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EDISON STATE COLLEGE-COLLIER CAMPUS

SEEING GREEN FOR GREENFEST 2011

It's the third annual GreenFest Expo. A day dedicated to showcasing innovative products and services that are good for our environment, good for our community and good for our economy. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As Collier County's largest green living festival, the day will be filled with activities from demonstrations and activities to live music and more.

"This day is our way of sharing with the community how living green makes good sense," said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, Campus President. "It's amazing how just simple changes can make such a big difference."

Attendees will see demonstrations in energy-efficient



housing, water conservation, alternative transportation, coastal protection, bio-fuels and even how to make sustainable food choices.

"GreenFest is continuing to grow each year as people become more aware of how precious our natural resources are, and the importance of conserving them for future generations," said Kirk Otto, an instructor on the Collier Campus and a driving force behind the annual event.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit Edison.edu/collier/environmental. GreenFest is also on Facebook under Edison State College GreenFest Expo. If you would like to volunteer for GreenFest, contact Kirk Otto, (239) 732-3743 or kotto@edison.edu.

PREPARING FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

The Academic Success Center does two very important things.

"First, our center is here to help students and coordinate college prep classes," said Tom Buckingham, Academic Success Director, Collier Campus. "Secondly, we help make students better at being students."

It's the second thing Buckingham and his team of nine staff and 13 student assistants at the Academic Success Center do that really makes a difference.

"We help students to be better students. That means giving them the tools to balance the many demands in their lives, from school and social to family and work," said Buckingham. "We help students learn how to learn so they can be successful in their classes."

For Ben Fulker, a computer science major and a student assistant, the path to a new career came after a detour.

"I was laid off from my job, so I decided to go back to school and get my degree," he said.

After taking three math prep classes and thanks to the Academic Success Center and a lot of hard work, Fulker has a 4.0 GPA. *Continued on Page 2*

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*Dr. Jeff S. Allbritten,
Collier Campus President*

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

There have been some big changes around our campus! Last fall we celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony, and now construction is well under way for our campus' two new

buildings. We're excited about both buildings because they will offer more classroom space, along with

additional multi-functional space so we can continue to better serve you. We hope to have the buildings open and ready by the end of this year. In the meantime, parking is a challenge on campus, and we do have a carpooling program in place. To participate, simply register with Florida Commuter Services at www.CommuterServicesFL.com. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we expand our campus, and look forward to the added educational opportunities these buildings will help make possible.

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"I like helping other students to have that vision, to want to learn and to succeed. I've been there so I know what it takes and I like sharing that knowledge with them," he said. "I'm willing to go the extra mile and spend extra time with them to help them succeed."

With a changing economy, many are back in school to earn degrees or certifications so they can be more employable.

"Over the next few years, we're going to see the demand for college prep courses level off some. This will be due in part to an improving economy, as high school graduates will immediately be able to get jobs. Also, the area high schools have introduced prep classes for aspiring students, hopefully preparing them for a better foundation for starting college-level coursework. Overall enrollment of the campus should steadily increase, however, as more of our students will stay longer, with many getting four-year degrees," said Buckingham. "We welcome these changes and are already prepared to assist students in advanced coursework in mathematics, science, computer studies, accounting and other majors. As we all know, we have quite the multi-cultural student population here at Collier campus, and we have a multi-cultural staff that



An Edison State College Collier Campus student benefits from the help of Ben Fulker, student assistant (left) and Tom Buckingham, Academic Success Director

in addition to speaking English, also speak Spanish, Creole, French, Chinese, Portuguese and Hebrew."

The Academic Success Center is located in Building J. To see all the services offered, go to www.edison.edu/collier/studentsuccess/ or call (239) 732-3773.



IN STEP WITH... CRYSTAL MALDONADO

When Crystal Maldonado helps students with their goals and the possibilities, she brings a special understanding and knowledge to the conversation.

"I was born in Fort Myers and grew up in the Bonita Farmworker's Village. My parents traveled to Virginia and the Carolinas, and that does affect your education," she said. "My Mom got a job in Naples and my Dad worked in the fields, but they both motivated me and my two sisters, and inspired us to go to college. My Dad said I could be President of the United States if I want it badly enough."



Crystal Maldonado

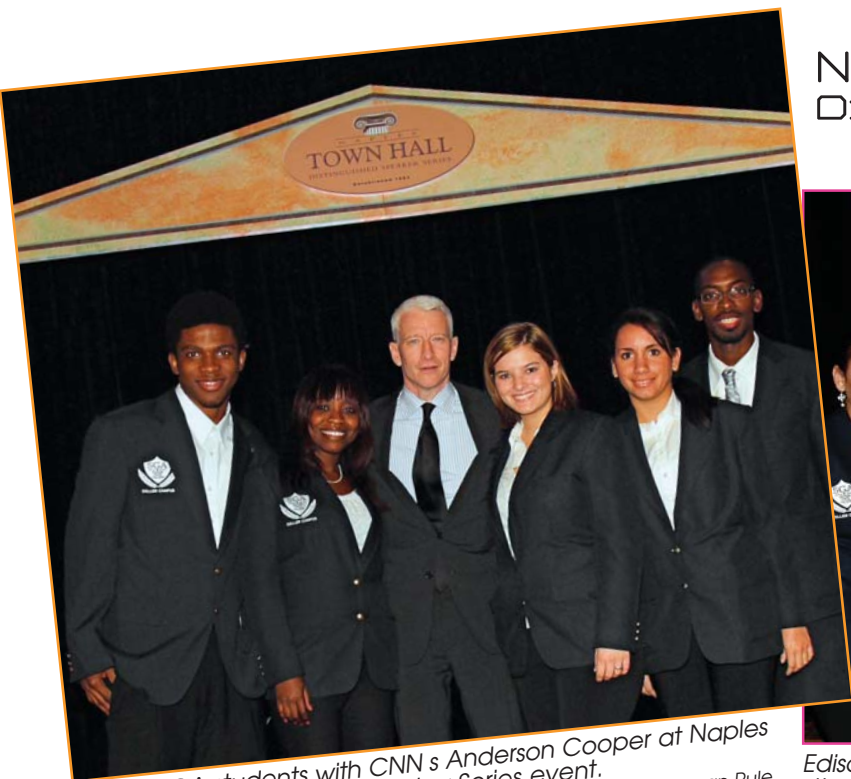
Maldonado took the words of her parents to heart, graduated from Estero High School while also being dually enrolled at Edison State College. In 2004 she was named "Scholar of the Year" and earned a blue Hyundai from Bob Taylor Chevrolet. (She still has the car.) She then earned her Bachelor's degree in finance and political science from Florida State University. Her path led her back to Edison State College to work in Student Services, a position she has held for just over a year.

"I love helping students. As a student, I was in that same boat so I understand their perspective," she said. "I enjoy helping them be more independent and to follow their own path."

In her spare time, Maldonado enjoys reading fiction and finance books and hanging out with her nieces. Stop by her office and you'll see examples of her other passion: painting.

"Edison is such a positive thing in the community, and it's great that we're offering more four-year degrees so students can complete their education here," she said.

NAPLES TOWN HALL DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES



*Edison SGA students with CNN's Anderson Cooper at Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series event.
Photo courtesy Reagan Rule*



Edison SGA students with Frank Abagnale, whose life story inspired the movie, Catch Me If You Can during the Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series Event. Photo courtesy Reagan Rule



NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION...





Since the September 2010 groundbreaking celebration, construction is well under way for the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall and the Student Services buildings. Both are tentatively scheduled to open at the end of this year.

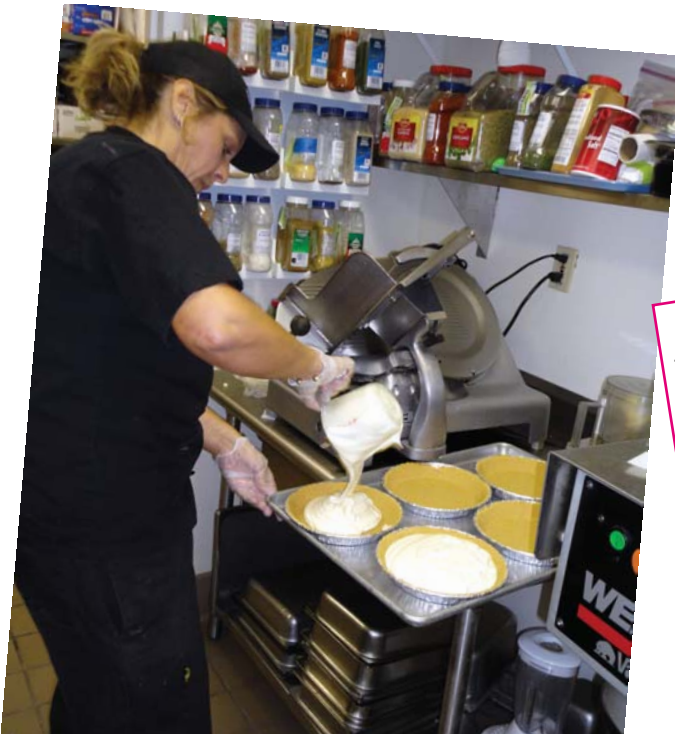


SWEET SUCCESS

The scent of Italian food calls to students, faculty and staff alike on certain days in the Café. For Amy Peterson, Food Services Inc. General Manager on the Collier Campus, that makes her smile.

"This is my dream job. I've wanted someone to say 'Here's a kitchen and the facility...make it happen,'" she said.

Since joining FSI last July, Amy has brought her flair for Italian delights, inspired by her Dad's family recipes.



Above: Amy prepares a special order of cheesecakes.
Below: The ever-popular Calzone dish.

"Calzone and Stromboli are our biggest days," she said.

Along with the most popular dishes, Amy has also brought several healthy options to the Café, including a salad bar with homemade dressings, sugar and flour-free muffins, protein bars and protein drinks.

"The students can tell when something's made from scratch. I pride myself on offering them things like homemade chicken, tuna and egg salad, and now we offer vegetarian options," she said.

Amy likes to introduce new items to students to see what works.

"It's really a case of trial and error. Like the tuna noodle casserole, which for some reason, didn't become a popular dish," she said.

SNICKERDOODLE COOKIES

- 1 c. soft butter
- 1 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 2 eggs (unbeaten)
- 2 2/3 c. flour
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Mix together the first 3 ingredients. Sift together the flour, cream of tartar, soda and salt and stir into first mixture. Chill dough and roll into balls the size of walnuts. Roll in a cinnamon and sugar mixture.

Bake about 2-inches apart on greased cookie sheets.

Bake at 400°F for 8 to 10 minutes until light brown, but still soft. They will spread while baking into round cookies, crackled on top.

Yield: 5 dozen, 2-inch cookies.

The Mom of three (ages 12, 19 and 22) likes to make ham and scalloped potatoes at home, along with another specialty: desserts.

"I love making cookies, cakes and pies," she said. But the sweetest part of her job?

"I get to do what I love and I get paid for it," she said.

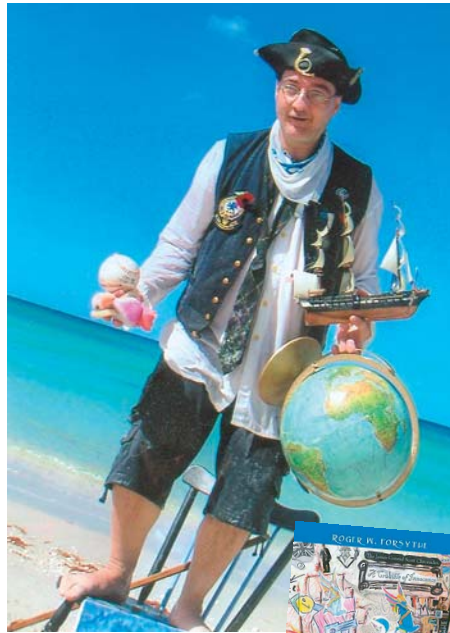


AWARD-WINNING WORDS

When adjunct English professor Roger Forsythe was a fourth grade student, he started writing in earnest. Fast forward 28 years later and those words and life's experiences have resulted in the publication of "A Crucible of Innocence." The book was named a finalist in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards for First Novel, earning it a gold medal.

"I've basically lived the plotline and weaved narrative into the story," said Forsythe. "The book has two halves, symbolic since the main character in the story is bi-polar. And each half has three parts to it."

In short, the book centers around a young boy named James Conrad Scott, whose imaginary friends accept



Roger Forsythe

him as he is. During his adventures as a now 30 year-old, he faces spiritual, financial and health crisis with the help of his best friend, John Keats. One of Conrad's adventures includes surviving the Titanic. The book is actually an expansion of his graduate creative research project on John Keats.

Forsythe is working on several books, including "London in My Time," and "The Myth of Being." Yet another book, "Magic on the Bus" will also include a screenplay. His talents also expand beyond the pages of books and onto the stage.

"One of my future projects is a murder-mystery called 'Winchester in Autumn' for the stage," he said.

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

Each month, the Student Government Association (SGA) hosts a workshop for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County on our campus.

"It's an interactive experience for the Boys & Girls Club and for our students," said Sue Buntic, Collier Campus Student Life Coordinator. "We feature a speaker each month and give the kids a chance to experience a little of college life."



PARADE

Edison State College Collier SGA participated in the annual Martin Luther King Day Parade and Celebration for the 6th year in a row. There were over 35 participants representing the Collier Campus in the parade this year on Monday.

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Spring break hours will be 10-2 Monday through Friday

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