

Category I – 2008-2009 Endowed Chair Distinguished Professors

- **Joel Berman**
Professor, Mathematics
Raymer F. Maguire Jr. Chair in Mathematics
\$3,400
 - Using a digitizing tablet device, Joel will seek to increase and enhance instructor-to-student communication in the online classroom. The newly-purchased devices will be configured to focus on online math courses but be available to all Valencia online instructors.

- **Esther Coombes**
Professor, English
Bank of America Chair in Business
\$4,000
 - Esther will implement a Supplemental Learning (SL) Leader into ENC1102 for two semesters. The SL Leader will hold small group study sessions to aid those students who struggle with specific aspects of the advanced composition course. Throughout the semester Esther will survey success rates and share the results of her study with the college at this year's Learning Day.

- **Richard Gair**
Professor, Reading and Holocaust Studies
Abe and Tess Wise Chair in the Study of the Shoah
\$4,200
 - Richard will travel to Israel where he will attend the International Scholar's Seminar and further his studies on the Holocaust history and culture. Attendance at workshops and interviews with Holocaust survivors will provide valuable pedagogy that will be incorporated into his lesson plans, thereby adding a wealth of learning experiences for our students.

- **Yolanda Gonzales**
Professor, Spanish and Humanities
Howard L. Palmer Chair in Foreign Languages
\$4,100
 - Yolanda will study linguistic variations of the Hispanic culture while visiting museums, cultural centers, and a university in Mexico City. She will return to

Valencia with first-hand knowledge and experiences that will, in turn, inform and encourage faculty and staff who have expressed an interest in studying abroad.

- **Cathie Hansen**
Professor, Nursing
Grace Gillen Hanna Chair in Nursing
\$4,500
 - In an effort to increase the passing rate for graduates of Valencia's Nursing Program, Cathie will attend a national test writing conference, study the writing format of the Nursing Licensure exam for Registered Nurses, and conduct a study of test scores comparing exam results from multiple semesters.

- **Scott Krise**
Professor, Mathematics
Lester N. Mandell Chair in Natural and Physical Sciences
\$4,200
 - Scott will enhance current contextual math courses by providing students with additional opportunities to learn through realistic problem-solving. Both faculty and students will benefit from the purchase of web-based data software and a site license for *The Mathwright Library* that offers activities and lessons written by professors from across the country.

- **Ilyse Kusnetz**
Professor, English
Sue Luzadder Chair in Communications
\$4,100
 - Ilyse will study the mechanics of writing a screenplay using screenwriting software and showcase techniques in her classroom. The software will be available to all students through Valencia's computer labs. In addition, Ilyse will offer a series of workshops to encourage college-enrolled, Iraq war veterans to write about their war experiences.

- **Ellen Pastorino**
Professor, Psychology
Patricia Havill Whalen Chair in Social Sciences
\$8,500
 - For those Valencia students who have not completed college-level psychology courses, Ellen seeks to increase retention rates in her General Psychology

classes. To achieve this goal, she will pilot test a computer study program in her classes and assess retention rates, grades, and course outcomes.

- **Richard Sansone**

Professor, Communications and Foreign Languages

University Club of Orlando Chair in Humanities

\$5,800

- Richard will use his experience in international education to develop a credit-bearing Summer Study Abroad Program in Brazil. During an exploratory trip to Brazil, he will focus on identifying strategies and programs that will ensure students receive the maximum learning experience while participating in the program.

- **Leila Sisson**

Professor, Mathematics

Lockheed Martin Chair in Mathematics

\$6,000

- Leila will expand a project to focus on collaboration and inquiry in the classroom. Her work will identify ways that peer math coaches can help those students who have to repeat courses and compare findings with those of a control group.

- **Susan Stone**

Professor, Nursing

Wayne Densch Chair in Geriatrics

\$6,800

- During the next year, students will be afforded opportunities to immerse themselves in the field of geriatric study, thereby meeting the varied needs of our aging population while securing valuable nursing experiences. Via this program, nursing students will be encouraged to write about their experiences in a shared journal and consider a career in the field of geriatrics.

Category II – 2008-2009 Endowed Chair Distinguished Scholars

- **Colin Archibald**

Professor, Computer Science

SunGard Endowed Teaching Chair in Computer Science

\$2,700

- Colin has increased the success rate of computer programming students through the development of online video lectures. He will now support and enhance learning opportunities by increasing the efficiency in the audio/video editing process giving students more accessibility to the video lectures.
- **Beverly Bond**
Clinical Coordinator, Radiography
- **Julie McCaughtry**
Program Director, Nursing
Chesley G. Magruder Foundation Chair in Health and Life Science
\$1,800
 - Co-recipients Beverly Bond and Julie McCaughtry will continue efforts to increase student learning in the field of radiography through a remote control Classroom Performance System to be used during lectures, content review, or as a method of evaluation. This system will encourage active participation of all students, specifically those who normally prefer anonymity.
- **Kenneth Bourgoin**
Professor, Culinary Management
Hunton Brady Architects Chair in Hospitality Management
\$2,400
 - Ken and selected culinary students will travel to Chicago to the National Restaurant Association Show. Students will be afforded an opportunity to interact with industry professionals, attend two seminars, and report what they learn to their Valencia classmates. This experience will expose students to many aspects of the industry and inform them about future careers.
- **Samira Chater**
Professor, Foreign Languages
Maguire Family Teacher Endowed Chair
\$25,700
 - Samira's goal is to impact student learning by improving teaching and assessment methods. She will develop and pilot a faculty retreat based on the Great Teachers Seminar model which allows participants to share new and various teaching philosophies and practices. Participants will have the opportunity to improve teaching methods and revitalize their commitment to the teaching profession.

- **Ralph Clemente**
Program Chair, Film Production Technology
Walt Disney World Chair in Film Technology
\$6,400

 - Ralph’s endowed chair funds will assist in the purchase a production vehicle that will serve as a classroom and attract film industry partners to Valencia. This purchase provides more opportunities for students to assist on projects, giving them first-hand experiences and important insights as they prepare for careers in the film industry.

- **Steven Cunningham**
Professor, Communications
Tupperware Corporation Chair in Community Quality
\$4,200

 - Steven will invite a renowned Brazilian artist to Valencia to teach master classes, conduct painting demonstrations and showcase an exhibit of work. Through this program students will gain a broader appreciation of art and foster cross-cultural understanding of diversity in the arts.

- **Deidre Holmes DuBois**
Professor, Speech/Communications
Raymer F. Maguire Jr. Chair in Communications
\$3,900

 - Deidre will attend the Society for Intercultural Educational Training and Research (SIETAR) World Congress in Spain to learn more about globalization and its effects on teaching and learning. She will also be afforded an opportunity to improve her own intercultural communication skills. In addition to incorporating what she learns into her Valencia curriculum, Deidre will establish a pen-pal program between her own students and a class in Spain.

- **Jean Marie Führman**
Professor, English, Reading, and Humanities
Jessie and Eugene Drey Endowment of the English-Speaking Union/Central Florida Branch Chair in English and Humanities, Winter Park
\$3,300

 - Jean Marie will attend a creative writing course at Oxford University in England that focuses on “Readers for Writers” and “Writing for Young Adults.” In addition to incorporating new strategies in her Valencia classes, Jean Marie will

promote a writing contest at Valencia's Winter Park campus and collaborate with Valencia colleagues to publish articles in *The Winter Park Mosaic*.

- **Carin Gordon**
Professor/Program Director, Paralegal Studies
Cliff & Daisy Whitehill Chair in Legal Studies
\$3,500
 - Carin seeks to support and enhance the learning experience of students in Paralegal Studies. In order to accomplish this goal she will attend a national conference for the American Association for Paralegal Education designed to focus on practical projects, current classroom techniques, and legal technology skills that will ultimately improve student outcomes and success.

- **Deb Hall**
Professor, Electronics Engineering Technology
Hubbard Construction Company Chair in Technical and Engineering Programs
\$4,200
 - Deb will travel to North Carolina State University in Raleigh to continue her study of renewable energy. This knowledge and information will then be applied to the development and design of renewable energy projects for engineering and technology students.

- **Jim Inglis**
Program Director, Hospitality Management
Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association Chair in Hospitality Management
\$4,700
 - Jim and selected hospitality students will travel to the International Hotel and Restaurant Show to be held in New York City. Students will have the opportunity to attend two breakout sessions, tour the extensive floor exposition, interact with industry experts, explore new industry technologies, and experience the back-of-house operations of a world class restaurant. This hands-on experience will have a direct effect on their future careers in Hospitality Management.

- **Anita Kovalsky**
Assistant Program Director, Nursing
Harry J. & E. Mary Hobbs Teaching Chair in Nursing
\$3,200

- Anita will increase and support student learning through the purchase of podcasting equipment to produce lecture videos and skill demonstrations. The opportunity to use podcasting technology in nursing and allied health programs will provide enhanced opportunities to meet the various learning styles of students and provide them with greater accessibility to course information.

- **Lisa Macon**
Professor and Program Chair, Information Technology
University Club of Orlando Chair in Advanced Computer Technology
\$6,000
 - Lisa will learn how to develop educational objects in Second Life for implementation into online courses and research effective teaching methods in a Multiple User Virtual Environment (MUVE). Her findings will help establish whether Second Life provides a more effective learning-centered environment for students.

- **James May**
Professor, Communications
Dr. P. Phillips Foundation Chair in Education in Free Enterprise
\$6,700
 - James will identify pedagogically sound teaching practices and offer student assistance utilizing Google Talk and Google Docs. Supplemental Learning Leaders and cyber tutors will also be utilized to reach dot.com students via this medium. Findings will be disseminated to the Valencia community and the greater academic community through conference participation.

- **Pierre Pilloud**
Program Director, Culinary Management
Central Florida Restaurant Association Chair in Restaurant and Food Service Management
\$3,600
 - Pierre and selected culinary students will travel to Chicago to the largest restaurant show in the world. Students will be afforded an opportunity to interact with industry professionals, attend two seminars, and report what they learn to their Valencia classmates. This experience will expose students to many aspects of the industry and inform them about future careers.

- **Yasmeen Qadri**
Education Coordinator/Professor, Social Sciences
Dr. P. Phillips Foundation Chair in Education for the Physically Challenged
\$6,100
 - Yasmeen will encourage students in the field of education to enter the field of Exceptional Education. Through workshops and experiential learning opportunities that are led by industry experts in the local public school system, her work will enhance and expand Valencia's education program in the area of Education for the Physically Challenged.

- **Suzanne Salapa**
Director of Dance
Universal Orlando Chair in Arts and Entertainment
\$3,400
 - Suzanne will invite guest artists from the Shapiro and Smith Dance Company to teach a series of master classes. Valencia dance students will be introduced to innovative choreographic approaches that will enhance their skills in creativity and movement while broadening their knowledge of the performing arts profession.

- **Rita Swanson**
Project Director, Nursing
Ira Vinson Henderson Chair in Nursing and Allied Health
\$10,100
 - Rita seeks to simulate the clinical setting for each Valencia health-related class through state-of-the-art software and equipment. Once trained, faculty will then be able to provide students with opportunities to practice a multitude of realistic situations in a controlled and authentic clinical setting.