



# PATHWAYS ACADEMY

OPERATED BY FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

## Mission Statement

The mission of *Pathways*, a Florida State College at Jacksonville charter career academy, is to provide academic, career and character development instruction for high school dropouts and students at high-risk of dropping out who have been referred to *Pathways* by the Duval County School District. Through intensive, innovative and focused secondary and postsecondary instruction as well as comprehensive case management services, *Pathways* seeks to re-attract, motivate and engage students in a challenging and exciting whole-life educational environment.

## Vision Statement

Pathways Academy will be recognized, at the state and national levels, as a leader in providing a comprehensive academic and personal enrichment program that allows the flexibility to take students through high school graduation, post-secondary education and gainful employment leading to a successful future.

## Statement of Values

At Pathways Academy we value:

- An environment that fosters quality teaching and functional learning
- Innovative and creative education options for students
- Personal, professional and social development

# Pathways Pacesetters

## 'Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow'



That famous line from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" served as the theme for Dr. Edythe Abdullah's farewell reception held Friday, March 12, in the Advanced Technology Center. Employees of Florida State College at Jacksonville along with invited guests attended the recognition ceremony to honor Dr. Abdullah for her commitment, dedication and service as president of Downtown Campus.

In the picture below, Kenneth Francis, director of Pathways Academy, presented Dr. Abdullah with parting gifts of appreciation that included a beautiful shawl and an autographed enlarged photo of Pathways' staff, faculty, and students.



Mr. Francis presents Dr. Abdullah with a memento on behalf of the staff and students at Pathways Academy

Dr. Abdullah's vision and nurturing leadership style helped cultivate the innovative high school dual enrollment program known as Pathways Academy. She has also played a vital role in the development and improvement of other valuable, diverse educational programs and services offered at this campus.

We here at Pathways Academy wish her the very best in her new post as president of Essex County College in Newark, New Jersey. Good luck, Dr. Abdullah!

## PATHWAYS ACADEMY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shannon Norwood

Producer, The Morning Show  
WJXT Channel 4, The Local Station  
Motivational Workshop for young women  
**Friday, April 23**  
12 pm - 5 pm. Auditorium Room A1058

### SENIOR GRAD BASH

**Friday, April 30**  
at Universal Studios and  
Universal's Islands of Adventure  
Orlando, Florida

### COMMENCEMENT & GRADUATION

**Saturday, May 8**  
Pathways Academy's ceremony will be at  
3 p.m. at the Jacksonville Veterans  
Memorial Arena

### PATHWAYS' PROM

**Saturday, May 22**  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Advanced Technology Center  
Downtown Campus



## ESCAPE TO PARADISE

Members of the Pathways Student Professional Association established a Prom Committee to plan Pathways' 2010 Prom. The prom is scheduled for May 22, and will be held at the Advanced Technology Center located at the Downtown Campus from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. This year's prom theme is "Escape to Paradise."

The Prom Committee, under the guidance and direction of Mrs. Marie McCue, Career Coach at Pathways, is made up of several students. These students are really excited about the prom and have been showing great initiative in taking ownership in the planning process. At this time, the committee has been working hard on planning a fundraiser. A bake sale is scheduled for the month of April to raise funds for prom expenses. The committee has been discussing and developing task lists to finalize their plans for the invitations, tickets, decorations, food, and music. More details about the bake sale and the prom is forthcoming.