At the College of Central Florida, our vision is to be the first choice for higher education in our community. Every day — in our classrooms, our offices and in the community — our faculty and staff are taking steps to help make CF the first choice. Those efforts are being recognized locally, in our state and throughout the country.

On the facing page and throughout this magazine, we share our recent accolades as well as new programs, new initiatives and other steps we are taking to empower our students, the CF family and the community. While we are empowering you, I hope you will help empower us — cheer on our Patriot athletes at a game, applaud our students at a performing arts event or check out an exhibit at the Appleton Museum of Art. There are many opportunities to get involved, and the reward is great. As Helen Keller said: “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Enjoy this edition of CF Connection.
Success

The College of Central Florida had a banner year in 2013.
Here we highlight some of our crowning achievements.

1 For two consecutive years, CF has been recognized among the top 120 colleges in the nation for quality by the Aspen Institute. Aspen identifies colleges based on how much students learn, how many complete their programs on time, and how well students do in the job market after graduating.

2 CF is ranked No. 8 in affordability in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Education. CF tuition and fees for 2011-2012 were 66.9 percent below the national average of $7,135 for public four-year or above institutions.

3 CF has the Best Student-Teacher Ratio among Florida College System institutions and is ninth in the state overall, according to the College Database. CF has a student-to-teacher ratio of 19 to 1.

4 Students in CF health programs often outperform students across the state and nation on licensure exams. In 2012, the CF pass rate on the Registered Nurse exam was 96 percent, which exceeded the state pass rate of 87 percent and national pass rate of 90 percent. Physical Therapist Assistant pass rates were 94 percent at CF, 83 percent in Florida and 85 percent nationally.

5 The Emergency Medical Technician program at CF is ranked No. 21 in the U.S. for highest degree value, according to Fire Science Online, a resource for education and career information. CF is No. 2 in Florida, following Broward College at No. 20.

6 CF has been recognized as a military-friendly school by Victory Media. The designation ranks CF as among the top 20 percent of schools nationwide that deliver the best experience for military students.

7 CF has an annual economic impact of $349.7 million in Marion, Citrus and Levy counties. The college enriches the lives of students and increases lifetime incomes. CF benefits taxpayers by generating increased tax revenues from an enlarged economy and reducing demand for taxpayer supported social services. It contributes to the vitality of local and state economies.

Our accomplishments continue to add up. To learn about additional accolades, visit our website at www.CF.edu.
Grant to Support IT Careers
CF has been awarded $3.2 million from the U.S. Department of Labor to support information technology careers for rural residents. The grant will focus on manufacturing, logistics and supply chain management, and cyber-security industries. The project, Florida XCEL-IT: Information Technology Careers for Rural Areas, will be implemented over three years with consortium members from the Florida College System. CF is the lead college for the $10.2 million project. Partner colleges will receive a combined $7 million to implement the program.

Nursing and Logistics Programs Added
CF plans to offer new programs in 2014. Two logistics and supply chain management programs begin in spring 2014. They include a 15-credit Advanced Technical Certificate and a specialization in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management program. An application has been submitted for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with the first classes to begin in fall 2014.

New Partners in the Enterprise Center
CF welcomes two new partners to the Enterprise Center at the Ocala Campus. Digital Fury is a video production team that creates large and small scale video marketing solutions. The Small Business Development Center of the University of North Florida helps potential and existing business owners. The Enterprise Center is operated by the CF Foundation and serves as a professional and accessible venue for organizations focused on community education and economic development.

Textbook Affordability
CF’s Textbook Affordability Committee and faculty investigated pilot projects to encourage low cost or free online resources for students. One example is the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management program, which has six courses using open source textbooks at no cost to students. If all of these pilot projects result in e-texts being adopted, the savings to students would be more than $350,000 annually.

E-learning Explosion
E-learning has grown tremendously at CF, and the idea of serving just the students in our region is changing, according to Josh Strigle, manager of E-learning. CF is working with a consultant to develop and implement a comprehensive e-learning strategic process.

Graduation Dec. 13
Fall commencement ceremonies will be held Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Ocala, 2801 S.E. Maricamp Road. For full details, search for graduation at www.CF.edu.
Hampton Center

Shop Talk cancer awareness community education programs are in their 13th year and continue to grow. A session on genetic testing Oct. 14 included 172 participants, 20 of which were first-time Shop Talk program attendees. Programs like Shop Talk often wane after about five years, according to Hampton Center Director LerVerne Jacobs, who said the longevity of CF’s program is due in part to strong partnerships with Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research Inc. and Ocala Health.

The Hampton Center Spring Film Series presents recent films with opportunity for discussion. The presentations begin at 6 p.m. and admission is free. Call 352-873-5881 to reserve your seat.

Feb. 28, 2014 – “Lincoln,” biography of President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.

March 26 – “Won’t Back Down,” the story of two mothers determined to transform an inner city school.

Levy Center

CF has partnered with Haven Hospice to offer the Certified Nursing Assistant program in Levy County, with instruction and clinicals taking place at Haven Hospice in Chiefland. Due to an increase in enrollment at the Levy Center, and subsequent lack of classroom space, the program has not been offered for more than a year. The addition of a Home Health Aide course extends the program an additional 20 hours to offer Home Health Aide certification. “It is exciting to have both agencies working together to provide high-quality training for high-demand occupations,” said Marilyn Ladner, Levy Center provost.

The Levy Center celebrated its largest graduating GED class ever in August with standing room only for parents and guests. Thirty-seven students earned their General Education Development diploma, thanks in part to a four-day boot camp that prepared students for the tests. Several parents commented on how important it is to encourage students to take the next step.

Citrus Campus

Duke Energy presented the College of Central Florida with $100,000 to develop a digital media specialization at the Citrus Campus. “The program will increase the number of academic pathways leading local residents into employment in high-skill, high-wage occupations,” said Dr. Vernon Lawter, Citrus Campus vice president. “Duke Energy is demonstrating commitment to our community with its support of this program, and we are excited about the opportunities it will provide for our community.” The grant will support development of an 18-station media lab, equipment and software, instructional expenses, and program development and promotion. The first classes will be offered in fall 2014.
Dr. Sarah Satterfield, CF professor of Music, is one of the best 25 college professors in America, according to RateMyProfessors.com. The website releases an annual list of the best teachers in higher education based on student reviews. Satterfield is ranked 12 based on her accessibility to students, clarity and ability to cultivate discussion, among other traits.

“I was very surprised at the recognition,” said Satterfield, who has taught at CF since 2001. “I am so grateful to be able to get up each day and do what I love — teaching others about art and music. I can only hope that a little of my passion for the arts passes on to my students.”

Satterfield has a bachelor’s in music from Furman University, a master’s in music from San Diego University, and a doctorate from University of Florida.

Dr. Christine Olson has been certified as a Developmental Education Specialist by meeting all of the requirements for Appalachian State University and the Kellogg Institute. The nationally recognized Kellogg Institute was established in 1980 to train and certify developmental educators and learning skills specialists. The institute provides an intensive summer training program followed by a semester-long practicum carried out on participants’ home campuses.

The Florida Nurses Association recognized two CF family members as Great 100 Nurses for 2013: Dr. Gwen Lapham-Alcorn in the Role Model category and Barbara Anderson in the Education category. They were recognized at the association conference in September.

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Honoring Service

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Welcome New CF Family Members

At fall and spring convocations, CF recognizes new employees and those who have changed jobs. The following individuals were recognized in August.

Academic Affairs
Candice Bradshaw
Laurie Cotsonika
Jamal Fakhoury
Belinda Gomory
Dr. Barbara Lange
Angela Martin
Catherine McDonough
Tammy Pritchard
Deanna Stentiford
Jerelyn Strickland-Zacke
DeBresha Walker
Rana VanVorhis

Administration and Finance
Joshua Klepfer
Patricia Moring

Institutional Advancement
Traci Mason

Appleton Museum
Mary Moore
Lara Sundberg

Institutional Effectiveness
Jamie Clinton

Levy Center
James Class

Student Affairs
Kevin Fagan
Suzanne Gregalot
Tommy Jones
Cheryl Metz
Terri Hall
Appraising Students

Students at the Levy Center won first place in the Chiefland Chamber Scarecrow fundraiser with their entry: “Fishing For A Future.”

Student Gary Nicholas was selected as a 2013 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. The Phi Theta Kappa member will receive a $1,000 scholarship to defray educational expenses and encourage participation in PTK programs.

Students in CF’s nursing program travelled to Ecuador during summer 2013 with Barbara Anderson as part of her Endowed chair — “Global Nursing: A Focus on Transcultural Nursing.” Four CF students teamed up with Hillsborough Community College students and faculty to provide nursing care within selected Quito health care agencies and learned about tribal health beliefs and practices in the Amazon rainforest. “My goal was to see growth in knowledge, understanding and inspiration regarding humanitarian response, volunteerism and methods to help resolve health care needs both at home and abroad,” said Anderson. “Through comparison and contrast of health care in Ecuador and the U.S., our CF nursing student group accomplished this goal and so much more.”

The Citrus Campus celebrated a milestone with its first Student Life Council of Presidents meeting this semester. While Ocala Campus Student Life has held council meetings for years, the recent growth in the number of Citrus clubs has resulted in the need to do the same at Citrus. “This is exciting for all of us at Citrus and has already resulted in greater synergy among the student groups,” said Dr. Vernon Lawter, campus vice president.

The Citrus Campus United Nations Club hosted presentations on “Democratic Consolidation: Tensions and Challenges in Nigeria” with Dr. Victor Adefemi Isumonah of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, in September. Isumonah teaches political science at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, where he also earned his doctorate in 1998. He is widely published on Nigerian society, politics and economics. He shared insights with the college community at Citrus and Ocala campuses.

The CF Forensics Team brought home trophies from its first tournament of the year — the Capital City Classic Speech and Debate Tournament in Tallahassee, Sept. 26-29. The team placed fifth overall, outperforming several four-year colleges. Jessica Anderson, center, placed second in Persuasive Speaking; Joshua Wellborn placed fifth in Persuasive Speaking; and Emily Thatcher, right, placed fifth in Programmed Oral Interpretation. The competition included more than 200 students from two- and four-year colleges.
Faculty, staff and students, including men’s basketball team members, shared favorite stories during the annual Altrusa Read-In at College Park Elementary School Sept. 24.

The CF family donned pink and welcomed the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk to the Ocala Campus Oct. 19. Sangi Blair, breast cancer survivor and Criminal Justice coordinator, served as Marion County chair for the event.

Numerous fundraisers are underway to support United Way. In November, the CF family will celebrate Thanksgiving with residents at the Evangeline Booth Garden Apartments assisted living facility. Teacher Education students are piloting a Learning Themes Service Program. The CF family keeps on giving through nearly 100 government and nonprofit organizations in Marion, Citrus and Levy counties.

CF contributed more than $16,300 in the American Heart Association Heart Walk Oct. 5, a record for CF. Chairs Deanna Stentiford and Rod McGinnes rallied several CF teams in playful competition to exceed a $13,500 goal. Only two Marion County teams raised more than CF. The Marion County campaign included more than 3,500 participants and raised a record $274,144.

CF partnered with the Marion County Children’s Alliance for the Second Annual Walk of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence Sept. 7. Hundreds of community members walked from the Ocala Police Department to the CF Ocala Campus to raise awareness of domestic violence, which claimed the life of CF Professor Debra Vazquez in 2004. “We had great campuswide support and many people will be impacted in ways which we will never know,” said Karla Wilson, event coordinator and CF associate professor.
Meet our New Head Coaches

Both the CF women’s fast-pitch softball team and women’s basketball team have new head coaches for 2013-2014. Softball coach Kevin Fagan spent two seasons at CF as a volunteer assistant coach before moving up to the head coaching role. In his first season as assistant with the program, Fagan helped the Patriots double their win total. This past season, Fagan helped the team advance to the Atlantic District Championship Game, its best-ever showing in school history at the state softball tournament.

Tommy Jones is the new women’s basketball head coach. A former head coach at Hillsborough Community College, he comes to CF from the University of Tampa where he had been an assistant women’s coach since 2011. While coaching at HCC, Jones helped the Hawks to a 67-42 record and led the program to consecutive trips to the state tournament.

Support YOUR home team. View the upcoming game schedule for all sports at www.CFPatriots.com.

Heart of Champions

Winning the National Junior College Athletic Association men’s national championship proved the Patriots are a winning team on the court. It also demonstrated the incredible support of coaches, advisors, boosters and community members who are considered part of the winning team.

The Patriots won the men’s basketball championship in Hutchinson, Kan., March 24, in a 74-69 victory over fellow Florida rival Northwest Florida State. This is the college’s first national title in men’s basketball and second national title overall — women’s tennis won nationals in 2001.

“If I am proud of my guys.”

Following the tournament, the Patriots came home to a police escort and a community rally hosted by Mayor Kent Guinn, who presented team members with keys to the city.

CF is equally proud of team members’ academic accomplishments. The national average graduation rate for men’s basketball at the two-year level is 22 percent; at CF, the rate is an astounding 88 percent.

“Working together propelled us to national rankings.”

~ Jim Henningsen, CF President

CF to Host State Tournament

CF has won the right to host the state men’s and women’s basketball championships for the next three years. The 2014 Florida College System Activities Association tournament will be held at the Ocala Campus March 5-8. Athletic Director Bob Zelinski said the tournament will be another step in raising the profile of CF’s athletic programs. “We’re trying to put the College of Central Florida on the map both athletically and academically.”
Endowed Chair and New Initiative Grants
The CF Foundation presented $40,000 in grant awards to faculty and staff members at the college’s fall convocation. Stephanie Cortes of Health Sciences received the MRMC Endowed Chair for Health Occupations and Dr. Heidi Maier of Early Childhood Education received the Attie G. Branan Memorial Endowed Chair. Kathy Morse of Marketing and Public Relations and Marian Smith of the Learning Resources Center received one-year New Initiative grants.

Dreamkeepers
“Just when I thought my family and I were going to get evicted, Dreamkeepers helped out.”
~ CF Student and Recipient of Dreamkeepers Emergency Financial Assistance
For many students, the challenges of succeeding in college go well beyond the classroom. Unexpected financial hardships interfere with their studies and often cause the students to sacrifice their dream of a college education. The CF Dreamkeepers program provides one-time financial assistance to students so that they can stay in school.
For information on gifts to Dreamkeepers, visit www.CF.edu/foundation.

Taste of CF
Taste of CF was held Oct. 26 at the CF Citrus Campus. This year’s event featured a dueling piano show, and proceeds will support Scholarships Taking Elementary Promising Students, STEPS to CF in Citrus County. The evening included a reception and seated dinner. “The Citrus County community has really embraced our STEPS program and our Taste of CF event has provided wonderful resources to assist us in establishing additional educational opportunities for our youngest community members” said Joan Stearns, CF vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Back from left, Dr. James Henningsen, Marian Smith, Kathy Morse, CF Foundation Board Chair Bill McCall; seated, Dr. Heidi Maier, Stephanie Cortes.
Citrus Commissioners Recognize STEPS to CF

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners presented a proclamation recognizing STEPS to CF at its meeting Sept. 24 in Inverness. Commissioner Rebecca Bays initiated the recognition of the community’s support of the CF Foundation program. She and her husband, Michael Bays, are sponsors of two STEPS to CF awards at Citrus County elementary schools.

Honoring Joan Stearns

Joan Stearns retires in January after serving CF for more than 15 years.

“Joan has served CF, our students and our community in an exemplary fashion over her 15 years and will be deeply missed,” said Dr. James Henningsen, CF president. “It has been a great honor and privilege to serve with her. The CF family wishes her well on the next stage of her journey.”

Her roles have included executive director of the Public Policy Institute, director of Major Gift Campaign, assistant to the President, executive director of College and Community Relations and interim director of the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida. In her current role as vice president of Institutional Advancement, she is responsible for the CF Foundation, Marketing and Public Relations, and Grants Development.

Stearns has served with the National Council for Resource Development Board of Directors, Munroe Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, Public Policy Institute Board of Directors, University of Florida Performing Arts Center Board of Directors, and more.

“Joan Stearns made many positive contributions to CF and she will be missed,” said Dr. Charles Dassance, CF president from 1996 to 2011: “Her leadership at the CF Foundation was exemplary, but she also provided solid leadership to the Appleton Museum of Art and the President’s Office.”
Recipients of STEPS to CF, Scholarships Taking Elementary Promising Students to CF, were honored at the annual STEPS to CF reception at the CF Ocala Campus Sept. 25. More than 300 recipients, family members, school administrators and scholarship donors from the tricounty area gathered to celebrate and support the scholarship winners on their path to college. STEPS to CF, a program of the College of Central Florida Foundation, awards scholarships to deserving fifth-grade students who have excelled academically and who can benefit from the incentive of having a college scholarship at an early age. The students must maintain good grades and remain drug and crime free through their high school years. In return, each receives $4,000 toward an education at CF. Fifth-graders who received STEPS to CF recognition in the early years of the program are now enrolled at CF. To date, 351 awards have been presented at 46 area elementary schools.
Experience the diversity and richness of the arts. College of Central Florida provides numerous opportunities to explore music, theatre and the visual arts, presented by students and professional groups. For a full listing of events, visit Featured Events at www.CF.edu.

Student Performances
- **Nov. 22**, CF Wind Symphony and CF Patriot Singers, Dassance Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 1**, CF Chamber Music, CF Instrumental and Jazz Band, Appleton Museum of Art, 3 p.m.
- **Dec. 5**, CF Dance Ensemble, Dassance Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 6**, “Jazz at the Klein,” CF Jazz Band, Ewers Century Center, 7:30 p.m., $12

For additional information or to purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 352-873-5810, or visit tickets.cf.edu.

Webber Gallery Exhibitions
- **Dec. 14-30**, “18th Annual Trains at the Holidays”
- **Feb. 20-March 28**, “Art History 101: Icons of Western Art”

CF Performing Arts Series
**The Cashore Marionettes**
- **Jan. 18**, Dassance Fine Arts Center, Ocala, 7:30 p.m., $12
- **Jan. 19**, family performance, Dassance Fine Arts Center, Ocala, 3 p.m., $12

“The Graduate”
- **Feb. 10**, Dassance Fine Arts Center, Ocala, 7:30 p.m., $20

“Take Me Home: Music of John Denver”
- **March 9**, Citrus Learning and Conference Center, Lecanto, 3 p.m., $20

Foundation Dinner Theatre
“*There’s a Burglar in My Bed*” by Michael Parker, Webber Center, Feb. 5-9.
Tickets $55 to $60
Visit tickets.cf.edu or call 352-873-5810 or 352-746-6721, ext. 1416.
Accreditation, Architecture Elevate Appleton

2013 has been an exciting year at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida. In August, the college learned that the museum earned accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition achievable by an American museum. The museum also has a new logo and unveiled twin marble staircases in October.

“This is a fabulous time for the museum,” said Cindi Morrison, museum director. “Accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums highlights our value and reinforces that the museum is a cultural gem in our community.”

Accreditation recognizes high standards in individual museums and ensures that museums continue to uphold their public trust responsibilities. Alliance accreditation signifies excellence and accountability to the entire museum community, to governments and outside agencies and to the museum-going public.

Of the nation’s estimated 17,500 museums, more than 1,000 are currently accredited.

“We have known that the museum is a treasure in our community,” said Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president. “Now we have the seal of approval.”

Exhibitions

Through Jan. 5, 2014

“A Dickens’ Christmas: The Urban Family Holiday Collection”

Decorated trees, miniature villages, nutcracker soldiers and countless items collected by Dr. Paul and Joyce Urban and their daughters over the years will be on display in the museum's lobby and first floor galleries. As a child living in Philadelphia, Joyce Urban was mesmerized by the department store decorations she saw on her way to visit Santa. This wonder of Christmas has stayed with her through the years and she has shared her family collection since 1989.

Through Jan. 19, 2014

“Age of Revolution”

This exhibition, organized in collaboration with the 2013 Ocala Civic Theatre debut of “Les Miserables,” brings together works from the Appleton’s 19th-century collection with others from the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, Gainesville and the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Daytona Beach.

“Se Rendant a L’audience” (Going To A Hearing) by Thomas Couture; France (1867)
Nov. 23 through Jan. 19, 2014

“Selections from the Florida Watercolor Society’s 42nd Annual Exhibition”

The exhibition will present 35 of the best watercolors produced by artists from Florida and around the country. Juried by the internationally renowned watercolorist Linda Baker, this exhibition at the Appleton represents a choice selection from the Florida Watercolor Society’s 2013 Annual Exhibition in Sarasota.

Jan. 17 through April 13, 2014

“A Celebration of Japan” and “The Living Art of Bonsai”

A “Celebration of Japan” features decorative sword guards, pen and ink containers, kimonos and wood block prints from the collections of the Appleton Museum of Art and Mulvane Art Museum. “The Living Art of Bonsai” showcases bonsai from members of the Marion Bonsai Society.

Feb. 22 through March 9, 2014

“Canstruction Ocala”

A creative design-and-build competition where artists construct fantastic giant-sized structures made entirely out of canned foods. The creations will be on display at the museum in this larger-than-life exhibit. After feeding the imagination of museum visitors, the sculptures will feed our community when cans are distributed to local food banks.

After Hours

Appleton After Hours offers live music and dancing, special programs by the Ocala Art Group and tasty samplings from local restaurants. Doors open at 5 p.m. and music begins at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free for members, $10 for yet-to-be members.

Dec. 5 – Marion Civic Chorale
February 6, 2014 – Lavell Kamma

First Saturdays

Special educational art programs for children and youths ages 4-17 are presented on the first Saturday of each month, 1-3 p.m.

Film Series

Films on the visual arts are shown Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Art 101

Hands-on art classes are led by local artists and educators in the Appleton’s ARTSpace; cost is $30 for members, $35 for yet-to-be members. For information, contact Mary Moore, museum educator, at 352-291-4455, ext. 1613, or moorem@cf.edu.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Hand-built pottery
Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Printmaking

Volleyball player Amanda Saunders is finding success both on and off the court at CF.

An Ocala native, the freshman rightside hitter first experienced the College of Central Florida through the dual enrollment program at West Port High School, so it’s fitting that she chose to attend CF for dual reasons. “CF’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management appealed to me because I know it’s a degree I can use in several different professions,” says Saunders. “I also chose CF because of the successful volleyball program. I knew Coach Flavia Siqueria was an excellent coach who could help me take my game to the next level.”

Saunders is a top player for the Patriots, which was ranked second in the state and 12th nationally at press time. Her ultimate career goal is to become a mechanical engineer and she works extra hard to ensure that her coursework doesn’t suffer. “The college is very supportive.”