Looking back and moving forward. The College of Central Florida’s 2014-2015 annual report, which features a 2015-2016 calendar, reminds us that while it’s essential to set goals for the future, it’s just as important to commemorate and celebrate what was accomplished in the past.

CF began 2014-2015 on a high note – the District Board of Trustees approved our budget without a tuition increase for the third consecutive year. Sound fiscal management the previous year resulted in four percent raises for our well-deserving employees. The Florida legislature gave us long-awaited funding to begin the CF Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus. And we even closed our academic year in celebratory fashion with a record number of students graduating.

The accomplishments highlighted throughout this report show the progress we have made and continue to make. The College of Central Florida is moving forward, and in a big way.

I hope you proudly hang this calendar in your home or office as a reminder of what you are helping us accomplish at CF. Because of community members like you; business owners like you; students like you; employees like you; philanthropists like you… the College of Central Florida will achieve its vision “to be the first choice for quality higher education in our community.”

James Henningsen, Ed.D.
CF President
CF District Board of Trustees
2014-2015

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Robert Durrance
Ronald Ewers
Priya Ghumman
William Edgar
Don Taylor
Gabor Employee Recognition Awards were presented to Dr. Scott Olsen, professor of Philosophy, Humanities and Comparative Religion, in the faculty category; Linda Sagendorph, Learning Support Center staff assistant, in the career service category; and Marilyn Ladner, Levy Center provost, in the administrative/professional category.

CF Director of Student Life Marjorie McGee received the 2015 Florida College System Student Government Association Bob Graham Distinguished Service Award for Student Activities Advisor.

February 2015 brought Sir Harold Kroto, Nobel Prize recipient in chemistry, and poet Kwame Dawes to the college. Dawes’ visit was part of the Debra Vazquez Memorial
Poetry Series named for the CF English and creative writing professor who died as a result of domestic violence in 2004.

Teacher Education won the Association of Florida Colleges President’s Recognition of Outstanding College Event of the year for its 26th Early Childhood Conference.

A new and improved www.CF.edu was launched in December 2014. The new site is easier for students and visitors to navigate.
The 25th annual Taste of CF at the CF Citrus Campus and 27th annual Taste of Ocala raised $84,703 for the STEPS to CF program. The events have raised $1,397,359 for student scholarships since inception in 1990.

More than $10,000 was raised for the American Heart Association Heart Walk, and the college continues to be an American Heart Association Gold-Level Fit-Friendly Worksite.

CF Marketing and Public Relations won nine awards from the Association of Florida Colleges and National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.
CF tuition remained flat for the third consecutive year, and the District Board of Trustees was able to give well-deserved four percent raises to employees.

The department is regularly recognized for its publications and marketing materials.

Dr. Saul Reyes was appointed vice president of Student Affairs in January 2015. He brings more than 28 years of leadership experience in student affairs to his new post. He is off to a great start improving the services we offer students, employers and the community.
CF Visual and Performing Arts programs provide opportunities for students to showcase what they have learned in classes and also provide cultural opportunities for the community.

In 2014-2015, more than 1,600 students were enrolled in Visual and Performing Arts classes, a 23 percent increase over 2011-2012. Of those, 265 plan to continue their education with a bachelor’s degree in the arts.

Classes in music, theatre, dance and visual arts prepare students for careers in sound production, arts administration, music therapy, education, technical theatre, performance and more.

Digital Media is the newest and most popular concentration within the Associate in Arts degree with more than 100 students enrolled. In fall 2014, Digital Media was expanded to the Citrus Campus, and AT&T provided $30,000 in scholarships for six students to begin the program.

Performing Arts Series in its 27th Year

The CF Performing Arts Series adds another dimension to CF’s cultural offerings. The series of professional performances is in its 27th year.

Friday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m., American Blues singer Ben Prestage will perform at the Klein Center.

Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., classic rock ‘n’ roll group The Diamonds takes the Dassance Fine Arts Center stage. The group is known for its 1957 hit "Little Darlin’.”

The series concludes at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, when Flamenco Vivo performs at the Dassance Fine Arts Center. The dance ensemble’s show, "Poema de Andalucia” is a journey through the cultures and traditions of the Andalusian provinces in Spain.

For information and tickets on student and Performing Arts Series events, call the CF Box Office at 352-873-5810 or visit Tickets.CF.edu.
“Our goal is to provide the best education and support services possible.”

Dr. Henri Benlolo
Dean of Student Services
CF Recognized as Military Friendly

The College of Central Florida continues to be ranked among the top 20 percent of schools nationwide that deliver the best experience for military students.

An annual list of military-friendly schools is compiled through extensive research and survey of more than 10,000 Veterans Administration-approved schools nationwide. Criteria include military support on campus, academic credibility, percent of military students, academic credit for military students, veteran graduation rates, student tuition assistance and more.

“Our goal is to provide the best education and support services possible to all of our active servicemen and women, veterans and their families,” says Dr. Henri Benlolo, dean of Student Services.

The list of military-friendly schools is compiled by Victoria Media.

On Sept. 11, 2014, the college celebrated the grand opening of the CF Patriot Center for Veterans.

The center was established to serve the more than 500 CF students who receive Veterans Administration benefits and their families. The center offers a venue for studying and fellowship, mental health counseling, a small library, food pantry and more. Veterans who are no longer receiving benefits also can benefit from services offered at the center.

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“The first semester of college is a time to make a fresh start, a smart start as you begin your college career.”

Karla Wilson
Associate Professor of Psychology
Enhancing the First-Year Experience

In August 2014 the District Board of Trustees approved the topic for CF's Quality Enhancement Plan. A QEP is a component of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaccreditation process.

Titled StartSmart@CF, the QEP includes three major strategies – Academic Pathways, First-Year Success Advising, and the Early Support Program – to help students achieve their educational goals.

Academic Pathways will provide coherent academic/degree maps for each major program of study at the college. The pathways will be standardized while allowing for customization based on individual student needs.

First-Year Success Advising will provide each first-time-in-college student with a dedicated advisor who will meet with the student to help him/her clarify academic goals, identify programs of study consistent with those goals, discuss identified challenges, and guide the student to the best Academic Pathway.

The Early Support Program will provide needed interventions for students in developmental, gateway and other high-enrollment, first-year courses. Early in the semester, faculty teaching these targeted courses will assess students based on identified risk factors. A feedback loop between the student, his or her First-Year Success advisor, and his or her faculty member will be created to support and guide the student on the Academic Pathway.

By employing these strategies, the QEP, StartSmart@CF, will improve the first-year education experience.

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Fall Commencement

Christmas Day

College Closed for Mid-Year Break

College Closed for Mid-Year Break

New Year's Eve
The CF Patriots softball team spent six weeks as the nation’s No. 1 ranked team in 2015. The team ended its regular season ranked No. 2 in the nation, with a 53-9 record. While an attempt at a national championship was cut short when the team lost the Florida College System Athletic Association state tournament in May 2015, the team enjoyed a tremendous season.

A pair of softball players earned All-American honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association. Holly McKinnon not only made the All-American first team, she was named the Mid-Florida Conference Pitcher of the Year and FCSAA Pitcher of the Year. She threw multiple no-hitters and was part of a pitching staff that was ranked among the top 10 nationally in several categories. Mariah Wise made the All-American second team after hitting .395 with 16 RBI. She also added 28 stolen bases, which is thought to be a CF record.

In basketball, the college hosted the FCSAA state tournament for the second year. CF will host the tournament through 2017. The 2015 tournament was especially sweet for the Lady Patriots who made the state tournament for the first time in four years. Freshman Thais Oliveira earned First Team All-State and First Team All-Tournament honors.

Volleyball team members clinched their fourth straight Mid-Florida Conference title. They were ranked a program-best fifth in the nation during the season. Julymar Otero, Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year, led the nation in kills and earned NJCAA First Team All-American honors.

Male and female CF student-athletes enjoyed success off the field and court. A record 10 student-athletes achieved perfect 4.0 GPAs for fall 2014 semester.

To learn more about CF Athletics, visit CFPatriots.net.
Etan Elected International Phi Theta Kappa President

CF student Yanik Etan was elected international president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society April 18, 2015, at the society’s annual convention in San Antonio, Texas. Etan, who moved to Ocala from the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia with his parents in 2012, graduated with his associate degree in May 2015.

The president of CF’s PTK chapter, he was named to the Florida College System’s 2015 All-Florida Academic Team. Etan is continuing his studies at CF, pursuing an Associate in Science and Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management.

PTK international officers are elected by the delegate body at each year’s annual convention, and serve one-year terms. Holding international office is considered the pinnacle of leadership within Phi Theta Kappa, and the campaigning experience for international office has also been called a broadening and learning experience.

As president, Etan will preside at the PTK annual convention and Honors Institute, make annual convention committee appointments, sign all new chapter charters, and represent Phi Theta Kappa at regional meetings and educational conferences.

“CF gave me an opportunity,” said Etan. “I want to make the most of it. I am a role model. I represent CF and my country.”

CF President Jim Henningsen trusts that Etan will represent the college well. “This is a huge accomplishment for a great young man,” he said.
The College of Central Florida is ranked No. 18 in affordability in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Education. CF is able to achieve such a high ranking because tuition has remained flat for three years.

In 2015, the college held its first Financial Awareness Week. As an institution that handles Federal Title IV aid such as Pell Grants and Federal Stafford Loans, CF works to help students make good decisions when determining how to pay for college.

The Financial Awareness Week had several goals:

- Get students to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, early. Financial issues are often a primary factor for students who are not successful in the classroom. Completing a FAFSA early guarantees students will know how much money is available to them, and they can plan ahead.
- Improve financial literacy to help students understand the long-term impact of the financial decisions they are making today.
- Help students understand other options for financial assistance, such as CF scholarships and Federal Work Study.
- Instill a culture at CF in which all employees in all departments share in the commitment to financial awareness. It is truly a college responsibility, not just a function of the Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid Awareness Week will be held again in 2016, from March 7-11.
“CF has made me a better person in almost every way you can think of.”

Raj Maniya
CF Ambassador
Students are not only the driving force behind the College of Central Florida; they are the college’s crowning achievements. 2014-2015 was a stellar academic year for CF students.

Four students – Jacelyn Billbe, Eileen Colon, Yanik Etan and Ana Oliveria-Beuses – were among 124 in the state to be named to the Florida College System 2015 All-Florida Academic Team, which recognizes outstanding students for their academic achievement, leadership and service to their communities.

Dual enrollment piano student Victoria Wells received $136,000 in scholarships from Stetson University and the Opera Club of Villages to complete her degree in music performance at Stetson. Sabrina Lozier was one of four nursing students in Florida to receive a Barbara Lumpkin Institute scholarship.

Chad Haufler and Ashley Winn were named Mr. and Ms. CF 2015. Each received a $1,000 scholarship from the CF Foundation. Mr. and Ms. CF exemplify the CF spirit, exhibit strong leadership skills, excel in the classroom and are involved on campus and in the community.

The Patriot Press student newspaper placed 10th in the nation at the National College Media Convention in November 2014.

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Thank you, your love and support gave me the courage to soar.
For the first time in its history, the college held two commencement ceremonies in May 2015 to accommodate the growing number of graduates. Nearly 700 graduates walked in the two ceremonies, representing more than 1,000 certificates and degrees that were awarded in spring and summer 2015.

CF commencement ceremonies were held on the Center Lawn of the CF Ocala Campus for many years before moving to First Baptist Church of Ocala, which offers the largest event venue in the area. In May 2014, it became clear that the college had even outgrown First Baptist and administration began exploring new ways to ensure that every graduate received the attention they deserved and that graduates’ families could share the moment with them.

Keeping with tradition, the Distinguished Service Award was presented at fall 2014 commencement and the Distinguished Alumni Award was presented at spring 2015 commencement. West Port High School Principal Jayne Ellsperman, the 2014 National Principal of the Year, received the service award, and Marion County Sheriff Chris Blair received the alumni award.

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Spring Commencement

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The college’s Appleton Museum of Art extended its reach in 2014-2015 thanks to programming that brought many fresh faces to events, art classes and exhibitions.

In October 2014, the Appleton hosted its very first Family Night at the museum. The lights were low as families were given flashlights and directions for an interactive scavenger hunt featuring characters from some of the Appleton’s most beloved works of art, played by CF student actors, museum staff and volunteers. Movies were shown in the auditorium and children of all ages created ghouls and goblins in the ARTSpace. The ticketed fundraiser benefited the Appleton’s education programs.

The 2014 Summer Art Camp was a huge success with more than 145 students attending six weeks of camp. As a result, even more classes were added to the 2015 art camp schedule, including a two-week pottery session for teens and, for the first time, the option to enroll in a full day of camp.

In May 2015, the Appleton celebrated the one-year anniversary of the re-launch of its young members group, The Studio. Guests enjoyed an art-filled celebration in the museum’s courtyard with live music and art-making while mingling with local artists and art enthusiasts. The Studio has had a full schedule of programming that included a trip to the Harn Museum of Art in Gainesville, painting and printmaking workshops led by local artists, and the popular Mobile Photography Contest and Exhibition. The Studio features programming designed for the college student and young professional age demographic and works to unite all those with an interest in the cultural arts.
“The very nature of the clinic establishes the importance of community service and giving back.”

Deanna Stentiford  
Dean of Health Sciences at CF
National, State Recognition for Dental Assisting

The college’s Dental Assisting program won national and state best practices awards for its partnership with the Marion County Dental Clinic at the CF Hampton Center.

In July 2014, CF and the Marion County Dental Clinic received one of 22 national Model Practice Awards at the National Association of County and City Health Officials annual conference. In October, the program won an Association of Florida Colleges 2014 Chancellor’s Best Practice Award. And in December, Gov. Rick Scott presented the Volunteer Florida Champion of Service Award to Associate Dean of Health Sciences Deanna Stentiford and the program at his Florida Cabinet meeting.

The Marion County Dental Clinic, which is overseen by the Florida Department of Health, moved into the CF Hampton Center in 2003. The move allowed the clinic to expand from two cramped stations at the Marion County Health Department facility to eight treatment areas, plus room for other services, at the Hampton Center.

While the clinic increases access to dental care for underserved populations, it provides invaluable hands-on training to students in the college’s Dental Assisting certificate and Associate in Science programs.

“It’s a wonderful experience for our students,” said Stentiford. “Not only do they get to assist the two clinic dentists with patients, but the very nature of the clinic establishes the importance of community service and giving back.”

Adjunct instructor Jennifer Strickland, who worked as a dental assistant for 13 years before returning to CF to teach in the program where she got her start, thinks the clinic is a great addition to CF’s robust dental program.

“The clinic wasn’t here when I was a student,” said Strickland. “The clinic dentists are great at driving home key concepts like the importance of sterilization. Students today get plenty of practical experience.”
“Our students will learn how to operate the FANUC robot and acquire the skills needed to ultimately earn FANUC industry certification.”

Sam Ajilani
CF associate professor of Engineering
The college partners with local businesses and organizations to determine workforce training needs. With help from the XCEL-IT program, which was created in 2013 after the college received a $3.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, the college has added the following six high-demand degree programs that will provide high-wage jobs for graduates and strengthen the local economy:

- Business Administration – Entrepreneurship
- Engineering Technology – Simulation and Automation
- Mobile Device Technology
- Help Desk Support Technician
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Network Security

In February 2015, XCEL-IT unveiled the college’s new FANUC robotic arm that is giving students in the new Simulation and Automation Associate in Science degree and certificate programs hands-on experience in programing and training robots.

“Our students will learn how to operate the FANUC robot and acquire the skills needed to ultimately earn FANUC industry certification,” said Sam Ajilani, CF associate professor of Engineering. “FANUC robots are used around the globe, so this literally opens a world of opportunity to our students.”

FANUC robots are used by manufacturing industries for jobs such as welding, pic-n-place and small parts assembly. Online retailer Amazon.com uses FANUC robots to select products from warehouse shelves and package them for shipping.
Appleton Museum of Art
A Gift to the Community

CF has operated the Appleton Museum of Art for more than a decade. A gift from Arthur I. Appleton to the Ocala community, it opened in 1987. Originally built to display and preserve Mr. Appleton's extensive art collection, today the Appleton is one of the South's premier art museums and a leading cultural institution in Marion County.

In 2014-2015, the Appleton had more than 26,000 guests visit its exhibitions, participate in workshops or classes and attend lectures, events and tours. More than 1,500 guests went on 68 docent-led tours of the museum. Docents are volunteer subject-matter experts who provide guests unique perspectives on works from the museum’s permanent collection, which consists of approximately 18,000 objects including European, American, Asian, African, Contemporary and pre-Columbian art and artifacts.

Museum memberships are available at AppletonMuseum.org, or by calling 352-291-4455, ext. 1831. In addition to receiving year-round free admission, museum members receive:

- Exclusive invitations to exhibition openings, previews, concerts and workshops
- Discounts on special, major events and exhibitions
- Free subscription to Artifacts, the Appleton’s quarterly newsletter
- Discounts in the Appleton Store
- Discounts on trips, classes and workshops
- Use of the Museum library

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CF embraces Service Learning, an opportunity to create experiences where students take learning to higher levels of understanding through civic engagement that benefits both the student and our community.

Working together to meet a specific need, students commit to a specified amount of time to complete a service project as part of an academic course. Following the experience, they return to the classroom and reflect on their connections made through service to course-specific concepts.

Each spring many CF students choose to forgo typical college spring break activities and instead give back to the community through Alternative Spring Break. In 2015, students traveled to Miami and Ashville, N.C. Locally, students helped Interfaith Emergency Services, the Boys and Girls Club, Silver Springs State Park and the PACE Center for Girls.

CF faculty and staff embrace the service learning philosophy as well, giving their time, talents and money to the Marion County Children’s Alliance Walk of Hope, American Heart Association Heart Walk, March of Dimes March for Babies and American Cancer Society Relay for Life. And for the past several years, the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk has been held at the CF Ocala Campus.
“There is nothing more richly deserved than a new Levy Campus.”

Marilyn Ladner
CF Levy Provost
Levy Campus Closer to Becoming a Reality

In July 2014, more than 10 years after the idea was born, the college received $4.3 million in state funding for the CF Levy Campus.

“The day we received notice that our funding was finally approved was the best day in my educational career,” said CF Levy Provost Marilyn Ladner. “There is nothing more richly deserved than a new Levy Campus.”

CF has served Levy County since 1958. Initially located in Bronson, the Levy Center moved to its current facility in a Chiefland storefront in 1993.

Space is a commodity at the current location. Classes were at or near capacity in 2004 when the District Board of Trustees began searching for property to build a campus. In 2006, former trustee Loy Ann Mann and her husband, Jack, donated 15.4 acres of undeveloped land for the campus north of Chiefland. In 2009, longtime Levy County educator Jack Wilkinson donated $2.5 million to the project. An additional $1 million was secured through private donors, and land purchases have expanded the site to 40.4 acres.

In the past three years, CF enrollment in Levy County has more than doubled. Today, the Levy Center serves more than 3,000 students from Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties taking college credit, testing, continuing education and adult education classes.

“Clearly there is a need for a Levy Campus,” said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president. “That is why our community, area businesses and our congressional representatives pushed so hard for this funding to finally get approved.”

In July 2015, the college was awarded an additional $2 million in state funding for the project.

It is expected that the expansion of programs and enrollment with emphasis on health care and high-tech specialties will initially generate $15 million a year in new economic impact in Levy County.
College Scholarships
In place at every elementary school in Citrus, Levy and Marion
Since 1959, the CF Foundation has worked closely with the Marion, Citrus and Levy county communities to connect philanthropists with opportunities that make a difference in the lives of CF students. Many lives were impacted in 2014-2015, thanks to the Foundation’s support.

The Foundation awarded $40,000 to faculty and staff at CF’s fall 2014 convocation. Susan Murphy and Andy Variell received New Initiative grants. Judith Downer received the Lee F. and Attie G. Branan Memorial Endowed Chair, and Marta Allen and Rod McGinnes received the Frank M. Webber Memorial Endowed Chair.

The 25th Taste of CF was held in November 2014 at the Citrus Learning and Conference Center, and the 2015 Taste of Ocala was held in March at the Ewers Century Center. With a 135 percent increase over last years, the events raised more than $71,000 for STEPS to CF. STEPS – Scholarships Taking Elementary Promising Students to CF – reached its goal of securing two $4,000 scholarships for every eligible elementary school in the college's tricounty service area.

Each year the Foundation’s Annual Fund kicks off with an internal campaign focused on garnering support from those closest to the college's mission – faculty and staff. The 2015 CF Family Campaign was a huge success with 80 percent of employees participating – double the amount who participated in 2014 – and raising more than $28,000.

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