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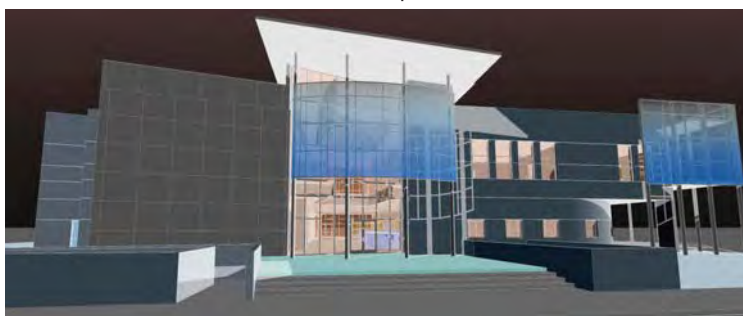
The Fall Semester marks the start of two new buildings on the Collier Campus. The Student Services Building will be the new home for registration, counseling, testing, the Cashier's office, and the bookstore on the first floor, with administrative offices and a community room on the second floor. The Health Sciences Hall will have nursing and related labs, classroom and administrative space on the first floor, with chemistry and biology labs, classrooms and administrative space on the second floor. An exterior patio will be on the roof.



Health Sciences Hall (artist's rendition)

"These buildings will help us expand the educational opportunities we offer today for the careers of tomorrow," said Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten, Collier Campus President. "They will also be LEED certified and will serve to create the grass and landscaped campus quad that will complement our existing buildings."

Construction for both buildings is scheduled to begin this Fall. Plans call for the buildings to be completed in Summer 2011.



Student Services Building (artist's rendition)

WELCOME BACK

Summer's over, and while many of you were away, the campus was buzzing with lots of activity. For starters, we had 20 students named Florida Community College Activities Association's (FCCAA) All-Academic Team Award winners. The Collier campus is well-represented at the state level, winning a record three of the four Bob Graham awards (a first for any college) and our own Suzanne Buntic was named State Advisor. The HOPE Scholarship Program has been expanded to include those seeking a Baccalaureate degree. The Collier Campus Café has a whole new look with tasty offerings and the biggest change you'll see starts in late September with the groundbreaking of two new buildings. More details are available in this edition,

and online. If you haven't already, check out Edison State College Collier Campus Facebook page!

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60 SECONDS WITH... DR. JEFFERY ALLBRITTEN, COLLIER CAMPUS PRESIDENT

First and foremost, welcome back! We're glad you have chosen Edison State College to advance your educational experience. As you'll see over the next year, there are going to be exciting changes to this campus. It's part of our vision to continually offer you more opportunities to pursue the career of your dreams and realize your goals. Over the summer months, you may have read in the news about the Jackson Laboratories biomedical village planned for the Greater Collier County/Naples area. Edison State hopes to launch a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) high school at the village, which will give area high school students the chance to study and interact

with some of the preeminent researchers in molecular science, and earn both their high school diploma and an associate degree. We are also collaborating with Jackson Labs and the University of South Florida to pursue educational opportunities at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As Thomas Edison once said, "If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves."



*Dr. Jeffery Allbritten,
Collier Campus President*

MEET SUZANNE BUNTIC, STATE ADVISOR

Suzanne Buntic is a familiar and friendly face around campus to students and faculty alike. Her leadership skills as a student at Edison State College encompassed several clubs and organizations, including a term as President of the Student Government Association (SGA). She graduated from the Edison State Collier Campus in 2000, and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), before rejoining Edison State College as the Student Life Coordinator. She's set to earn her Master's Degree in Professional Studies from Hodges University in December. Her leadership now extends from our campus to all of Florida as State Advisor for the Florida Community College Activities Association (FCCAA) and the Florida Junior and Community College Student Government Association (FJCCSGA). Her one-year term ends



*Suzanne Buntic, Student Life
Coordinator, State Advisor*

June 30, 2011.

"My experience at Edison changed my life for the better. I really appreciate all the college has done for me both as a student and as a staff member," she said.

Her responsibilities include providing the organization's executive board with a proposed budget for the next fiscal year, attending all FJCCSGA meetings, serving in an advisory capacity to the executive board, and organizing several annual

events, including: the Leadership Retreat, the FJCCSGA Presidents' Assemblies and the Summer Advisors' Workshop. She is the first State Advisor from the Edison State College Collier Campus.

As Student Life Coordinator, she manages student leadership, student activities, clubs, and organizations. She also serves as the SGA advisor and co-advisor to the Multicultural Club. In addition, Ms. Buntic coordinates the Collier Project HOPE Scholarship Program, and for the past three years she has been awarded the Staff of the Year Award, which is voted on by the student body. Additional accolades at the state level include the highly prestigious Florida Junior Community Colleges Student Government Association (FJCCSGA) District One Advisor of the year Award in 2006, 2007, and 2009.

"Once a part of the Edison family, always a part of the Edison family," she added.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH ALVARO DUFFLAR

Every Thursday, you can find Hispanic Outreach Specialist Alvaro Dufflar on the Collier Campus working with Hispanic students and their families.

"Education is highly valued in Hispanic culture," said Dufflar. "The decision about where to go to college usually involves the entire family."



Alvaro Dufflar

Originally from Ecuador, he has lived in the U.S. for eight years and holds a bachelor degree in Marketing and Advertisement. Dufflar's expertise and understanding of the Hispanic culture is part of a growing trend as more students enroll at Edison to advance their careers. Throughout the five Edison campuses, nearly 20 percent of the students are Hispanic, and on the Collier Campus, 30 percent of our students are Hispanic.

Dufflar meets with prospective students and their families, as well as current students and internal departments who appreciate his support and insight. He also meets with members of the Hispanic business community. Recently, he was featured in a 30-minute special on Acción Hispana where he discussed the benefits of an education at Edison State, and he also writes many articles that appear in publications such as Nuevos Ecos.

To connect with Spanish speaking families, Dufflar created a version of the Edison State website in Spanish: www.edison.edu/espanol and an email address: preguntas@edison.edu ('preguntas' is Spanish for 'questions' to Edison). Feel free to contact him!

FAST FACT:

In 1984, there were 1,000 Internet devices. In 1992, there were 1 million Internet devices. And in 2008, there were 1 billion Internet devices.

(courtesy Karl Fisch, Did You Know? video)

HOPE AT THE NEXT LEVEL

For Johny Williamceau, the current Student Government Association (SGA) President, his dream is to eventually earn his doctorate in anesthesiology. Today, he is studying nursing and working toward his bachelor degree on the Collier Campus.

"Being the first generation in my family to go to college, the HOPE Scholarship gives me the opportunity to further my education and be a role model for my younger siblings, and the youth of this wonderful community," said Williamceau, a HOPE Baccalaureate Scholarship recipient. "I really want to stay in and serve



*Johny Williamceau,
HOPE Baccalaureate
Scholarship recipient
and SGA President.*

the community because it has given so much to me. The Edison State College Collier Campus changed my life, and being able to continue my degree here is a blessing."

Now that Edison offers 10 Baccalaureate degrees, students can take advantage of additional financial help available with the new Baccalaureate HOPE Scholarship Program.

This scholarship is designed to supplement any federal aid students receive to cover in-state tuition, fees and textbooks up to 30 credit hours per academic year.

To be eligible, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA, carry at least a 12 credit hour course load, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year by March 1st, attend regular HOPE Baccalaureate Scholarship Program meetings, and complete 20 hours of mentoring for Project HOPE students each semester.

For more information about the HOPE Scholarship, visit www.edison.edu and on the Quicklinks button, select Scholarships.



A PARTNERSHIP TODAY FOR TOMORROW

As the temperatures rose over the summer, so too did the level of experience three Immokalee students gained through a volunteer internship experience at Edison. Alberto Cruz, Gerardo Bustamante and Francisco Vega (pictured) worked with campus Plant Operations department to learn about all it takes to run a college campus. Participants learned everything from maintenance and repair and shipping/receiving to how to positively interact with staff, students, and contractors. Participants had a unique opportunity to meet with contractors involved in the renovation of the Collier Campus Café and other projects. Before volunteering at Edison, participants had already completed a vocational education program through the Immokalee Technical Center (ITECH) and currently participate in the Future Builders of America program through the Immokalee Foundation.



NEXT STOP: THE UNITED NATIONS

New York City is home to many national landmarks, and for Edison State College graduate Tamara Paquette, her office is located in one of the most prestigious: the United Nations. Upon graduation from Edison

State, where she attended classes on the Collier Campus, Tamara was accepted as an intern at the United Nations. From August through November 2010, she will work in and learn from the agency's human resources department. For Tamara, getting to this point, however, took many turns. The Naples resident graduated from high school in the late 90's and entered the working world, which led to a five-year stint in New York City until she returned to Naples in 2003.

"I was at a turning point in my life and I needed to reinvent myself. Part of that meant going to college and getting a degree," she said. "Edison State College in Naples was my first choice for many reasons. I got a first-class education here. I'm excited and honored to be representing our country."

While at Edison, she was named to the USA Today All-Academic Team, received the President's Award and

was President of Phi Theta Kappa. After earning her AA degree at Edison State, she pursued a bachelor's degree in political science at FGCU and is now working on her master's in public administration.

Just before leaving for New York City, however, Paquette came back to Edison to walk the campus and visit the many people who inspired her.

"I had to come back here and say 'Thank you' to my teachers and the staff," she said. "My experience at Edison is what got me to where I am today. There is such a feeling of cohesiveness on this campus. People really care about you and are there to help you succeed. I'll never forget that."



Tamara Paquette, right, an ESC Collier Campus graduate, is now an intern at the United Nations in New York City. Before leaving, she came back to thank the many faculty and staff, including Suzanne Buntic, left.

FAST FACT!

The English language has 540,000 words, more than five times as many words as in Shakespeare's time.

(courtesy Karl Fisch,
Did You Know? video)



DUALLY NOTED



For Hillary Kessler, marching to “Pomp and Circumstance” this year marked earning her high school diploma from Barron Collier High School and an Associate of Arts degree from Edison State College. As a dual-enrolled student at the Collier Campus, she took advantage of attending both high school and college at the same time.

“My Mom is a teacher, so she really wanted me to take advantage of this opportunity,” Kessler said. “I started the summer of my sophomore year, and in the last semester of my senior year, I was basically going full time at Edison with seven classes.”

Her books alone for those classes her senior year would have cost her \$1,000, but because she was part of the dual enrollment program, the books were free. And so was her tuition at Edison.

“Think about all the money you can save, and you get a head start in college,” she said. Kessler is now attending Stetson University to earn her bachelor’s degree in political science. From there, she plans to go to law school, and ultimately, have her own law firm.

“I tell any high school student to seriously consider this program. It really helps prepare you to be more responsible, have better study habits and be ready for college life,” she said, adding with a smile, “It helped me a lot, and saving all that money on tuition and books was great for me, and my Mom.”

ON THE MENU

The Edison State College Collier Campus is pleased to welcome Food Services Inc. (FSI) to our campus. FSI began service in the Collier Campus Café in early May. The company has close to 20 years of experience providing high quality dining experiences to colleges and universities both in and outside of Florida. We are excited to welcome FSI to our campus community!

Planned offerings:

- New “Chef’s Corner Comfort Foods” with rotated display cooking
- New “Bel Pasto” Pizza and Italian Cuisine
- Enhanced “Wrap n Roll” deli featuring “Wrap it to Go” specials
- Enhanced “Grilled Perfection” Grill
- Salad Bar and Soups
- Freshly Baked Items
- Fresh Coffee
- Fountain Drinks
- “Grab n Go” options
- Healthy Food and Drink Choices
- ...more!

Fall Hours (As of August 23, 2010)

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am – 7:00 pm

Friday - 7:30 am – 2:00 pm

Weekends - Closed



Opening day (above)



Café Chandelier (right)

To learn more about Food Services, Inc. visit

<http://www.fsifoodservices.com/>

Food Service and Catering Contact Information

Amy Peters, Food Service Director

Phone: (239) 732-3739

E-mail: DiningCollier@edison.edu

Catering menu and information:

https://www.edison.edu/collier/cateringmenus/collier_catering_guide_2010.pdf

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I AM... EDISON STATE COLLEGE

Lights, cameras, action! Gather over 200 students, faculty, and staff. Add television cameras and microphones. A few takes, and voilà! We have new TV spots now airing on the local networks promoting Edison State College and all it has to offer. The advertisements were filmed on all campuses. Want to take a look? The new spots are available on YouTube, and on the Edison State College website at <http://www.edison.edu/newsletter/>.



NUMBERS TO KNOW

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| General Information | 239-732-3700 |
| Advising | 239-732-3703 collierstudentservices@edison.edu |
| Academic Success Center | 239-732-3773 |
| Student Activities | 239-732-3706, sbuntic@edison.edu |
| Website | www.edison.edu/collier |
| Facebook | Find us at: Edison State Collier Campus |



SAVE THE DATE



Just a few important dates to keep in mind:

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| October 13 | Open House |
| October 25 | First Day of Spring Registration |
| November 11 | Campus closed |
| November 25-28 | Thanksgiving Break |
| December 3 - 9 | Final Exams (Fall) |
| December 18 - January 2 | Holiday Break |

FAST FACT!
The amount of technical information is doubling every two years.
(courtesy Karl Fisch, Did You Know? video)

COMING UP
In the next issue of The Spectrum, see the latest construction photos of the new Allied Health and Student Services buildings, faces around campus, New Year's resolutions, upcoming events, and more! We're always looking for fun and interesting stories, so please email your ideas to Teresa Morgenstern, Public Information Specialist, at tmorgenstern@edison.edu.

