



UP, UP AND AWAY: Dr. Marty's class created a weather balloon to launch a 3D printed version of the FSU Torch. The balloon launched on April 4th and reached a height of 66,709 feet (about 12.5 miles) before parachuting to its final destination in Jasper, Florida



Two Decades Later, Online Learning is Stronger than Ever

Dr. Larry Dennis
Dean & Professor, College of Communication & Information

As a pioneer of online learning, the College of Communication & Information has been working hard to integrate online learning into our degree programs and to provide equivalent online and offline programs for 20 years. In that time we have developed many innovative and high quality online programs.

For example, the Library and Information Studies online MLIS degree program within the School of Information prepares students to work in some of the most diverse and fascinating professional fields available today. Students can also complete a Master's degree in Information Technology entirely online. Communication Science and Disorders offers an online Master's

degree to prepare graduates for careers in speech language pathology and an innovative bridge program that helps undergraduates from other fields make the transition to speech language pathology. The School of Communication provides extensive undergraduate course offerings including a certificate in Hispanic Marketing Communication as well as graduate programs in Project Management and Multicultural Marketing Communications.

These programs make getting a degree from FSU possible even when students can't stop what they are doing and move to Tallahassee. This is critical for a mobile workforce, such as military personnel, or those constrained to one location, like parents. Creating quality online programs requires a lot of hard work and out-of-the-box thinking. Our faculty have made that commitment. We are proud of our many online graduates and look forward to meeting the challenges of the next 20 years. •

Communication Alumna Named in Forbes' '30 Under 30'



Anisha Singh (B.A. '09) began her successful law career as soon as she stepped onto FSU's campus. In 2006, she heard of a Sikh inmate who was being transferred to a prison where he would be required to cut his hair, a violation of his religious rights. She created and lobbied a resolution to transfer him to a prison where he would be able to observe his religion. Singh ended her FSU experience interning for Senator Dave Aronberg and Governor Charlie Crist. After earning her J.D. at the University of Virginia, Singh won a historic anti-discrimination case against the U.S. Army regarding a Sikh male who was repeatedly denied acceptance into his university's ROTC program. The U.S. Army created a procedure for individuals to request religious accommodations to join. This case landed her a place in Forbes' 30 Under 30 for Law and Policy. •

McDowell's Mentorship Recognized



Dr. Steve McDowell, Associate Dean and advisor for students in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), has been awarded the 2016 Undergraduate Research

Mentor Award. McDowell has been mentoring students through UROP since 2013 and has worked mostly in analyzing media coverage of conflict and political events in south Asia. •

Brendan Rempert Named FSU Humanitarian of the Year



Brendan Rempert, Media Communication Studies student has been named the FSU Humanitarian of the Year by President John Thrasher. He received the award for his work with SaveFirst, FocusFirst, Global Scholars and Florida

State Alternative Breaks. Through these organizations and other campus and non-campus outlets, Rempert capitalizes on his interest in alleviating poverty and closing the achievement gap. •



Merging a love of anthropology & film

School of Communication alumnus **Jayce Hill** (B.S. '12), decided to pursue two of his biggest interests by choosing two seemingly different majors: Cultural Anthropology and Digital Media Production. Hill has been able to blend his contrasting interests throughout his career. Today, he works in Honduras with Filmmakers Without Borders. The organization focuses on bringing filmmaking and media literacy education to children from underserved communities. During his time there, he has three goals: to learn how to teach, to learn how to speak Spanish and to learn how to create films. He will wrap up this summer. •



Communication Science & Disorders faculty with Delta Zeta sisters Baylee Wilson & Isa Blanes

Delta Zeta Sorority Donates \$12,620 to L.L. Schendel Speech & Hearing Clinic

In October, **Delta Zeta** hosted their first annual Homeruns for Hearing. All proceeds benefitted the FSU Speech and Hearing Clinic as well as the Starkey Hearing Foundation, a non-profit that provides hearing aids to underprivileged individuals in third world countries. The Fall philanthropy event featured a homerun derby, a BBQ, various lawn games and a silent auction sponsored by the Miami Marlins. At the event, Delta Zeta raised \$12,620, allowing them to be well on their way to completing their second endowment with the L.L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic this year. The sorority presented a check from the money raised at the event to the School of Communication Science & Disorders in January. •

Alumna Tanya Shores leads in ESE Education

Tanya Shores (M.S. Speech-Language Pathology, '07) has always felt drawn to help and teach others. Today, she serves as the District Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Administrator for Seminole County Public Schools. Her days are spent interacting with students and parents, problem solving with teachers and school administrators and facilitating solutions to support students throughout the district. She also supervises several services including speech-language pathology, audiology, educational interpreting and Pre-K ESE programs. Shores was drawn to work specifically in a school environment by the value her parents placed on education and helping others. •



FSU Honors Lisa Scott with Distinguished Teacher Award



Dr. Lisa Scott, Director of Clinical Education, has been awarded with the Distinguished Teacher Award by the Office of the Provost. The award is given to faculty who exhibit continued excellence in teaching.

Alumnus Dr. Mario Landera, Assistant Professor of Speech Pathology, recalls Dr. Scott's influence on his life: "I did my senior thesis with her - she was the one who introduced me to research. I wouldn't be where I am today without her." •

Alumnus Named in Library Journal's Movers & Shakers



Ryan Litsey (M.S. '10) was recently awarded the honorable Movers & Shakers award for his innovative contributions to the library world. The alum led the development of Occam's Reader, a software add-on for the OCLC ILLiad workflow solution that allows academic libraries to "loan" e-books electronically. Litsey also helped develop the Online Based Inter-Library Loan Statistical Kit (OBILLSK), which allows for real-time tracking of inter-library loan transactions and gathers and presents the data in attractive reports. In the future, Litsey will be exploring ways that the program can be used for time-limited access to non-circulating items such as digitized special collections content. •

Dr. Christie Koontz Retires, 25 Years with Florida State



Dr. Christie Koontz of FSU's School of Information may be retiring, but she is still working hard to contribute to the future of Florida State University students. Dr. Koontz created courses such as Storytelling for Information Professionals and Marketing of Library and Information Services.

Now, she is giving back with the Christine M. Koontz Fund. The scholarship fund will help students within the School of Information earn their degrees and go on to find success in the field of information studies. This spring, she was awarded a University Graduate Teaching Award for her dedication to her students. A zealot of the online learning movement, Koontz will also be attending the 20 Years of Online Learning event at Disney Epcot this June. •

Join the iSchool in celebrating 20 Years of Online Learning, June 25th at Disney's Epcot!
Register at bit.ly/1Mw9EpF.

iSchool Students Honored at Digitech

The annual Digitech event brings together students who are innovating in technology to showcase their work. From the School of Information, two groups took home awards for innovation.



COMMU, an app that offers travelers an authentic community experience as recommended by locals, won the Excellence in Entrepreneurship award.



RESOURCES FOR VETERANS, a tool to help veterans find resources in their area, won the Excellence in Contribution award.

Top: Christine Nieves, Valeria Rodriguez, Chelsea Schneider, Hallie Lavery, Alissa Ovalle, Natalie Quinchia
Bottom: Carolyn Reoyo and Zaymeen Deen

WHAT'S YOUR *philanthropic* PASSION?

What would you like your gift to do at CCI? How can we make it unique to you?

In conversations that I have with donors, this question is the most important of all. Donors give to causes that are important to them, and to organizations whose missions align with their philanthropic passions.

Communication Science & Disorders alumna Doreen Oyadomari Brown wanted to give back because of her experience living in one of the Scholarship Houses as a student.

The Cavallaro family honored Ashley Nugent, a dear friend and Communication student who passed away too soon by funding undergraduate student

scholarships with a focus in Media/Communication studies, Public Relations and Advertising.

With their passion for libraries and scientific research, iSchool alumna Carol Gill and her husband Marc set up multi-disciplinary scholarships that provide support for students in CCI and Arts & Sciences and fund full text science database subscriptions in the University Libraries.

Through SPARK, FSU's online giving platform, alumni have supported various programs that are important to them such as V89 College Radio, Debate, WISE, STARS and many more.

It's clear that when we listen to our donors and match their philanthropic passions with CCI initiatives that have a special place

in their hearts, they are more likely to support our students, faculty and programs.

I hope that Dean Dennis and I will have the opportunity to continue these conversations with many of you in the coming months. We are in the homestretch of FSU's \$1 billion "Raise The Torch" Campaign and we're more than halfway to getting there. CCI is responsible for raising \$10 million and through the generosity of our donors, we have raised 72% of our College's goal.



MAFÉ BROOKS
Director of Development



Dr. Gene Sherron, professor-emeritus from the School of Information, was called to provide scholarships for our students in Information Technology. This spring, Gene established the **Gene Sherron Endowment**, the very first endowment to support the Information Technology program, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2017.

CLASS NOTES

'10s

GISELLE BODDEN (B.A. '12) is working as a Media Planning Coordinator at Discovery Communications on shows that are broadcast in Latin America.

COURTNEY DURAN (B.S. '11) is working as a Senior Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C.

AMINA RESHEIDAT (B.S. '13) is working as the Associate Director of Resource Development at PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

MORGAN L. MCCORD (B.S. '13) joined the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as Press Secretary.

JUAN GOMEZ (B.S. '15) is working with Georgia Pacific Professional as a Marketing Manager.

KARYN BARBER (B.A. '07, M.A. '11) recently joined the City of Palm Bay as their Community Information Coordinator and Public Information Officer.

TYLER BRADLEY (B.A. '13) is working as a Social Media Manager at Pitchfork in New York City.

CAMERON DANIEL (B.S. '11, M.S. '13) is working as a Sales Planner at Pandora.

MORIAH MCLAUGHLIN (B.A. '15) is working as an Associate Negotiator at Mindshare in New York City.

GINA OVIEDO-MARTINEZ (M.S. '10) is working for Hillsborough County Public Libraries as a Senior Librarian.

NORA BERTOLAET (B.S. '11) is working for the Florida State University as the Digital Content Producer.

ANNIE SADLER (B.S. '11) is working at a family-owned construction business in Colorado for its in-house IT and graphic design departments.

'00s

MARIA GEBHARDT (M.S. '09) is working as the Manager of Integrated Marketing Communications and Social Media for Broward County Public Schools.

AMANDA GREEN (B.A. '00) is working as the Associate Director for the Healthy Schools Program with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

NICOLE DIAL (B.A. '06) is working as a University Relations Representative at DreamWorks Animation in Glendale, California.

CHRIS CREEL (B.S. '01, M.S. '03) is working at Lyft in San Francisco as Sr. Online Marketing Manager.

KRIS BARTON (B.A. '00, M.A. '02, Ph.D. '07) recently published an edited collection of academic essays on the television series Arrested Development.

MARIN DELL (MLIS '05, Spec. '07) started a new position as Head of Digital and Electronic Services at Texas Tech School of Law Library.

ANISHA SINGH (B.A. '09) was named on Forbes "30 Under 30" for Law and Policy. Her work with anti-discrimination cases against the U.S. Army earned her the award.

MARIO LANDERA, AuD (B.S. '04) has been promoted to Assistant Professor at the University of Miami's Department of Otolaryngology, Division of Speech Pathology.

SHANON IRISH (B.S. '04) is working as a Coordinating Producer and Editor for "Inside the HEAT" and recently won her fifth Emmy Award.

SUSANNAH WESLEY (B.S. '05) is working as the Senior Vice President of Edelman Detroit.

MICHELLE KELLY (B.A. '07) is working as Vice President of Client Services at Hawkins International PR in New York City.

JOE FERRIS (B.S. '04) is working for AT&T as the Principal - Technology Security Engineer as part of the Global Customer Security Services (GCSS) team.

AMY GRAHAM (B.S. '07) is working as a Deputy Communications Director at the U.S. Senate.

CEDRIC NABE (B.S. '08) is working as a Senior Manager at Deloitte in Switzerland.

'90s

TIMOTHY K. GIORDANO (B.S. '98), Principal at Next Impact Ventures, has been appointed to the Board of Advisors of The AAT Project (America's Amazing Teens).

KARA (MOCK) ADDY (B.S. '91) recently joined the University of South Carolina in a newly-created position, Executive Director, Donor Communications and Stewardship.

KIM POLACEK (B.S. '98) is the Public Relations Account Services Coordinator at Moffitt Cancer Center, after years of working in television news production throughout Florida.

TRACI (SPRIGGS) MORENO, PhD (B.S. '95) serves as the Director of Mental Health Services at the Antelope Valley Community Clinic in Lancaster, CA.

MILTON PARRIS JR. (B.S. '91) is employed with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue as a firefighter. He also serves as the Alumni President for Miami Norland Sr. High School and is the National Board Co-Chair for the FSU Black Alumni.

DIANE HOWARD (Ph.D. '99) is excelling in her career as a painter and recently hosted a successful exhibit in New York City featuring her paintings of the Arctic.

MEREDITH DASILVA (B.S. '96) is working as Director of Executive Operations at VISIT FLORIDA and was named by the Tallahassee Democrat as one of "2016's 25 Women You Need to Know."

CAROL RUSSO (M.S. '99) is working as a Senior Community Library Manager at Northwest Regional Library in Coral Springs, FL.

KIRK ENGLEHARDT (B.S. '94) is working as the Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communication at UT Chattanooga.

'80s

EDWARD RODRIGUEZ (M.S. '83) is President of the Gulf Coast Chamber based in Gulf Shores, which was awarded Chamber of the Year for North America in 2015.

THERESSA VIRGIL (B.S. '85) is the Senior Director of Creative Services for the UP TV cable network in Atlanta, GA.

JEFF MACHARYAS (B.S. '83) earned his Master of Science Degree in Cybersecurity and Computer Forensics from Utica College, August 2015.

MICHELLE UBBEN (M.A. '88) is working as COO at Sachs Media Group and was named by PR News as one of the top women in Public Relations.

ROBIN SAFLEY (B.A. '85) is working as the Executive Director of the Florida Association of Food Banks.

'70s

ANN MCGEE (B.A. '70, M.A. '71) is working as the President of Seminole State College and was recently presented with the Chief Executive Leadership Award.

IN MEMORIAM



RICK RICE Artist and educator
Rick Rice passed away on January 17, 2016. He earned his BFA in Graphic Design from FSU in 1974 and went on to teach at Lively Tech. He then built the graphic design program at TCC and later redesigned the TMH logo. Rice ended his career teaching online at FSU.



BRETT JULA (M.S. '11)
Integrated Marketing Communication alumnus Brett Julia passed away on February 10, 2016 following an automobile accident. He was working as a district coordinator for Boston Beer Company in St. Louis, Missouri. While at FSU, Julia was a sports editor for both FSView and the Florida Flambeau and the sports director for V89.

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CLASS NOTE

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Why we Serve

For ten years I have had the honor of serving on CCI's Leadership Board. It is comprised of engaged, outstanding professionals, some of whom are not alumni but who believe in and support the work of the College with a passion I've rarely seen elsewhere. The entire group shares their time and talents promoting the College, raises funds, and helps fulfill the mission of the College. The board's primary role is to support the Dean in his vision for the College of Communication & Information while doing everything we can to support the students, faculty and administration.

I first became active because of my interest in public relations but quickly learned that CCI is one of the most important colleges at FSU because of the number of areas that touch so many people's lives. In addition to educating some of the best students in the country, the three schools that make up the College are conducting important research and making a difference in all walks of life.

Several years ago one of my close family members was diagnosed with ALS and I came to an even greater appreciation of the great work by the School of Communication Science & Disorders. Like my fellow board members, the more we learned about the College's great work, the more we want to serve, and recognize the privilege of working side-by-side with like-minded passionate people.

If you're interested in learning more about how you can support the College or if you should consider joining the Board, feel free to contact Mafé Brooks at mafe.brooks@cci.fsu.edu.

William Mills, III
Chairman, FSU CCI Leadership Board