Presidental Showcase Returns to Ybor

On Thursday, April 17, the Ybor City Campus will once again host the Presidential Showcase, an annual fund-raising event for the HCC Foundation. The Showcase begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts until about 9:30 p.m.

This year, expect festivities to be centered around HCC’s 40-year anniversary. The event will be held on the Plaza, as it was last year, and will feature food and drink as well as performances by HCC’s talented students.

The Ybor City Campus is the only HCC campus that has ever hosted this event and the first repeat host. Last year’s wonderful preparation—led by Rick Still—created an atmosphere that attendees relished. Many people reported that it was the best location ever to host the event.

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**Reminder**

**Student Excellence Awards**

April 11, 2008

Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore

**1968**

What was going on when HCC first opened its doors (according to www.spiritus-temporis.com/1968):

- **Hank Aaron** became the eighth member of the 500 home run club with a home run at Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia.
- **The Beatles’ “Hey Jude”** was released as a single in the United States under the Apple Records label.
- **Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In**, debuted on NBC.

- **Simon & Garfunkel** released the Original Soundtrack to The Graduate, which quickly went to #1 on the pop charts and which brought Simon a Grammy for Best Original Score.
- **In Haleyville, Alabama** the first 9-1-1 emergency telephone system went into service.
- **Martin Luther King Jr.** delivered his "mountaintop" speech.
- **Future U.S. president George W. Bush** enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard.
- **U.S. presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy** was shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, by Sirhan Sirhan.
UNA of Tampa Bay

Last year, faculty member Kimberly Williams accepted a position as Vice President of Programming with the United Nations Association of Tampa Bay. She recently hosted a fundraiser to support UN Global Classrooms at Tre Amici @ the Bunker in Ybor City. Supporters enjoyed wine, food, and music from around the world and contributed nearly $1000 in support of this educational program, which assists 1000 local area children each year.

Working with the Women’s History Month committee and in association with the UNA, Kim arranged for Betty Castor to speak on campus. Castor discussed the importance of the environment and ways for college students to actively support their community.

The United Nations Association of Tampa Bay is dedicated to educating the community and public officials about the activities of the United Nations System and to work for constructive US Leadership in an effective United Nations. The chapter welcomes new members, business and academic leaders, young professionals, and retirees, interested in giving back to make the world a better place.

At the recent fundraiser, guests review items during the silent auction.

Cyberspace

Ybor City Campus President Dr. Shawn Robinson now has his own page, which can be found at http://hccfl.edu/ybcity/president/. Visitors to his page will find information about Dr. Robinson’s “First Week Learning Principles” as well as the “Student Success Seminar Series.”

There is also a very handy contact sheet, listing the telephone numbers of the president’s staff, the deans, and the Campus Council members.

Office Space

The Ybor City Campus President’s office has officially moved to the YBOR Building, Rooms 127, 128, and 129.

The Offices for Informational Technology will move to the third floor of YADM.

Many years ago, the centralized location adjacent to the Ybor Room housed the president’s office. Dr. Robinson has regularly scheduled open-door office hours, and would like visitors.

International Festival

The tenth annual International Festival will be held on Wednesday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As always, count on a great day of fun, international displays, food samples, and performances.

The daytime activities will include the parade of flags, featuring people dressed in their native costumes. This colorful celebration will be held in the Plaza.

Food samples and entertainment will be located on the Patio.

Participants boogie down at last year’s event.

Attendees mingle and examine art.

The Bunker’s Jill Parsons celebrates a successful event with Kim.

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Learning by Serving
Submitted by Barb Ritter

It is an exciting time for Service Learning at HCC!

This term we have experienced unprecedented growth in the program. Thanks to your commitment to this project we have nearly 1000 students actively engaged in projects benefiting both HCC and the community. We very much appreciate our veteran faculty and we acknowledge that it is partially due to your enthusiasm that we welcome ten faculty new to Service Learning this term.

Even as your students initiate their projects this term we invite you to commit to continuing to teach Service Learning courses this coming fall. If you do plan to teach a Service Learning course during the fall term, it is important that you communicate the course and section number to your respective program manager and remind him or her of the need to include the appropriate comments attached with the course so that students are aware of the requirement for Service hours and whether or not a background check and associated fee is required. The comment should read as follows:

“Service Learning class; requires 10 (or more) hours of volunteer work outside of class.”
And if appropriate,

“Fee required for background checks.”

Additionally, once you have made the commitment as to the course and section number, we need you to advise us so that we can perform associated tasks.

Through our conversations and emails, I have learned that many of you “serve” in the community in a variety of capacities. I would be delighted if you would send me information about your experiences. Pictures would be appreciated as well. With your permission, I would like to use this material to prepare an article “Service Learning faculty practice what they preach teach!” Please don’t be shy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Don’t forget to ask your program manager to dedicate your course(s) as Service Learning.

As always, remember that we are here to serve you. Please let us know if we can assist you with your Service Learning needs. This is your Service Learning Team: Cindy Hawkins, Bill Day, and Barb Ritter.

Spring Job Fair

The annual Ybor City Campus Spring Job Fair will be held on Monday, April 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Ybor Room.

Because Career Center Manager Alisa Keaton invites businesses looking for employees to come to the campus, set up booths, and introduce their companies to our students, the job fair is a wonderful opportunity for our students to find employment.

Students should come prepared to speak with potential employers and should revise and review their resumes.

Students needing assistance with creating or editing their resumes can visit the Career Center to do research or use the computers.

Ms. Keaton asks that all faculty remind students of this event.

Last year’s job fair enjoyed great success.
Women’s History Month Revisits the Turbulent Days

This year, the Women’s History Month Committee revived the spirit of the late ‘60s and early ‘70s with a protest to accompany a voter registration drive by The League of Women Voters.

The event featured a John Lennon/Yoko Ono look-a-like couple, a sit-in, and the requisite singing of “Give Peace a Chance,” accompanied by bongo drums and other noise makers.

Other events to commemorate the contribution of women included an art show, two screenings of the documentary Ten at the Top with presentations by the film’s director, HCC Ybor City graduate Renee Warmack, and a speech by former Florida state senator and former USF president Betty Castor. This event was held in the newly renovated YPAB auditorium, and nearly every seat was taken.

Thanks go to all of those participating in these events.

Congratulations to the Women’s History Month Committee:
Norma Caltagirone, Liana Fox, Bobbie Harris, Tracy Midulla-Reller, Nancy Mills, Christopher Weeks, Kimberly Williams, and Cheri Borman.

Call Her DOCTOR Zavarella

Ybor City Campus Math Professor Carol Zavarella is seen here mere hours after successfully defending her dissertation. Since she has so much free time now, feel free to ask her to serve on any committee.

Congratulations, Dr. Zavarella!