

Category I – 2009-2010 Endowed Chair Distinguished Professors

- **Mary Beck**
Professor, Geology
Lockheed Martin Chair in Science
\$3,600
 - Mary will purchase software and equipment to help science students conduct direct research. Probeware digital sensors will allow students to directly measure stream and weather characteristics, features that are readily accessible on or close to campus. Studies have shown that students benefit from this problem-based learning in many ways, such as strengthening their problem-solving skills, providing a more positive attitude towards education and increasing attendance and retention.

- **Joel Berman**
Professor, Mathematics
Raymer F. Maguire Jr. Endowed Chair in Mathematics
\$3,200
 - Joel seeks to improve instructor-to-student communication in mathematics classrooms by enhancing the use of digitizing tablet devices for online learning. In addition to purchasing 40 digital tablets for use at the college, Joel will attend a national conference to continue his learning about best practices related to the device and report those practices back to his colleagues.

- **Julia Gagne**
Professor and Program Director, Theater
University Club of Orlando Chair in Humanities
\$4,700
 - Valencia will host a playwright for a three-day residency where several learning-based events will be offered for the students and the community. Students will use critical and creative thinking in their own writing, in peer critiquing and through interpretive work as actors in a staged reading. Professional development will include collaboration with a recognized playwright on planning a residency and in the design of a writing workshop for emerging writers.

- **Richard Gair**
Professor, Reading and Holocaust Studies
Abe and Tess Wise Endowed Chair in the Study of the Shoah
\$3,400

 - As a graduate of the International School for Holocaust Studies, Richard has been selected, along with 29 other people, to take part in a graduate's advanced special seminar in Jerusalem. Immediately following the seminar, Richard will serve as a model to his students as he spends three weeks working as a volunteer for the Israeli Army where he will perform vital tasks for the soldiers while living in an army barrack on base. On weekends, Richard will conduct research at former concentration camps in Prague and Germany. All of this first-hand experience and understanding will enhance his classroom instruction for Valencia students.

- **Deymond Hoyte**
Professor, Business
Bank of America Chair in Business Management
\$3,700

 - Deymond and eight of his Immersion in Global Business students will team up with students from three other community colleges to study China's change from a command economy to a market economy. Students will be immersed in Chinese culture by visiting international businesses, American manufacturing plants and Shanghai financial business institutions. Traveling students will record tasks and daily events on WebCT and will join other groups to prepare a presentation about their experiences.

- **Scott Krise**
Professor, Mathematics
Lockheed Martin Chair in Mathematics
\$4,900

 - Scott will travel with two other professors to the 2009 American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Conference to disseminate the results of his research of contextually-based instruction and assessment in college algebra. In addition, he will develop an online faculty development course for Valencia mathematics instructors to teach the basics of building a college algebra course around problem-solving.

- **Bonnie Oliver**
Professor, Economics
Patricia Havill Whalen Chair in Social Sciences
\$7,000
 - Bonnie hopes to improve learning for online microeconomics students by engaging hands-on and visual learners with a learning tool that appeals to various learning styles. Using state-of-the-art equipment, she will create lecture videos that utilize sample problems and show real-world application of economic concepts. Students will be encouraged to apply critical thinking skills to each lesson and apply several of Valencia's core competencies. Student learning will be measured by evaluating and comparing test scores.

- **Susan Stone**
Professor, Nursing
Wayne Densch Chair in Geriatrics
\$5,600
 - With the help of a visiting mental health expert, students will be taught how to perform assessments to determine potential depression in elder patients and help students plan an intervention or referral. Nursing students will be better prepared to assess, educate and refer a growing population of elder patients. In addition, each student will be encouraged to write an essay describing an encounter with an elder. Reflection will help reinforce the learning experience and monetary awards will be given for the winning essays.

- **Jane Wiese**
Professor, Accounting
John and Florence MacLeod Chair in Business
\$3,400
 - The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) have authorized the adoption of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRB). As a result, the accounting profession is undergoing a transformation in how financial statements are presented. Jane will attend national and state educator conferences to learn more about the shift in current standards and will share this new information with her students and colleagues, ensuring that Valencia students graduate with the most accurate and up-to-date policies and practices.

Category II – 2009-2010 Endowed Chair Distinguished Scholars

- **Colin Archibald**
Professor, Computer Science
SunGard Endowed Teaching Chair in Computer Science
\$2,200
 - Colin will develop and provide automated quizzes to motivate students to retain more from lectures and demonstrations. He will work on increasing retention and learning outcomes for online computer programming students to equal those who are in-class for the same course. Anecdotal evidence has revealed that a majority of students rely heavily on Video on Demand (VOD). He will also create a set of VOD lectures for COP 2800 Java Programming. The ability to review a lesson multiple times is valuable, especially with technical information that is difficult to understand.

- **Anthony Beninati**
Professor, Business and History
Dr. P. Phillips Foundation Chair in Free Enterprise
\$5,400
 - Anthony will provide an opportunity for nine students to serve the local community through a student instructional project with the Osceola County Historical Society. Students will conduct research on local artifacts accumulated over the past 59 years, apply business skills learned at Valencia and learn about the operation of a non-profit organization. This partnership will allow Valencia students to be engaged in hands-on activities while preserving local historical data. The work will be assessed by the Osceola County Historical Director and students will complete a self-assessment of the learning experience.

- **Kenneth Bourgoïn**
Professor, Culinary Management
HuntonBrady Architects Endowed Chair in Hospitality Management
\$2,000
 - Ken and a select group of culinary students will travel to Chicago to the National Restaurant Association Show. Students will be selected based on their participation in Culinary Art Student Association events and will be afforded an opportunity to interact with industry professionals, attend two seminars and report what they learn to Valencia classmates. This experience will expose students to many aspects of the restaurant industry and inform them about future career opportunities.

- **Ralph Clemente**
Program Chair, Film Production Technology
Walt Disney World Chair in Film Technology
\$5,300

 - Ralph will use his endowed chair funds to purchase film production technology materials that enhance in-house video camera equipment. With an extensive equipment package, the college has been able to attract feature film projects for students to work on with industry professionals. With new and up-to-date equipment, the program is able to prepare students to work in a variety of technical areas in the motion picture industry.

- **Corinne Fennessy**
Professor, Reading
William C. Demetree Jr. Foundation Chair in Education for Special Needs
\$3,700

 - Corinne seeks to improve the learning experience for Valencia students who have special needs. She will purchase SenseView video magnifiers and a Victor Reader Wave, a portable device that reads printed text aloud. In addition to purchasing equipment, Corinne will attend a conference for educators who work with students with learning disabilities. By removing barriers for students with disabilities and providing the right tools and instruction, every student will have an opportunity to learn.

- **Jim Inglis**
Program Director, Hospitality Management
Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association Chair in Hospitality Management
\$3,800

 - 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 and witness culinary competitions. While in New York the group will tour several hotels and restaurants, experiencing the hotel and restaurant industry in one of the world's most competitive environments.

- **James May**
Professor, Communications
Maguire Family Teacher Endowed Chair
\$20,800

 - James will perform a large-scale needs analysis study to aid in the acquisition and creation of learning materials for developing writers in both EAP and developmental

writing courses. In an effort to reduce textbook costs, he will utilize WebCT enhanced tools including podcasts, screencasts, DVDs, softchalk and hypertext interactive SCORM graded lessons. The content materials developed and purchased will be shared college-wide through campus libraries, EAP labs and writing centers.

- **Robert McCaffrey**

Professor and Program Chair, Digital Media

University Club of Orlando Chair in Advanced Computer Technology

\$4,900

- Robert will purchase Wacom Intuos tablets for classroom instruction and open labs. These high-tech input devices for digital media will allow students to create more organic designs and will expose them to a common industry standard. This pen-like device will improve designs while adding production value to student portfolios.

- **Lana Powell**

Professor, Business

SunTrust Chair in Economic Development and Business Education

\$3,600

- Lana will develop and maintain international contacts for future exchanges, internships and visits while attending the 34th Annual Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) conference being held in Woodlands, Texas. Information learned at the conference will be incorporated into class content and shared with fellow faculty in the Business, Behavioral and Social Sciences Department. In addition, Lana will work with Valencia faculty and staff to create new international opportunities for students and faculty.

- **Suzanne Salapa**

Director of Dance

Universal Orlando Chair in Arts and Entertainment

\$2,800

- Suzanne will invite guest artists from the David Parsons Dance Company to teach a series of master classes as part of an eight to ten day dance residency. The Parsons Dance company guest artists will engage in lectures for students and faculty, focusing on the heritage and history of Parsons Dance. Valencia dance students will be introduced to innovative choreographic approaches that will enhance skills in creativity and movement while learning from world-renowned dance company artists.