January Events

01/09 @8:00 AM
Classes begin for spring semester

1/9-1/13 Add/Drop
(For 16 week term only)

1/16: Non-Class Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1/17 @ 11AM & 1PM
“Facebook Etiquette”
with Bridgette Wagner

1/23: Last Day to Apply for a Degree

1/24: Welcome Back Bash!

Spotlight

Karen Boosing-Carytsas
was honored with the
Faculty Excellence Award

PRESENTED BY:
World of Susie Wong Salon
3820 Sun City Center Blvd
on
Friday December 16th, 2011

Each year this salon presents an award to an excellent local teacher.
For the first time, this went to an HCC SouthShore instructor.

Welcome!

Please help us welcome a new staff member to SouthShore. Matthew “Matt” Vidosh has joined our Financial Aid team as a Financial Aid Tech. He brings a ton of experience and has fit right in with the entire Student Services Team. He is located in the new Financial Aid offices located in SMFP 135. His extension is 5762, and his email is mvidosh@hccfl.edu.
You are Never Too Old to Learn a New Language!

In the last two years, both classes of Beginning Spanish at the South Shore campus have attracted a couple of senior citizens per term. However, I had eight students this term attending class faithfully and taking the final test. Five were in the level one class and three students were part of the level two class. They accounted for 23-26% of the total student population.

It is very rewarding to teach a class in which the different ages of the students is an advantage to the communicative nature of the class. The older students work very hard and contribute interesting points to class discussions. They are between the ages of sixty and seventy-plus years old and bring a wealth of life experiences. Most of them had very successful careers and are well-traveled. They serve as models of hard work and perseverance to the traditional student and in turn, the traditional students teach them computer tips for submitting homework in class. It is a win-win situation, and I am happy to be able to be part of it every time.

Veronica Bradley, Spanish Instructor (Fall 2011)

Below are comments from some of the senior students in the classes:

“Thank you very much for teaching this class. I was able to refresh the Spanish that I knew and learned many new vocabulary words and proper uses of verbs.” – Paul

“I am so happy that I took this class. It was especially fun because it was a class mixed with the younger people. I feel we helped each other. I have also told other friends about the classes and I think you will be seeing more seniors next semester and more to follow.” – Pamela

“I learned a lot and enjoyed the teacher. It was fun learning with the kids.”

“I enjoyed this class very much. I feel this class helped me make the connections I need to understand and be able to converse in Spanish. After living in a Spanish country for 25 years, I was still not able to converse in Spanish. I worked on a US military base, where English was spoken. I want to continue with other Spanish classes here because my goal is to become fluent and now I think that is possible!” – Jeanne

“I enjoyed being with the young people in class because they are relaxed and fun to be around. I am learning Spanish so I can volunteer in the Hispanic community.” – Eileen
Another Spotlight on SouthShore...

SouthShore Trades worker, John Bowen, was pictured in the Tampa Tribune on Sunday, January 7th. John attended the Roosevelt Rowing Regatta this weekend and was photographed with his father (John Sr.) and Ms. Robin Schum.

The Ruskin Head Start Christmas Party was wonderful! The children were really excited to receive their gifts. Thank you for all of your generosity and help to make this a wonderful holiday for the children.

Happy New Year!

-Dr. June Fishbourne

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