

**Rachel Allen**

**Patricia Havill Whalen Chair in Social Sciences \$6,400**

This endowed chair will sponsor a residency with Dr. John Paul Lederach, professor at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame University. This residency will provide students the opportunity to interact with a scholar-practitioner in international peace building. In partnership with the introduction to peace studies courses, student development and the Seneff Honor's College, this endowed chair will offer a master class for students to discuss topics from Lederach's book "The Moral Imagination," including conflict transformation and global peace building.

**Suzette Dohany**

**Sue Luzadder Chair in Communications \$3,000**

Suzette will visit Koning Willem I College (KWIC) to collaborate with faculty and deans in the communications and global studies department along with the director for international programs to create shared learning opportunities that address global citizenship. This endowed chair will support several college-wide initiatives to internationalize Valencia's curriculum through the Study Abroad and Global Experiences (SAGE) office and the Developmental Education Initiatives (DEI) by creating a direct pathway for developmental education students into honors. It will also promote and foster a globally diverse learning environment by developing cross-cultural programs with KWIC, expand course options by providing students with interdisciplinary and culturally diverse learning experiences, and provide a model for developing relationships with institutions abroad for future faculty and student exchanges and cross-cultural programs.

**Yolanda Gonzalez**

**Howard Palmer Chair in Foreign Languages \$3,100**

Yolanda will visit Buenos Aires, Argentina to research the linguistic variations and characteristics of the language in the area, the history behind these variations and the impact that this has on the teaching and learning of Spanish as a foreign Language. Students are familiar with the Caribbean and Central American Spanish dialects and customs; however, it is hard for them to understand the diversity within the language and the culture. By expanding her knowledge, Yolanda will be able to propose and promote a study abroad program in Argentina to encourage students to learn about diversity and to compare and contrast with their own language and culture.

**Debra Hollister and Brian Macon**

**Freedra Louise Foreman Chair in Family Resource Development \$3,600**

This endowed chair will provide the resources for students and families to learn how to work together through a decision making process to choose a college and career that will enhance their professional goals. The project will involve a multi-tier set of activities including surveys, tests, guest speakers and conversations between the students and their families. Family support provides a type of practice that honors family integrity, human dignity and the right of self-determination. Students will be able to work together for the common goal, listen to the families they serve and involve them in decision making, and not only embrace family support principles but also put these principles into practice in their lives.

**Mabel Machin**
**John and Florence MacLeod Chair in Business \$3,400**

This endowed chair will fund a site visit in 2013 to Germany, Denmark and France with the support from CCID (Community Colleges for International Development). This is a collaborative project shared by three Valencia professors. Some of our local Central Florida area industry partners who are in support of this collaborative project are Siemens, Orlando Utilities Commission and Progress Energy Florida among others. The site visit will allow the Valencia professors to engage several colleges, the German government's energy department, and various alternative and renewable energy related facilities in order to capture the culture, spirit, and drive for clean energy and a sustainable future within these countries. Students will be introduced to the new international accounting models and regulations necessary in a global business community.

**Julia Nudel**
**Lockheed Martin Chair in Math \$4,500**

Julia will redesign the classroom experience for students via the "flipped" instructional model. One of the challenges that students encounter in the traditional instructional model is the inability to receive help with their assigned homework. In the "flipped" instructional model, the instruction is done outside of class, and homework and practice occur in the classroom, where the professor is available to give clarification or assistance. Julia will design lectures, instructional materials and videos for students to watch prior to class and will incorporate ClassPad calculators, iPads and iPod touches to increase student engagement via collaborative projects in the classroom.

**Bonnie Oliver**
**Bank of America Chair in Business \$3,200**

Bonnie will travel with students that participate in the international study abroad course to Italy and Spain. This program will give the professor and students the opportunity to glean insight into European economic perspectives, and integrate the information gained into the business and economics curriculum. After completing this project the professor and students will recognize the challenges of conducting business in Italy and Spain, and the findings will be shared with future classes and colleagues via classroom discussion and faculty presentations.

**Robin Poole**
**Chesley G. Magruder Foundation Chair in Nursing & Allied Health \$3,500**

Robin and two students from Valencia's dental hygiene program will participate in a "Community Service Day" at the Annual Dental Hygiene Association meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. During this Community Service Day the students will increase the value of community service by providing patient education and treatment, as well as participating in the several learning opportunities that the association meeting offers.

**Marva Pryor**
**Bank of America Chair in Business Management \$3,600**

Marva will travel to Europe with business and economic students. This trip will give students the opportunity to visit international companies and see business and economic theories in action. They will be able to connect the text book theory to actual applications and identify the differences between European business practices and American business practices.

**Richard Sansone**
**University Club Chair in Humanities \$4,300**

Richard will attend a film festival featuring Portuguese cinema, which will give him the opportunity to interact with filmmakers, fans and experts, providing the unique opportunity to learn about contemporary trends and offerings while acquiring current films on DVD. These resources will be shared with students and the college thus enhancing both understanding of contemporary cinema, as well as connections to the Portuguese speaking community.

**Brenda Schumpert**
**Lockheed Martin Chair in Science \$3,400**

This endowed chair will provide an opportunity for students to document technical and field expertise in ongoing science-based projects by creating photo and video e-portfolios. By using a Mac Pro and Cameras with video and GPS, students will document the work they did, the technical skills they mastered, and the significance of their work in photos and videos. From these, each student can generate an e-portfolio which they can use to showcase their skills to potential employers, academic admissions committees, or internship providers. Brenda will guide the students to learn how to build a pathway to their future by communicating the connection between their work and its practical applications.

**Irina Struganova**
**Lester N. Mandell Chair in Natural and Physical Sciences \$3,100**

Irina will develop undergraduate research activities suitable for physics and astronomy classes at Valencia and incorporate these activities in the honors physics with calculus curriculum. She plans to share this experience with other instructors teaching physics and astronomy courses. Students will have the opportunity to assemble a Kepler – NASA mission model and perform the diffraction of electrons experiment. These projects and activities will enrich students' learning experience, as well as introduce them to undergraduate research.

**Elizabeth Wanielista**
**Wayne M. Densch Chair in Geriatrics \$5,000**

Elizabeth will introduce the use of tablets in teaching keyboarding and document processing. She will purchase five PC-based tablets without keyboards for use at the college and will compare the results to see if those students using tablets do as well or better than those students using keyboards. Based on the observation, she will determine the further use of tablets in the classroom.