

Valencia College Foundation
Report to the District Board of Trustees
September 2016

Faculty Association recognizes excellence in teaching, counseling and librarianship

These awards honor faculty members who demonstrate effective and innovative teaching methods and a continuing commitment to student success through engagement both inside and outside the classroom. Each winner received a plaque and a \$1,000 stipend, provided by the foundation. This year, 175 individuals were nominated. Winners are: **Tiffany Daniels** – adjunct psychology professor, East Campus; **Jocelyn Morales** – counselor, East Campus; **Yasser Saad** – tenured biology professor, West Campus; **Celeste Henry** – counselor, West Campus; and **Laura Sessions** – tenured chemistry professor, Lake Nona Campus.

Internal giving campaign focuses on honoring victims of Pulse tragedy

College faculty and staff have chosen to raise funds to endow and name a new scholarship in memory of the seven Valencia college students who lost their lives in the 2016 Pulse night club shooting. The Pulse Memorial LGBT Scholarship can be supported through payroll deduction, credit card or check. Please visit www.valencia.org.

Alumni Connect: Join the the college's new online community

The Valencia College Alumni Association has launched **Valencia Alumni Connect**, an exciting new web interface for alumni and friends. This free career site offers opportunities to network, establish mentoring and job shadowing experiences, and learn about upcoming career networking events and activities. Trustees are welcome to join. To learn more, visit: www.valenciaalumniconnect.com.

Nominate a deserving Valencia graduate

Each year about 10 notable alumni are chosen for the college's Distinguished Alumni Awards, based on their service, experience, vocations and avocations. Winners will be announced Oct. 21 at the annual Night of Celebration. Submit nominations by visiting: www.valenciacollege.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni-nomination-form.cfm

We welcome your participation

- Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., **Valencia College Alumni Association Night of Celebration Awards Dinner**, Valencia College West Campus, Special Events Center
- Wednesday, Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m., breakfast and networking, 9 a.m. meeting, **Foundation Board Finance Committee Meeting**, Grand Bohemian Hotel
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., **Foundation Social** – Location to be announced
- Thursday, Dec. 1, 11:35 a.m. lunch and networking, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. meeting, **Foundation Board Meeting**, Foundation Offices, fifth floor
- Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2 and 3, **Foundation Board Retreat** – Location to be announced
- Saturday, May 20, **Taste for Learning Celebrating Valencia's 50th Anniversary**, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort.