

Higher education briefs for the week of Nov. 7

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Edison Collier Campus to start offering bachelor degree courses

In the spring, Edison State College Collier Campus will start offering bachelor degree programs in two areas: bachelor of applied science in supervision and management and a bachelor of science in elementary education.

Edison has been offering four-year degrees since 2008, but the spring will mark the first time students can take bachelor degree courses on the Collier campus. Registration for degree-seeking students has already opened, and registration for the general public begins Nov. 15. Spring 2011 classes begin Jan. 10, 2011.

Students can register at edison.edu or in person at the Collier County campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, by Jan. 7, 2011. Call (239) 732-3711 for additional information.

First Amendment reboot: FGCU hosts discussion

On Nov. 18, Florida Gulf Coast University will host a discussion addressing how society's relationship to the First Amendment is changing.

The First Amendment Center's President Ken Paulson will head up the discussion, "Rebooting America: The First Amendment for a New Generation."

"There's a young generation of tech-savvy and demanding consumers who have already revolutionized the music business," Paulson said in a press release. "Now they have the power to shape the news media in similarly dramatic fashion, and the future of journalism hangs in the balance."

Paulson, former USA Today editor, is a First Amendment expert and pop culture historian.

A reception will be held before the event at 6:30 p.m., in the lobby of Academic Building 5, where Paulson will speak starting at 7.

The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are limited.

Hodges to host Cato Institute chair

Hodges University's Johnson School of Business will take on public policy when it hosts its first speaker in a series.

Robert Levy, chairman of the Washington, D.C.-based Cato Institute, will be the featured speaker at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Science and Technology Building on Hodges' Naples campus. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Cato Institute's mission is "to broaden the parameters of public policy debate to allow consideration of the traditional American principles of limited government, individual liberty, free markets and peace."

Levy joined Cato in 1997 as a senior fellow in constitutional studies. He also sits on the boards of the Institute for Justice, the Federalist Society and the George Mason University School of Law.

His latest book, co-authored with William Mellor, is titled "The Dirty Dozen: How Twelve Supreme Court Cases Radically Expanded Government and Eroded Freedom."

For more information on the lecture, call (239) 513-1122.

Edison offering spring courses at iTECH

Edison State College has announced its spring registration and class schedule, with four courses offered at the iTECH Collegiate Center in Immokalee.

The Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH) has been partnering with Edison since 2009, holding classes for degree-seeking students on the Immokalee campus. Current course offerings are Composition II, Human Growth & Development, U.S. History and College Success Skills. For high school students who dual enroll, tuition and fees are waived.

Register at edison.edu or in person at the Edison Collier campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, by Jan. 7, 2011.

Ave Maria Founders Club meets Nov. 16

The Founders Club of Ave Maria meets next on Nov. 16 at the Bean of Ave Maria.

Artist Marton Varo, who created the Annunciation Relief sculpture for the Ave Maria Oratory, will be a featured guest at the dinner.

He will update attendees on the installation of the sculpture, to take place Nov. 22.

The Nov. 16 dinner will take place immediately following 5 p.m. mass at the oratory.

The cost for the dinner is \$10.

RSVP by Nov. 15 to Lisa or Jeff Ball at iluvthebeach2000@gmail.com or (239) 304-0003.

Monet's Giverny comes into focus at Hodges

The Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning at Hodges University will host a free lecture on Claude Monet's gardens at Giverny on Monday.

The French impressionist Monet planted gardens wherever he lived, but he spent half his life at Giverny, where his garden became a constant source of inspiration in his paintings. The discussion at the Hayes center will examine photos of the Giverny gardens and how Monet translated them into works of art. It will be conducted by Carol Jonson, a literature, humanities and art history volunteer instructor at Hodges.

The free lecture will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Barrington Terrace Learning Center, 5175 U.S. 41 East, in Naples. For more information, call Christine Wheeler at (239) 598-6133.

Edison kicks off "Books for Hungry Minds"

Edison State College debuted a program called "Books for Hungry Minds" at its Lee County campus on Wednesday, an initiative to make children's books available at food pantries through the holidays.

The Library Foundation of Lee County and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Honors Scholars at Edison have come together to collect the books through November and December. The books will be distributed by local service organization.

The groups are collecting new or gently-used children's books through Oct. 8 at the Rush Library on Edison's Lee campus.

For information about the program, contact Crystal Revak at 239-489-9300, ext. 4093.



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