How do we measure success? That has been the topic of many conversations and meetings at the College of Central Florida as we created our Quality Enhancement Plan as part of the reaccreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. You can read about that on page 3, but more importantly, in this issue of Connection, you can read about the true measures of our success – our students.

When CF students become employed, continue their education in one of our bachelor’s degree programs or go on to study at a nationally ranked university like Vanderbilt, University of Florida, University of Central Florida or University of South Florida, I know we are successful.

When we join the company of two Aspen Award winners in the top four community colleges in Florida, page 2, I know we are successful.

And when community health care agencies recognize our value and help provide cutting-edge technology for our classrooms, page 14, I know we are successful.

This is a good time of year for you to see how successful our students are. The end of the fall semester brings plenty of opportunities for students to showcase their talents. I hope you will be able to take time out of your busy schedule and join us for one of the events featured on page 5.

James Henningsen, Ed.D. CF President

Mission Statement
College of Central Florida provides access to high quality, high value baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, certificates and diplomas, and promotes the economic, social and cultural development of our community.
No. 4 community college in Florida
Schools.com has ranked CF the No. 4 community college in the state. The website used a 10-point scale to rate each school in six categories. CF ranked third in percentage of distance education students, with 44 percent of the student body taking some coursework online. CF’s affordability score was in the top 30 percent of schools surveyed thanks to tuition that is about $650 less than the state average. CF’s graduation rate also placed in the top quintile.

New tool helps map career and education paths
Career Coach is a web-based career exploration tool that offers CF students and the public career assessments, education guidance, labor market data and links to job postings. Maintained by the CF XCEL-IT program, Career Coach also helps the college advise students down the right educational path and prepare them for career goals. Research shows tools like Career Coach help motivate students and boost enrollment, retention and employment.

Levy Campus moves forward, adds new program
In July, the college was awarded an additional $2 million in state funding for the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus. It is expected that the new campus will allow expansion of programs and initially generate $15 million a year in new economic impact in Levy County. Plans are underway to add a noncredit forestry program at the campus in 2016. Lyme Timber Company has pledged $200,000 for the program, which will consist of a noncredit heavy equipment operators course and a 2 + 2 articulation agreement in forestry with the University of Florida.

Historical commencement
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 at First Baptist Church of Ocala, representing more than 1,000 certificates and degrees that were awarded in spring and summer 2015. Fall 2015 commencement will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at First Baptist Church of Ocala.

Meet our new trustees
College of Central Florida is ready to StartSmart@CF! The Quality Enhancement Plan by that name was accepted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges On-site Committee in October. Faculty are staff are ready to hit the ground running with StartSmart@CF, which will focus on the first-year experience of students.

“A Quality Enhancement Plan allows a college to take the student experience to the next level,” said Dr. Rayanne Giddis, QEP director. “We sought input from students, faculty, staff and the community before selecting StartSmart@CF as the topic for the QEP.”

StartSmart will use three major strategies to enhance students’ first-year experience and help them achieve their educational goals: Academic Pathways, First-Year Success Advising, and the Early Support Program, Giddis said.

Academic Pathways will provide academic/degree maps for each program of study at CF. 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 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.

To learn more about StartSmart@CF, contact QEP Implementation Director Karla Wilson at wilsonkb@cf.edu or 352-854-2322, ext 1363.
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There is always something to do at CF.

The college calendar is full of student performances, visiting entertainers, art exhibitions and more. Visit CF.edu for a complete event schedule.

**Performing Arts Series**

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

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

Tickets for each show are $15. Call the CF Box Office at 352-873-5810 or visit Tickets.CF.edu to purchase.

**Student performances**

**Friday, Nov. 20, 6:15 p.m.**
CF Young Singers
Dassance Fine Arts Center, Free

**Friday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.**
Patriot Singers and Wind Symphony
Dassance Fine Arts Center, Free

**Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.**
Dance Ensemble
Dassance Fine Arts Center
$12 for adults; $6 for non-CF students

**Saturday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
Jazz at the Webber
Webber Center
$12 for adults; $6 for non-CF students

**Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m.**
Chamber Music Ensemble
Appleton Museum of Art
Free with paid admission to the Appleton.

**Webber Gallery**

**Nov. 12-Dec. 4**
Visual Artists’ Society “Best of the Season”

**Dec. 12-30; closed Dec. 24-25**
“20th Annual Trains at the Holidays”
The college hosted an Instagram photo contest the first two weeks of fall 2015 classes. CF joined the popular social media site to interact with current and future Patriots.

Nearly 100 photographs were entered in the contest, which was organized by Staci Biondini, manager of Marketing and Public Relations, and funded by a CF Foundation New Initiative Grant. The grand prize winner was Physical Therapist Assistant student Jessica Spidle. Her “hooping with a skeleton” photo earned her $350. Spidle used some of her prize money to buy hula hoops, which are often used in physical therapy. Congratulations, Jessica!

Follow the official CF Instagram account @CFPatriots! You can also follow @cfstudentlife and @sabocala.
All roads lead to CF

For many students, the road to college is a straight path carefully mapped out like a well-planned cross-country vacation. For some, college is the ultimate destination, but they haven’t decided if they are taking the highway or the scenic route. And for others, college isn’t planned at all. It’s simply a rest stop, a time to regroup, after the proverbial road of life has handed them a detour.
Life handed Michelle Ettrick a detour. Ettrick, 46, always wanted to go to college, but had two children at a young age and entered the workforce instead. She was a good provider for her family when a chronic pain disorder ended her career.

“I lost everything. We ended up living at a homeless shelter.” said Ettrick. “A counselor at the shelter asked me, ‘What can you do to make things better?’ That’s when I started thinking about school.”

Ettrick enrolled as a business major at CF, but after a semester, realized that while her career had been in business, she didn’t really enjoy math. She enrolled in an elective drawing course and discovered that the creative outlet helped her handle the rigors of her Associate in Arts math and English classes.

“I decided to change my major to art, not really knowing what I would do with it,” she said. “I took a ceramics class with Charlie Cummings, and that’s when everything just turned around. As soon as I took that class, I was obsessed with clay. Clay, clay, clay. Clay was everything.”

Ettrick became so consumed by clay that she began studying it outside of class, jumping ahead of what Cummings was teaching.

Cummings, who also teaches at the University of Florida, began to mentor Ettrick, encouraging her to think beyond her associate degree. Dr. Jennifer Fryns, CF associate dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, also began to encourage Ettrick.

“Just two short semesters after she started taking our art classes, I heard that Michelle was already exhibiting her work at a gallery in Gainesville,” said Fryns. “I was so impressed that I attended the opening reception. Seeing her work for sale reminded me of the transformative nature a career in the arts can have. I was so proud of Michelle, I encouraged her to earn her bachelor’s degree in something she was passionate about and that would provide for her and her family.”

Ettrick took Fryn’s advice and applied to the University of Florida.

Today, her classes and beloved clay consume all of her time, but she has bigger plans for the future.

“I would love to teach college,” she said. “I would love to be able to sell my art and provide scholarships for kids who don’t have access to clay.”

For a growing number of international students, the road to CF is long and sometimes unexpected.

Yanik Etan, 28, moved to Ocala from the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia with his parents in 2012.

Admittedly, CF wasn’t his first choice for college. “I applied to colleges all over,” said Etan. “I wanted new experiences. I wanted to leave Ocala and experience life away from my family, like my friends.”

When his other college applications didn’t pan out, Etan decided to take his parent’s advice and enrolled at CF in 2013. He quickly established himself as a leader on campus, serving as president of the college’s Kappa Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

His service, leadership and academic achievement earned him a spot on the Florida College System’s 2015 All-Florida Academic Team. And in April 2015, he was elected international president of Phi Theta Kappa.

Etan graduated with his A.A. in May, but is now working on his A.S. and later plans to earn his Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management from CF.

“I wouldn’t trade my time at CF for the world.” said Etan.

Like Etan, Ana Oliveira-Beuses, 25, also moved to Florida in 2012.

She began taking classes at CF online, but a move to Ocala for her husband’s job led her to take classes at the Ocala Campus. She immediately immersed herself in campus life; she was accepted into the Honors Institute: A Community of Scholars, joined Phi Theta Kappa and served as president of the CF Psychology Club.

“CF gave me the chance to do so many different things such as travel to Miami and Greenville, South Carolina, with the Community of Scholars and go to the PTK International Convention in San Antonio where I was able to help Yanik Etan win his election.”
Oliveira-Bueses was named to the 2015 All-Florida Academic Team and was the 2015 Ocala Campus Student Activities Board Student of the Year.

She is now pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Psychology at the University of Florida and is trying to get involved with academic research in Cognitive Psychology or Behavioral Neuroscience in preparation for ultimate academic goal – her doctorate.

“What I enjoy most about UF so far is learning more about psychology and being academically challenged,” she said. “If I thought CF had a lot of opportunities and interesting activities for students, here it’s ten times as much. It can feel overwhelming at first but then it becomes an interesting journey to find new ways to improve my academic experience.”

Oliveira-Bueses is quick to credit CF for helping her get where she is today.

“CF offers so much,” she said. “Even though UF seems hard to get in and could be expensive, grades, leadership involvement and effort can go a long way. Because of my hard work at CF I was able to get in and get scholarships to cover the costs. Anything can happen if you put your mind to it!”

For CF alumni Sarah Kirk, Wade Dobson and Charlie Parker, the decision to attend CF was carefully planned.

Kirk, 20, a graduate of Vanguard High School’s International Baccalaureate Program, chose to attend CF first because she wasn’t entirely sure of where she wanted to go or what she wanted to major in.

“No matter how high achieving you are, that does not directly correlate to your ability to know what you want out of life,” said Kirk. “It really worked out for me monetarily, as well as credit-wise to finish my two-year degree at CF.”

While at CF, Kirk was in the Honors Institute, maintained a high GPA and was a finalist for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. She is now studying philosophy and creative writing at Vanderbilt University. She believes CF prepared her to do great things and succeed at Vanderbilt.

“For the best college is the one that encourages your growth as a person and allows you the freedom to become a person worth being,” she said. “I found that at CF, and I’ve found it at Vanderbilt.”
Dobson, 21, a Belleview High School graduate, made his way to CF because he was offered a full academic scholarship through the Honors Institute: Community of Scholars.

“Financially, CF was the right decision for me and my family,” said Dobson. “I think it is important for students to talk to their parents, go on campus tours and decide what option is best for them. CF offers a great starting point at a very affordable price.”

Dobson graduated from CF Summa Cum Laude and transferred to the University of Florida. He will graduate in 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in Marketing and hopes to work for a professional sports team or in the insurance industry.

Parker, 35, a pharmacist and senior director of account management for Express Scripts, said attending CF first was an easy and natural decision for him.

“I knew that in order to become a pharmacist, I needed to attend a college where I could focus on my studies without all the distractions of a large university,” said Parker, who decided on a career in pharmacy while working a part-time job at a Belleview pharmacy. “The smaller class sizes, the reputation and quality of the professors, and the ability to take all of my prerequisite courses made CF the right choice for my career path.”

After CF, Parker earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida, graduating with honors in 2006.

His advice for high school students mapping out their future is to choose a path early on.

“Find something that you’re passionate about and stick with it no matter how difficult it might be.”
Softball finishes strong
Congratulations Lady Patriots, Holly McKinnon and Mariah Wise. The softball team ended its regular season ranked No. 2 in the nation, with a 53-9 record. McKinnon and Wise earned All-American honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association. McKinnon was also named the Mid-Florida Conference Pitcher of the Year and Florida College System Activities Association Pitcher of the Year. Wise batted .395 with 16 RBI. She also added 28 stolen bases, which is thought to be a CF record.

26th Annual Gabor Awards
Congratulations to Dr. Scott Olsen, Linda Sagendorph and Marilyn Ladner. The Gabor Awards, established by the Gabor Agency in 1990 and bestowed with the CF Foundation, recognize faculty and staff for their contributions to students, the college and employees. Winners were nominated by their peers. Olsen, professor of Philosophy, Humanities and Comparative Religion, has served the college for 30 years. He was honored in the faculty category. Sagendorph, Learning Support Center staff assistant III, has served CF since 2003. She was honored in the career service category. Ladner, Levy Center provost, has served CF since 2006. She was honored in the administrative/professional category.

Cooper publishes third novel
Congratulations to Dr. Ron Cooper, professor of Philosophy and Humanities. His novel “The Gospel of the Twin” will be released March 1, 2016, by Bancroft Press. An ancient legend claimed that Jesus had a twin brother, Thomas. Old and bitter after years of self-imposed exile from his homeland, Thomas returns to Jerusalem to write a book about Jesus. Disgusted by how others have perverted his brother’s message, Thomas wants to set the record straight. But, in doing so, he must try to unravel the enigma that was Jesus.

Congratulations, Dr. John Guarente, head of CF’s vocal music program.
Guarente is the new artistic director for the Marion Civic Chorale, Ocala’s preeminent chorale society that provides musical entertainment throughout Central Florida. “The Marion Civic Chorale and the CF’s Visual and Performing Arts department have a long history of working together, and Dr. Guarente’s appointment helps further that wonderful relationship,” said Dr. Jennifer Fryns, associate dean of Visual and Performing Arts.
Welcome new CF family members

At Convocation in August, the following new employees were recognized.

**Academic Affairs**
Matthew Albritton, Faculty, Agribusiness
Nanette Azevedo, Faculty, Health Sciences
Brian Follett, Coordinator, Criminal Justice and Public Service
Lisa Langston Wise, Preschool Teacher, Learning Lab School
Julie McGannon, Faculty, Academic Foundations
Charles McIntosh, Dean, Criminal Justice and Public Service
Warren Parkin, Faculty, Communications
Claire Penegor, Faculty, Health Sciences
Sheila Rios, Dean, Business Technology and Career and Technical Education
Marie Watson, Faculty, Health Sciences
Courtney Wood-Harvin, Faculty, Communications

**Administration and Finance**
Stephanie Butscher, Accountant III
Hank Glaspie, Associate Vice President, Information Technology
Doug Prevatt, Manager, Public Safety
Mark Sakowski, Manager, Plant Operations and Safety
Robert Smith, Trades Worker
Stewart Trautman, Director, Purchasing and Risk Management

**Levy Center**
Martha Chadburn, Staff Assistant IV
Krystle Skelly, Transition Specialist and Instructor

**Student Affairs**
Amanda Camp, Financial Aid Specialist II
Melissa Gore, Loan Default Management Specialist
Neha Guarente, Dual Enrollment Coordinator
Amie Haffner, Admissions Advisor
William Kirkland, Associate Director, Financial Aid
LaKeshia Murphy, Admissions and School Relations Specialist

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Two recognized by FCS

Congratulations to Dr. Rayanne Giddis and Marjorie McGee. Giddis, dean for Academic Foundations, received a 2015 Outstanding Faculty Award from the Florida College System. The award recognizes innovative and exceptional work performed in response to Florida’s developmental education reform. McGee, director of student life, received the Florida College System Student Government Association’s Bob Graham Distinguished Service Award for Student Activities Board Advisor of the Year.

CF Foundation endowed chairs and grant recipients

Congratulations to Bonnie Hays, Nicole Neveau, Karen Tolson, Cori Wiygul, Staci Biondini, Dr. KT Kim, Debbie Towns and Jamey Darnell. CF Foundation Board of Directors Chairman Bill Trice announced recipients of $43,500 in faculty and staff awards at Convocation in August.

The team of Hays, Neveau, Tolson and Wiygul received a $2,000 New Initiative Grant that will be used to host an Agribusiness Summit in January 2016. Biondini received a $2,000 New Initiative Grant to implement the Instagram photo contest featured on page 6. Kim received a $3,500 Glassman New Initiative Grant to reduce the use of plastic water bottles at CF.

Towns received the Attie G. Branan Memorial Endowed Chair to increase student success through enhanced micro-computer applications workshops and lunch-and-learn sessions. Darnell received the Mr. and Mrs. Seymour B. Robinson Endowed Chair. He will develop an integrated and team-based learning experience for three existing CF courses in entrepreneurship.
STEPS to CF

Newly awarded steps student recipients were awarded at the annual reception at the Ocala Campus.

Since its inception in 2005, Scholarships Taking Elementary Promising Students to CF has been embraced by College of Central Florida District Board of Trustees members.

Former trustee Robert Hastings, superintendent of the School Board of Levy County, established a STEPS award at Chiefland Elementary School in 2008. Joli Birchfield received that inaugural scholarship and is a CF student today.

Birchfield spoke to 96 fifth graders who received a STEPS award this year at a reception in September at the CF Ocala Campus.

“It’s important that you keep your focus, honor your pledge to keep out of trouble, and maintain good grades in high school,” she said.

Birchfield kept her focus. Taking advantage of the dual enrollment program, she earned enough college credits to complete her Associate in Arts in just two semesters. She plans to enroll in CF’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

While the future college students receive the promise of a $4,000 CF scholarship in fifth grade, they do not actually receive the money until they meet criteria and are admitted to CF.

Each year the CF Foundation hosts a reception for the students and their families.

“It’s important to get these young students and their families on campus to instill an excitement about CF and what we have to offer when they enroll,” said Chris Knife, executive director of the CF Foundation. “We’re reaching the students, but at the same time we’re reaching all the members of their family, showing that we have programs to enrich their lives at any age.”

There is a STEPS award in place for both a boy and girl in every elementary school in Marion, Citrus and Levy counties. The success of the program has inspired the CF Foundation to expand it to include the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County.

“We hope to establish at least one award in each of their three locations by the end of the year,” said Knife. “We are looking for donors who would like to establish a scholarship, and we are also using all of the proceeds the 2016 Taste of Ocala event to expand the STEPS program.”
MRMC boosts CF Health Sciences program
Munroe Regional Medical Center recently pledged $120,000 to purchase software-driven patient simulators for CF’s new Health Sciences Simulation Lab.

“This generous gift from MRMC will provide invaluable experience and help CF prepare more students for high-demand, high-paying jobs,” said CF President Jim Henningsen.

The pledge highlights a tradition of MRMC support. Earlier this year, the hospital began making donations toward a $2 million, 40-year pledge. The hospital also has an endowed nursing scholarship and an endowed chair with the CF Foundation.

“Munroe Regional Medical Center is pleased to support the College of Central Florida and the next generation of our health care providers,” said Bob Moore, CEO of MRMC. “Our partnership ensures that members of our community receive the best health care possible.”

Ocala Royal Dames supports student scholarships
The Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research recently presented $25,000 to the CF Foundation.

This gift will provide scholarships to deserving students who are pursuing a health occupation degree and have an interest in cancer research, education or treatment. The Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research endowed scholarship was established with the CF Foundation in 2002. To date, 19 CF students have received the scholarship.

In addition to the scholarship, Ocala Royal Dames have purchased library resources and funded Shop Talk, a breast cancer prevention program.
On June 24, 2015, the College of Central Florida lost one of its biggest advocates, economics professor Charles P. “Chuck” Hiatt.

It is estimated that Chuck reached more than 200 students a semester, or 600 a year. That is more than 12,000 lives he impacted during his CF career. The CF family knows, however, that his reach was far greater than that. His work in the classroom was just part of what he accomplished.

Chuck welcomed everyone he met with his kind eyes and warm smile. He had a servant’s heart and worked with countless committees. He chaired and co-chaired the CF Foundation’s Family Campaign for many years, always encouraging his colleagues to participate in the annual fundraising effort.

Chuck never hesitated to lift a barbell, participate in a crazy skit or take on a spin-a-thon challenge, all in support of the CF Family Campaign. He believed in investing in students, and he encouraged everyone to give their hearts, not just their money.

Chuck’s indomitable spirit will live on in the lives of those he touched.

**LEAVE A LEGACY**

Make a difference today with your planned gift.

Chuck Hiatt’s legacy will live on through the CF Foundation Charles P. “Chuck” Hiatt Endowed Chair. CF faculty and staff created the endowment to honor their beloved colleague.

You can join us in honoring Chuck, or honor someone who is special to you. Planned gifts help ensure that students have the funds needed to transform their lives through education.

To give or for more information about including the CF Foundation in your will, email Traci Mason at masont@CF.edu, call 357-873-5808 or visit CF.edu/Foundation/giving.
The Appleton’s Sculpture Walk and Garden is an ongoing project designed to create an engaging and dynamic outdoor space that is accessible to all. The museum continues to fundraise for this project through the sale of inscribable bricks, pavers and benches placed around the sculptures and walkways. For more information on how to make a donation, contact Victoria Billig, 352-291-4455, ext. 1294, or billigv@cf.edu.

In October, the Appleton Museum of Art added two sculptures to the outdoor Sculpture Walk and Garden: “Wind Gap” by Bob Emser and “FLORADA” by John Gamache.

Eureka, Illinois, artist, Bob Emser is an internationally recognized sculptor, with work in five continents, seven countries and 28 states. His extensive body of work, dating back to 1978, can be seen in cities and municipalities, sculpture parks, museums and institutions of higher learning. During his more than 30-year career, he has served as a visiting artist and taught at several universities, held a tenured professorship and founded a nonprofit art center. Emser also served as the executive director of Chicago’s international sculpture exhibition, Pier Walk, and was the founder and past president of Chicago Sculpture International. “Wind Gap,” built in 2004, is made of stainless steel, aluminum and polycarbonate.

Artist John Gamache grew up in Ocala, near Tusawilla Park, and was a participating artist in the 2013 and 2014 and donated to the City of Ocala for permanent display in Tusawilla Park. His 2014 entry, “FLORADA,” was designed to engage viewers of all ages. The inspiration initially came from seeing dandelions growing in nearly all parts of the world that the artist traveled. Previously installed in Tusawilla Lake, the eye-catching, powder coated steel and concrete sculpture has a new home at the Appleton Museum of Art.
A “Stickwork” project with internationally renowned artist Patrick Dougherty is coming to the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, in February 2016.

Dougherty constructs large-scale outdoor sculptures inspired by and specifically designed for the natural environment. This summer, Dougherty met with museum staff to scout locations for gathering building materials, which includes tree saplings and branches. The artist will return Feb. 2-20 to construct the outdoor installation on museum grounds with the help of staff and a team of community volunteers.

The Appleton Museum of Art is seeking volunteer assistance from individuals, school groups and other organizations to assist the artist Feb. 2-20. If you would like to help, contact Lara Sundberg at 352-291-4455, ext. 1836. Ages 16 and up are welcome to participate; no experience necessary.

From Jan. 16-April 17, 2016, a multimedia exhibition of the artist's past projects will be on display in the museum’s Preview Gallery, providing audiences with a further understanding of Dougherty’s process and the temporal quality of his work. During the anticipated two years that the sculpture will stand before it decomposes into the landscape, it will be a part of the museum’s outdoor Sculpture Walk and Garden, an ongoing project that features a dynamic and engaging collection of large-scale sculptures that activate the museum’s exterior spaces.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, following the completion of the sculpture, Dougherty will give a lecture in the museum’s auditorium on his past projects, process and inspirations. Guests will have the opportunity to view the work in progress.

The Appleton is also seeking sponsors for project support. For information on sponsorship levels, benefits or other ways to become involved in this unique and engaging project, contact Victoria Billig, 352-291-4455, ext. 1294, or billigv@cf.edu.

For more information about Patrick Dougherty or to see past examples of his work, visit Stickwork.net.
MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND EXHIBITION

Nearly 600 photos from 200 participants were submitted in the Appleton’s second annual mobile photography contest and exhibition. Photos competed in four categories: The Great Outdoors, People of Marion County, Black and White, and Pattern and Shape. Jurors awarded prizes to their favorites, along with additional awards going to the Appleton Staff Favorite and those that received the most Facebook likes.

The Winners

The Great Outdoors
People’s Choice, Jeff Roach
This Makes Me Happy, Heather McVey
Best in Category, Ashleigh McVey

People of Marion County
People’s Choice, Krista Freeman
This Makes Me Happy, Christine Pachmayer
Best in Category, Cynthia Camp

Black and White
People’s Choice, Sadie Karakra
This Makes Me Happy, Jessica O’Connor
Best in Category, Chester Pigeon

Pattern and Shape
People’s Choice, Vanessa Martinez
This Makes Me Happy, Desirae Frisby
Best in Category, Cal Gaines

“THE FORGER”

Nearly $55,000 was raised at an event featuring the theatrical debut of John Travolta’s film “The Forger.” The Appleton hosted a pre-reception that allowed guests to have their photo taken with Travolta, followed by an exclusive red carpet screening at the historic Marion Theatre. In addition to benefiting the Appleton, the generous proceeds were also shared with Marion Cultural Alliance and the Jett Travolta Endowed Memorial Scholarship.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

“Backstage Pass: Baron Wolman and the Early Years of Rolling Stone”
Through Jan. 10, 2016

“A Dickens Christmas: The Urban Family Holiday Exhibit”

“A Fine Timber: Wood and Transformation in Our Time”

“Paradise Park Remembered: Photographs by Bruce Mozert and Others”
Jan. 23-April 24, 2016

“Imagination: 100 Years of Animation Art”
Jan. 16-April 10, 2016

“Stickwork”
Jan. 16-April 17, 2016

“Dignity: Tribes in Transition”
April 23-June 19, 2016

“Norman Rockwell: The Man Behind the Canvas”
April 30-July 30, 2016
IN PERSON
WITH JESSICA AND KYLE MALICOATE

Jessica and Kyle Malicoate went from being classmates to soulmates.

The CF sweethearts married Nov. 10 in Lecanto.

The Malicoates each served a term as president of the Citrus Campus Student Activities Board – first Jessica, then Kyle – and both were in the Mr. & Ms. CF Scholarship Program.

Jessica now works as a Financial Aid Specialist at the Citrus Campus and Kyle is in the Army, stationed in Texas.

Being apart has been hard, but the newlyweds get together as often as possible.

“It was on a visit in June that Kyle proposed,” said Jessica. “We were getting our picture taken in one of those wild West scenes at the San Antonio River Walk when he pulled out a ring.”

While they were forced to say goodbye again just six days after their wedding, the couple will be reunited permanently in March when he receives his assignment with the Army.

Jessica says the College of Central Florida will always hold a special place in their hearts.

“CF is part of our forever story.”