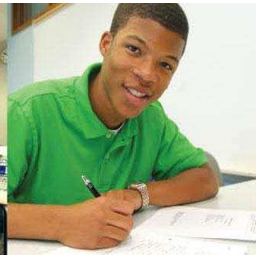




In Brief



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College awarded more than \$500,000 for STEM Community Scholars Program

Daytona State College this week was awarded more than \$500,000 by the National Science Foundation to support its STEM Community Scholars Program, designed to motivate and recruit high school and first-year college students to pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

This latest grant – a three-year award of \$527,469 with an option to renew for another two years - is an enhancement to existing NSF STEM grants the college has been awarded in recent years to attract underrepresented student groups into these fields by providing academic, social and financial support. The college will rely on best practices to foster the academic success of participating STEM students.

“Our primary objective for this project is to impact the graduation rates of students enrolled in the STEM disciplines,” said Mike Vitale, associate vice president of the Mike Curb College of Arts, Music and Science, and principal investigator for the grant. “Our goal is to eventually help at least 80 percent of our two-year STEM students successfully complete their program and transition into a science, technology, engineering or math related baccalaureate program.”

Over the past five years, nearly 300 Daytona State College students have been served by the college’s STEM partnership with NSF.



College/Foundation to host Volusia Honor Air veterans

Daytona State College and the Foundation will host members of Volusia Honor Air on Sept. 11 during a brunch on the Daytona Beach Campus. The brunch is a prelude to a scheduled escorted flight to Washington, D.C.

Created by members of the Rotary Club of DeLand, the Downtown DeLand Rotary Club and the DeLand Breakfast Club, Volusia Honor Air’s mission is to extend public appreciation to WWII veterans for their bravery and sacrifice by escorting as many of them as possible at no cost to view the new World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The organization’s sixth trip is scheduled for Sept. 25.

“The college and the Foundation are honored to be a part of this wonderful endeavor,” said Donna Sue Sanders, executive director of the Foundation. “I want to thank our board member, Bernadette Britz-Parker, for her leadership in making this pre-flight brunch possible.”

The brunch allows area veterans to meet their trip chaperones and review the schedule for ‘flight’ day. To find out more about Volusia Honor Air, visit www.volusiahonorair.org/ or call 386-506-3195.



New look for the ATC

The atrium of the Advanced Technology College was recently remodeled and transformed into a computer commons for students. Nearly 100 computer workstations have been installed on the ground level, along with laptop workstations on the ATC’s mezzanine level.



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