



# Lake-Sumter Community College

# Sundial



## Governor Visits LSCC...

Governor Jeb Bush selected Lake-Sumter Community College as the site of his most recent visit with FACC's Council of Presidents. The governor, Chancellor of Community Colleges David Armstrong (*left*) and twenty community college presidents gathered in the Magnolia Room for the Council's Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting on September 29th. The governor graciously spent time speaking with SGA officers (*far left*), Diplomats and Ambassadors prior to the meeting. Upon his exit, he did so again with members of the College's new Young Republicans chapter, including club advisor Bret Taylor (*left*).



Area press, from as far as St. Petersburg and Daytona Beach, questioned the governor and Dr. Charles Mojock (*far left*) about the meeting's agenda. The main topic, of course, was that of the need for state funding to keep up with college enrollment increases. See "From the President," on the back page, for Dr. Mojock's comments on the event.



## 2003 LIVING LEADERSHIP™

LSCC's Business Assistance Center and Corporate Training Office are hosting a dynamic *live* televised conference titled "The Power of Executing Greatness," on the Sumter Campus, Wednesday, November 5th, from 10 am until 5:30 pm. Speakers include: Rudy Giuliani (*above*), Magic Johnson and four of the country's best-selling authors on management and leadership. Cost is \$100. Call #3634.

## September 11th Commemoration & Remembrance

Theme: Finding Hope in Our Future



The Student Activities Office once again organized its moving September 11th Commemoration and Remembrance Ceremony on the Leesburg Campus. Dr. Charles Mojock (*above*) and S.A. Coordinator Heather Elmati (*left, clockwise, from top left*) opened the program. Bret Taylor initiated a moment of silence, observed on all LSCC campuses, while Dave Summer lead the group in prayer. This year's Challenge was presented by Scott Perkins. Leesburg Campus Vice President Krystal Bedard and President Jessica Osborne added a commemorative plaque to the collection of inspirational art on the SGA 9-11 Wall in the Student Center. Both also participated in the program.



## Lady Lakers Going To State Tourney!

For the third year in a row, LSCC will be represented at the Mid-Florida Conference State Volleyball Tournament. This year's event will be held at Brevard's Titusville Campus, Oct.30 (Lakers play at 11am)-Nov.1. Only four teams from each district qualify to compete. The ladies have a 18-8 record, with two away-games left in the season. LSCC is hosting the Chick-fil-A Tournament, Oct. 17 and 18. Lakers play Fri., at 3 and 7 pm, and Sat., at 1 and 5 pm.



## We Wish You Well, Cathy and Sue...

Dear Friends,

In June, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I was very upset because we had just moved to this area a year ago and my entire support system and friends were in Volusia County, or so I thought. I was not sure how my family and I would make it through this difficult time alone. I could not have been more wrong.

I am now half way through my chemo therapy and have found strength and support through my new family at LSCC. You have made a difficult time for us a blessing in disguise. I have received so many cards, gifts and prayers that I do not know how to thank all of you.

When we made the decision to explore a new job and a new home, I had no idea that we would also receive such blessings. I know it seems odd to think about these last few months as such, but I do. Sometimes the Lord gives us difficulties so that we can rise above them and see the good things that surround us. Things that we might not have noticed otherwise. I consider you, my new found friends and family of LSCC, as the highlight of those months. I will finish my chemo in December, and begin seven weeks of radiation therapy in the spring. I want to ask you for your continued prayers and good wishes, as well as thank you again for all you have done to turn a difficult time into a time of blessing.

Your love and kindness will keep you always in my thoughts and prayers,

Cathy Mojock

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



The faculty presented Dr. Mojock a beautiful handmade Comfort Quilt on October 3rd, as a gift to his wife Cathy (right) who is currently undergoing cancer treatments.

Created by Dr. Mary Huffer, the quilt carried personal message cards from the LSCC family. The letter (left) is Cathy's heartfelt response to the thoughtful gift.



Kathy Dawson thought it would be a nice idea to put out an email saying that if any one would like to send a get-well gift to Sue Exum (right), she would be glad to collect them for a little LSCC basket to take to her. Well...Kathy said that gifts such as movies, CD's, books, food, games and cards filled three boxes. Sue, LSCC's coordinator of employee



benefits, is also enduring cancer treatment and surgery. She sent out an email to "everyone," on October 7th, thanking all for their thoughtfulness, as well as explaining her medical treatments. If anyone missed it, call Pat at ext. #3526 and it will be forwarded to you. Kathy said she's taking the boxes to Sue one at a time to spread out the goodies. Sue can be reached through our regular email system at exums@lsc.edu.



### Annual Scholarship Campaign

The Foundation kicked off its annual fundraising campaign with a western barbecue for its members. Will Pruitt (at the podium) is Chairman of the Lake County School Readiness Coalition, in addition to being an LSCC Trustee. He and Kim Webb (far left) presented the College a \$10,000 check. Executive Director Rosanne Brandenburg (above, l-r), Foundation Board Vice President Max Dajnowicz and President Tim Morris are also pictured. The campaign is off to a great start with almost \$40,000 raised already. With a goal of \$150,000, it runs through December. Rosanne thanks those who have already made their donation. Payroll deduction is also available starting January.



### The Athletic Golf Invitational

was held on Sept. 26th at Harbor Hills Golf & Country Club. The golfers were treated to golf, box lunch, golf shirt, goodie bag and dinner from Outback Steak House. Special thank you to the sponsors: Coca Cola, Colonial Bank, Sprint, First Federal and Outback, and to the Double Play Sponsors: Custom Cable, Follett, LRMC, Shumacker Johnston & Ross, CPA; Siemens, Starlight Ballroom & Dance, Wachovia and Wilson, Wilson & Co. The tournament was sold out, with 144 players. Kathy Dawson (above, l-r) and Mariah Delgado, and Sue Fagan and Claudia Covil were some of the hard workers.

## FOUNDATION

### United Way Day of Caring

About 150 people turned out for the Sept. 27th Kick-Off Breakfast in the LSCC gym before going to the United Way agencies to help with various projects. LSCC's team included (below, l-r): Pat Landsman, Terry Longordo, Rosanne Brandenburg, Dick Scott, Rhonda Smith, Dr. Charles Mojock and Dr. Cathy Barrows, who helped with projects at the CITE Lighthouse agency.



**Belk Charity Day** The Foundation is participating in the Belk Charity Day on Saturday, November 1st, at the Lake Square Mall. For a \$5 donation you'll receive a coupon for 20% off on this day. From 7-10 am, you will receive an additional \$5 off your purchase of \$25 or more. The Foundation gets to keep the \$5, which will be used for scholarships. Call ext. #3506.



**First Annual Tennis Tournament** You're invited to participate in the Foundation's first Ladies' Doubles and Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament on Saturday, November 1st, on LSCC's courts. You don't have to be a tennis expert to come out and have a good time. Cost is \$25 before October 20 and \$30 after. Proceeds will go to the Mary Kay Geiger Leware Nursing Scholarship. Space is limited to 16 women and 16 men players, so call ext. #3518.





Lakers Cove's new management, VIP Foods, has already earned a reputation for great food at reasonable prices. Owner Verdia Jackson (or Vip, as most call her) started VIP Foods catering

five years ago. The menu includes a wide selection of breakfast and lunch items, as well as hot lunch specials. Hours are: Mondays through Thursdays, 7 am-3:30 pm and Fridays, 7 am-2 pm. Menus are posted on: [admin-campusnet/vipfoods.htm](http://admin-campusnet/vipfoods.htm). VIP's Bob Montgomery (above, l-r) helped customers Joan Knost, Dick Scott and Dr. Wes Estey to some great ribs.



The FACC Green Team, which included Brandy Ziesemer and Patti

Weasel, spruced up the chapter's Leesburg Campus garden spot... just in time for the governor's visit.

Don't forget that the October 29-31 Annual FACC Convention has moved to the Airport Hyatt.



Kelli Colborne (right) shared her expertise with fellow employees (above) during the September 17th Banner seminar. It was just part of two-day's worth of informative Staff Development programs.



Continuing Education hosted an Open House on September 22nd for the South

Lake Campus' new **Adult Learning Institute**. Director of Corporate & Community Services Jim Thigpen (left) and Continuing Education Manager Cathy Meléndez (lower

left) described the variety of afternoon and early evening programs offered. All instructors

Irlana Sam-sara (far upper left, l-r), Cindy Semenik, Nikki Morrell and Coordinator of Corporate Training Lucy Torman were on hand to answer questions from guests.



It was a capacity crowd in both the auditorium and the gym for LSCC's annual College Night on September 29th. Tabitha Richards (right, l-r) and Nancie Bourne answered all types of registration questions, while David Sankies shared financial aid information. Co-chairmen Heather El-matti and Steve Benson organized a very successful event.



On September 12th, Dr. Gary Sligh (left), representing the Faculty Senate, presented its first "Exemplary Service Award" to the entire Advising Department. The faculty plans on making this a monthly presentation, in gratitude for services provided by LSCC staff. There had to be more than enough cookie for Nancie Bourne (left, l-r), Raelynn Poole, Dr. Sherie Lindamood, Carolyn Fonville and Scott Pennington to enjoy.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS...

*The Central Florida Youth Orchestra*

**Fall Festival of Music**

**Saturday, October 25, 7 pm**

An eclectic selection of music to please the whole family. Featuring local musicians and vocalists, and members of The Orchestra's three performing groups. Fine Arts Center Aud. \$5. Call #3651.

*Concert in the Quad*

**Ezekiel's Eye**

**Wednesday, Oct. 28, 11 am-1 pm**

Soft rock music and refreshments. In front of Leesburg Campus Library.

*Performing Arts Series*

**Red, Hot & Blue**

**Sunday, November 2, 2 pm**

**Monday, November 3, 7:30 pm**

A song and dance revue highlighting music of the 20's-60's.

Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Call #3506.





## IT'S AN FACC HALLOWEEN...

**COSTUME Contest**  
**PUMPKIN CARVING**  
**Contest**

**PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA!**

**Monday, October 27th**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Board Room, SSB, Leesburg**

## Welcome New Faculty & Staff!

**Delrita Guzman**  
Coordinator  
Upward Bound



**Robert Rigdon**  
Maintenance  
Service Worker II



**Dr. Wes Estey** and his wife **Dora Mae** hosted a welcome reception on September 12th for new faculty members (l-r): **Dr. Ketí Venovski** - microbiology/anatomy/physiology, **Dr. Gregory DeSantis** - physics/math, **Ned Schmidt** - economics, **Kirk Bradley** - math, **Jennifer Simba** - English, and **Della Honeycutt** - nursing.



### From the President...

September was a record-setting month for LSCC. We started the month with the announcement that our partnership with G&T Conveyor and the Metro Orlando EDC resulted in our first State of Florida Quick Response Training grant. Our application on behalf of G & T was approved for \$280,031. This is the largest such grant to a Lake County firm ever awarded. LSCC will be partnering with Rollins College and Lake Tech Center to provide employee training to support the company's planned expansion to 500 plus employees. G & T is a home-grown company, headed by John Majewski. It is the only US firm manufacturing equipment for airport luggage handling and screening. They provide good paying skilled jobs, as well as a number of opportunities for engineers, managers and computer software professionals. LSCC is proud of its role in this training effort because it will increase the availability of good jobs for our students, enhance the economic vitality of our community and expand our tax base. If you've seen a large new building going up on CR448 near CR561 in Tavares, that's G & T's new home.

We ended the month with an historic event as Governor Jeb Bush made his first visit to our college. The governor was here to meet with the Florida Association of Community Colleges Policy and Advocacy Committee, which is comprised of the presidents from the "Great 28" community colleges. Governor Bush and Florida's Chancellor of Community Colleges David Armstrong

have made a commitment to meet with us several times a year to discuss our issues and concerns. "Unlike other higher education institutions, community colleges' open-door policy allows anyone wanting an education to have that opportunity," said Governor Bush. "That's a great thing, and it's important that these colleges find the support they need." The presidents thanked the governor for his support, but warned that the continuous inadequately-funded growth over the past three years was placing our open-door mission in jeopardy. Most of the presidents reported having students who were not able find seats in the classes they needed, and some 35,000 students statewide were turned away. Here at LSCC, we estimate that about 300 students were not able to register for classes. The governor responded that community colleges would move toward the "front of the line" in his budget priorities. Unfortunately, the governor did not have time to meet with the campus community. However, LSCC student leaders were able to speak with the governor prior to the start of the FACC meeting. I was impressed with the governor's comfort with the students, who were quite impressive themselves. When the governor asked them about their future plans, they were most articulate about their educational and career goals. I want to commend all our staff, especially facilities, security, college relations and the president's office for their hard work and preparation. Everything went smoothly and all of the presidents commented on the hospitality. I believe LSCC came out of this looking like the great community college it is.

The community food bank's shelves are bare. Time for the LSCC family to once again jump into action! FACC, SGA and Diplomats have donation drop-off boxes set up throughout the campuses.

For locations, call #3613 or #3650.



**FOOD DRIVE**  
through Nov. 14th



Congratulations to **Becky Fudge**, Sumter Campus senior staff assistant. She and her husband Freddie welcomed 5 lb., 3 oz. Leland Edward Fudge to the world on October 8th.

District Board of Trustees Chairman **Jon Simpson** is now a first-time grandfather thanks to the arrival of Brianna Danae Simpson, born on August 11th.

The **Central Florida Blood Bank** will be on the Leesburg Campus, Wednesday, October 22nd, from 9 am until 3 pm. Sign up sheet is located at the Advising desk.



**State Senator Ken Pruitt** (District 28, R) will visit LSCC on Monday, October 27th, as part of his fact-finding mission to all community colleges. Representatives from the faculty, staff and student body will meet with the senator between 8:30 and 10 am, in the Mag-nolia Room. Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Pruitt is Alternating Chairman of the Legislative Budget Committee, as well as a member of the Communications & Public Utilities, Education, Regulated Industries, and Rules & Calendar committees.