Summer enrollment increases at MCC

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VENICE -- Summer enrollment at Manatee Community College is more than 15 percent higher than at the start of summer session last year.

"That's 6,428 students compared to 5,612 last year, said Kathy Walker, MCC's director of public affairs and marketing. "(The) Venice campus alone is up 15.1 percent with 1,555 students, compared to 1,351 last summer."

She said those summer enrollment numbers could increase, since the first summer class term has only just begun. Summer B classes at MCC begin June 24.

Fall classes at MCC begin on Aug. 24, and registration for currently enrolled students began on April 20. There will be three admission and college funding workshops at MCC's Venice campus over the course of the summer for interested and incoming students. All three events will begin at 6 p.m. on June 30, July 14 and July 21.

The school hasn't begun enrollment tracking for its fall term yet, but officials said early indications from inquiries and applications show that the growth trend will continue.

It is, however, too early in the process to speculate about the rate of growth, they said.

"It's too soon to have specific course breakdowns but we know that
with enrollment growing this rapidly, it's safe to say that growth is seen in all classrooms as well as in online courses," Walker said.

Student enrollment for summer classes at the Charlotte campus of Edison State College is also nearly 40 percent higher than it was in 2008, officials reported last week. The campus has a student enrollment of 737, which is roughly 38 percent more than 2008's summer enrollment of 533.

In addition to the increase in summer enrollment, Edison spokesperson Eric McKinney said the campus has already recorded a higher registration rate for the fall semester than it had at this time last year. So far, 403 students have enrolled for the fall semester set to begin on Aug. 24. This represents an increase of 133 students since last June.

MCC established a four-day work-week for the summer. The registrar, financial aid, advising, testing and assessment offices, cashier and bookstore are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The school has campuses in Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch and Venice. It will officially change its name from MCC to State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, effective July 1.

For more information, visit www.mccfl.edu. For more information about MCC Venice's admission and college funding workshops, call 941-408-1400.

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