

College and Community Relations

The Office of College & Community Relations (C&CR) is located in the Division of Institutional Advancement. The office serves a vital role at Valencia by ensuring that Valencia's mission, vision and goals are communicated both internally and externally. C&CR is comprised of four main areas of responsibility: College Relations, Community & Alumni Relations, Leadership Valencia, and Conference & Meeting Planning Services. These units work collaboratively to accomplish the following:

To support College administration in the planning and logistical support necessary for college and community events, including Academic Assembly, College awards and recognition programs, the Endowed Chairs program, and Commencement.

To increase the level of mutual support of the College and its alumni provided through the work of the Alumni Association, with a focus on serving the needs of our diverse graduates.

To support a comprehensive professional development program that includes highly specialized seminars, workshops and training programs for faculty and staff, in collaboration with other departments and divisions of the College.

To generate revenue, recognition, and learning opportunities for the College through conferences and meetings, to include the Florida Developmental Educators Association (FDEA), The Community College Conference on Legal Issues, Learning Conversations Conference, and the Florida Nursing Summit.

To strengthen support for the arts and the College's learning mission by providing unique learning experiences through interaction with renowned artists through Valencia's Vision & Voices Distinguished Artist Series. Artists not only give public performances but also interact with students in scheduled classes.

To contribute to meeting the Foundation's annual revenue goals by working collaboratively with Foundation staff to cultivate support from public and private sources.

To increase and strengthen the College's connections with the community in a powerful way through dynamic, productive community conversations about helping students succeed.

To reach C&CR, call 407-299-5000, extension 3122.

Valencia Community College's Alumni Association

The Valencia Community College Alumni Association was established by a small group of committed alumni in 1979 to support and promote the college. While growing into a 5,000 member organization, the Association has focused its efforts in five main areas: scholarship programs, recognition programs, academic support programs, volunteerism and fund raising.

Association members manage eleven scholarships annually and touch the lives of Valencia's students, faculty, staff and alumni through annual recognition and academic support programs, including the Distinguished Graduate Award, the Alumni Achievers Reception, and Theatre Night Out. All of the organization's efforts are built on the foundation of volunteerism, and the Association commits numerous hours to Valencia each year not only to carry out its own programs, but also to support Valencia projects and special events that require a contingent of skilled volunteers. Another key to the Association's successful programs is the financial support generated by various fund raising activities conducted each year, including the annual Valencia 5K Walk, Run & Roll.

Membership information and materials may be obtained by contacting the Alumni Relations Office at 407-299-5000, extension 3124 or by visiting the Association's Web site at <http://valenciacc.edu/alumni>.

Conference & Meeting Planning Services

Through Conference & Meeting Planning Services, Valencia offers a variety of customized services tailored to the needs of faculty and staff as well as local, state, regional and national educational associations and institutions. Valencia's professional team manages Valencia's "signature conferences" and works with a network of contacts and local agencies to provide all or part of the arrangements for a successful meeting, whether it is local, regional, state or national. Services include:

- General consultation and concept development
- Speaker and program management
- Marketing strategies
- Hotel selection and facility contract negotiation
- Food and beverage coordination
- Registration services (including online registration)
- On-site management
- Revenues and expense tracking
- Special events and activities

Contact Conference & Meeting Planning Services at 407-299-5000, extension 3229 or visit <http://valenciacc.edu/conference> to learn more about Conference & Meeting Planning Services' flexible and affordable services.

Leadership Valencia

Through this program, Valencia's faculty and staff are afforded opportunities for both personal and professional development to enhance organizational effectiveness and impact student success. Workshops "on demand" are available upon request.

Contact the Leadership Valencia office at 407-299-5000, extension 3126 or visit <http://valenciacc.edu/leadership>.