



FMTc

FORT MYERS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

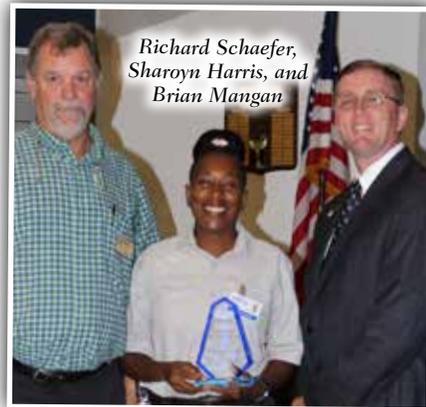


May 4, 2018—

Sharoyñ Harris, a student in the Carpentry program, was named FMTc's Student of the Year. A Fort Myers native, Ms. Harris grew

up just five blocks from FMTc. She graduated from North Fort Myers High School where she still holds the 800 meter track record. While attending Florida A & M University, she participated in the ROTC program and upon graduation was commissioned in the United States Army Nursing Corps where she served our country for 24 years. Upon retirement, she returned to Fort Myers and purchased a home. Ms. Harris has two Master's degrees and is a registered nurse. Mr. Richard Schaefer, Carpentry instructor, asked her "Why Carpentry?"; she said she had traveled with her church, volunteering for mission work in Africa and Panama, and after watching other volunteers build in the communities she made the commitment to learn carpentry skills. Soon after she started the Carpentry program, Hurricane Irma severely damaged her home making it uninhabitable. With a leap of faith, Ms. Harris decided she would rebuild her home as an 'owner-builder,' acting as her own contractor. To gain additional knowledge of the construction industry, Ms. Harris works part-time at Home Depot. "In the classroom, Sharoyñ's leadership skills were immediately evident," said Mr. Schaefer. "Sharoyñ's dedication to her new educational path, her resolve to rebuild her

home and her creativity with projects has been inspirational to me and each member of the Carpentry program." Ms. Harris' plans for the future include mission work (this time in the capacity of a carpenter); she plans to enroll in both the Electricity and Plumbing programs at FMTc, and ultimately she plans to pursue a doctorate degree and teach nursing at the university level. Mr. Schaefer said, "Whatever



Richard Schaefer, Sharoyñ Harris, and Brian Mangan

her future holds, I have no doubt she will succeed and positively impact those around her."

UPCOMING EVENTS

FMTc INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS
Every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M.
AND Thursday at 1 P.M.

05/17/18

FMTc Graduation Ceremony
Fort Myers High School, 6 p.m.

05/28/18

Memorial Day
(school closed)

05/30/18

Last Day of School
(most programs)

Fort Myers Technical College
3800 Michigan Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33916
(239) 334-4544
Fax: (239) 332-4839
www.FortMyersTech.edu

Soaring Scene is a free quarterly newsletter of FMTc

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 7 (Chairman)
Pamela H. LaRiviere, District 5 (Vice Chairman)
Mary Fischer, District 1
Melisa W. Giovannelli, District 2
Chris N. Patricca, District 3
Steven K. Teuber, District 4
Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, District 6
Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent
www.leeschools.net

Find us on Facebook

Students Win at State Competition

FMTc students won two medals at the Florida SkillsUSA competition held in Pensacola on April 29th through May 1st. Congratulations to **James Corey**, Gold medal winner in Electronics Technology and **Jacob Burns**, Silver medal winner in Carpentry. Also competing at the state competition was David Hornby, Jon Story, and Francisco Coffigny. Over 1,500 students enrolled in secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs at technical colleges and high schools located throughout the state participated in the annual event. SkillsUSA is a nationwide career and technical education student organization serving more than 300,000 high school, college and postsecondary students—and their instructors—in technical, skilled, and service occupation instructional programs. The contests are planned by technical committees made up of national experts from labor and management; they are designed to test the skills needed for a successful entry-level performance in given occupational fields.



Pictured from left to right: David Hornby, Jacob Burns, Todd Robarge, Francisco Coffigny, James Cory, and Jon Story

Director's Message

BRIAN MANGAN



The approach of summer typically signifies the end of a school year. However, at Fort Myers Technical College the changes that were enacted at the beginning of the 2017–2018 school year will be seen this summer. While some programs will go on summer hiatus at the end of May many others will run into June and others will continue through the summer. Looking forward we will have programs starting in early July, mid-July and early August. In short there will be continuous operations occurring at Fort Myers Technical College while many educational institutions go on summer break. We want to strive to educate, train, certify/license, and place students as soon as possible – “A Career in a Year.” Fort Myers Technical College seeks to achieve its mission on a daily basis:

The mission of Fort Myers Technical College 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.

A recent review of the top careers in the Southwest Florida region reveals that Fort Myers Technical College prepares students for thirty eight percent of the top 50 careers with another forty-four percent that requires credentials that are beyond what we are authorized to grant. The remaining eighteen percent are possible careers Fort Myers Technical College could possibly offer in the future. Fort Myers Technical College is offering a brand new Medical Assisting program and a Biomedical Equipment Repair Technology program. While we are carefully reviewing the needs of the community we serve and making changes, we are still committed to keeping our current programs as strong and responsive to industry as possible.

The 2017–2018 school year has been a watershed year for Fort Myers Technical College. The Council on Occupational Education reaffirmed our accreditation for another six years, multiple renovations and program upgrades were completed, our enrollment was up thanks in large part to our partnership with FutureMakers (<http://www.futuremakerscoalition.com>), and once again Fort Myers Technical College students competed and earned medals at regional – state – national competitions for SkillsUSA and HOSA. Looking to the 2018 – 2019 school year we will be part of the School District of Lee County reaffirmation of accreditation with AdvancedEd, undertaking more campus and program projects and finding ways that will allow us to continuously improve.

Nursing Assistant Graduates – April 6, 2018



(l-r) Zulema Dominguez Giron; Brian Mangan, FMTC Director; Z'kyria Walker; Marilyn Giesel, Nursing Assistant instructor; Trenicia Carswell; Marie Blanc; and Lauren Voloviek

CollegeCentral.com/
FortMyersTech



A Day in the Field

by David Wahl

On Friday, April 27th, students from the Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Technology program enjoyed a day as guests of the Lee County Port Authority, Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW), and Micro Control Systems. The tour of the airport was led by John Spence, a maintenance supervisor at RSW and assisted by FMTC alumnus Carl Morris. While visiting the airport, students were shown the operation of the three 1,200 British Thermal Units per hour (BTUH) centrifugal chillers, the direct digital control system (DDC) that controls the comfort conditions in the terminal, and some of the air handling equipment inside the terminal.

At Micro Control Systems, Bret Lai, an application engineer at Micro Controls and FMTC alumnus, welcomed the students to the Micro Controls facility. The students were shown a presentation on the company's history and products and toured

National Technical Honor Society Induction



Jason Dale Caangay; Sharoyn Harris; Arron Wakeman, NTHS Sponsor

Jason Dale Caangay and Sharoyn Harris, both students in the Carpentry program, were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on April 13th. To become a member, students had to exhibit scholarship, character, and community service. These students maintained an 'A' average, were recommended by his/her teacher, and had at least six hours of documented community service within the past year.

the production facility, technical support center (which currently employs FMTC alums Jeff Thelen who is tech support manager, Dan Chapman, Aaron Negron, Michael Frazier, Dan Bonessi, and current student Zane Irizarry), and somewhat unique reverse-cycle chiller that not only cools the building but heats the building as well. Micro Controls manufactures direct digital control systems that command the functions of commercial chilled water equipment and has a global customer base which sometimes requires employees to travel to locations around the world.



John Spence, Maintenance Supervisor at RSW, speaks to the Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology students.

CONGRATULATIONS

STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

In May, **Jonathan Bartlow** will have completed three programs at FMTC. In 2014, he completed the Accounting Operations program (when he was also nominated for "Student of the Year"). Along the way, he earned Microsoft Office Specialist certifications in Excel and Word and Intuit QuickBooks ProAdvisor.



This year he is graduating from both the .Net Application Development and Programming and Web Application Development and Programming programs. "Jon has volunteered on countless client projects," says Dr. Dante Ciolfi instructor of both programs. "Furthermore, he has excelled and worked effectively in both a leadership and member role on these client projects." Mr. Bartlow volunteered to help the instructor and took the time to explain difficult concepts to his classmates.

Stuart Bledsoe is "the kind of student you dream of" says Scott Farnham, his Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair instructor. Mr. Bledsoe is a United States Army

veteran who served his country for six years. "As an employer, this would be the kind of employee you would want to clone," says Mr. Farnham. "He is smart, talented, driven, engaging, a natural leader, and is well liked and respected by his peers."



Mr. Bledsoe completed the required certifications in his program – NCCER Core, Power Generation Maintenance Level 1 & 2 and is completing Level 3 which is optional.

This is the 2nd year in a row that **Glen Button** has been nominated by an instructor for "Student of the Year." Mr. Button retired from the Coast Guard in 2007. He believes it is never too late to go back to school. Mr. Button completed the Major Appliance and Refrigeration Repair program in 2017 and started the Electricity program in July 2017. Mr. Chris McElroy, the Electricity



instructor, nominated Mr. Button because of "his dedication to succeed in all he does." "He takes the time to help other students that may be struggling with more difficult material and is a role model to all the students." Mr. Button was the recipient of the Vietnam Brotherhood Scholarship, maintained a 99% GPA, and was the lead electrician on numerous campus projects.

Cassie Cayous is the first female student to pass all eight of the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) exams required to become a Certified Master Technician before she graduated from the Automotive Service Technology program. "Cassie loves to learn about cars and is not afraid of a challenge on a difficult vehicle," says Mr. Monte Hamsher, one of her



instructors in the program. While in the program, she performed after-market modifications on two trucks by lifting the vehicles 6" to modify the suspension and steering. She also competed in the regional SkillsUSA competition and won a bronze medal in automotive service technology. Ms. Cayous and her father, Ed Cayous, both attended the Automotive Service Technician program at the same time and completed the two-year program earlier this year. Ms. Cayous is employed full-time as a service technician at Performance Motorwerx and will speak at FMTC's graduation ceremony.

Galaxia "Gabby" Eizaga, a student in the part-time Practical Nursing program "never gives up" according to her instructor, Mrs. Denise Patak. She was a young mother in Venezuela when her husband lost his battle with leukemia. At the age of 27, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer while pregnant with her



May 2, 2018— Students in Mr. Chris McElroy's Electricity program

installed temporary electric on a site near FMTC's campus. The students learned about the permitting process, installed underground lines, wired a well, connected lights and an irrigation system, and installed a convenience outlet.

second child. After delivering her son, she began treatment. During this time her son contracted meningitis which left him with some disabilities.



Ms. Eizaga first started the Practical Nursing program in 2011 but had to drop out for personal reasons. While attending the program, she has been working part-time in a dialysis unit and cares for her husband who is on dialysis. The rest of her time is spent studying. Ms. Eizaga will complete the two-year program this October.

Mirela Muresan was a client at FMTC's Salon & Spa when she expressed an interest in becoming a stylist to Mrs. Janice Fischer, Cosmetology instructor. A Romanian immigrant, she was concerned her difficulty speaking English would prevent her from succeeding in school. With some encouragement and assurance from Mrs. Fischer that she and Mrs. Phyllis Hunter would help her achieve her goal, she enrolled in the program.

"Mirela pays close attention to details and makes sure that her daily work is not only accurate, but also meticulously neat and of the utmost quality," says Mrs. Fischer. "She excels in her academics and I am especially impressed with her Cosmetology skills."



FINANCIAL WELLNESS



Fiona Markovich, Vice President, Financial Wellness, at Regions bank and her associates have been giving presentations to FMTC students this past month on setting financial goals. The Financial Wellness sessions have been focused toward students who will soon be graduating and entering the job market. Topics included: Wise Use of Credit, Comparing Multiple Job Offers, Benefit Packages, and Understanding Pay Stubs. Ms. Markovich emphasized how important it is to start saving for retirement as soon as you start working and encouraged the students to take advantage of 401K and other saving plans offered by employers. For more information on how to set financial goals, visit Regions Next Step website: www.regions.com/promo/next-step.



Lance Goerndt and Fiona Markovich

DAY PROGRAMS

- Administrative Office Specialist
- Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology
- Automotive Collision Technology Technician
- Automotive Service Technology (A.S.E.-Based Technician)
- NEW ■ Biomedical Equipment Repair Technology
- 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
- NEW ■ Medical Assisting
- Medical Coder/ Biller (online)
- .NET Application Development & Programming
- Nursing Assistant-Articulated
- Nursing Assistant-Long-term Care
- Plumbing Technology
- 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: Equity Coordinator, Fort Myers Technical College, 3800 Michigan Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33916, (Voice/TDD): (239) 334-4544.

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.

MISSION: The mission of Fort Myers Technical College 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.

VISION: All students enrolled in vocational/technical programs will obtain workforce credentials through certificate programs and, where applicable, industry certification and/or licensure.

HOSA

State Competition



Sheri St. Clair, Shardazia Williams, DerShay Brown, and Metuschelah Petit-Frere

April 6, 2018—Four Health Science Education students competed at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state competition held at Gaylord Palms Convention Center in Orlando April 5-8, 2018. DerShay Brown won 2nd place in Extemporaneous Poster and Sheri St. Clair placed 4th in Medical Terminology.

Ms. Brown is eligible to compete at the International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, June 27-30, 2018.

HOSA is a student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.



April 6, 2018 - Congratulations to all seventeen students enrolled in the Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts program for achieving ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification. The students attended eight hours of training presented by Linda Furrie from Culinary Enrichments LLC. The students then had to pass a 3-hour exam to receive the nationally recognized and accredited certification. Restaurants in Florida are required to have at least one certified manager per facility.

While attending the 1,200-hour Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts program, students learn all aspects of the culinary world, including sanitation, inventory calculation, ordering, menu planning, and food preparation in a state-of-the-art kitchen.



Jack White; Ethan Aiosa; Jerry Rookard; Jerquanda Major; Dylan Hughes; Deshawn Williams; Marc-Ben Pierre; Chef Joe Mastrangelo; Cameron Stanfield; Djennie Amisial; Kerry Deliscar; Sarah Cain; Ajay Freeman; Marie Berthie Cherubin; & Chef Jim Wakeman. Not pictured Matthew Martin & Esther Carey

SPRING CAREER FAIR

The Spring 2018 Career Fair at FMTC, held on Friday, April 27th, was the largest career event hosted by the school to date.

Over 50 employers were in attendance, and they represented a wide range of both local and national companies. They were recruiting students for full-time work, part-time work, and internship opportunities. A few local colleges and military personnel were also in attendance to give soon to be grads a few extra options as well. Some recruiters were FMTC alumni, who returned to campus to interview the next generation of talent.

Valerie Clark (Career Services) said, "I am thrilled with the employer participation in our event as well as with the students and alumni who attended the fair. Many students had resumés to hand out and employers feedback was extremely positive. About a dozen interviews and job offers have already taken place (only a week after the event) that stem directly from the fair with many more on the horizon. We are excited to be able to work collectively with so many great companies in an effort to provide students with employment while meeting the needs of both local and national companies."



Completers of the program are employed in restaurants throughout southwest Florida and some have gone on to open their own restaurants.