

**Valencia College Foundation
Report to the Board of Trustees
November 2016**

Would you help expand access to learning opportunities for deserving students?

As you plan your 2016 charitable contributions, please consider a tax-deductible donation to support Valencia scholarships, programs or faculty chairs. Please visit www.valencia.org/donate.

How we roll: the fourth annual Alumni Association 5K Walk/Run for Heroes in Osceola

Last month, 125 Valencia students, alumni, employees and community athletes participated in the annual race and fundraiser to honor 9/11's fallen first responders. Funds supplement the **Sept. 11 Memorial Fund endowment**, which supports scholarships for emergency responders attending the Osceola Campus. The proceeds of \$3,000 bring the endowment to \$35,000.

Valencia recognizes alumni volunteers and retirees for service and support of philanthropy

The Alumni Association coordinated a dinner this fall to honor its hands and feet on the ground. Throughout the year, volunteers review scholarship applications, serve on committees and advisory committees, and coordinate events. The Valencia Retiree Connection convened its members after a morning of volunteer service, and celebrated nearly 50 years of relationships, Valencia legacies and the awarding of 28 textbook scholarships funded by the group this year.

2017 Valencia College Distinguished Graduate Award honors excellence

Graduating students will soon compete for the Mary Smedley Collier Distinguished Graduate Award, which provides a transfer scholarship and the opportunity to speak at commencement. Mary the college's first distinguished graduate, a longtime foundation board member and a generous philanthropist. Encourage stellar sophomores to apply: www.valencia.org/scholarships.

#StartWithaSmile, and Amazon will donate 1/2 percent of purchases to Valencia

As you plan your holiday shopping (or direct procurement of corporate office supplies), please consider using Amazon Smile to help support students. Your log-in, cart and wish lists remain visible in Smile. Please visit: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7442785>.

Don't miss the fun: Join our upcoming meetings and events

- Thursday, Oct. 27, 12 noon, **Foundation Board Executive Committee Meeting**, Foundation Offices, fifth floor.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9, 8:30 p.m. breakfast and networking, 9 a.m., **Foundation Board Finance Committee Meeting**, Grand Bohemian Hotel.
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m., **Foundation Board Social**, hosted by Paul and Deb Mears. Please RSVP by Friday, Nov 11 to Pamela at 407-582-3259.
- Thursday, Dec. 1, 11:35 a.m. lunch and networking, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, **Foundation Board Meeting**, Foundation Offices, fifth floor.
- Thursday, Feb. 1, and Friday, Feb. 2, **Foundation Board Retreat**, Reunion Resort.
- Saturday, May 20, **Taste for Learning**, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort.