.
Health Sciences Interdisciplinary Teamwork
by Amy Anderson

Over the past two years, in an effort to promote interdisciplinary relationships and activities among the various Health Sciences programs, division members have participated in numerous activities that cross multiple professions. Starting in Fall 2010, the division's members divided into two teams and competed to have the most activities that involved two or more programs. Led by team captains Oscar Bernard, Maria Bautista-Smith, Gwen Suarez, and Mary Viszt, team members have collaborated on presentations, volunteered at charities, lectured in each other’s courses, and enjoyed time together. These activities have resulted in increased awareness and appreciation of the role each health care team member plays, and they have been lots of fun. The Spring 2011 competition ended with an ice cream social.

Think Green
by Jennifer Bess, Ph.D.

The first annual Think Green contest was sponsored by Dale Mabry’s Students for the Environment Club. The contest was held on Earth Day and open to any student club that could creatively support green initiatives at HCC and within the community. The goal was to demonstrate how to make our planet a little bit greener by reducing, reusing, repurposing, recycling, and/or rebuilding. Two participating groups competed for the title and prizes of $100 club money and reusable aluminum water bottles. Phi Theta Kappa’s Phi Chi chapter showed off its collection of donated children’s books for the Reading is Fundamental service project. The winning club, Emerging Green Builders, created an Earthbox Garden to showcase the impact on environmental sustainability. Earth Day is designed to inspire environmental appreciation and increase young people’s interest in pursuing sustainable and responsible living. Please consider joining us this year to showcase your environmentally friendly organization to our students, faculty, and staff at HCC.
Dale Mabry Campus Beautification Committee’s Service Learning Event
by Beth Johnson

The Dale Mabry Campus Beautification Committee had an extremely successful service learning activity on Saturday, September 17, 2011. We had 101 participants in this first DMC Beautification Committee service learning event of the Fall 2011 term.

We had a wide variety of donations for this endeavor. Dale Mabry’s Student Government Association donated water and snacks. Gardening gloves and trash bags were offered by the Tampa Bay Beautification Program. First Aid kits and sunscreen kits were donated by Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful, Inc. The Dale Mabry campus paid for the plants and gardening tools. Waste Management, Inc. donated a refuse dumpster for our events.

Volunteers cleaned, weeded and planted drought and flood tolerant plants in some planters and picked up litter around the campus grounds and near the storm-water ditches that parallel the campus grounds from Tampa Bay Boulevard and Lois Avenue. Participants also weeded the playground area of the DM Child Development center and the fencing along Tampa Bay Boulevard. Marigolds were planted in the free-standing planters scattered throughout the courtyard plaza.

Our next Saturday service learning event for beautification will be Saturday, October 29, 2011.

Exemplary Awards
by Beth Johnson

The American Culinary Federation (ACF) Accrediting Commission awarded the HCC Culinary Management and Restaurant Management programs with an Exemplary status at its recent commission meeting. The HCC Culinary Management and Restaurant Management programs are externally accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation. In April, our programs underwent a re-accreditation review and site visit, and the award of Exemplary status came with granting accreditation for seven years. A comparison of our program to nationally recognized ACFEF standards determined that the program has substantially met the entire required eight knowledge areas: Eligibility; Program Mission and Goals; Organization and Administration; Faculty and Staff; Curriculum; Facilities; Student Services; and Assessment.
EMS Education Program Director of the Year
by Amy Anderson

Bill Corso was selected as EMS Education Program Director of the Year for the state by the Florida Association of EMS Educators. The Health Sciences division surprised him with a celebration party honoring his contributions. Bill is pictured here with Student Services members.

HCC Gives Back
by Cynthia Hewett

The Dale Mabry Campus Advisory Council (CAC) is sponsoring HCC Gives Back, a variety of drives with the purpose of reaching out to the Tampa Bay community. Every four to six weeks, the CAC will choose a local group in need of material donations. Donations will consist of used but still in good condition items. For example, one month may be dedicated to collecting eyeglasses for an organization. Another month, there may be requests for used pots, pans, or glassware. The month of October is devoted to the Humane Society of Tampa. While de-cluttering our own lives, we can make a meaningful contribution to the community in which we live and work. If you have a favorite charity that is not high-profile and that would benefit from this type of drive, please contact Cynthia Hewett (chewett@hccfl.edu) or Beth Clickner (bclickner@hccfl.edu).

Sustainability Specialist
by Amber C. Lee

I’ve been with HCC for about a year now in the capacity of Office Manager with the Institute of Florida Studies. In July, I was hired for a new position as Sustainability Specialist at the college-wide level. With an education in technical communication and a personal passion for living with respect for our environment, it’s the perfect fit for my skill set and my natural curiosity for the world. So what is sustainability? Sustainability is living with respect for our resources without compromising our needs for the future. It’s about large concepts like the relationships among our economy, our society and our environment, and it’s about small things like recycling or turning off the lights when you leave the classroom. Projects we’re focused on currently at HCC are Zimride rideshare, recycling, and the upcoming Sustainability Conference held November 3-4. We hold a college-wide Sustainability Council meeting every other month at District, and also a chapter meeting every month at each campus. Take a minute to think about your actions and the simple ways you can impact the future. E-mail me your ideas. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!
**HCC MOVE Me Challenge**  
by Todd Joseph

The HCC Wellness Committee is kicking off our new health, wellness, and fitness program this Fall, and we hope everyone is able to participate. The program is called the “HCC MOVE Me Challenge” and is free for all full-time faculty and staff. This program discusses the importance of making goals, eating well, staying active, and having a social support system. If you would like to be more fit, have more energy, or lose some weight, then please join us. You can find more information at [www.MOVEMehcc.com](http://www.MOVEMehcc.com).

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**Dale Mabry Campus Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month**  
by Gina Oviedo-Martínez

On October 12, 2011, the Dale Mabry campus commemorated Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15th through October 15th, celebrating the culture, history, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors hail from Spain, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

The commemorative period began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson, but was expanded by President Reagan to cover an entire month. It was officially enacted into law in 1988. This particular time span was chosen because the Independence Days of many Latin countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Mexico, and Chile, fall within this period.

Hispanic Heritage took on unique significance this year for Dale Mabry, as our campus has received two multi-million dollar grants serving the Hispanic student population – the Title V and Title III grants. These grants honor significant contributions that Latinos are making to our campus, to Tampa, and to the United States.

Celebration activities included special guests from Marine Corps League Detachment 1226 of Riverview, FL who presented the flag of the United States of America. Additionally, keynote speaker and author Eduardo Calcines spoke about what it means to be a Latino in the United States. He discussed positive contributions of Latinos to many facets of American culture including the arts, government, the economy, and the nation’s defense.

This enlightening presentation was followed by a Serenata by the Mariachi Sol de America under the brand new green and gold sails in the Courtyard Pavilion. Students, staff, and faculty sung along to classic Mexican tunes performed live.

As hundreds of students lined up to eat at the Latin buffet located nearby, DJ Felix Indahouse began playing a popular mix of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, and Reggaeton. The music drew them in, as students and staff began dancing together in true Latin fashion. ¡Latinos unidos!
Art Gallery 221 Opens with “Petal Lines”  
by Katherine Gibson

Gallery 221 kicked off the Fall exhibit schedule with a layered abstract show called “Petal Lines,” featuring work by George Anderton and Gwyn Zesch Fallon. Over 80 attendees enjoyed a panel discussion with the artists, joined by independent curator and area artist Kurt Piazza and Gallery Director Katherine Gibson. Several audience members engaged the panel in a variety of topics ranging from process and motivation to training and presenting. Images shown were taken by Steve Miciak.

The next show is titled “Sky Blue Water” and runs through November 3. Works by five Florida painters (Bruce Marsh, Lynn Manos, Kathy Wright, Joyce Ely-Walker, and Cassandra James), on loan from Clayton Galleries, depict rich, colorful scenes focusing on various interpretations of sky and water. Following that show, running through November and early December, will be an eclectic group show of our very own Dale Mabry talent from faculty and staff willing to share their known or hidden creativity.

Gallery 221 is located in the Learning Resource Center, second floor in the library. Hours are Monday – Thursday 8am – 8pm and Friday/Saturday 8am – 2pm. For more information about the gallery or the exhibition schedule, please call Gallery Director Katherine Gibson at 813-253-7386.

We want your stories! Please submit articles (as Microsoft Word attachments, please) and photos to Joanne Nelson at jnelson45@hccf.edu or Alex Tavares at atavares@hccf.edu.

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