Welcome to the first edition of the 411 on Academic Affairs for 2018. The spring semester is off to a wonderful beginning with enrollment up 3.7% in headcount and 5.3% in total FTE compared to the spring semester of 2017. Those numbers will change slightly following the registration cycle for B – term courses. As you know, we are entering into the annual budget cycle and one of the main things I will focus on is advocating for additional faculty lines, especially in areas of classes that are likely to be filled by incoming students. These courses have been very full and it is my expectation that with increased faculty lines, we will be able to add additional sections to accommodate the continual growth of FSW.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, February 2, 2018, at the State of the College address. This is an exciting time where colleagues are recognized for their years of service at FSW and where we will announce the first faculty excellence awards for teaching, scholarly activities, and college and community service. President Allbritten will conclude the session with his remarks discussing the State of the College. This year we will gather in the breezeway near I building on the Lee campus and we have a backup plan should bad weather occur. After the State of the College address, I hope everyone will support the FSW Bucs baseball team at the City of Palms Park for a 5:00 pm game. You can pick up vouchers for free admission for you and your family along with a hot dog and a drink at the game.

One final somber note, over the last week, FSW lost two dual enrolled students in separate car accidents. Please keep the family and friends of Erik Babatz and Wesley Sauveur in your thoughts and know that if any students ask about support services, please refer them to the Dean of Students, Dr. Mark Bukowski at 11067 or his office is located in S-262.

Thank you and have a great semester.

Congratulations Master Teacher Class of 2018!
The Master Teacher award recognizes outstanding full-time faculty who have a track record of exceptional teaching in higher education and are interested in passing along their knowledge and love of teaching and learning.
FSW Provides Income Tax Assistance Training

The School of Business and Technology provided training for volunteers in United Way’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program on Saturday, January 13. The training was coordinated by Professor William VanGlabek. At the conclusion of the day, participants were certified as United Way volunteers in the income tax assistance program. Volunteers will provide tax assistance to members of the community. Several FSW students were part of the cohort; students who completed the training are certified as United Way VITA volunteers.

Math Faculty Sings at FSW Basketball Game

Sabine Eggleston, Department Chair and Professor of Mathematics shared her musical talents by singing the national anthem at the FSW women’s basketball game on January 5, 2018.

FSW Named StatPrep Hub Center

FSW is selected to be a StatPrep Hub Center. This initiative led by Dr. Rona Axelrod is a catalyst for re-designing introductory statistics courses using the R-Statistical software. Course curriculum has been designed integrating the R-Statistical Software for several modalities: computer lab classrooms, online courses, and ground courses. Funds for this initiative are provided by the Mathematical Association of America and the National Science Foundation. FSW will host faculty from various colleges and universities to learn about the course re-design during two-day workshops in June, 2020 and June, 2021.

Professor Shawn Moore Is a Participant in ARCScholar

Professor Shawn Moore is a participant in ARCScholar, a digital publishing cooperative. This is based at Texas A&M University, which has been awarded a NHPRC-Mellon Digital Edition Publishing Cooperatives Grant for $75,000. This grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will be used to plan the development of ARCScholar and to form its governance structure. ARCScholar will participate with other grant recipients in creating a system of cooperatives for publishing and sustaining digital editions.

Ethics Bowl Awards Hemlock Cup

FSW hosted the third annual Southwest Florida Regional High School Ethics Bowl on Saturday, January 27. Six high school teams engaged in a series of structured ethical debates to arrive at more sophisticated positions on a host of contemporary moral issues. Dr. Russell Swanson is the regional bowl’s organizer and director. Dr. Elijah Pritchett, Dr. Sarah Lublink, William Coughlan, Troy Fassbender, Dr. Myriam Mompoint, Dr. William Cooney, Dr. Michael McGowan, Dr. Wendy Chase, Myra Walters, Whitney Rhyne, and Michael Joy served as judges and moderators. FSW Collegiate H.S. - Charlotte and Marco Island Academy prevailed to the final round, and Marco Island Academy defeated last year’s champions to win the Hemlock Cup.
School of Education Earns Top Rating for Student Education Examination Pass Rates

The School of Education (SoE) is ranked number one in the state by the Florida Department of Education for student education examination with a pass rate of 100%. Additionally, the SoE ranks 4th in the state for both the FTCE middle-grades English multiple choice section and the General Knowledge test essay section. The school also earned a 5th place ranking for the middle-grade English writing section.

A Packed House Enjoys the Opening of Uelsmann’s IMAGEMAKER

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW welcomed Jerry Uelsmann for the opening of “Jerry UELSMANN: IMAGEMAKER” a broad survey of more than 75 original photographs including never-before-seen work. Uelsmann opened the exhibition by sharing his inspirations and technique to a packed house on Thursday, January 11. The exhibition will run through March 24, 2018. Uelsmann’s work has been the subject of major monographs and exhibited in more than 100 solo shows in the U.S. and abroad over the past five decades. His photographs are in the permanent collections of the most prestigious museums worldwide.

Science Olympiad Inspires Ingenuity

The School of Pure and Applied Science hosted teams of high school and middle school students who participated in the Science Olympiad on January 20. Professors Cheban Acharya, George Hooks, George Manacheril, David Michie, Yadab Paudel, Michael Sauer, Libby Schott, Teju Vala, Di Xue, along with staff Amanda Subic and Dr. Martin McClinton facilitated math, science and engineering activities and challenges. Activities included Herpetology, Microbe Mission, Battery Buggy, Poisons & Potions, Dynamic Planet, and more.

Elementary Education Program Organizes Book Drive for Students Affected by Hurricane Harvey and Maria

Teacher candidates in FSW’s Baccalaureate in Elementary Education program must complete 20 hours of service. During this past devastating hurricane season, School of Education students, members of Kappa Delta Epsilon (education honors fraternity), and faculty continued their commitment to service. The School of Education adopted a school in a suburb of Houston following Hurricane Harvey to send educational supplies and materials. After Hurricane Maria hit the tiny, island nation of Dominica, schools and libraries were destroyed. FSW students collected almost 1,000 pounds of books and academic materials to be sent to the Dominica to help with rebuilding. Dr. Kelly Roy led the initiative and coordinated with Lifeline Ministries in Dominica, a non-denominational service organization, to receive and disseminate the educational supplies.
FSW Writes hosts Author Cary Holladay who will read a section of her work on Monday, February 5. Holladay will hold a book signing at 4:30 p.m. with the main event beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Rush Auditorium, Building J Room 103.

Dr. Mary Myers will present “Put on Your Thinking Cap: Six Hats for Better Decision Making” as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. and is available at each FSW service location, Lee: U-102, Collier: A-103, Charlotte: O-117, and Hendry/Glades: A-114.

The FSW Diversity Alliance presents “Art & Activism Across Borders: A Director's Talk with Michael Ramsdell” on Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the discussion Ramsdell’s films, “Anatomy of Hate” and "When Elephants Fight" will be shown on campus.

Dr. Neal Barnard will present “Food as Medicine” at 7:30 a.m. in Building U Room 102. Individuals who attend can earn one CME credit. Students interested in attending can RSVP to speakerseriesrsvp@leehealth.org.

Dr. Salvatore Lacagnina will present “Food is Medicine” as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 at 12:30 p.m. and is available at each FSW service location, Lee: U-102, Collier: M-201, Charlotte: O-117, and Hendry/Glades: A-114.

Professor Ron Feemster will speak about “Living in a World of Fake News” on Monday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m. and is available at each FSW service location, Lee: U-102, Collier: M-201, Charlotte: O-117, and Hendry/Glades: A-106.

Professor Angie Vitale will share her 17 years of experience in a presentation entitled “Think Like a Nurse” as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series on Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rush Auditorium, Building J Room 103.

The School of Education will host Family Math Night a free, family-oriented event for students in pre-kindergarten to fifth grade features fun math games created by teacher candidates in FSW’s School of Education. The event is Thursday, February 22, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m. in Building U Room 102.

The FSW Diversity Alliance presents a panel discussion focused on Gender and Sexuality on Monday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. in Building U Room 102. Panelists include: Dr. Elijah Pritchett, Professor Terri Housley, Founder of SWFL Harmony Chamber of Commerce Arlene Goldberg, and FSW students Christine Orlando and Fletcher Dunharm. Dr. Russell Swanson will moderate the discussion.

The National Student Nursing Association (NSNA) is facilitating a Bone Marrow Donor Drive on the Thomas Edison Campus in Building U Room 102, Wednesday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Roz Jester will present “Nature is Queer” as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series on Tuesday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rush Auditorium, Building J Room 103.