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TCC grant to fund program for at-risk Wakulla students

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has awarded a \$670,110 grant to Tallahassee Community College (TCC). The money will fund a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) program for Wakulla County students.

The aim of the project is to "increase students' academic performance, increase awareness of healthy behaviors and increase family involvement of adult caregivers", according to a TCC release.

The enrichment programs will be provided after school and during weekends, holidays, and the summer. It will be based at Wakulla Christian School and provide services for 140 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

The program will serve students enrolled at eight elementary and middle schools throughout Wakulla County – Crawfordville Elementary, Medart Elementary, Riversink Elementary, Shadeville Elementary, Wakulla Coast Charter, Riversprings Middle, Wakulla Middle and Wakulla Christian School.

"The 21st CCLC program will play a critically important role in changing the lives of at-risk students by preparing students to succeed at their schools and beyond," said TCC President Jim Murdaugh. "TCC is pleased to collaborate on this project with Wakulla Christian School, the Wakulla County Schools and other valued partners. The Florida Department of Education's generous award will enable our partnership to provide academic services of the highest quality to improve student achievement."

The project will be led by Bonnie Holub, Director of the TCC Wakulla Center. Although TCC will receive \$670,110 for the 2012-13 academic year, the FDOE award is renewable annually for a five-project performance period with maximum total funding of \$2,948,484.

TCC also provides 21st CCLC programs in Gadsden and Jefferson Counties.

TCC Awarded Grant to Launch Program in Wakulla County

Press Release

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (October 9, 2012) – The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has awarded \$670,110 to **Tallahassee Community College (TCC)** to support a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Program that will serve Wakulla County students.

The grant project will be a collaborative effort between **TCC**, Wakulla Christian School (WCS), Wakulla County Schools, Communities in Schools of Florida and local organizations. The program will be based at Wakulla Christian School and will serve students enrolled at eight elementary and middle schools throughout Wakulla County – Crawfordville Elementary, Medart Elementary, Riversink Elementary, Shadeville Elementary, Wakulla Coast Charter, Riversprings Middle, Wakulla Middle and Wakulla Christian School.

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The new project will build on **TCC**’s extensive experience in providing after-school academic enrichment activities through 21st CCLC programs in Gadsden and Jefferson counties. Like its predecessors, the Wakulla County project will aim to increase students’ academic performance, increase awareness of healthy behaviors and increase family involvement of adult caregivers. The Wakulla Christian School site will deliver services for 140 students in pre-k through eighth grade during afterschool, weekends, holidays and summer.

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Eat out and support the Tallahassee Civic Chorale

Denise Tansey

On Wednesday, October 17th, you can enjoy a delicious meal and support your local Tallahassee Civic Chorale at the same time. Genghis Grill invites you to enjoy lunch or dinner with them, and they will donate back 20 percent of the cost of the meal to the Tallahassee Civic Chorale.

For over 20 years now, this local non-profit chorale of about 60 student and community singers, based out of [Tallahassee Community College](#), has been providing 3 concerts a year to the public, as well as 4 or more sing-outs to nursing homes or assisted living facilities. This will be the fourth semester the chorale is under the direction of James E. Brown, a doctoral candidate for music education at Florida State University.

The Genghis Grill is known for Mongolian barbecue, however they also provide some seafood. You can customize your dish according to your choice of meat, fish and/or vegetables, rice or noodles, and spices or sauces to fit your palate. Only the Genghis Grill off Apalachee Parkway is participating in this event. It is located at 830 E. Lafayette St. but can also be reached from Apalachee Parkway (not far from Monroe St. down from the Capital on the right).

The chorale depends on grants and donations to subsidize much of the cost of producing its concerts, so come out and enjoy lunch and dinner, bring friends and spread the word to everyone else to support a community cause. Be sure to tell your server you are there to support the Tallahassee Civic Chorale.

Mark your calendar for The Tallahassee Civic Chorale's next concert will be Tuesday, December 11 at Faith Presbyterian Church (corner of John Knox and Meridian), and will feature John Ritter's "Gloria," as well as other traditional Christmas songs.

For more information, visit www.civicchorale.org, email sing@civicchoral.org or call 942-1893.

Former TCC baseball player sentenced in child porn case

By line

A former TCC student and baseball player was sentenced to five years in prison on child porn charges yesterday at the Leon County Courthouse.

Brandon Joseph Hagan, 22, was sentenced to five years in prison and 10 years of probation yesterday on 72 counts of child pornography possession.

Hagan plead no contest as charged to the 72 counts on Aug. 23, said Assistant State Attorney Mike Bauer, the prosecutor in the case. After the plea, a sentencing date was set and sentencing was left to presiding Circuit Court Judge James C. Hankinson.

Hagan was arrested in October of 2010 at his apartment on Appleyard Drive for the possession of child pornography after an investigation by the Tallahassee Police Department and the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Hagan was a student at Tallahassee Community College at the time and was a member of the baseball team where he was a 2010 Pan-Handle Conference All-Academic honoree.

Bauer described the pictures discovered on Hagan's computer to be "unnatural, looks to be torture." Police discovered pictures of nude pre-pubescent girls and boys in sexual positions.

TCC Pitcher Sentenced to Five Years for Child Pornography on Computer

JULIE MONTANARO AND ANGELICA ALVAREZ

Tallahassee, FL - October 15, 2012 - 6:15pm - Five years behind bars.

That's the sentence for a former star pitcher at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

That prison term comes after he was charged with having dozens of pornographic pictures of children on his computer.

The judge sentenced Brandon Hagan to five years in prison and 10 years probation for 72 counts of child pornography.

Before he was sentenced, Hagan addressed the court.

He told the judge that he has lost everything and just needs a second chance.

Hagan was arrested two years ago in 2010. Several law enforcement agencies arrested him inside his apartment on Appleyard drive.

There, they found 72 pornographic pictures of children on his computer. In August of this year Hagan entered a plea of 'no contest'.

Here is some of what he had to say to the judge.

Brandon Hagan stated : "If I could go back in time there's no telling where I'd be right now, I could be playing baseball for FSU, but that's not the case right now."

Eight people in addition to Hagan spoke on his behalf, including his parents, sister and a doctor, who told the judge that with treatment Hagan would have a 16% chance of re-offending.

The judge stressed that any percentage is still too risky and sentenced Hagan to 5 years jail and 10 years probation with no access to computers.

Tallahassee, FL - October 15, 2012 - 4:15pm - Brandon Hagan received a sentence of five years in prison and ten years probation. He did get credit for two days served.

Tallahassee, FL - October 15, 2012 - 3:53pm - Brandon Hagan has just addressed the court pleading with the judge for a second chance.

This was after seven people, including his parents and

sister, spoke on his behalf.

His attorney has just finished addressing the court. Judge is now reviewing evidence.

Tallahassee, FL - Star [TCC](#) pitcher Brandon Hagan is scheduled to be sentenced in a child porn case in Courtroom 3A at three p.m. in the Leon County Courthouse.

We have a reporter in the courtroom so stay tuned to wctv.tv for updates.

Tallahassee, FL - August 23, 2012 - A former star pitcher at [Tallahassee Community College](#) entered a no contest plea today to dozens of counts of possession of child pornography.

Brandon Hagan was arrested in October 2010 after police found 72 pornographic pictures of children on his computer.

Today, Hagan's attorney tried to have evidence seized from his apartment thrown out. The judge said no. That's when Hagan decided to enter a plea instead of going to trial.

His sentencing is set for October 15th.

Previous Story, Tallahassee, FL, October 28, 2012, 3:20pm - A [TCC](#) baseball player spent the night in jail after he was arrested and accused of having dozens of pornographic pictures of children on his computer.

20 year old Brandon Hagan, a pitcher for the [TCC](#) Eagles, is facing 72 counts of possession of child pornography.

Tallahassee Police teamed up with the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit to make the arrest at Hagan's Appleyard Drive apartment Wednesday morning.

In his first court appearance today, a judge set bond at 10 thousand dollars and barred him from using any personal computers.

Court records show that Hagan posted bond and was freed from jail shortly after noon today.

TCC Pitcher Sentenced to Five Years for Child Pornography on Computer...

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Tallahassee, FL - October 28, 2010 - Bond has been set for a **TCC** baseball player who was arrested and accused of having dozens of pornographic pictures of children on his computer. His bond is set at \$10,000 and he is not allowed to use computers.

Stay with WCTV for details.

Tallahassee, FL - October 27, 2012 - 6:45pm - A **TCC** baseball player is arrested and accused of having dozens of pornographic pictures of children on his computer.

A **Tallahassee Community College** student got an unwelcome knock on the door Wednesday morning at his apartment just a few blocks from campus. (The Landing on Appleyard Drive)

Tallahassee Police say 20 year old Brandon Hagan had 72 pornographic pictures of children on his computer. His roommates wouldn't comment, except to say they're stunned. And fellow students are shaking their heads in disbelief too.

"It's just crazy to think that people.. It's just gross if you ask me," said **TCC** student Michael Bryson.

"That's crazy," said **TCC** student Melissa Nozile. "Why would you want to video tape or take pictures of young kids naked?"

Hagan is a pitcher for the **TCC** Eagles baseball team. Coach Mike McLeod wouldn't comment except to say Hagan is a big part of the team.

It's not clear yet how this arrest will impact Hagan's status in the classroom or on the baseball diamond.

"I'm used to hearing about older people, like in their 40's, like being arrested for this instead of someone like around my age, age group being arrested for child pornography. That's not cool," said **TCC** student Ashley Warner.

Hagan will make his first court appearance in the morning.

A **TCC** spokeswoman says he will likely have to appear before a school judiciary committee too, which will decide his status at the school in the wake of the charges.

Tallahassee, Florida - This morning, at approximately

8:00AM, the North Florida ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force executed a search warrant at 475 Appleyard Drive. The Task Force consists of The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations, Leon County Sheriffs Office, and the Tallahassee Police Department.

The Tallahassee Police Department began the investigation and with the assistance of the North Florida ICAC Task Force developed probable cause to arrest 20 year-old Brandon Hagan for Possession of Child Pornography. The pornography was found on Hagan's personal computer.

ARRESTED:

Brandon Joseph Hagan, White Male, 18 years of age
475 Appleyard Drive

CHARGES:

Possession of Child Pornography

Advisers pinpoint university's advantages to TCC students

Terrence Davis

Florida A&M advisers informed students from [Tallahassee Community College](#) about the advantages FAMU has to offer Wednesday.

Brenda C. Spencer, director of retention for FAMU, expressed how informative the event could be. Spencer wanted students to become knowledgeable and advisers from both schools to build a connection.

"We are thrilled to be here to inform students and [TCC](#) advisers about our programs," Spencer said.

Most students from [TCC](#) want to attend a university after receiving their associate degree but lack information about the prerequisites to be accepted into programs.

Lawrence Brown, a first-year experience coordinator, hopes the advisers' efforts played a role in students not making that mistake. Brown wasn't very concerned about the enrollment rate increasing because he believes it will come with the right information being received.

"The success of this event isn't measured by the enrollment but the information students receive," Brown said.

Guillermo Calderon, a [TCC](#) student, said he was using this event to get information to prepare himself for a future in nursing at FAMU.

The College of Agriculture and Food Sciences was thrilled about this event. The department was active and motivated to show students the advantages of choosing their program. Robert Taylor, the dean and director of the program, was enthusiastic about building it up.

"We have a very strong program," Taylor said, "but we need more students."

Sharon Jefferson, vice president for Student Affairs at [TCC](#), was pleased with the turnout of students and the two schools' collaboration.

"I'm appreciative of this event and both schools working together," Jefferson said.

This is an annual event that both schools hope garners more attention so they can expand to more community colleges. The next FAMU advising day will be held in the spring on Feb. 20.

Nationwide, Two-Year College Enrollment Higher Than Four-Year

Lanetra Bennett

Tallahassee, FL - Researchers say as many students, if not more, are going to two year colleges as they are a four-year college or university nationwide.

That trend holds true in Tallahassee.

WCTV spoke with a researcher of the study, who says Florida has long ago crossed that bridge of having more students at public two-year colleges than some four-year colleges or universities.

For example, at FAMU, the preliminary enrollment for fall 2012 is 12,057, which is lower than enrollment at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

Student enrollment at [TCC](#) is more than 14,000. The Southern Regional Education Board says public two-year colleges approached a historic milestone in 2010 when enrollment became equal to public four-year colleges.

However, researchers with the study say Florida has always been a leader in having high number of students at community colleges.

Students say convenience and cost-efficiency top their reasons for choosing [TCC](#).

Brittney O'Brien, [TCC](#) Student, stated, "I really like it. It's really homey and it's close to home. I didn't have to go out of state. I really like that I didn't have to pick my major right off. I can just take this couple of years that I need to figure it all out."

Lourena Maxwell, [TCC](#) Enrollment Services, says, "Two-year colleges are dynamic in that they offer programs and training students right away. The length of time for them to earn a degree is shorter, tuition is more affordable, the one-on-one attention from faculty and staff is a lot more prevalent."

Analysts say in 1970, public four-year colleges in Florida had around 81,000 students enrolled, compared to 108,000 at two-year colleges.

Currently, there are almost 472,000 students at two-year colleges, and only 318,000 at four-years.

The researcher told me that the reason Florida has always had a higher number in two-year colleges is because decades ago, Florida put a special emphasis on community colleges as an entry point for college careers.

New Grant Motivates Transfer Students to Complete Post-secondary Degrees

Florida Department of Education

Tallahassee, Florida - October 20, 2012

Press Release

Florida students will get help to complete their associate degree after transferring to a state university thanks to a new grant partnership between the State University System and the Florida College System. The \$495,000 Credit When It's Due grant from Helios Education Foundation complements and expands current efforts to boost college completion rates, and provides students with a meaningful stepping stone toward completing their baccalaureate degree.

"Associate degrees have a proven track record in the labor market," said Florida College System Chancellor Randy Hanna. "The Credit When It's Due grant will help more students complete the degree and go on to earn their baccalaureate. This in turn makes the students more employable and benefits Florida's economy."

Credit When It's Due has the added benefit that shows students awarded an associate degree are more motivated to keep working on their baccalaureate degree and may secure better employment because of it. Florida's goal is to target students who transferred from a state college to a state university prior to completing their associate degree, and award the degree to those who meet the requirements. The grant is administered through the Florida College System Foundation.

"Expanding access to higher education has positive ripple effects on every part of our society," said State University System Chancellor Frank T. Brogan. "It's the reason the State University System of Florida is committed to providing a path to one of our dozen institutions from the Florida College System. We are grateful to the Credit When It's Due initiative for recognizing the importance of that mission."

Helios Education Foundation is one of several sponsors for this initiative that include the Lumina Foundation for Education, the Kresge Foundation, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Office of Community Colleges Research and Learning at the University of Illinois will collect data on the results to determine the impact on degree completion.

"Obtaining a post secondary education is critical for today's students who are competing in a global economy," said Helios Education Foundation's President and CEO Paul Luna. "The Credit When It's Due initiative underscores the importance of advancing a college completion agenda, and it recognizes the academic achievement of students who have earned the credits needed for an associate degree."

For more information, visit [Credit When It's Due](#).

NSF grant funds new program at TCC

Tallahassee Community College has been awarded a grant for almost \$200,000 by the National Science Foundation to support a technology education partnership that will prepare students for work in the engineering technology fields. The grant award, which totals \$199,565, will support the establishment of a new engineering technology career pathway through **TCC** that will allow students at various levels to obtain competitive work skills along with opportunities to pursue more advanced education options.

According to Bruce Batton, program manager at **TCC's** Advanced Manufacturing Training Center and project director, the end result of the program, regardless of the exit point, is to turn out technicians. The project also further supports **TCC's** emphasis on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) disciplines.

Tallahassee Democrat - November 5, 2012

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The Florida Department of Education has awarded almost \$1.3 million to **Tallahassee Community College** to support 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLCs) to improve K-12 student success and college readiness in collaboration with the Gadsden and Jefferson public school districts. The initiative aims to raise achievement levels of at-risk students through research-based enrichment programs operated outside of the school day during the 2012-13 academic year and in summer 2013. Program activities will be implemented through a partnership composed of Gadsden County Schools, Jefferson County Schools, Communities In Schools (CIS), Gadsden Arts Center, Jefferson County Library, North Florida Community College, Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering and other partners. The 21st CCLC programs are located at Carter Parramore Academy, Shanks Middle School and Stewart Street Elementary School in Quincy; Havana Middle School; and Jefferson County Elementary School and Jefferson County Middle/High School in Monticello.

TCC Celebrates International Education Week

Lanetra Bennett

Eighty countries were represented at [Tallahassee Community College](#) Thursday.

It was "Bringing the World to TCC," an event celebrating International Education Week.

Students and guests were able to visit booths for the more than 80 countries represented in TCC's student population.

It allowed them to learn about different cultures and sample native foods.

Sylvie Michel is a TCC student from Haiti. She says she enjoyed teaching others about her country, and learning about others. She says, "I think it's very amazing to have the opportunity for students to just have a taste of the culture and not have to travel miles away just to see it. So, I think it's a brilliant opportunity for everyone here."

The week is closed out by the Asian Fair tomorrow (Friday, 11-16) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at TCC's intramural fields.

FSU and Valdosta State are also celebrating International Education Week.

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BY A.R. GURNEY

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*Learn more about Financial Aid & Scholarship
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NOVEMBER 6 | 3 - 5 P.M.

*Learn more Financial Aid & Scholarships,
Enrollment Services and Student Success*

NOVEMBER 13 | 3 - 6 P.M.

*Learn more about the Testing Center and
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