Community of Promise

New name,
expanded mission

Serving
community,
current and
future students
“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.”

—Robert F. Kennedy,
Former United States Senator and Attorney General

This issue of the CF CONNECTION is an opportunity to share events that are shaping the college now and in the future. In May we officially changed our name to the College of Central Florida. During the summer we were approved to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Organizational Management which begins in January 2011, and this fall we welcomed the highest enrollment in our history, almost 8,800 students. These are important milestones in the life of the college but this issue is mostly about our new tagline: Community of Promise. I believe Community of Promise captures the essence of who we are as a college. We are still, first and foremost, community focused, even though the word community is no longer a part of our official name. The phrase, community of promise, is a reminder of the Declaration of Promises we made in 2007 as part of our 50th anniversary celebration to the communities that we serve. We promise to continue to be accessible with a focus on learning success, to be responsible stewards of the resources that we have, to partner with the community for economic, cultural and social development, and to nurture diversity and global understanding. This issue of CF Connection is a way for us to communicate our efforts and commitment to our community of promise. I hope you enjoy this issue.
Fall 2010 began with almost 8,800 students, the highest enrollment in the college’s history.

To meet the changing needs of the college, staff have taken on new positions and another has joined the college family. Marilyn Ladner is now provost of the Levy Center and executive director of College Planning. Judy Menadier is director of Financial Aid. Jillian Ramsammy is director of College and Community Relations and LerVerne Jacobs has become director of the Hampton Center. Dr. Larry Kuszynski is new director of Institutional Effectiveness, previously serving Daytona State College and Chipola College.

The CF District Board of Trustees has approved the addition of women’s volleyball to its intercollegiate athletics program. Patriots Volleyball will debut in fall 2011.

In sustainability news, the CF Ocala Campus was recognized as a 2009 Tree Campus USA institution by the Arbor Day Foundation for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship. The college surpassed its 5 percent goal and reduced electricity usage by 7.3 percent in 2009-2010.

CF won top regional honors for the Patriot icon rebranding project from the Florida Public Relations Association: the Grand-all Image Award and the Institutional Category Image Award.

Professor of Nursing Carol Blakeman has won the 2010 Florida Nurses Association’s Heather Scaglione Award for significant and outstanding contributions to support the work of the Florida Nursing Students Association and nursing students.

Associate Professor of Emergency Medical Services Wayne Ramsey has been named Paramedic Instructor of the Year by the Florida Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators. The annual awards are presented to individuals who exemplify excellence in EMS education in Florida.

Professor of Dental Assisting Deanna Stentiford has been selected to serve on a Review Committee of the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The commission serves the public by establishing, maintaining and applying standards that ensure the quality and continuous improvement of dental and dental-related education.

Student Jessica Nisbett has been elected international vice president of the Phi Theta Kappa International honor society. She is the first CF student to hold an international office.

Fall commencement ceremonies will be held at the CF Ocala Campus on Friday, Dec. 10, beginning at noon.

To learn more about CF accomplishments, visit the CF NEWS link at www.CF.edu.
Community of Promise is reflected in a familiar college with a new name and expanded mission. The college unveiled its new name at ceremonies collegewide on May 25 and 26. “This name change honors the tradition of serving Central Florida, a name we have had since our founding, and it demonstrates our continuing commitment to growth and development,” said Dr. Dassance.

“While our name has changed, our mission remains the same,” he said. “We will continue to provide access to a reasonably priced, quality education and to promote the social, cultural and economic development of the Central Florida region.”

The name change follows a yearlong process that included a survey of the community and approval by the CF District Board of Trustees and the State Board of Education. During the five-week survey, 580 distinct names were sorted from 1,480 submissions.

Students, staff and community members helped select the new name.
In January 2011, the College of Central Florida will offer its first bachelor’s programs, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management and specializations in Agribusiness Management, Health Care Management, Management Information Systems and Public Safety Administration.

Many jobs require a four-year degree; therefore, the bachelor’s degree often can provide more employment opportunities and higher compensation for graduates. The B.A.S. is designed to prepare graduates for career advancement in a wide variety of management positions.

Applicants to the B.A.S. program must have an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree or higher from a nationally or regionally accredited institution. The B.A.S. with a specialization in Health Care Management has additional requirements. Applicants must submit a CF Bachelor Degree Program application, available at www.CF.edu, along with the application fee, and request to have official transcripts sent from all high schools and colleges attended.

For information about the programs, contact:

Agribusiness Management, 352-854-2322, ext. 1424, or brennana@cf.edu

Business and Organizational Management, 352-854-2322, ext. 1593, or siegki@cf.edu

Health Care Management, 352-854-2322, ext. 1401, or soardv@cf.edu

Management Information Systems, 352-854-2322, ext. 1593, or siegki@cf.edu

Public Safety Administration, 352-854-2322, ext. 1356, or murphysu@cf.edu

General questions, 352-854-2322, ext. 1575, or bowed@cf.edu.
World-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist and educator Nikki Giovanni visited the Ocala Campus in September as the featured author in the Debra Vazquez Memorial Poetry Series. Giovanni is among the most widely read American poets and prides herself on being “a Black American, a daughter, a mother, a professor of English.” The poetry series commemorates the life of Professor Debra Vazquez who taught English, literature and creative writing at CF for many years.

The Community of Promise is evident in Learning Theme activities taking place at the college. Discussions have focused on our integrity as students, faculty, staff and as community members. Students have explored the theme through Lunch and Learn games in which they discussed ethical dilemmas and then created their own discussion questions for faculty. “Hamlet” is the Learning Theme text for the year, and October events included skits, film screenings, speakers and more.

In the spring, a group of students and advisors will participate in an alternative spring break in Jacksonville, working with organizations that serve the hungry, homeless, disabled and other populations.

In October, former NASA astronaut and retired Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins spoke at the Ocala Campus on “Leadership: Lessons Learned from the Space Shuttle Era.” She is currently chairman of the Space Operations Committee of the NASA Advisory Council. Collins, who started her education at a community college, talked about the three elements of leadership: knowing your job, working well with people and integrity. “Remembering these three things will keep you focused, help you to be a better leader and help your mission to be successful.”
Building Community Through the Arts

CF Community Events

The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats Performing Arts Series on Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. in Lecanto and on Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Ocala. For tickets, call ext. 5810.

Student Theater Showcases on Dec. 2 and 3 and April 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission.

Concert Band and Patriot Singers Winter Concert on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

CF Chamber Ensembles on Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Appleton Museum.

Trains at the Holidays exhibit Dec. 15-30 at the Webber Center. Opening reception on Dec. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Webber Center. Closed Dec. 24 and 25.

Garrison Keillor Performing Arts Series on Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. in Lecanto. For tickets, call ext. 5810.

Faculty Showcase exhibit from Jan. 20 through March 1 at the Webber Center. Opening reception is on Jan. 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Webber Center. Free admission.

“It Runs in the Family” Foundation Dinner Theater Jan. 26 through Feb. 5 in the Webber Center. For more information or for tickets, call ext. 1416.

“Radio” Hampton Center Spring Film Series on Jan. 28 at the Hampton Center. To reserve your seat, call ext. 5881.

Garrison Keillor

Cherish the Ladies, Traditional Irish Music Performing Arts Series at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 in Ocala and 3 p.m. on Feb. 6 in Lecanto. For tickets, call ext. 5810.

“Something the Lord Made” Hampton Center Spring Film Series on Feb. 18.

Tiempo Libre Performing Arts Series on Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. in Ocala. For tickets, call ext. 5810.

Student Voice Recital on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission.

Hampton Center Spring Film Series on March 18.

“You Can’t Take It With You” on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m. and April 3 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For tickets, call ext. 5810.

Taste of Ocala on April 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Ocala Campus. For tickets, call ext. 5808.

2011 Student Art Showcase from April 6 through May 4 at the Webber Center. Free admission.

CF Flute Choir on April 8 at noon at the Webber Center. Free admission.

“The Best of Broadway” on April 15 at 7:30 p.m., April 16 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. and April 17 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For tickets, call ext. 5810.

Unveiling of Imprints 2011 on April 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Appleton Museum of Art.

CF Chamber Ensembles and CF Concert Band on April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Jazz at the Webber concerts on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. and May 1 at 3 p.m. at the Webber Center. For more information or tickets, ext. 5810.

Serving the Community for 15 Years

This year the college celebrates the Webber Gallery’s 15th anniversary. “Donors who have supported us over the years have helped achieve our original goals, unique educational programming and getting more people involved with the college in new ways,” says former CF Foundation leader and donor Cash Pealer.
United Way
The 2010-2011 CF annual United Way of Marion County campaign exceeded expectations for raising needed funds through creative and engaging fundraising activities for staff and students.
Co-Chair Mac Dismuke says, “Each year the United Way campaign is more successful because we recognize the difference that our donations make to our community members in need.”

Breast Cancer Awareness
The Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research Inc., Ocala Health System and CF joined forces to provide information to our community members on “The Changing Face of Breast Cancer: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery” during October, Breast Cancer Awareness month.
CF Ocala and Citrus campuses held fun runs and events to raise funds and student awareness.

Heart Walk
TEAM CF participated in the October Marion County Heart Walk raising funds to remember a loved one or friend who has suffered from heart disease or stroke and to help the American Heart Association fight this deadly disease.

Employer of the Year
The College of Central Florida has been named an Outstanding Employer / Corporate Citizen by the Citrus County Economic Development Council and Citrus County Chamber of Commerce at the 28th Annual Industry Appreciation Awards held on Sept. 9. CF was nominated for the award by Mike Bays, owner of Mike Bays State Farm Insurance Agency in Beverly Hills.

“From the college’s focus on economic development and community service, to its commitment to sustainability and conserving natural resources, CF is an outstanding employer and corporate citizen,” Bays said in his nomination. “Everything the college does is in response and oftentimes anticipation of what our region and its individual citizens will need to be successful.”

Serving our Community
The college appreciates our many adjuncts who bring knowledge of the community, specialized skills and vitality to serve our expanding student body and complement our dedicated faculty. Featured are four of our many adjuncts who provide the college with the flexibility to match student needs.

**Citrus Campus**

“I like passing on the ability to succeed. I have realized my own dreams through a successful business partnership in the past and now I introduce this knowledge to students. They see that a career or becoming a business owner is possible,” says *Norm Mangano*. In addition to sharing his passion for business with students by teaching Introduction to Business he is also an active volunteer with SCORE and a golf and fitness enthusiast.

**Levy Center**

*Lelia Austin* teaches Preparatory Reading to students who, she says, “are motivated and have a goal in mind.”

Austin, retired from 25 years of full-time teaching at colleges in Missouri and Florida, is enjoying teaching part time at CF. Her husband is a former pastor who teaches online religion courses.

Adjunct instructor *Leah Fulford* taught life skills workshops at the Levy Center while she earned her bachelor’s degree. Now well into completing a master’s degree in counseling, Fulford helps students transition from earning their GED into choosing a career and college path. “I enjoy motivating students to succeed and I check in frequently with my students, listen to their issues and encourage them with positive ideas,” says Fulford.

This recently married, mother to one and stepmom to three children enjoys family outings on the Suwannee River, boating and tubing.

**Ocala Campus**

*Angel Sanders*, B.S.N., R.N., adjunct for nursing for 25 years at CF and part-time nurse at Munroe Regional Medical Center in maternal child, was named CF Adjunct of the Year in 2002-2003. Former head nurse Sanders is compelled to teach nursing because she is passionate about the subject and enjoys working alongside those she has taught. This lively grandmother to four, ages 12 months to 11 years, is a busy church volunteer and a cattle rancher, managing a herd of 80 Black Angus cows and breeding bulls sold across the U.S.

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— Adjunct Leah Fulford
A great match: CF and the Kresge Foundation

In September 2010, the CF Foundation received a $450,000 challenge match grant award from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., in support of the Citrus Promise for the Future Campaign which both expanded campus facilities by 80 percent and also the instructional programs offered at the rapidly growing campus.

Joyce Brancato, chief executive officer of Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center says, “Kresge’s match made us even more excited to be a part of this significant community development project.”

DreamKeepers Emergency Student fund aids student success

Scholarship America’s DreamKeepers Emergency Student Financial Aid program is funded by the Kresge Foundation, Lumina Foundation and Walmart Foundation. DreamKeepers provides emergency relief to students with unexpected and sudden financial obstacles – one of the top reasons students withdrawal from classes or drop out of college altogether.

The CF Foundation will work with the community to match Scholarship America’s $40,000 investment in CF students. For more information or to support projects such as DreamKeepers, contact Director of Development Lisa Lombardo at 352-873-5808 or Lisa.Lombardo@cf.edu.

In 2010, CF received $238,000 from the U.S. Department of Education to support the development of the new baccalaureate programs beginning in 2011.
The 2010-2011 CF Alumni Board of Directors has kicked off its first year of activities for alumni since its alma mater’s name change to College of Central Florida.

The board has formalized committees which align with the college’s commitment to being a community of promise. By joining community service projects, alumni have been involved with positive community endeavors. There are also new cultural and social opportunities, such as the Alumni After Hours coming up in December. These are great ways for alumni, friends and their families to become involved. The board is also finding new ways to strengthen the connection between current students and the CF family.

Chair Rob Wolf of Citrus County will be joined this year by board members Jeremy Applegate, Khaileah Bernabela, Kellyn Brunson, Cathy Buchanan, Ellery Dunn, Dr. Heidi Maier, Jay McKenzie, Frank Stafford and Earnest Surmons.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

**Alumni After Hours** – Thursday, Dec. 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music begins at 7 p.m. at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida. Tickets are $5 in advance and $8 at the door. Proceeds support alumni programs and activities.

**CF Homecoming** – Saturday, Feb. 12, CF Ocala Campus

**CF Alumni Luncheon** – Friday, May 6
More than 200 scholarship recipients and their family members, elementary school representatives, CF students and donors gathered in September to celebrate STEPS to CF, Scholarships Taking Elementary Promising Students to CF.

The keynote speakers for the annual event were two of the first-ever STEPS scholarship recipients. Stephanie Cooper of Bronson High School and Johnna Coney of Vanguard High School are juniors on track to attend CF in 2012. “I thank God every day for this,” Cooper says. “It is an honor to be a part of this.”

Fall 2010 started with seven new scholarships added to the STEPS to CF program. There are now 155 scholarships at 33 elementary schools in Citrus, Levy and Marion counties.

Two Marion County schools received their second scholarships over the summer. Regions Bank and Signature Brands each established a second scholarship at Madison Street and Wyomina Park Elementary Schools. A bequest from Juanita Entrekin made two scholarships available for Marion Oaks Elementary School. Levy County finished the summer with two scholarships at each of the five Levy elementary schools.

Each spring, elementary schools adopted by STEPS donors select a promising fifth grader to receive a $4,000 scholarship upon high school graduation. For more information, contact Lisa Lombardo at Lisa.Lombardo@cf.edu or 352-873-5808.
Taste of Citrus

The 21st Annual Taste of Citrus was held at the CF Citrus Campus on Sunday, Oct. 24. To date, the yearly event has garnered $19,400 for the Taste of Citrus Scholarship Endowment for Citrus County students.

Rob McCoy Endowed Memorial Scholarship

The Rob McCoy Foundation has established the Rob McCoy Endowed Memorial Scholarship for CF students.

“The Rob McCoy Foundation was established to generate awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving and the harm that it causes to others,” said Bryan Caracciolo. “Chris MacInnes and I felt that it was important to have Rob remembered.” McCoy grew up in Ocala and was a college student living in Gainesville when he lost his life to a drunk driver in a car accident.

While McCoy attended college elsewhere, friends and family chose to create a scholarship at CF because of how much his hometown community meant to Rob and continues to mean to Rob’s family.

Generations of CF students will now be able to achieve the goal of earning a degree in business that McCoy also had for himself. To contribute to this or any other scholarship, or to establish a scholarship of your own, contact Lisa Lombardo at 352-873-5808 or Lisa.Lombardo@cf.edu.

Friends of the Foundation

Friends of the Foundation kicked off the year at their annual breakfast. The group of volunteers gives of their time assisting students on the first day of classes each semester, hosting college and foundation guests at special events, performances and graduation ceremonies.

President’s Community Council

The President’s Community Council serves as a community advisory group for the president. The council meets at least three times each year to receive special briefings about the college. The council also serves as a forum for the college to receive advice from the community. Annual membership is $1,000. The proceeds from the membership serve as a source of unrestricted funds to address college funding priorities such as the Promise for the Future Fund, which addresses the current need for resources for instructional program development. If you are interested in learning more about PCC, please contact Joan Stearns at 352-873-5808.
From Chalk the Walk competitions at the Appleton Museum to Camp Discovery at the CF Ocala Campus for middle school science students, the college provides great opportunities for future students to experience the arts, explore subjects of interest, prepare for college or be involved in sports.
SAVE THE DATE 2010-2011

Nov. 16 – International Film Series: “Shattered Glass” at 2 p.m. in Auditorium.

Dec. 2 – CF Alumni After Hours with recording artist Charlie Walker, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 4 – Marion Civic Chorale presents historic songs of the South and holiday music at 3 p.m.

Dec. 10-11 at 7 p.m., Dec. 11-12 at 2 p.m. – Holiday Duet: Ocala Civic Theatre actors perform songs of the season on the Appleton stage.


Jan. 11 – International Film Series: “Mother,” 2 p.m. in Auditorium.

Jan. 25 – International Film Series: “The Secret in Their Eyes,” 2 p.m. in Auditorium.

Feb. 3 – After Hours with The Rewind Band, 5-8 p.m.

Feb. 8 – International Film Series: “Tulpan,” 2 p.m. in Auditorium.

Feb. 22 – International Film Series: “My Darling Clementine,” 2 p.m. in Auditorium.

March 1 – International Film Series: “Everlasting Moments,” 2 p.m. in Auditorium.

March 3 – After Hours with The Opus Mundi Band, 5 to 8 p.m.

March 6 – Ocala Symphony Orchestra’s Chamber Music Series presents “Who’s Baroque,” 3 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dec. 4 – “Paint Our Florida” award ceremony and reception, 2:15 p.m.

Jan. 8, 2011 – “Putting On The Dog,” art program for children and families, 1-3 p.m.


“Sunglasses,” Jacques-Henri Lartigue, 1929

“Sunset on the Suwannee River,” Louis Aston Knight, 1910

This extraordinary collection features more than 70 historic paintings of Florida by some of America’s most important artists including Martin Johnson Heade, Herman Herzog, Frederick Carl Frieseke and Thomas Hart Benton.

Through Jan. 2 – “The Unseen Eye: Photography From the Collection of W. M. Hunt”
Showcased in this exhibition are 176 black-and-white and color photographs ranging from the first daguerreotypes to contemporary forms. In every picture the subjects have their eyes hidden or obscured.

Dec. 11, 2010-Jan. 9, 2011 – “Woven Wonders”
For many generations, Florida craftswomen have been weaving decorative baskets using native pine needles, and this exhibition features more than 20 examples of this unique functional art form.

Still has produced paintings for the Governor’s Mansion, Florida State Capitol, Smithsonian Institution and major museums around the country. In this exhibition, he will unveil a painting inspired by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and which he thinks of as his “American Gothic.” This exhibition includes a selection of images by noted Florida wildlife photographer and conservationist Carlton Ward Jr.

Jan. 29-March 27 – “Beyond SoHo: The Abstractions of Michael Fellerman”
Featured are more than 50 works by local painter and sculptor Michael Fellerman. His sculptures allow the viewer to walk around, under and within for an intimate experience. His dynamic, colorful paintings on wood and paper represent the best of late 20th century American abstraction.
IN PERSON WITH

Jessica Nisbett

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”
– John F. Kennedy

CF student, Community of Scholars member and former CF Kappa Nu chapter officer Jessica Nisbett was elected international vice president of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society. PTK is the largest honor society in higher education serving 1,250 chapters.

“I would have never imagined the amount of strength, personal growth and leadership that I have acquired during the first half of my term. Before I ran I heard numerous testimonies of those who have served before me. All explained what an amazing experience I would have and how much I would grow as a leader. Leadership is not something that can be taught, only learned through trial and error. I strive to grow as a servant leader every day and encourage everyone to do the same,” says Nisbett.

Nisbett is the first CF student to hold a PTK international office. She is currently studying psychology and hopes to one day earn a Ph.D. or attend law school.

CF’s Kappa Nu chapter is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.