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Two out of Tallahassee chosen for DCF foster care council

In the first step of a proposed overhaul of the state program that helps young adults leaving foster care, Department of Children and Families Secretary David Wilkins appointed 12 new members to the state's Independent Living Services Advisory Council.

Among the 12 are Bob Garner, an adjunct professor with Florida State University, [Tallahassee Community College](#), and Flagler and Ernst Pirrelous, a Florida State University Student.

The reassembled panel and a new director of Independent Living services will help redesign this program to improve outcomes for youth in foster care and young adults who have aged out of the foster care system. Cyndee Odom, former Director of the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, will be leading this vital initiative.

"We recently surveyed these youth and young adults to better understand their lives, determine where the gaps in services are and ask their advice on how to improve the program," Secretary Wilkins said. "Our youth in foster care and those who have aged out deserve the same opportunities we expect for our own children -- to have a chance to grow up healthy, get a job and be successful adults."

In addition to these improvements, the Department also plans to ask for Legislative changes to require mentors for these youth, increase their employment prospects and provide more accountability for the program's spending.

Since 2007, expenditures for the Independent Living program grew by more than 70 percent. However, positive outcomes did not increase that dramatically. Currently, about 6,000 youth and young adults statewide are receiving Independent Living services, including specialized case management, life skills courses, budgeting, employment assistance, mentoring and financial assistance. Survey results published today show many successes for children in foster care and those who have aged out, but there are many challenges as well.

More than 1,700 children aged 13-17 currently in care participated in the survey. Out of that number,

- 87 percent are receiving the dental care they need
- 73 percent have access to the internet at home
- 63 percent have a plan to participate in normal activities with friends

- 47 percent had changed schools at least once that year
- 28 percent have been arrested in the past year.
- Only 12 percent have a learner's or driver's permit

More than 1,800 young adults aged 18-22 who aged out of foster care completed the survey. Out of that number,

- 70 percent have a bank account
- 80 percent had appropriate access to medical and dental care
- 40 percent had ever been arrested
- 47 percent were parents
- 28 percent report being homeless at some point in their lives
- Only 4 percent had a full-time job

To see the survey presentation, or detailed results by area, please go to www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/independent-living

The new members of the Independent Living Services Advisory Council are appointed to serve a two-year term beginning August 10, 2012.

The Council's first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2-4 p.m. at the DCF Headquarters, Secretary's Conference Room, 1317 Winewood Blvd., Building 1, Tallahassee.

College students return from teaching in Taiwan

Jeanne O'Kon

While most students love going on field trips, they don't usually get to take one halfway around the globe.

Six college students recently returned from the field trip of a lifetime. For the entire month of July, they traveled to the other side of the world to be part of **Tallahassee Community College's** Sister School program in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Frank Vasconcelos, Danielle Hess, Riley Lockard, David McCulley, Diandra Masuda and Josi Markel traveled with Dr. Jeanne O'Kon, director of the Taiwan Sister School program and a long-serving member of the **TCC** faculty. All of the students are enrolled at either **TCC** or Flagler College-Tallahassee, located on **TCC's** main campus.

TCC has directed a Summer English Program for Taiwanese students attending San Sin High School of Commerce and Home Economics since 1993. The American students traveled to Taiwan on June 28. They prepared their own four-week teaching curriculum months in advance. Their four lesson topics included American Culture, International Travel, Careers and Professionalism, and Movies and Entertainment. The American student teachers learned as much about Taiwanese culture as their students learned about English. The student teachers also learned about the kindness and generosity of the Taiwanese people!

Housing is provided for the American student teachers with government-approved Taiwanese host families during their stay. They were also given many opportunities to experience the island and its culture first hand, visiting local temples, shopping in outdoor markets, attending yoga classes, and partaking in traditional tea ceremonies. In addition to receiving classroom instruction in English, the San Sin High School students practiced their oral communication skills while escorting their American teachers to after-school activities. The Taiwanese students took their American teachers on a ferry to Cijin Island, where they sampled grilled squid and enjoyed mango fruit ice. They traveled to the beautiful Lotus Pond, where they viewed traditional Chinese pagodas and temples.

One weekend, the Tallahasseans traveled to the mountainous area of Sandimen, where they learned about indigenous Taiwanese tribes and their varied cultural practices. They visited Fo Guang Shan, the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan. They traveled on another week-end to the capital city of Taipei by high-speed rail train. They took a super high-speed elevator up to the 89th floor of Taipei 101 Observatory, the second-highest building in the world with the world's largest wind damper.

Frank Vasconcelos really enjoyed traveling to Taiwan. "Every moment I spent in Taiwan was a new experience for me, from teaching in a classroom full of appreciative and dutiful students, to having the most caring and charismatic host family. It is certainly something I would love to do again," he said. In addition, he and Josi Markel, who are also members of the **TCC** Model United Nations team, assisted San Sin High School students who were developing a Model U.N. team for the first time. Frank and Josi spent hours helping them prepare for an upcoming high school Model U.N. Conference.

The Sister School relationship between **TCC** and San Sin is the longest-lasting Global Education program at **TCC**. Many **TCC** faculty and students have had the opportunity to travel to Taiwan, and over the years, a number of San Sin High School graduates have attended **TCC**. Jingo Huang, a San Sin graduate, just traveled to Tallahassee with the group to begin attending **TCC** this month.

A wonderful bond and lifelong friendships have developed among the participants, allowing **TCC** to extend its influence around the globe. Through Facebook, Skype, and other social media, the students and teachers maintain ongoing communication long after the American teachers have departed from the island.

For more information, contact Dr. Jeanne O'Kon at (850) 201-8146 or okonj@tcc.fl.edu. To view a photo journal of the trip, visit <http://tcc taiwan2012.blogspot.com>.

Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Holds Conference in Sandestin

Andy Alcock

Sandestin, Florida- August 13, 2012

"An economy based on state government and two state universities is so twentieth century."

That comment came from the keynote speaker at the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Conference.

University of Texas business professor John Doggett also had a message to move our area forward.

"For you to thrive the private sector has to become a greater and greater part of your economy. There is no other way about it."

Professor John Doggett laid out that challenge to local business and community leaders. Currently, led by state government four of the top five employers in Tallahassee are in the public sector. Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare is the only private company to crack the top five at number four.

"We've got to figure out what we can build new jobs in the Tallahassee area and we have great things to build on research at FSU and FAMU," said Doggett.

Doggett says ways to grow the economy include poaching companies from non-business friendly places like California.

"California's going to do a lot to make Florida a better place," said Doggett.

Having the local community college tie in with businesses to train their work forces. It's already happening at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

Said Jim Murdaugh, President of [TCC](#): "We are deeply embedded in the community's work force activities."

Doggett pointed to another state capital, Austin, Texas and Spartanburg, South Carolina where there's more international business investment per capita than any U.S. city, as success stories.

Said Doggett: "If My friends in Spartanburg, South Carolina can do it, is there any excuse?"

Tallahassee's Economic Development Council has already targeted six industries for growth. They include aerospace, renewable energy, information technology, health, transportation and research.

Chair of the Economic Development Council, Karen Moore, said:

"They were identified because we could mirror technology and take the infrastructure that we have here."

So, how did the chamber react to Doggett's challenge? With what we're told was an unprecedented standing ovation...

Doggett says it will take several years to transition from an economy based on public sector jobs to private sector ones.

He also told the crowd at the Hilton Sandestin successful communities never, ever rest.

Sandestin, Florida- August 10, 2012

Four of the top five largest employers in Leon County are in the public sector. Growing the private sector and the capital county's tax base is one of the hottest topics at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Community gathering. This year it's in Sandestin.

Every year the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce brings together key business and political leaders for its Annual Chamber Community Conference. It's today through Sunday in Sandestin, Florida. The conference allows attendees to address issues affecting our region's future while making lifetime business connections.

The theme for this year's conference is SEO: Seizing Every Opportunity, an idea stemming from Search Engine Optimization. Search Engine Optimization is a tool that can provide businesses the ability to reach new consumers they may have previously missed out on.

This is why the Chamber is so passionate about this year's theme. The 2012 Conference can provide the tools for business owners to expand their business and enhance themselves as a business owner.

Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Holds Conference in Sandestin...

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Tallahassee, Florida- August 7, 2012

The Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Annual Conference is right around the corner.

On August 10th, the conference will converge on Sandestin, Florida. This is video from last year's conference also held in Destin. Over 450 business and community leaders are expected to take part. Why Destin and not here in Tallahassee? The Chamber says that getting everyone away from Tallahassee and into a different central location helps people focus and better immerse themselves in the conference.

"It brings the community together in one location to talk about the issues in the community, to educate people on what's happening in the community, to inform them on the local economy and what we see in the state and national economies," says Bill Moor, Chamber of Commerce Chairman.

The chamber is expecting a record crowd to be on hand this year and WCTV will be there. We will have the conference covered from all angles so be sure to keep it here for all the updates.

WTVJ- August 21, 2012

TCC announces partnership with TurboVote

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The voting process has never been easier for students at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

Through TurboVote, [TCC](#) students are offered information about voter registration, how to vote by mail, and can sign up for timely text and e-mail reminders to avoid missing important election dates, polling places, and more – all from the convenience of a computer or smartphone.

TurboVote is a project created by the nonprofit Democracy Works, Inc., and partners with colleges, universities and nonprofits nationwide to ease the voting process for American citizens.

While TurboVote will service only the student population at [TCC](#), faculty, staff and administrators are helping raise awareness for the campaign.

"[TCC](#) encourages students to participate in the political process and have their voices heard at the polls," said [TCC](#) President Jim Murdaugh. "I am very supportive of our partnership with TurboVote because it makes the voting process much easier for our students and it will impact students' awareness and participation."

Working together, the campus community hopes to see an increase in voter registration and participation from the College's more than 15,000 students.

"I am pleased to support TurboVote," said Doug Waddell, Director of Campus Life. "[TCC](#) students are very fortunate to have a vehicle that creates an open environment to access their right to vote. I applaud our administration for affording our students with another trendsetting holistic growth experience."

[TCC](#) students can sign up for TurboVote, at TCC.turbovote.org.

Funding roundup

Tabitha Whissemore

Florida

Tallahassee Community College aims to build its outreach in science, technology, engineering and math education with a \$35,000 Innovation Generation grant from the Motorola Solutions Foundation. The college will work with elementary and middle schools to make science and technology more accessible to families and to get more parents involved early in their children's education.

Indiana

Ivy Tech Community College students will benefit from Mervin and Dorothy Lung's \$4.5-million donation to endow their namesake scholarship. The gift will help residents of Elkhart County attend the college. The Lungs also asked community members to assist in providing an additional \$4.5 million to create a state-of-the-art manufacturing training center.

Missouri

Crowder College received \$412,855 in first-year funding for the High School Equivalency Program. With the U.S. Department of Education grant, the program will serve 500 students during the next five years, with a goal of 80 percent of those students obtaining a GED.

St. Louis Community College is set to conduct drinking water operator training with a \$181,638 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A shortage of experts is expected in coming years in the drinking water field. The training focuses on water quality monitoring, green infrastructure, operations, maintenance, mathematics and drinking water regulations.

Ohio

Cuyahoga Community College (CCC) received a \$750,000 grant from the Cleveland Foundation to implement the College Success Program. The college and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) will partner to help students graduate from high school and succeed in college. Outreach centers will be established at five CMSD high schools. Program officials will also create a College Success Summer Academy to help students prepare for college-level coursework. CMSD students entering CCC will be paired with a transition coach and peer advocates.

Big Bend & Fla. news briefs

TCC names new vice president

Tallahassee Community College has named Bret Ingerman as its new vice president of information technology. Ingerman comes to **TCC** from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he served as vice president for computing and information services since 2004. He previously worked in leadership positions at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore.; and Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. Ingerman's first day at **TCC** will be Sept. 19.

WTXL- August 29, 2012

TCC names Bret Ingerman as its new VP of Information Technology

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - After an extensive national search, **Tallahassee Community College** has selected Bret Ingerman as the College's new vice president of information technology.

Ingerman comes to **TCC** from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York where he served as vice president for computing and information services since 2004. Ingerman brings to **TCC** a lifetime of experience in higher education, with experience in leadership positions at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York; Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon; and Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

As vice president for computing and information services, Ingerman served as Vassar College's chief technology officer and a member of its senior administrative team. He was responsible for setting the vision and strategic direction for technology at the college, and worked with senior staff to help them utilize technology to achieve their goals. He also successfully raised almost \$1 million in funding for new technology initiatives at Vassar, including the creation of a comprehensive campus wireless network and the college's first technology endowment for faculty.

"Bret is an excellent fit for **TCC**," said Dr. Jim Murdaugh. "We were impressed not only with his years of leadership experience and accomplishment, but also by his sincere passion for education. Technology plays an increasingly important role in learning, and we're looking forward to the student-focused vision Bret will bring to **TCC**."

Bret Ingerman's first day at **TCC** will be Wednesday, September 19.

TCC named a '2012 Great College to Work For'

Special to the Outlook

Tallahassee Community College is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a new survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The results, released earlier this month in The Chronicle's fifth annual report "The Academic Workplace," are based on a survey of more than 46,000 employees at 294 colleges and universities.

In all, only 103 of the 294 institutions achieved "Great College to Work For" recognition for specific best practices and policies. Results are reported for small, medium and large institutions, with **TCC** included among the large universities with 10,000 or more students.

TCC won honors in seven categories:

- Collaborative Governance
- Confidence in Senior Leadership
- Facilities, Workplace and Security
- Job Satisfaction
- Professional and Career Development Programs
- Supervisor or Department Chair Relationships
- Teaching Environment.

TCC was one of only 42 institutions to also earn a spot on the report's Honor Roll.

"**Tallahassee Community College** is proud to be the employer of choice for our outstanding faculty and staff," said **TCC** President Jim Murdaugh.

The Chronicle is the nation's most important source of news about colleges and universities.

"The institutions that the Great Colleges program recognizes provide innovative educational experiences – while also offering their employees outstanding workplace experiences – and we are eager to help readers learn more about them," said Liz McMillen, The Chronicle's editor.

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies from each institution, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators, and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

To administer the survey and analyze the results, The Chronicle worked with ModernThink LLC, a strategic human capital consulting firm that has conducted numerous "Best Places to Work" programs, surveying hundreds of thousands of employees nationwide.

Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country.

For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit The Chronicle's Website at chronicle.com/academicworkplace.

Funding roundup

Tabitha Whissemore

Florida

Tallahassee Community College was awarded a \$171,509 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in support of the Florida Public Safety Institute's Florida Mine Safety and Health Training Program. This year, the program will target mines with 20 or fewer employees to increase awareness of safety and occupational health hazards in Florida's mining environments.

New York

Westchester Community College is establishing a humanities institute with the help of a \$300,000 challenge grant from National Endowment for the Humanities. The college will work to raise an additional \$600,000 to support the institute's activities, which will include conferences, speaker series, reading series, exhibits, films and community partnerships.

Ohio

Cuyahoga Community College (CCC) received support for the initiative Youth Technology Academy: Cleveland's Pathways to Engineering Degrees in the form of a \$874,552 National Science Foundation grant. The academy is designed to provide high school youth with engineering- and technology-related training using robotics.

The college also received \$40,000 from the Dominion Higher Education Partnership to purchase lab equipment and develop curriculum in wireless communications and metals joining technology programs. The funding also will allow CCC to modernize the wireless communications concentration in its electronic engineering technology program and to develop a metals joining technician certificate program.

Pennsylvania

Montgomery County Community College will continue its dental outreach work thanks to a \$20,000 grant from North Penn Community Health Foundation. The grant will support programs that bring dental health and education to at least 90 low-income children and at least 60 senior adults. Since the partnership began in 2003, more than 5,000 children and adults in the community have received dental services.

South Carolina

Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) will begin offering courses in the advancing field of agriscience using a \$199,200 Advanced Technological Education grant from the National Science Foundation. TCL will develop an agriscience biotechnology certificate program, as well as work to increase awareness and implementation of agriscience into high school biology curriculum.

TCC health careers job fair is Wednesday

Business Matters Staff Report

Tallahassee Community College will host its first-ever healthcare job fair Wednesday at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education, 1528 Surgeons Drive.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will connect the college's healthcare students with various employers in the area. **TCC** said it holds general job fairs every spring and fall, but this is the first time it has hosted an event specifically focused on healthcare careers.

Among the participating employers are Archbold Medical Center in Thomasville, Bond Community Health Center Inc., Capital Regional Medical Center, Doctors' Memorial Hospital in Perry, Grifols Biomat USA, Home Instead Senior Care, Interim HealthCare, Maxim Healthcare Services, North Florida Women's Care, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Tallahassee Primary Care Associates and North Florida Medical Centers.

Qualified healthcare students, graduates and experienced healthcare professionals are required to wear professional dress or medical scrubs in order to make a good first impression with potential employers, and are asked to have copies of their resume available.

For more on the event, contact the **TCC** Career Center at 201-9970 or email careercenter@tcc.fl.edu.

T.K. Wetherell reflects on the essentials of effective leadership

DAVE HODGES

Being an effective leader means having the ability to make decisions once all the facts are assembled on an issue, 2012 honoree T.K. Wetherell said in reflecting on the Distinguished Leadership Awards.

A former state legislator and past FSU president, Wetherell will receive the prestigious Lifetime Leadership Award at the Sept. 20 banquet presented by Leadership Tallahassee at the University Center Club.

Making decisions is critical to effective leadership, though Wetherell says not everyone in a position of such responsibility has that skill. "I find a lot of people have trouble making decisions," he noted.

"In today's world there is so much information out there," Wetherell said. "You have to filter through it all. In most of my positions, I have had a great team working with me. You have to work through it."

A case in point was the aggressive facility expansion that characterized Wetherell's presidency at FSU. His Pathways of Excellence initiative sought to attract top faculty, expand research funding and raise awareness of academic programs, but also add to FSU's physical plant. At the time, the university hadn't built a classroom building in 25 years, he added.

"When you looked behind all of that, the thing that was severely lacking was the facilities," said Wetherell, the first FSU alumnus to become president of the university, a position he held from 2003 to 2010. "We made a conscious effort to do what we needed to do to add those facilities."

His days at FSU weren't entirely different from being in the Florida Legislature. He served in the House of Representatives from 1980 to 1992, the last two years as speaker. In both positions, he relied on the ability to unify individuals with varying interests, opinions and goals.

"You have to manage all those personalities. Each one brings something different to the table and you need all of them in order to succeed," he said. "You kind of have the same management issues going on in terms of personalities."

"You have to have all of it to make it work because you have to have all of it for a well-oiled team," said Wetherell, who was president of [Tallahassee Community College](#) from 1995 to 2001. Today he is professor of education and director of FSU's Center for Higher Education Research, Teaching & Innovation.

Check back at [Tallahassee.com](#) for an update of this story and look for more coverage tomorrow in the Tallahassee Democrat.