CAMPUS NOTES

FSU College of Medicine’s Dr. Alma Littles to receive national honor

Dr. Alma Littles, the Florida State University College of Medicine’s chief academic officer, is being honored with a national award named after the first woman to graduate from medical school in the U.S.

The American Medical Women’s Association will present the Elizabeth Blackwell Award to Littles on July 28. The award, established in 1949, is given annually to the woman physician who has made the most outstanding contribution to the cause of women in the field of medicine.

Littles’ official title is senior associate dean for medical education and academic affairs. She has overall responsibility for overseeing the design, development, implementation and evaluation of the medical student curriculum.

Before joining the faculty at the College of Medicine, she was director of the Family Practice Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She earned her M.D. at the University of Florida College of Medicine and practiced family medicine in her rural hometown of Quincy.

FSU College of Medicine names new dean for Orlando Regional Campus

Dr. Joan Meek, the College of Medicine’s associate dean for graduate medical education, next month will become dean of the college’s Orlando Regional.

Cavazos previously served as FAMU Faculty Senator representative for the College of Law, Secretary, then Vice-President.

Cavazos also will serve on the FAMU Board of Trustees as the faculty representative.

The Senate president serves a two-year term. Cavazos begins in August.

U.S. Rep. Val Demings guest speaker for FAMU College of Law

The U. S. Representative for the 10th Congressional District, Val Demings, will serve as the keynote speaker for Florida A&M University College of Law’s Annual Hooding Ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11.

It will be held at the Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando.

U.S. Rep. Demings will address about 125 new graduates of the FAMU College of Law, including members of the Fall 2018, Spring 2019 and Summer 2019 classes.

Members of the Spring 2019 classes will have the juris doctor degree conferred in Tallahassee at the Florida A&M University Commencement on May 4.

Florida A&M offers Health Careers Opportunity Program

FAMU’s School of Allied Health Sciences is offering a four-week program to introduce 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to health careers at the school.

The Health Careers Opportunity Program will run from June 3-June 28 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

Tallahassee Community College sends student delegation to UN

Sixteen students from Tallahassee Community College recently traveled to New York City to attend the National Model United Nations, the oldest and largest intercollegiate Model United Nations conference in the world.

They joined nearly 6,000 students coming from nearly 50 countries in New York to participate in the simulation from April 14-18.

The students met for five days to discuss important issues facing the international community, endeavoring to overcome the obstacles diplomats face when addressing them.

TCC’s students, representing the U.N. delegation from Libya, won awards three awards.

This year, the team was led by their President, Brendan Leverenz, and Vice President, Ramlah Mahboob.

Also representing the team were Eduardo Acevedo, Elijah Acevedo, Nidia Alvarez-Murrah, Ariana Baidtano, Colleen Beichner, Max Culbreath, Therese Gagliano, Sam Goetz, Vaughn Hennessey, Haylee Higgins, Dixie Johnston, Taylor Mackin, Jeannie Morrison and Austin Poppleton.

The team’s faculty advisors are Thomas Waller and Richard Murgo.

TCC inducts 34 students into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Thirty-four Tallahassee Community College students, including five from the Caribbean island of St. Maarten, were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the largest and most prestigious honor society for
Campus, Dean John P. Fogarty has announced.

Meek previously practiced pediatrics at Orlando Health’s Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children for more than 20 years.

She will replace Michael Muszynski, who is stepping down after the Class of 2019’s graduation May 18. Her first day in her new job is May 20.

Meek earned her M.D. at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and did her pediatric residency training at Duke University Medical Center.

In recent years, her focus has been on expanding the College of Medicine’s graduate medical education.

**FSU doctoral student earns prestigious philosophy award**

Florida State University doctoral student Marshall Thompson has been awarded the Marc Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Religion for his essay on the value of virtues, such as courage, in heaven.

Thompson’s essay, “And All Shall Be Changed: Virtue in the New Creation,” was selected from more than 50 entries.

He will receive a $10,000 award and the prize-winning paper will be published in the journal, Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion.

Thompson’s research focuses on philosophy of action, ethics and philosophy of religion.

Thompson studied philosophy at Wheaton College where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 2014. He has been pursuing a doctorate at Florida State since 2015.

The cost is $500. The registration deadline is May 2.

Students will learn more about health professions, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, cardiopulmonary sciences, health informatics and information management, and healthcare management.

For more information call 850-5612001.

**Florida A&M to host benefit for Refuge House**

Tuscany in Tallahassee, an event to benefit the Refuge House, will be held 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

The event will be held at the FAMU Viticulture Center, 6201 Mahan Drive. All proceeds will go to the Refuge House.

It offers food, wine, music and costs $50 per guest. Children under 12 are free.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.refugehouse.com](http://www.refugehouse.com) or call 850-922-6062 or 850-681-2111.

**FAMU opens applications for STEM, Education scholarships**

The David E. and Mary J. Pollard Scholarship awards a FAMU STEM or Teacher Education student in their senior year.

FAMU students can apply for the scholarship by logging into the University’s scholarship portal at famuscholarships.com.

The portal opened for the 2019-2020 academic year on April 15, 2019 and will remain open until May 31, 2019.

community colleges in the United States.

The 34 inductees, which is a record number for TCC, include nine international students from China, Brazil, South Korea and Jamaica and 25 from the United States.

**TCC Foundation to launch its One Campaign annual fundraiser**

The Tallahassee Community College Foundation launches its annual One Campaign for one week, starting April 29-May 6.

The proceeds will support classroom renovations and scholarships.

There are pencil sharpeners in 150 classrooms across TCC’s seven campuses.

During this week of giving, a donation of $500 will purchase a pencil sharpener plaque in a classroom of the donor’s choice.

To donate at any amount or learn more about the One Campaign, visit [www.OneTCC.com](http://www.OneTCC.com).

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For more information contact the FAMU Foundation at (850) 412-5755.

Tallahassee Community College hosting graduation at Tucker Center

Tallahassee Community College 2019 Commencement Ceremony is 7:30 p.m. May 4, 2019 at Tucker Civic Center.

Tickets are not required of graduates or their guests to attend.

A live stream will be available on the college’s website.