

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Daytona State College President, Thomas LoBasso, Ed.D., will provide an update on Daytona State College (DSC) and its successful reopening, as well as a Florida College System (FCS) update on behalf of the FCS Council of Presidents on items presented below.

## **OVERVIEW OF DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE**

DSC is a large and diverse state college with an annual headcount enrollment of more than 21,800 credit students and more than 2,900 non-credit students. Our typical student is lower income, works while taking classes, and receives financial aid. During the academic year 2019-2020, the College graduated almost 4,500 students with adult education diplomas, Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) alternative certifications, college credit certificates, and associate and baccalaureate degrees. DSC is the leader of workforce training in Volusia and Flagler counties, greatly contributing to the economic engine of the entire region.

## **PANDEMIC RECOVERY AND PHASED REOPENING**

- From the beginning of the statewide “stay at home” order through the present, the 28 state colleges have worked diligently to achieve the goals of providing students and employees a healthy and safe environment while ensuring our mission of education and CTE training continued with as little impact as possible.
- At DSC, we offered online classes for the second half of the spring term and the summer term. Select PSAV courses with face-to-face instruction, such as welding, law enforcement academy, etc., resumed in May after enhanced safety precautions were established. These classes with hands-on curriculum offered some material online and some in small group settings. A small number of hybrid general education courses sections were also offered for our summer B session.
- The Fall term began August 21<sup>st</sup> with a mix of options catering to student preferences:
  - Online classes for students who prefer remote education.
  - Hybrid classes (blended face-to-face and online) to allow students a modified in-class experience.
  - Regular face-to-face sections for CTE/workforce development programs (EMT, fire sciences, culinary arts, cosmetology, barbering, automotive technology, advanced welding, etc.), as well as for disciplines that do not lend themselves to remote instruction such as science labs.
- For the 2021 spring term, which begins January 19<sup>th</sup>, DSC will continue offering online and hybrid options, face-to-face workforce training, as well as expanding face-to-face lecture offerings in general education.

## **FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL SUPPORT**

- Our colleges are extremely grateful for the support and guidance we have received from the Florida Department of Education and with special funding for rapid credentialing in workforce areas that can help people get back to work.
- At DSC, we are using the funds from the rapid credentialing program for a new program, called “Upskill Now!”, designed for those who are unemployed, underemployed, or furloughed. This program offers high-value, low-cost or no-cost training (in areas such as AutoCAD, Office Support, CNC Milling, Lean Practitioner, HVAC Installer, Certified Production Technician, etc.) to those who qualify in as little as 18 weeks. 166 students are currently participating or enrolled in the Rapid Credentialing program.
- Financial support to the Florida College System from the Federal, State and local governments has allowed us to cover unforeseen costs related to our pandemic response, as well as to remain nimble and provide support to our most vulnerable students and community members.

## **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

With the 2021 Legislative Session on the horizon, the state colleges of Florida appreciate the continued support of the State Board of Education with our budgetary allocation. The state colleges will be instrumental during the recovery as we prepare traditional-age students and unemployed adults for the careers that will keep Florida a national leader in economic prosperity.

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**