It is hard to believe that this is the last issue of the 411 for the spring 2017 semester. I hope that once grades are in and commencement has taken place that each of you will take some time to relax and recharge as we head into the summer months. I want you to know how much I appreciate the dedication that each and every one of you brings to FSW and to our students. We are not the institution we are without the excellent faculty. Thank you for your feedback during this year and if there is ANYTHING that my office can do you help you to be successful please don’t hesitate to let me know. Have a wonderful summer break.

Commencement
We are thrilled that this year we will be celebrating our commencement ceremonies in the Suncoast Arena for the first time May 5 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Commencement is always an exciting time and it is great to bring the celebration back on to the Thomas Edison campus while we honor our students for their accomplishments.

From Shoe Shiner to an Academic
Earlier this month, Dr. Martin Meraz Garcia, an associate professor at Eastern Washington University, presented “From Shoe Shiner to an Academic: Debunking Immigration Myths with Personal Experience” at the Thomas Edison campus. Thanks to Dr. Bruce Battadano and the Center for International Education for organizing this presentation.

Sigma Delta Delta and Lambda Epsilon Chi
Congratulations to our Business students who were inducted into the Sigma Delta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration: Cindy Aponte, Sarah Corcoran, Michelle Daniels, Alan Elmes Jr., Cindy Atkins, Karen Molumby, Richard Olitsky, Tamra Pacheco, Nancy Schuette, Brenda Schwing, and Martha Meyer.

Dental Hygiene
Congratulations to our FSW Dental Hygiene students who were inducted into the Lambda Epsilon Chi International Honor Society for Paralegal Education: Theresa Campoli, Sandra Patricia Gallagher, Lillye Moroles, Susan Olson, Michelle Peralta, Sunni Phanco, Coral Schobert, Eric Schau, and Deborah Williams.

Faculty Recital
The second annual FSW Faculty Recital was held on April 26 with an amazing turnout. The Black Box Theater was standing room only, with both FSW students and employees, and community members supporting our Music Program faculty. Faculty and staff members who were involved in the training exercise: Dr. Marie Collins, Dr. Jeff Eliberry, Dr. Alex Rodi, Corey Sargent, Chris Clemens, Joe Barry, Matt Starcher, Tony Fontaine, Antonio Pietrapia, Jeff Davis, Sindee Karpel, Mike McSheehy, Mike Polcar, Mike Pcolar, Jeff Haugh, Frank Millot, Roy Brown, Jean Newberry, Heather O’Connell, Dennis Fahey, Albert Naut, Ron Feenstater, Dr. Thomas Smith, Mark Lupe, Susan Marcy, Valerie Miller, Judy Pultro, Kim DeVito Young, Briana Molnar, Anela Lozano, Ivan Guerrero, Teresa Araque, Joseph Turner, Jennifer Young, Rick Parfit, McDonald-CConnell, Peter Thomas, Teri Long, and Dr. Brian Botts.

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery Exhibition
The exhibition James Franco & Kalup Linzy: Collaborations continues to run in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery through June 3. The exhibition features collaborative and individual photography, painting, multi-media and related works.

Spring Concert Series
Thanks to Dr. Thomas Smith and the students in our music program who held their annual spring concert series in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall earlier this month. The annual concert series is a chance for these students to show off their talents to the entire community.

Diversity Alliance
Thanks to Dr. Russell Swanson and the Diversity Alliance for recently hosting two events for our students this month: “Finding Common Ground, The Return to Civil Discourse,” and “Gender Identity.” These events continue to foster an inclusive campus community which promotes awareness, understanding, and acceptance.

Retirements
We have some upcoming faculty retirements this summer. After 32 years of service to the college, Professor Kurt Sundby will be retiring in June. A retirement party will be held May 2, 3:30 to 5:30 in AA, Room 172. Everyone is invited to stop by.

Academic Affairs Accomplishments
Congratulations to Dr. Jeff Stoff, director, Exhibitions and Collections, who was invited by the U.S. Embassy to provide Rauschenberg related lectures and to travel the pop-up “Moon Museum” exhibition from the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW to Kiev, Ukraine in the later this year.

As always, please feel free to email any questions or comments at jeff.stewart@fsw.edu.