A Day in a Life of an SCF Professor...

Meet some of State College of Florida’s highly qualified, caring professors who share a passion for teaching that inspires students to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Dr. Joni Pirnot, Mathematics Professor
Teaches: Discrete Mathematics, Calculus, Liberal Arts Mathematics
Experience: 11 years at SCF
Extracurricular: Assistant coach of state champion Math Olympics Team; Advisor Award from Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society; coordinator of Mathematics for Dual Enrollment; chair/creator of scholarship in Developmental Mathematics; authored book on the first concrete example of two-dimensional automata; published/presented at numerous international, national and state conferences.
Quote: “I was offered jobs by Google and Microsoft but it’s not about the money for me. I’m doing what I love and it’s about getting up every day and seeing my students and knowing that I am making a difference in their lives.”

Danny Fuerstman, Political Science Instructor
Teaches: International Relations, American Government, Model United Nations
Experience: 3 years at SCF
Extracurricular: Coaches SCF’s award-winning Model U.N. team; Student Online Engagement Committee; eLearning Task Force; co-authored chapter in “A History of the U.S. Political System.”
Quote: “I understand students who struggle to find their niche because it took time to figure out what I wanted to do. But I knew I had found my calling in the first class I taught; it was a really powerful moment.”

Isera Tyson, Language and Literature Professor
Teaches: African-American Literature, Written Communication I & II
Experience: 26 years at SCF
Extracurricular: Mentors Basketball team; guest lectures at SCF Collegiate School; Multicultural & Diversity Committee; Phi Theta Kappa; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; served on numerous SCF committees; received National Council of Black American Affairs regional award for excellence in teaching; enrolled in Ph.D. program.
Quote: “I want my students to acquire the best education that SCF offers even if it means tap dancing on the desk to get their attention. Failure is not an option for my students, and my greatest reward is watching my students graduate and earn exceptional grades when they transfer to universities.”

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