Martin signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to establish a partnership between the admissions, advising, and honors programs of the two institutions. FSW and FGCU will work together to market the program and assess the efficacy in a continual cycle of data-informed improvement.

The agreement offers the following provisions:

• A pathway for all students that take advantage of the 2+2 statewide articulation agreement and the close working relationship between FGCU and FSW. Implementation of a comprehensive plan of tracking, advising, and coordination between the two institutions’ offices of admissions, advising, and registration. An FGCU admissions representative will be available on FSW’s Thomas Edison campus to work with Destination FGCU students.

• Scholarship opportunities for high ability students through the establishment of an articulation pathway between the FSW Honors Scholar Program and FGCU’s Honors College.

• Scholarship opportunities for FGCU Bachelor’s degree completion for students graduating from FSW Collegiate High Schools. Students meeting the criteria will be provided a $5,000 scholarship renewable for up to three years.

• Support for returning students and adult learners from across the service area in their pursuit of a bachelor’s degree. This will include cross-institutional promotion and the possibility of offering FGCU courses on FSW campuses as related to the FGCU Complete program (focus on B.A. in Integrated Studies, B.A. in Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship Studies, B.S. in Resort and Hospitality Management).

The establishment of this pathway will most certainly benefit students who wish to receive a quality education right here in Southwest Florida. Related events and opportunities in Academic and Student Affairs will follow.

Best wishes as you continue the fall semester.

Sincerely,

Eileen
Students enrolled in the HSP Undergraduate Research (ENC 2910) course taught by Professor Ihasha Horn are working to create a food forest at FSW. The students are collaborating with FGCU students learn best practices and draft a design for the food forest. Pictured to the right is the food forest design team on the grounds of FSW’s future food forest.

The 9th annual Francine Gomberg Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice Conference will take place on FSW’s Thomas Edison Campus Oct. 24-25. FSW is a co-sponsor of the conference along with Lee Health. The conference offers discounted registration for FSW students. Thanks to Nursing Professors Susan Torres and Marty Jenner for their service on the planning committee for the conference.

Dr. Donna Johnson, professor of Nursing, will be a speaker at the 4th Annual Von Arx Family Foundation Southwest Florida Diabetes and Wellness Conference to be held on Nov. 4 at the Collier Campus. Her presentation is entitled “The Importance of Nutrition and Exercise with Diabetes.”

Michael Joy serves as the co-chair of a SleuthFest. Organized by the Florida chapter of the Mystery Writers of America, SleuthFest is a four-day writers’ conference known for dedication to quality instruction that focuses on the learning needs of authors at all levels. SleuthFest offers writing workshops, presentations, and panels, along with a top-notch forensic track.

Dr. Thomas Rath will serve on the Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland Board of Directors, effective December 5, 2018. The mission of the coalition is “to support families and children in accessing high quality early care and education services via School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten programs.”

Dr. Kelly Roy will serve on the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida’s Board of Directors, effective December 5, 2018. The mission of the coalition is “to enhance the quality of children’s lives by providing families, early childhood educators, caregivers and community partners in Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties, with opportunities to positively impact the future.”
FSW Nursing Program Celebrates 50 Years of Excellence

2018 marks 50 years of nursing education at Edison/FSW. Since 1968, the FSW Nursing Program has conferred 6,369 degrees; 5,713 Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN); and 656 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The degrees produced by the Nursing Program account for 12% of all degrees conferred at FSW within the last 50 years. Congratulations to all nursing faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni! The Nursing Program will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, October 20. All program alumni, students, future nursing students, and community partners are invited to join the celebration.

Carl D. Perkins Grant Awards FSW $618,738

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant supports career and technical education programs across the nation. The School of Business and Technology manages FSW’s Perkins Grant application and utilization. We are proud to announce that FSW has been awarded $618,738 this year. Funds are awarded based on programs and student population numbers in the career and technical programs.

The 2018 Suncoast Pulmonary Symposium Provides Enriching Experience

The School of Health Professions recently hosted the 2018 Suncoast Pulmonary Symposium at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa. For over 25 years the Suncoast Pulmonary Symposium has been providing a unique blend of thoughtful presentations from both national and regional speakers to the Respiratory Care Community. Respiratory therapists, students, nurses, and physicians accounted for more than 100 attendees and heard topics like caring for the patient in intensive care on life support, pediatric emergencies, radon, healthcare surrogacy laws, medical marijuana, educational partnerships between schools and medical centers to improve clinician competency, among others.

One Book, One College Common Read Initiative

FSW’s One Book, One College Common Read Committee invites faculty to suggest titles for FSW’s first common read. A major goal of the committee is to select a book that provides themes and subject matters that may be applied through instruction or student work to as many of the eight General Education learning outcomes as possible. Faculty are asked to provide an example of and/or justify why the selection is well-suited for each of the General Education outcomes. The deadline to submit a title is Thursday, Oct. 4.

Radiologic Technology Program Is Reaffirmed Through 2026

Florida SouthWestern State College’s (FSW) Associate in Science in Radiologic Technology has received continuing accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), having met the Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography. The program was reaffirmed through 2026. Special mention goes to Program Director James Mayhew and full-time faculty Coleen Kubetschek and Nancy Costello.
Angie Vitale, professor of Nursing, will present “Think Like a Nurse” on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 12:30 p.m. as part of FSW’s Critical Thinking Lecture Series. The presentation will be live on the Thomas Edison Campus in U-102 and available via Polycom on Collier M-201, Charlotte O-118, and H/G: A-106.

Holocaust survivor, Cesare Frustaci, will share his story Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hendry/Glades Curtis Center, Building A-114. Frustaci was born in Italy to a Jewish mother and a Roman Catholic father. At the age of two, his family was ordered to leave Italy. Following Frustaci’s presentation, Sam Parish of The Holocaust Museum and Education Center will discuss how persuasion affected the Holocaust.

The Center for International Education will host a Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 4-6 p.m. in J-117 on the Thomas Edison Campus. Students can learn about obtaining a passport, semester abroad and FSW faculty-led trips.

Movies for Mental Health is Monday, Oct. 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Rush Auditorium. Participants will screen a series of short films designed to shed light on mental health issues. Terri Housley, professor of psychology, will facilitate a discussion following each short film.

Forensic Investigator Pricilla Doyle will present “Critical Thinking: Tackling Challenges in Forensic Science” on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 12:30 p.m. The presentation is part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series and will be live on the Thomas Edison Campus in AA-177 and available via Polycom on Collier M-201, Charlotte O-117, and H/G A-114.

The Black Maria Film Festival celebrates the creative vision of contemporary independent directors by showcasing an eclectic variety of bold short films. FSW will host a Black Maria Film Festival event on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm in the Rush Auditorium, Building J, Room 103. The event is free for FSW students with a Buc Card. Tickets are $5 for FSW faculty and staff and $10 for general admission.

The Office of Sponsored Programs will host its second Research Lecture Day, Wednesday, Oct. 17 on the Thomas Edison Campus. Dr. Michael Sauer will present “Variability in Dissolved Organic Matter in San Carlos Bay and Its Impact on Microbial Respiration and Measurements of Microalgal Chlorophyll” at 10:15 a.m. FSW students, faculty, and staff will showcase their research in a poster session at 11:30 a.m. in the J Building lobby. Adrian Kerr will present “Egyptian Pyramids: Fact Versus Fiction” at 12:45 p.m. in J-103.

Kim Hilton, professor of Chemistry, will present “Making Chemistry-198.5 Degrees of Cool” on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 2:00 p.m. Professor Hilton will lead the lecture from the Collier Campus in M-201. The lecture will be available via Polycom on the Thomas Edison Campus (Lee) AA-177, Charlotte O-117, and H/G A-114. Dr. Martin McClinton will serve as the site host on the Thomas Edison Campus for lab activities.
The School of Education will host Family Math Night on Thursday, Oct. 18, 5:45 – 7:30 pm, in Building U Room 102. Family Math Night is a free, family-oriented event for students pre-kindergarten to fifth grade featuring fun math games created by teacher candidates.

Dr. Joseph van Gaalen will present “Cutting Edge Science=Magic? (Thanks Arthur)” on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m. The presentation is part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series and will be live on the Thomas Edison Campus in AA-177 and available via Polycom on Collier A-103, Charlotte E-105, and H/G A-106.

The FSW Nursing Program celebrates 50 years of excellence! All program alumni, students, future nursing students, and community partners are invited to join the celebration on Saturday, Oct. 20. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. in Building AA on the Thomas Edison Campus. Activities include food, music, a bounce house, photo booth, and more. A group photo is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. and the event concludes at 3:00 p.m.

Respiratory Care week is Oct. 21-27. On Monday, Oct. 22, students in the Respiratory Care Club will host a table outside the cafeteria on the Thomas Edison Campus in celebration.

Dr. George Harvey is a 26-year Army retired First Sergeant and now supports students through his role as a Student Success Advisor II on the Collier Campus. Dr. Harvey will present “Servant Leadership: Lessons from the Front-Lines” as part of FSW’s Critical Thinking Lecture Series on Monday, Oct. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Harvey will be live from the Thomas Edison Campus in U-102 and available via Polycom on Collier M-201, Charlotte O-117, and H/G A-114.

Richard Keelan of Lee Health will discuss relevant issues in mental health focusing on feelings that many students will experience during their time in college. The presentation will share information, strategies, and resources specifically for college students. “Mental Health Matters” is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 12:30 p.m. The presentation will be live on the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus in AA-177 and available via Polycom on Collier M-201, Charlotte O-117, and H/G A-114.

FSW Writes will host author Alissa Nutting on Monday, Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rush Auditorium on the Thomas Edison Campus. Alissa Nutting is an assistant professor of English at Grinnell College. She is the author of the story collection Unclean Jobs for Women and Girls as well as the novels, Tampa and Made for Love.

Dr. Martin Tawil will present “Top 10 Reasons Why People Fail” on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 11:00 a.m. as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. The presentation will be live on the Thomas Edison Campus and available via Polycom on Collier M-201, Charlotte O-118, and H/G A-114.