

**Valencia Foundation
Report to the Board of Trustees
September 2015**

Foundation board member earns emeritus status

At the 2015 scholarship donor luncheon, a foundation director received the board's highest honor for service and philanthropy. Kevin Myers, a recently retired, 44-year Disney executive, has played an integral role in expanding resources for deserving Valencia students through gifts and sponsorships. In addition to contributing cash support for Taste for Learning's eight events, the Disney organization provides chefs and cuisine, unique auction items, entertainment and magical décor.

He joined Valencia's board 14 years ago. As a founding Taste sponsor, Disney has increased its in-kind support each year, and initially gave a brand-new event – with an unconventional formula – credibility and a successful first year.

Disney also has endowed \$2.7 million to support Valencia College students, particularly in the hospitality management, culinary arts and film programs. These endowments generate about \$100,000 each year to support learning.

Board chair Sue Foreman and foundation director Brad Pierce, a Valencia alum, shared their stories of overcoming obstacles through scholarships and perseverance, as did student Barbara Del Valle, who is headed toward a career in law enforcement.

Special thanks to Bruce Carlson, John Crossman and Maria Grulich for joining us.

Taste for Learning sponsorship drive thrives

Please consider investing in the lives of deserving students and the future of local health care by sponsoring Taste. It will be Nov. 7 at Rosen Shingle Creek.

The formula remains: *100 percent of every dollar* given for sponsorships, tickets and auction items goes directly to the cause, and scholarships are doubled by a challenge grant. So far, sponsors have donated \$107,000. Rosen Shingle Creek has offered Taste guests a special room rate of \$109 for early reservations.

To take part, please visit www.aTasteforLearning.com or email the foundation's Taste lead, Julie Wright, juliewright@valenciacollege.edu. Reggie Riley, foundation director and Orlando Health representative, is chairing the event committee.

Upcoming meetings

- Thursday, **Sept. 24**, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 to 1:30 p.m. meeting. **Full Board Meeting.** Foundation Offices, 1768 Park Center Drive, fifth floor
- Saturday, **Nov. 7: Taste for Learning.** Brought to you by ABC Fine Wine and Spirits and Rosen Hotels and Resorts. Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
- Saturday, **Dec. 5: Donor Recognition Gala,** Loews Royal Pacific Resort
- Thursday and Friday, **Jan. 28 and 29:** Foundation board planning retreat, Dalí Museum, St. Petersburg