School Notes

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USF POLYTECHNIC

An expert behind the software driving much of the world’s industrial manufacturing, Dr. Sencer Yeralan will be the keynote speaker at two international conferences this fall.

Yeralan, assistant dean of the College of Technology and Innovation at the USF Polytechnic, directed the Industrial Research Laboratories at the University of Florida and taught at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey, where he developed the first examples of industrial engineering coursework on sustainability systems engineering and management. He joined USFP in January 2011.

Focusing on sustainable manufacturing, the first conference is the combined meetings of the 11th International Conference on Management of Innovative Technologies (MIT) and the second International Conference on Sustainable Life in Manufacturing (SLIM) and will be held Sept. 25-27 in Fiesa, Slovenia.

And tapping into software strategies for industrial engineering, the second conference is the Industrial Engineering Software and Applications Conference and Exhibition to be held Sept. 30-Oct. 3 in Ankara, Turkey.

KATHLEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Kathleen High School class of 1971’s 40th reunion will include classes from 1969-1972.

An event is planned for 6-11 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Elks Lodge and will cost $10. Dress is informal and there will be hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and a disc jockey playing favorite tunes.

A formal event from 6-11:30 p.m. Sept. 24 will be at the Imperial Swann Hotel on South Florida Avenue in Lakeland. Cost is $50. There will be dinner, cash bar and a disc jockey to entertain.

RSVPs are requested as soon as possible. Call Bill Wakeman, 688-4441; Richard Ameen, 686-0206; or Steve Thomas, 660-5869.

CULINARY ARTS

Culinary Arts teachers Karen Kilday of Kathleen High and Kim Martinez of Lakeland High attended Level 3 of the National Restaurant Association’s ProStart teacher training this summer at Johnson & Wales University’s Miami campus. In addition to the training, they both became trained and certified to teach and to proctor ServSafe testing at their school’s location.

Kathleen High’s Culinary Department was rewarded a $1,000 Tony Cook Memorial Grant from AIF Federation for the 2011-2012 school term to promote diversity education in their school community. This is the second year in a row that KHS teacher Karen Kilday has applied for and received the grant to offer "Travel the World by Your Taste Buds" to the school’s family and consumer sciences, foreign...
languages, and social studies students.

COLLEGE FAIR

The Polk District College Fair will be from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 6 at Florida Southern College’s Jenkins Field House, 111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland.

Public and private colleges and universities from Florida and out-of-state will participate. Those scheduled to attend include Howard University, The University of the Arts Philadelphia, University of New Mexico, University of Alabama, Mercer University, Southern Methodist University, Tuskegee University, Catholic University of America and the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Students and parents from public, private, charter and home schools are invited to attend and speak with college and university representatives about programs of study, admission, housing, scholarships, financial assistance and other issues. There is no charge to attend.

For further information, contact Kay Noble, Polk school district guidance specialist, at 534-0959 or kay.noble@polk-fl.net.

COLLEGE, POSTSECONDARY PLANNING SEMINARS

College and postsecondary planning seminars are scheduled for area high schools in September. Students and parents of public, private, charter and home schools, ninth through twelfth grades, are invited to the seminars at any of the locations. There is no charge to attend.

Each seminar includes the following topics: curriculum required for college admission, the admissions process, Bright Futures updates, the scholarship search, the FACTS.org online student advising system in Florida, college essays, interviews, campus visits and a financial aid overview.

Seminar schedule:

6:30 p.m. Sept. 12, Mulberry High Auditorium, Northeast Fourth Circle, Mulberry.

6:30 p.m. Sept. 13, Kathleen High library media center, 2600 Crutchfield Road, Lakeland.

7 p.m. Sept. 15, Harrison Arts Center theater, 750 Hollingsworth Road, Lakeland.

6:30 p.m. Sept. 20, Tenoroc High auditorium, 4905 Saddle Creek Road, Lakeland.

7 p.m. Sept. 22, Lake Region High auditorium, 1995 Thunder Road, Eagle Lake.

7 p.m. Sept. 26, Bartow High auditorium, 1270 South Broadway, Bartow.

7 p.m. Sept. 27, George Jenkins High auditorium, 6000 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland.

6:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Ridge Community High Auditorium, 500 West Orchid Street, Davenport.

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KEISER UNIVERSITY

In celebration of Keiser University nearing 35 years of serving students and Florida communities, this fall a total of $1 million in scholarships will be awarded to deserving students.

They include:
Founders Scholarship for students pursuing a bachelor's degree in any program who are well-rounded and demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and a commitment to the community and the university through service.

Developing Tomorrow's Talent Scholarship for students pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree in programs related to science, technology, engineering or math.

Students Making A Difference Scholarship for students pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree who are also involved in bettering their community by pursuing career fields that demonstrate civic responsibility or demonstrating exemplary leadership in regards to the educational community.

Rising To New Heights Scholarship for students pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree who have demonstrated remarkable persistence in the face of obstacles.

Building The New Economy Scholarship for students pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree who demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit and desire to create a business.

Today's Heroes, Our Leaders Scholarship for active duty personnel and veteran students pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree.

Deadline to apply is Wednesday. Visit www.keiseruniversity.edu/scholarships.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Heritage Christian Academy is celebrating the beginning of its second decade of ministry to the Winter Haven community. Started in the fall of 2001, HCA is the ministry of the First Church of the Nazarene that provides a Christ-centered, classical education for the children of the Winter Haven area.

As the teachers met on Aug. 15 to begin planning for the new year, there was a celebration of the success of the past 10 years and spirit of anticipation for the new year. Celebration activities began in the morning service on Aug. 14 at First Church of the Nazarene, which featured the return of Becky Connor, one of the founders of the school. She expressed her appreciation for the faculty and staff at HCA for their continued commitment to the passion and purpose that led to the starting of the school.

Dr. John Scott, the school's administrator, said the school's students have achieved significant scores on standardized tests when compared to students nationwide. For the 2010-11 school year, all of HCA's class averages ranked in the 60th percentile or higher in national scoring.

Although a ministry of the First Church of the Nazarene, HCA is a community school that involves teachers who are members of several local churches and families that represent approximately 15 churches.

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