



Welcome TO

SOARING Scene

AUGUST 10, 2017

FMTC

FORT MYERS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Upcoming Events

FMTC Informational Meetings
Every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M.

08/15/17

Evening Programs Start

09/04/17

Labor Day (school closed)

09/13/17

School Advisory Council Meeting
7:30 A.M.

09/15/17

Advisory Committee
Breakfast 7:00 A.M.

09/18/17

Constitution Day Celebration
Voter Registration

09/21/17

First Day of Rosh
Hashanah (no school)

10/02/17-10/05/17

Council on Occupational
Education Accreditation Visit

10/06/14

Blood Drive

10/13/17

Student Appreciation Day

10/16/17

Teacher Professional
Duty Day (no school)

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FMTC's Career Development Office

by Michele Witlin



Welcome back to school new and returning students. Just as a reminder, Fort Myers Technical

College's Career Development Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:40 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. At the Career Development Center, services are offered to our current students and alumni who are registered on our website, www.collegecentral.com/fortmyerstech. All that is needed to register with the Career Development Office is your student identification number. This website is your key to access jobs that are advertised with our school. Using the www.collegecentral.com/fortmyerstech website, students are able to access new jobs from any device, including your computer, laptop, smart phone, tablet, or any other mobile device you may have. Just be sure to look for the app on iTunes or the Google Play Store.

FMTC's College Central website is operational

24 hours a day, seven days a week and offers a national job search, national internship search board, and also our school's own employment board. Some of the services offered on this website include articles on how to jumpstart your career, résumé do's and don'ts, cover letter writing, how to dress for success, interview tips, creating that stellar portfolio, and much more. Additionally, students are able to access videos on tricky interview questions, tips for job hunting, and even how to tie a Windsor knot on your necktie! Furthermore, available through this website are podcasts that cover a multitude of topics, a quick and easy resume builder, and it provides the opportunity to see upcoming events throughout our school and even the community.

If you would like an appointment to further discuss your résumé, cover letter, or have a mock interview, please contact Michele Witlin, the Career Specialist, for individual appointments. If you have any questions about Career Development's Service or need help accessing it, please contact Michele Witlin, Career Specialist, at 239-334-4544 ext. 327 or via email michelejew@leeschools.net.



Brian Mangan, FMTC Director; Keryn Benacin, and Chris McElroy, Electricity instructor

May 19, 2017 – **Keryn Benacin**, a recent graduate of the Electricity program, was recognized by Klein Tools as an Outstanding Student. He received a trophy and multimeter from the company. Mr. Benacin is employed as a commercial electrician with B & I Contractors and has recently been working on the Campo Felice building in downtown Fort Myers.



July 2, 2017 – **John Kline** and **Billy & Elin Clemons** donated boats to The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. with the stipulation that when the boats were sold



Michael Esterline, Marine Service Technology instructor; Beverly Burke and Marshall Bower from The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc.

the proceeds would benefit the Marine Service Technology program at FMTC.

The Foundation is a non-profit charitable education foundation which enhances and enriches the quality of public education in Lee County for students and educators. The Foundation's programs, resources, and experiences are made possible through corporate, individual, and educational partnerships. The Foundation is very proud of having generated more than \$30 million dollars through donations to further public education in our Lee County Public Schools over the past 25 years.

Thank you to Mr. Kline, Mr. & Mrs. Clemons, and The Foundation for their support of FMTC programs!



Director's Message

Brian Mangan

It is my pleasure to welcome our new students and staff members, and to welcome back our returning students and staff!

Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC) is off to a great start for the 2017 – 2018 year and we're glad you're here. As you begin, or resume, your post-secondary studies it may occur with one of our new program instructors and staff members:

- Valerie Clark – Admissions Officer
- Scott Farnham – Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair

The most notable change for our start this year is the update in starting dates for a number of our programs. Electronic Technology, Mechatronics Technology, Medical Coder/Biller, Cosmetology, Automotive Service Technology, Electricity, and Major Appliance Repair & Refrigeration Technician all started during the month of July. The rest of our programs started at the traditional time in August. The goal for all of our programs remains the same and consistent with the mission of Fort Myers Technical College which is to provide high quality career and technical training, in order to prepare students for current and

emerging industries, delivered by a professional and caring staff in a positive learning environment. This will keep us focused on fulfilling our vision of all students enrolled in vocational/technical

programs will obtain workforce credentials through certificate programs and, where applicable, industry certification and/or licensure.

There is one major effort that is still in progress, the reaffirmation of our accreditation by the Council on Occupational Education! Our college strives to maintain the highest standards in career and technical education and the Council on Occupational Education (COE) is the internationally recognized leader in accrediting postsecondary colleges and institutions. For over 35 years FMTC has been recognized and accredited by COE. The thorough and demanding yearlong process has reached the homestretch. The process will culminate with a visit by a COE accrediting team during October 2-5, 2017. This exciting and crucial event will allow all of us to demonstrate to our visiting team members what makes Fort Myers Technical College such a special place of higher education.

Please take a few moments to look over this edition of the Soaring Scene. There are many great things going on here at our school, and we want you to know about them.

Have a great year!

Joshua M. L'Heureux Culinary Scholarship

by Debbie Krouse



Joshua L'Heureux loved his job as a line cook at Gulf Harbor Country Club and planned on attending the Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts program at Fort Myers Technical College in the fall of 2016. He had a passion for cooking and wanted to become a chef. Sadly, he never got that opportunity. On March 14, 2016, Joshua, 22, was killed instantly in a motorcycle accident.

Joshua was the cherished son of Janette L'Heureux and Bruce L'Heureux, and beloved brother of Lauren L'Heureux. He also left behind his grandfather, Robert Granzow and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Since his death, his family organized a memorial ride, created a memorial website on



Legacy.com, and has held numerous fundraisers to raise money for the 'Joshua M. L'Heureux Culinary Scholarship.' On June 22nd, Janette L'Heureux presented the first scholarship check to FMTC. This scholarship will help Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts students with tuition, books, or uniforms. Please contact FMTC's Financial Aid office to apply for this scholarship.

For more information about Joshua L'Heureux's life or on how you can donate, please visit: <http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/JoshuaLHeureux/Homepage.aspx>. The L'Heureux family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to continue Joshua's legacy.

Nursing Assistant Graduates

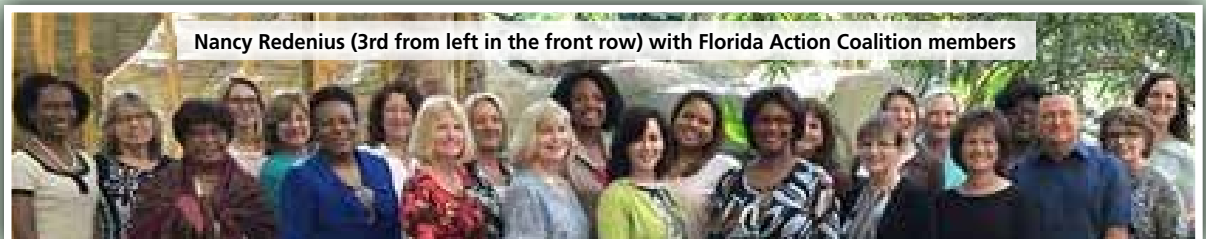
July 5, 2017



Pictured from left to right (seated): Jenna Griffin; Zhante Jackson; Lisa Staron; Gloria Sica Baten. Standing-1st row: Nancy Redenius, Health Science Education Chairperson; Ja'Dajah Thornton, Breanna Thornton; Sophonie Jean; Marilyn Giesel, Nursing Assistant instructor; Claudia Natali Sarayasi Suarez de Suiter; Santa Sica Baten; Veronica Pedro. Standing-back row: Brian Mangan, FMTC Director; David Sosa; Andres Avalos; Laudge Joseph.



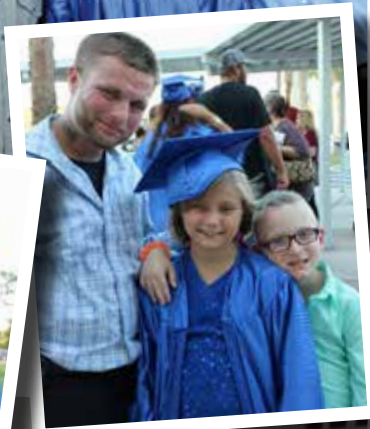
July 6, 2017 – Congratulations to FMTC's latest Practical Nursing graduates – Karyn Williams, Regina Roth, and Necole Marquez. Best Wishes in your new career!



Nancy Redenius (3rd from left in the front row) with Florida Action Coalition members

Nancy Redenius, MSN, has served on the Florida Action Coalition since it was formed in 2011. The Coalition aims to provide leadership in advancing the nursing profession so that Floridians can access safe, high quality health care. Mrs. Redenius is also FMTC's Department Chair for Health Science Education.

Congratulations
CLASS of 2017



DAY PROGRAMS

- Administrative Office Specialist
- Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology
- Applied Cybersecurity
- Automotive Collision Technology Technician
- Automotive Service Technology (A.S.E.-Based Technician)
- Carpentry
- Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts
- Correctional Officer
- Cosmetology
- Crossover Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Officer
- Crossover Law Enforcement Officer to Correctional Officer
- Early Childhood Education
- Electricity
- Electronic Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician-ATD
- Fire Fighter
- Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician-Combined
- Florida Law Enforcement Officer
- IV Therapy
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician
- Marine Service Technologies
- Mechatronics Technology
- Medical Administrative Specialist
- Medical Coder/ Biller (online)
- .NET Application Development & Programming
- Nursing Assistant-Articulated
- Nursing Assistant-Long-term Care
- Plumbing Technology
- Technology Support Services
- Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection and Repair
- Web Application Development & Programming
- Welding Technology

For registration information call (239) 334-4544

The School District of Lee County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, marital status, pregnancy, or genetic information in its educational programs, services or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices. The district also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boys Scout of America Equal Access Act. Questions, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to: Sandy Shimp, Equity Coordinator, Fort Myers Technical College, 3800 Michigan Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33916, (Voice/TDD): (239) 334-4544, SandraLSH@leeschools.net.

Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation. The district may assess each student's ability to benefit from specific programs through placement tests and counseling, and, if necessary, will provide services or referrals to better prepare students for successful participation.

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Why you should
FILL OUT THE FAFSA
by Sandy Shimp
Financial Aid Officer



Are you eligible for free grant money for your education? Up to \$5,920?

Have you completed the application at www.FAFSA.ed.gov? Use our school code: 007558

You can still apply, and if eligible, obtain funds retroactively to the start of school.

The financial aid office is available to assist with any questions you may have. Please stop by.



Congratulations to **Judy Smith**, instructor of the online Medical Coder/Biller program, on achieving Fellow designation with the American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC). Ms. Smith has over 15 years of experience as a medical coder/biller and also holds the following certifications: Certified Professional Coder (CPC), Certified Professional Biller (CPB), Certified Professional Medical Auditor (CPMA), Certified Professional Coder-Instructor (CPC-I), and Certified Emergency Department Coder (CEDC). These certifications are proof of Ms. Smith's dedication to the ethical standards of AAPC, achievements throughout her career, and reputation among her peers.

Please email JudyLS@leeschools.net if you are interested in pursuing a career as a medical coder/biller.

THE / COOL CAREER

May 15, 2017 – Thanks to the hard work of the Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology students, the students in Plumbing Technology and

Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician programs will learn their trades in cool labs this year. Mr. Patrick Stott, one of FMTC's Air-Conditioning instructors, worked with his students to size the ductwork and determine the load calculations for new air-conditioning systems in the two labs. The students installed two 5-ton Rheem units, cut the duct board and made it into the supply air distribution system, and ran all the necessary refrigerant piping. When the installation was completed, they did a complete startup on the units to make sure they were performing properly.



Standing from left to right: Rafael Calderon; Preston Eells; Patrick Stott, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology instructor; Paul Schrack; Xavier Santiago; Jason Costello; and Luis Castro. Standing on the lift: Ethan Garcia and Joshua Wolfe.