



Collegewide Staff Council

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From the Collegewide Staff Council President

Leadership Workshop

The Collegewide Staff Council attended a training workshop on August 13. Carolyn McMorran presented a “Fast Start for Teams” workshop. From this workshop we worked on many applications and ways we can work better as a team. I am excited about the goals we set!

- 1 Control Healthcare Costs** by conducting weight loss and smoking cessation seminars along with many others. We hope to include and accomplish a much needed wellness program.
- 2 Increase Staff Development Participation** by including workshops in our monthly staff council meetings and holding workshops at more convenient times.
- 3 Provide Community Outreach** by increasing participation with campus clubs and organizations by working together to reach those in need in our community.

We are energized and excited about these goals. We hope you will join us and become involved. Please get with your campus chairs on any ideas or suggestions you may have to help us meet our goals.

Debi Jakubcin
Collegewide Staff Council President

Collegewide Staff Council Mission

The Collegewide Staff Council is a reflection of its fellow colleagues. The Council is a platform that addresses employee concerns, provides doors of communication, and assists in employee development. It listens to and addresses campus and collegewide concerns/issues and facilitates discussions that reflect solution-oriented resolutions.

The Council also provides career staff representation at all communicational and organizational levels of the college through membership on governing councils and committees.

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A Gift For Teaching

Starting in January of 2006 and running through February 7, each campus will be collecting items for A Gift For Teaching. A school bus will be on campus so employees can “fill up the bus.”

A list of items and a zip lock baggie will be distributed. Employees will be asked to fill up the baggies with the items and bring them to a delivery point.

West Campus Staff Council has been in contact with XL 106.7, Real Radio and Channel 6 who will do a remote on the West Campus to promote this event. SGA and Student Development will be providing banners for each campus. More information will be placed on the Valencia Website.

“A Gift for Teaching” is an organization that helps Orange and Osceola County school teachers. Their mission is to ensure that children in Central Florida have the basic tools for learning by transferring, at no cost, the community’s surplus supplies and merchandise into the hands of teachers and students in need.

“Free Stores” are set up in each county and teachers are invited to “shop” for much needed supplies. Each teacher is allotted a certain amount of supplies which are all donated from the community.

Keep checking your emails or check the Valencia website for more information.



Fill Up The Bus!

College Learning Day

The Collegewide Staff Council is very excited about this year’s College Learning Day which will take place on September 27, 2005 at the DoubleTree Hotel, located at the entrance to Universal Orlando on Kirkman Road. This year, Valencia will host a unique conference experience that will provide opportunities to explore and share the vision of a learning-centered institution.

Many exciting activities are being planned for employees. There will also be activities hosted in Spanish!

We will have a friendly competition between each campus’ Staff Council. Each Council will present a display board featuring the many exciting events held on their campus. This will include pictures, memorabilia, etc. If you have any pictures, posters, or ideas, please contact your campus representative. Come out on Learning Day to support your campus.

FACC

There are many of you that are not members of FACC. I would like to invite you to join today.

Dr. Shugart will pay for your first year’s membership. FACC supports all the 28 community colleges and provides employees a voice in Tallahassee. Lobbyists work directly for the community college system and part of your dues go to help support these lobbyists.

There are also many leadership opportunities as well as fun activities to attend. Join us at our **Hob Knob** at the Thirsty Whale (across from West Campus) on September 22 at 5pm. We would love to see you there.

For more information, contact Debi Jakubcin, Valencia Chapter President at (407) 582-2281.



Campus News!

West Campus

A Gift For Teaching

The West Campus Staff Council, in conjunction with the Valencia Volunteers and PTK, collected back-to-school supply items for *A Gift for Teaching*. On August 2, Birgit Link and various Staff Council representatives delivered school supply items that had been collected in their offices to AGFT for their back to school rush. The West Campus continued collecting school supply items for AGFT and on August 24, Michal Ewing and Darlene Powers delivered more than \$1,900 in supplies to AGFT. The supplies completely filled the back of a Blazer!



West Campus Co Chairs Darlene Powers (left) and Michal Ewing (right) with employees from A Gift For Teaching

Picnic on the Porch

On June 6, approximately 55 West Campus Career Service staff members enjoyed a picnic lunch with Dr. Shugart, complete with summer flowers, black ants, and watermelon. Each person brought a sack lunch and the Staff Council provided water, sodas, and platters of cookies & fruit for dessert. The potted summer flowers on each table were used as door prizes for 10 lucky attendees. Everyone enjoyed the question and answer format with Dr. Shugart.



West Campus' Picnic on the Porch with Dr. Shugart.

Downtown Center

Picnic on the Porch

On August 31, the Downtown Center Staff Council met with Dr. Shugart, who provided information on the new campuses being planned. Dr. Shugart also answered various questions raised by attendees and discussed topics such as the increase in fixed costs (health insurance, property insurance, electricity, increasing fuel costs) and the implications these will have on the college. Dr. Shugart announced that those wishing to contribute toward a Hurricane Katrina relief fund may send their contributions to the Foundation. All funds collected will be sent to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to be used in whatever manner will best serve the needs of their students.

Everyone enjoyed an ice cream sundae, and the door prize was won by Diane Fahr.

School Supply Drive

The Downtown Center Staff Council collected school supplies for homeless children at the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. The administrative staff at the mission were very happy to receive the boxes of school supplies and clothing.

The school supply drive is an annual event for the Downtown Center.



Above are just some of the donations the Downtown Center Staff Council donated to the Orlando Rescue Mission.

Winter Park Campus

Picnic on the Porch with Dr. Shugart

On Tuesday, June 14, Career Service Employees enjoyed a Picnic on the Porch with Dr. Shugart. Participating staff prepared dishes to share. The picnic style event provided a noteworthy exhibition of the impressive culinary skills of the Career Staff, and it was delicious!



Dr. Shugart performs at Winter Park's Picnic on the Porch.

During lunch, Dr. Shugart graciously answered questions from staff. His openness and direct responses provided important information on a variety of subjects. The event was wrapped up with a special performance. Dr. Shugart played his guitar and sang three songs that helped us temporarily escape the oppressing heat, known as June in Florida. A special thanks to the WPC Staff Council. Their hard work provided Career Staff with the opportunity to enjoy this special event!

Academic Excellence

Peggy Johnson and Susette Percy presented the Winter Park Campus with a plaque honoring Staff Council Chairs. The first person honored on the plaque was the campus's previous Staff Council Chair, **Joanna Branham**. The Winter Park Staff Council honored a colleague who provided leadership and a good foundation to increase communication and awareness among Career Staff employees. Joanna encouraged numerous volunteer efforts giving back to our community, created team building activities, and provided training classes for professional development. Joanna Branham was honored as the first WPC Staff Council Chair and the Staff Council acknowledge her efforts to fulfill Dr. Shugart's vision of having Council representation at Valencia on all levels among faculty and staff.



Winter Park Staff Council with the plaque honoring Joanna Branham as the first Chair of the Winter Park Staff Council.

East Campus

Hurricane Katrina Fundraiser

The East Campus Staff Council is collecting money for the American Red Cross to aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina. We know that times are tough with inflated prices of gas, food, clothing, etc.; therefore, we are asking that people donate their spare change to help the victims. We have jugs set up around campus for those who wish to donate.

Campus News

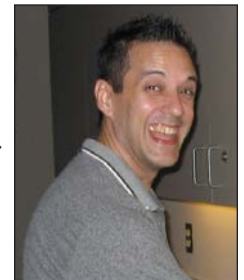
The East Campus Staff Council is going strong. Dr. Prather has transitioned well and is very supportive of the Council. We have several projects in the works.

The Picnic on the Porch was held in June and was a great success.

East Campus is in the process of updating our website. Doug Chaffee is doing a great job in assisting us with this project. Thanks Doug!



Dr. Shugart speaks with Career Staff employees at East Campus' Picnic on the Porch.



Webmaster, Doug Chaffee

Osceola Campus

The Osceola Staff Council donated some sodas for the Hurricane Relief Fundraising Activities. Our next meeting is September 29 at 11:30am, location TBA.

Ruben Aquino, Osceola Campus Chair, just completed his Master's of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. Congratulations!

The Osceola Staff Council is looking for a Secretary. We would like to thank

Tonya Bulat for her term as Secretary.

Start *Fresh* this Fall

Check out these great health related workshops designed with YOU in mind!

▶ **Diabetes**

This workshop will cover several health care issues and topics such as the risk factors for and the prevention of diabetes.

Presented by April Engel

Fri, September 30
2-4pm
East Campus
Room 5-112
GDIA1

Fri, November 11
2-4pm
West Campus
Room 6-202
GDIA2

▶ **Smoking Cessation**

This workshop is designed to share information regarding methods that can assist participants work through issues they may encounter when trying to stop smoking.

Presented by Mary Owens

Wed, October 5
10-11:30am
West Campus,
Room 6-202
GSC1

Wed, October 12
10-11:30am
East Campus,
Room 5-112
GSC2

▶ **Nutrition Facts**

Learn what's right or wrong and true or false about nutrition. This workshop will present information regarding the importance of nutrition for a healthy lifestyle.

Presented by April Engel

Fri, October 21
2-4pm
West Campus
Room 6-202
GNFF1

Fri, November 4
2-4pm
East Campus
Room 3-113
GNFF2

▶ **Designing a Fitness Plan**

This workshop will provide guidelines on how to create a fitness plan that will keep you healthy and fit.

Presented by Tammy Sabourin

Tue, October 18
2:30-4:30pm
East Campus
Room 5-112
GDFP1

Tue, November 8
2:30-4:30pm
East Campus
Room 3-113
GDFP2

Please note
change from
brochure

**These workshops are
FREE to attend!**

**To learn about other workshops
visit valenciacc.edu/leadership**

Staff Council Meeting Times

Downtown Center

Last Wednesday of every month
3pm
Rm. 106 A/B

East Campus

2nd Wednesday of every month
2pm
Rm. 3-113

Osceola Campus

1st Thursday of every month
9:30am
Rm. 2-223
May 5 meeting: Bldg. 2 Auditorium

West Campus

2nd Thursday of every month
8:30am or 2pm
(Alternates each month)
Terrace Room

Winter Park Campus

3rd Wednesday of every month
10am
Rm. 246

**For questions about
meetings on your
campus, contact your
campus representative.**

Congratulations!

Archie Phillips **31 Years of Service**



Archie pictured with the daughter of Rosa Gillis of the Downtown Center.

Join the Downtown Center Staff as they honor Archie, resident preacher and friend, who is retiring after 31 years of service to Valencia.

September 29, 2005
9:30-11am
Downtown Center Conference Room

For more information, call Patty Nicholas (407) 582-3465