Fall is Fun at Ybor

Oktoberfest was full of fun as usual. The Ybor City Campus Student Government Association hosted its annual festival over two evenings in the plaza.

Attendees had a variety of activity booths to choose from. The face-painting area was very popular with the little folks (future students, as we like to call them), but lots of kids were spotted wearing elaborate balloon hats as well. People lined up to take advantage of the candied apple station, which allowed them to dip their apples and then select from lots of toppings. The cotton candy man spun big, fluffy mounds of the sweet treat.

The children at the Child Development Center, riding in style in a limo stroller, enjoyed their candy-collecting visits around campus during the annual Fall Fest Walk (right). They got to visit with Ybor City Campus President, Dr. Shawn Robinson. All in all, it was a fun month for everyone.

The Heart and Sole of Ybor

Some of the Ybor City campus’s team members took a break during the walk to pose. Valerie Zell (with pooch Kilgore), Cheri Borman, Dustin Lemke, and Carol Zavarella pose with Jeanne Hendricks, a Dale Mabry Campus team member, walked the three mile route to help out the American Heart Association.

This year, two teams joined together and Judy Nolasco and Cheri Borman served as co-captains. As always, the walk was a great opportunity for the campuses to work together for a good cause.
Contest Winner

Congratulations to Joe Castellana for submitting the winning entry in the District Learning Resources bookmark contest. The purpose of the contest was to design a bookmark announcing that library overdue notices will be sent only through HawkMail beginning in January 2009.

The contest, open to LRC staff on all campuses, generated several creative entries. The bookmark is being distributed through the HCC Campus Libraries to alert students to the fact they will no longer receive paper overdue notices.

Way to go, Joe!

Submitted by Janeice Sorrentino

Showing Off our Talented Students

The First Annual (hopefully) Hillsborough Community College Student Invitational Exhibition was held on Friday, November 21 at Gallery 209 in the Santaella Cigar Factory at 1906 North Armenia Avenue. The exhibition presented a narrow focus of student work from various discipline/media areas within the art department.

The event, which included the Gallery Three40 closing reception of WHISPER CLOCK, by local artist Joe Griffith, and a presentation by [5]art of works by Dominique Labauvie, was well attended by the art-loving public. The space, a beautiful old building, offered viewing on the second and third floors.

Art department faculty members Kathy Moyse, Chris Weeks, Suzanne Crosby, and Tracy Midulla-Reller proudly discussed their students’ work with those in attendance.

Deep Carnivale

On Saturday, October 27, the Ybor City Campus hosted the second annual Deep Carnivale: A Celebration of Words, organized by David Audet, who also produces the Ybor Festival of the Moving Image.

Featuring more than 60 authors, poets, songwriters, and artists, Deep Carnivale brings artists representing a diverse range of writing styles, ages, experience, and cultural backgrounds together to share their love of literature and related art forms with the Tampa Bay community.

Children had an area all their own to create and explore art: the Ybor Room. What a beautiful day!
Honored

On October 18, Professor Norma Tomasello Caltagirone was honored by the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary with an Italian American Women of Excellence Award at a ceremony held in the L’Unione Italiana Ballroom at the Italian Club.

Norma, who was selected in the education category, gave an eloquent acceptance speech, treating the crowd with a little Italian saying that means, “Love is the reward for love.”

Joining together to celebrate her accomplishment were members of both her biological family (her parents, daughter Carla, son-in-law Bond, granddaughter Catelyn) and her HCC family (Dale Mabry counselor Lou Lombana, and the Ybor City Campus gang: Susan Hoerbelt, Dean Emery Alford, Cheri Borman, Luz Lono, Shawn Robinson, Carol Zavarella, Sybil Barnes Johnson, and Mary Abrah-...ham Kenney).

Four other women were honored along with Norma: Marie Perrone Cusmano in the Civic category; the late Rose Castellano Ciccarello in the Cultural category; Linda Carlo in the Government category; and, Angela Rodante in the Professional category.

The list of Italian Women of Excellence includes two other representatives from our campus: Nancy White in 2002 and Dr. Liana Fox in 2004.

You make us proud.

Awards

On October 10, the Ybor City Campus recognized the individuals selected for the third annual Employee Excellence Awards.

The winner of the faculty award was librarian Jeneice Sorrentino. The supervisor award went to Loretta Ramsey. The adjunct faculty award was given to John Miller.

(Apologies for the blurriness of some of the photographs.)

The ceremony also honored those who have celebrated service milestones.

5 years
- Olga Amaya
- Barbara Arthur
- Susan McClung
- Michael Reichard
- Elease Scurry
- Richard Still

10 years
- Cynthia Brady
- Susan Miletta
- Cecilia Pham
- Linda Prescott

15 years
- Kenneth Hanks
- Beverly Ketcham
- John Meeks

20 years
- MacDonald Alexander
- Alicia Delatorre
- Luz Lono
- Nitza Sada

25 years
- Delphina Broadnax-Taylor
- Sherrie Burke
What’s Going On

The beautiful trees, located to the west of the performing arts building, that have provided us with shade for so long will soon be gone, taken down to make way for the new student services building.

At first it seemed like many would be spared, but apparently most will be removed to facilitate the placement of pipes and other building essentials. Ironically, the building itself will be certified as a green building, meaning that it is environmentally friendly.

The building will house student services (advising, registration, financial aid), the bookstore, the SGA offices, and a gym. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 3, at 10 a.m. Those attending might want to take a look around because the view is about to change significantly.

PTK Keeps Growing

In October, sixteen new members were inducted into the Alpha Beta Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. With the leadership of interim advisor Jana Bielecki, the chapter keeps celebrating some of our campus’s highest academic achievers. Welcome new members:

  Sally Burgos, Karin Carcano
  Nikita Carter, Paschal Chang
  Guy Dahoff, Thomas Erben
  Christopher Gaughan
  Paige Griffiths,
  Allyson Heilos,
  Vanessa Huber.
  Delores Lee,
  Robert McKnight,
  Costello Pierre,
  Darnell Primus,
  Ann Richardson,

Danielle Surbaugh

On Monday, November 10, PTK sponsored a bake sale in honor of Angelina Cirasulo, a child with cancer, to raise money for the Children’s Cancer Center in Tampa. Angelina’s mother, Angel, worked very hard to make the sale a success. Jana, a full-time temp English faculty completing her first semester here, summed up what we all already knew: “It is touching to see how generous people here at HCC can be.”

A Place in History

History professor Kim Williams and Career Planning and Placement Coordinator Alisa Keaton brought Lari Martinez from the U.S. State Department to the campus to tell students about the myriad of career opportunities available in the diplomatic corps.

In 20 years, Lari Martinez, who joined the diplomatic service in 1986, has held the following assignments: Chief of American Services at the Embassy (Lima, Peru), Deputy Consul General (Belfast, Northern Ireland), Special Assistant to the Consul General at the Embassy (London, England), Senior El Salvador Desk Officer at the State Department, Principal Officer at the Consulate (Bilbao, Spain) where he was awarded a Master Honoris Causa (MBA) from the Escuela Europea de Negocios (for excellence in government service and expanding U.S.-Basque commercial ties); Political Officer at the Embassy (Madrid, Spain); Consul General at the Embassy (Sarajevo), Principal Officer at the Consulate General (Florence, Italy), and Consul General at the Embassy (Athens, Greece).

In 1962, at 7-year-old Lari, along with an 8-year-old brother, immigrated to the United States.