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Experiential Education





Florida Southern is Leading the Way with Experiential Education

Higher education is constantly evolving. Our curriculum and teaching methods are different from the days when Dr. Ludd Spivey was president of Florida Southern, and his ideas about education might have surprised Joshua Hollingsworth, the College's first president.

We who have the responsibility of accepting students fresh from high school and preparing them to become capable, knowledgeable, and responsible adults must rely on the latest research about education. It is a clear principle that college students learn best by doing and by problem-solving, and this has led to a growing emphasis on experiential education.

Simply put, experiential education is taking knowledge acquired in the classroom and, with the guidance of a professor, applying it to real-world situations. This can take many forms, but it is possible across all disciplines, from the sciences to the humanities to education and the arts.

In 2005, Florida Southern made a commitment to incorporate experiential education into all parts of our curriculum. Some courses of study, such as nursing, already required students to have practical experience. However, this pedagogy has been expanded to all fields of study. We expanded course hours so that students could develop research projects or devise practical applications.

We also began to pay more attention to the importance of internships and the link between travel and education. Therefore, we have made a commitment to all our incoming students that they are guaranteed an internship and an educational travel experience in their junior year with the cost included in their tuition.

Our efforts have been nationally recognized. Florida Southern received the William B. Burke Presidential Award from the National Society for Experiential Education. It is the highest honor bestowed to a college or university by this highly regarded national organization.

In my conversations with business leaders who will be employing Florida Southern graduates, I am told often that they want graduates who can think for themselves and solve real-world problems. We believe that an emphasis on experiential education is the best way to prepare students to be successful as employees and as citizens.

I hope you will read the stories in this edition of the *Southernnews* about how Florida Southern is forging an educational philosophy to meet the needs of the 21st century. Since the days of Joshua Hollingsworth, our commitment to excellent education and the development of students spiritually, socially, and physically has remained the hallmark of a great FSC education. We could not do it without our alumni and friends, and I appreciate your continuing advocacy and support of Florida Southern College.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.
President

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George Giebel, a senior biology student; **Andi Ramirez '12**, B.S. in biology; and **Ashley Pelegrin**, a senior environmental science student, take measurements of turtles caught in Lake Hollingsworth as part of a research project overseen by Assistant Professor of Biology **Gabe Langford**.

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Experiential Education Changes Teaching, Learning

For those who still remember with trepidation the days when your grade for a course rested on a mid-term exam, a 10-page paper, and a final, FSC Provost Kyle Fedler has a startling declaration: “Those days are long gone.”

Florida Southern has made profound changes in the way professors teach and the way students learn and earn grades. The entire core curriculum has been revised to emphasize experiential education. Although more and more schools are incorporating experiential methods in their teaching and learning, FSC is at the forefront in American higher education in making it an institutional priority, Fedler said.

Already the College has received national recognition. Florida Southern received the 2010 William B. Burke Presidential Award, the highest honor given by the National Society for Experiential Education.

Experiential education at FSC began at the behest of President Anne Kerr, who responded to comments from employers about the skills they were looking for in college graduates — such as critical thinking and problem solving — and to research that demonstrated how students learn those skills. The College’s curriculum was revised comprehensively, adding another hour to most courses in order to accommodate hands-on assignments and encouraging all professors to include experiential components in their classrooms.

“The best teachers have been teaching this way forever. We don’t learn just by listening. Experiential education is taking the material I’m learning and applying it, whether it’s in a practical discipline like chemistry or a discipline that deals with ideas like history and philosophy. It means posing a hypothesis and reading primary sources. It’s learning how to read a text and not just remembering facts,” Fedler said.

He said that FSC professors have embraced experiential education but noted that it is a more challenging way to teach. Fedler compared it to a craftsman teaching an apprentice to be a carpenter or a mason, guiding the students as they try to



master the discipline. The emphasis is on collaboration and problem-solving rather than simply lecturing and testing.

“It’s not easy to put yourself in the place of the student. It’s much easier just to present the lectures you’ve been giving for years. With experiential education, there are a lot more assignments,” he said.

In order to support the faculty and maintain focus on experiential education, the associate provost’s position was redefined, and Dr. Mary Crowe, who has a strong background in promoting undergraduate research, was recruited to fill the post. *(See article on page 3.)*

But experiential education is more than just course projects. It also includes internships, faculty-student collaborative research, the Junior Journey travel program, and service projects carried out through Student Awareness Generates Action (SAGA). *(See accompanying articles.)*

“One of the things that attracted me here is the multiple approaches. Different majors have different engagement needs,” said Dr. Crowe, who began her duties in July. “Flexibility in the curriculum allows faculty and students to determine what experiential education is best for students. Any type of activity in or out of the classroom that allows a student to solve problems is experiential education.”



Students Learn Through the Experience of Travel

One of the more enriching parts of experiential education for FSC students is the opportunity to travel and study overseas or in a different region of the United States. Since 2010, all undergraduate students are guaranteed a travel experience in their junior year. Junior Journey trips are five to nine days in length and are offered during May or Summer terms or during fall or spring break.



FSC students **Scott Haggins** (left) and **Andrew Eason-McGill** survey the view from a castle during their Study Abroad visit to Spain.

More extended travel opportunities of three to four weeks are offered through the Study Abroad program in fall, spring, and summer terms. Florida Southern has relationships with Harlaxton College and Regent's College in England and with the Estudio Sampere Language Institute in Spain, and students also arrange their own study abroad experiences with universities and institutes around the world.

Earlier this year, FSC students accompanied professors on study abroad trips to Great Britain, Germany, and Spain. Scott Haggins, a junior Music Education major, was among those who traveled

to Spain with Associate Professor of Spanish José García, where they visited Madrid, Alicante, and Salamanca.

“My trip to Spain was life-changing to say the least,” Haggins says. “From running into street-musicians and jamming with them to visiting beautiful waterfalls, every day was a joy to be there. Our trips were fun and the experiences were unforgettable. I enjoyed every person who I went with on the trip and met some cool people in Spain that I still talk to today.”

Dr. Mary Crowe: FSC's Research Guru

The commitment to involving undergraduate students in research runs deep for Dr. Mary Crowe. Her life's work started with a biology class when she was an undergraduate student at a small college and was invited to help with the professor's research.

“It changed my life, much like it changes the lives of other students. I know the impact it can have on a person,” she says.

Crowe came to FSC in July to assume the post of Associate Provost for Experiential Education. FSC's Provost, Dr. Kyle Fedler, decided that when the associate provost's position became vacant, it should be dedicated specifically to helping implement the College's commitment to experiential education.

Crowe was a perfect fit for FSC because her previous positions at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and at Xavier University in New Orleans were focused on undergraduate

research. In fact, in June Dr. Crowe began a one-year term as president of the Council for Undergraduate Research, a national organization devoted to promoting undergraduate research.

“This role is to make sure students in all disciplines have the opportunity to solve real-world problems. There is flexibility in the curriculum that allows faculty and students to determine what experiential education is best for the student,” she says.

One of Crowe's tasks will be to try to measure which forms of experiential education reinforce the lessons learned in the classroom. Fedler says she is “an expert” at determining the best practices of experiential education.

“She has a much broader skill set than I could have hoped for. She's very good at systems, at implementing ideas. I'm impressed with her ability to get the faculty to think about how they can integrate research into their coursework,” he says.



Dr. Mary Crowe with Provost Dr. Kyle Fedler

Crowe is particularly complimentary of the close relationships between faculty and students at FSC. She points to how the departments try to connect students with appropriate internships.

“Those faculty members know their students well and know what internships are able to make a good fit. That's something we have at Florida Southern you don't see at other schools,” she says.



Internships: A Key Part of Experiential Education

Internships are a key part of experiential education because they allow students to apply in real-world situations what they are learning in the classroom. When hiring, employers today frequently look to see whether students have internship experience. Internships are so important for a student's learning, FSC guarantees an internship to its incoming freshmen.

The FSC Career Center helps students connect with companies looking for temporary help while providing students with practical experience. Students can also pursue internships through their academic departments, which frequently have connections to related industries. In the fall 2012 semester, more than 125 FSC students held internships for academic credit.

Here are just a few examples of some of the outstanding internships across the country Florida Southern students have completed.

Florida Southern has a partnership with The Washington Center, a highly respected educational organization that provides internships and seminars to college students. In addition to Matt Geras (pictured above right), a second FSC student is spending the fall semester in Washington learning firsthand about law and government. **Kianna Murphy, Criminology and Sociology** was assigned to the U.S. Attorney's office in the District of Columbia, and she spent the first few weeks observing how the assistant attorneys and their paralegals prepare for their cases. Kianna hopes to go on to law school and become an Assistant U.S. Attorney herself.

Wesley Davis, Jr., Political Science received a summer internship this year with U.S. Rep. Bill Posey's office in Washington, D.C. His responsibilities included addressing constituent concerns, research legislation, writing correspondence, greeting visitors, and conducting tours of the U.S. Capitol Building. Wesley's internship led to an election-season job with the College Republican National Committee, helping organize college Republican chapters in California.

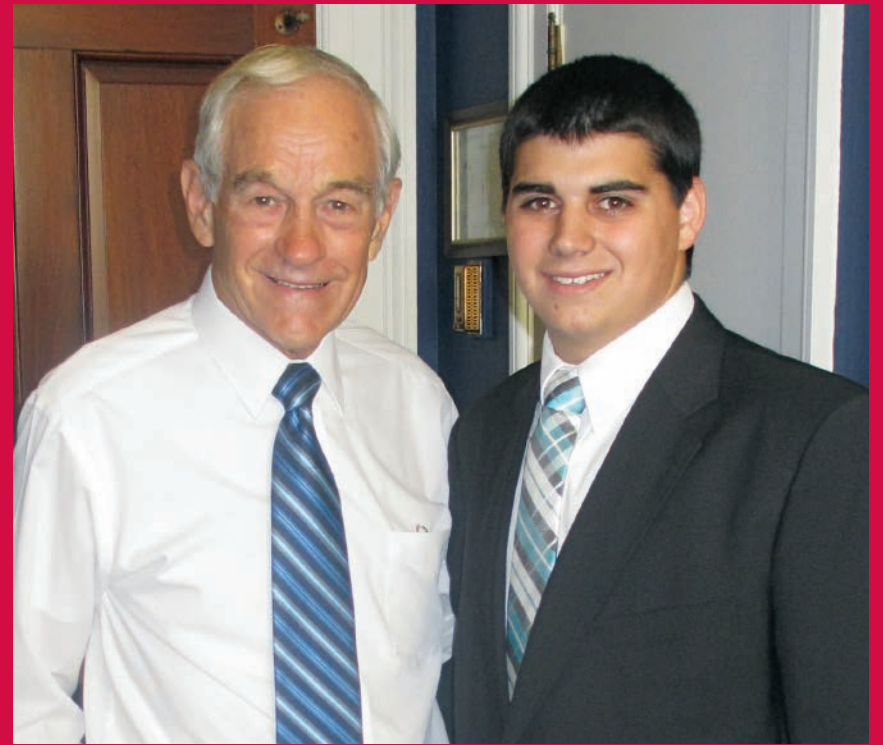
Nicole Hayes '12, Psychology, won a semester-long Child Life Practicum at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg. She assisted Child Life Specialists to ensure that often-frightened child patients and their families are coping well during a hospital stay through a variety of techniques, including play therapy and personal counseling. Nicole graduated in May and her internship led to her current job as Child Psychiatric Specialist at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., working with children with behavioral and psychological disorders. "Working in this field is so rewarding on many levels," she says.



Kianna Murphy



Wesley Davis, Jr.



Matt Geras (above right) shown with **U.S. Rep. Ron Paul**, was given a Washington Center internship with **Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**, who represents South Florida. Among his duties were corresponding with constituents, guiding tours of the capitol, researching and writing about legislation, and editing the constituent database. He also has attended briefings and is taking a class taught by C-Span's political editor, **Steve Scully**. After graduation, Matt hopes to earn his CPA license and eventually run for public office.



Robbie Palmiotto, Business Administration
Robbie was selected for the prestigious Robert R. and Peggy I. Sharp Fellowship in Business, which provides a \$6,000 scholarship and a 150-hour internship with the AAA Auto Club South. Robbie was exposed to the three main aspects of AAA's business — travel agency, insurance, and sales — and assisted in booking trips and helping auto travel customers with their itineraries. He previously interned with The Ruthvens, a warehouse leasing firm in Lakeland, and he said it was a great experience to see how different businesses are run. Robbie plans to work for a couple of years after graduation and then pursue an MBA.



Jasmine Childress

Jasmine Childress, Biology, participated in a Research Experience for Undergraduates program funded by the National Science Foundation at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico, studying the gray vireo, a threatened species of bird.

Sabab Osmani, Business Administration Sabab had a summer internship with Research In Motion, the company that makes the Blackberry, at their Product Development Center in Ft. Lauderdale. He was a Software Test Associate Intern and conducted suites of tests on the functions of the new Blackberry 10 and Playbook 2.1 platforms. The internship was highly technical, and Sabab says, "Technology has always been my passion."



Sabab Osmani



Alyssa Raiford

Alyssa Raiford, Business Administration, interned in the Human Relations department of Hilton Grand Vacations in Orlando, participating in several projects, including administration of annual employee surveys, managing the Hilton Grand Vacations Careers social media accounts, and drafting contracts between Hilton's domestic vacation properties and local staffing agencies.

Adam Long, Athletic Training, landed an internship with the Auburn University football program during their fall season. Adam says, "It's our job to keep the players healthy and on the field, so it is the greatest feeling in the world knowing you did your job and got them to that point."



Adam Long



Shem Opolot

Shem Opolot, Biology, and Ryan Crilly, Athletic Training, interned with FSC Distinguished Alumnus Dr. Keith Berend '92 at his renowned orthopedic medical practice at the New Albany Surgical Hospital in New Albany, Ohio.

Laura Wichmann, Communications, interned for Dunkermotoren, a German company that manufactures a range of electric motors and gear drives, translating and producing manuals from German to English.



Ryan Crilly



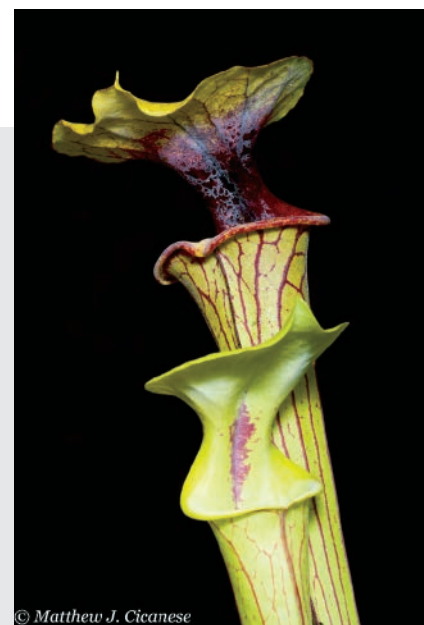
Laura Wichmann



Matthew Cicanese, Environmental Studies Matthew, a President's Scholar at FSC, used his fabulous talent as a nature photographer to create a summer internship with the Duke University's prestigious Lutzoni Laboratory. He was invited to join the laboratory team to prepare, photograph, and document lichen specimens in extreme close-ups. A few of his photographs (like this one of carnivorous pitcher plants, right) were also used on the website of Duke's greenhouse, and eventually the photos will be published by the lab. Matthew hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in biology, specializing in the study of lichens.



Melissa Ziccardi, Theater Arts, was one of four wardrobe interns at the Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre in Winchester, Va., last summer. She maintained and fixed costumes used during the shows and served as a dresser during the performances. She worked on four musicals over the summer, including *Legally Blonde: The Musical*, and was costume crew chief for one of the shows. After graduation, Melissa would like to build costumes for a professional theater.



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Grant Program Funds Undergraduate Research

At most colleges, it's hard for undergraduates to get their names in academic publications. Professors usually collaborate with graduate students on research projects or reserve authorship for themselves.

But at FSC, thanks to an emphasis on experiential learning and a program now in its tenth year, faculty members are working with students to conduct research and include them in the credit. The Faculty-Student Collaboration initiative at Florida Southern, a summer research program, is administered by Dr. Mary Crowe, Associate Provost for Experiential Education. Students must apply to the program, which pays a modest stipend to the students and the faculty and also pays for supplies and travel, if necessary.

“Summer is when faculty members are more available to work with students. It’s a way for students to get experience in their academic discipline. In the sciences and the humanities, the work prepares them for graduate school. Getting students’ research published in peer-reviewed publications is huge,” Crowe said.

Here are three of the six projects carried out last summer.

■ When Sage Publications, a leading academic press, invited Associate Professor of Political Science Bruce Anderson to write a series of articles

about political criminal cases for a forthcoming volume on white-collar crime, he persuaded the editors to let four of his junior- and senior-level undergraduates do the research, write the articles, and receive the primary authorship credit. Anderson reviews and edits the work, and he will be listed as second author, but the publication credit gives students’ resumes a boost if

they apply for graduate or law school, he says.

Carlene Fogle-Miller, a senior honors student in political science, is working on an article about the



others who haven’t done this kind of research.”

■ Students of Assistant Professor of Biology Gabriel Langford spent several steamy hours each week wading in the muddy shallows of Lake Hollingsworth and gathering data on some of the creatures that live in the lake’s ecosystem. Langford has been conducting a long-range survey of the turtle population in Lake Hollingsworth.

The students have caught hundreds of turtles, including a lot of red-eared sliders, the type commonly sold in pet shops, which means when people tire of keeping them, they are releasing them into the lake where they compete with native species.

“From the data, the invasive species is beating out the natural species,” says George Giebel, a senior biology student.

■ As the Lakeland Christian School football team is running through a morning practice session, a player gets hit hard and goes down. Florida Southern students Amber Whitney and Megan Moore, acting as athletic trainers for the team, immediately pull him aside to check for symptoms of concussion.



The students are getting on-field clinical experience, but they are also participating in a research project on concussions in athletic competition, working with Dr. Sue Stanley-Green, associate professor of athletic training and Director of the Athletic Training Education program.

The Faculty-Student Collaboration grant allowed them to spend time over the summer reading published studies on concussions. Then, once football practice got underway at Lakeland Christian, Whitney and Moore conducted computer-based testing on the players to assess them for signs of concussion.

“It’s hands-on experience in the age group I want to work with,” said Moore, a senior who wants to enroll in a physical therapy program after graduation.

Whitewater scandal in Arkansas that threatened to derail the political career of Bill Clinton. The authorship credit will be “a very valuable asset” for her future, she said.

“I can show I’m capable of good, solid writing,” said Fogle-Miller, who plans to attend law school. “It gives me an advantage over some



Chris Evert (left) and FSC Women's Tennis Coach **Trish Riddell** shake hands at the net after the pair volleyed to cap the dedication ceremony.



Above: **Wynee Warden** is presented with a bouquet of roses by FSC tennis player **Charles Garneau**. Below: The entrance to the Wynee Warden Tennis Center.



Chris Evert Helps Dedicate Wynee Warden Tennis Center

Hall of Fame tennis champion Chris Evert inaugurated the Wynee Warden Tennis Center at FSC with some admiring remarks, then gamely kicked off her shoes and hit the first shot on the new courts. Evert was the special guest at the grand opening ceremony of the Warden Center, which drew a crowd of more than 200 people, including Mrs. Warden, whose family philanthropy, the Bert W. Martin Foundation, was the major donor for the facility.

The 10-court Warden Tennis Center was built over the summer and includes a covered, two-sided grandstand, restrooms, and a concession stand. It will be the home of the FSC men's and women's varsity tennis teams, as well as the site for recreational play for faculty, staff, and students, and community tournaments.

Evert praised the Warden Center as a "beautiful facility" and said the game of tennis can be a lifelong pursuit and a family activity.

"It's something you can play when you're 6 or 80. I played just the other day with my mom. She's the one who taught me the drop shot. I have four siblings, and three of them played No. 1 on their college teams. We played as a family," she said.

FSC President Anne Kerr said it was appropriate that the Center was named for Mrs. Warden because "the game of tennis begins with love."

"Wynee is a wise woman of incredible character. She is a great friend in good times and bad. She has a zest for life, and she genuinely cares for students," she said.

The two championship courts at the facility were named for Mrs. Warden's sons, Andy and Chandler Warden. Speaking on behalf of the family, Chandler Warden said the tennis center is the kind of project the Bert W. Martin Foundation supports.

"It's a great facility. We enjoy investing in young people," he said.

"I was pleased to name the first court in memory of my brother Ernest, a talented tennis player, who died at the age of 19 in World War II," said Lester Wishnatzki. "I was happy to join Mrs. Warden and others to create this wonderful tennis facility for our college and community."

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The following donors gave significant gifts toward the construction of the Wynee Warden Tennis Center and had tennis courts named for them:

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Ernest Wishnatzki
<i>Given in loving memory by
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The College's Labor Day Picnic was held on the new Mr. George's Green.

Most Beautiful Campus Even More Beautiful

In August, Florida Southern College was named the No. 1 Most Beautiful Campus in America by the prestigious *Princeton Review* for an unprecedented second consecutive year. This is the first time *The Princeton Review* has given the Most Beautiful Campus designation to the same college in consecutive years, and it is the third year in a row FSC has been in the top 10 on the list of Most Beautiful Campuses.

The College is not resting on its laurels, however. Improvements to the campus continue at a rapid pace, making it a more vibrant living-learning community. Thanks to generous donations, several projects were completed during the summer that have transformed the heart of the campus and greatly enhanced student and academic life.

Shortly after the end of the spring semester, the varsity tennis courts adjacent to the George W. Jenkins Field House were bulldozed to clear the way for the lush and expansive Mr. George's Green, a

terraced and landscaped green space that runs from Allan Spivey Hall down to Ingraham Avenue. Completed just in time for the opening of the fall semester, Mr. George's Green is named for the late George Jenkins, founder of Publix Super Markets. At the groundbreaking in May, a major gift from Publix Super Markets Charities for the project was presented to FSC President Anne Kerr from Carol Jenkins Barnett '79, daughter of George Jenkins and CEO of the Charities.

"It seemed a natural complement to create a space next to the George Jenkins Field House. My father was so proud when that was built," said Mrs. Barnett. "It's a wonderful thing to see the College continue to expand."

Adding to the ability of students and their families and friends to enjoy the vista looking out toward Lake Hollingsworth, the Ebbie Sue Pou Doherty '81 Veranda was added to the east side of Allan Spivey Hall and overlooks Mr. George's Green. The Veranda, which includes lots of quaint rocking chairs for students to relax in, was built thanks to a generous gift from FSC Trustee Maida Pou in honor of her daughter and was dedicated on Sept. 25.

The space for Mr. George's Green was made possible by the construction of the spectacular new Wynnee Warden Tennis Center, located next to the intramural field. (See article on page 7.)



Above, **Ebbie Sue Pou Doherty '81** (center); her mother, FSC Trustee **Maida Pou** (right); and her husband, **Bob Doherty**, celebrate at the dedication of the Veranda. The Ebbie Sue Pou Doherty '81 Veranda (right) was added to the east side of Allan Spivey Hall and features rocking chairs and an overview of Mr. George's Green.



In another improvement to FSC athletic facilities on campus, the Jenkins Field House received a facelift. The lobby was expanded, the floor tiled, the entrances moved to either side, and the façade above the lobby was raised. It has been renamed the Chas P. and Susan Smith Lobby at Jenkins Field House in honor of the major donors for the project.

Other projects completed over the summer include

- The expansion of TûTû's Cyber Café on the first floor of the Roux Library, featuring more tables and comfortable chairs for lounging and study, meeting rooms, and a collaborative work station for students planning projects. The project was proposed by the Student Government Association, which also funded it.
- An expansion of the still-new Joe K. and Alberta Blanton Nursing Building. A second laboratory wing was added to accommodate graduate nursing students.
- The bathrooms in Hollis and Joseph Reynolds residence halls were expanded and upgraded.
- Wi-fi capability was enhanced to cover the entire campus, allowing students, faculty, and staff to use their laptops and smartphones to connect to the Internet anywhere at FSC.

One additional project is nearing completion. Work continues on the Fannin Campus Ministries Center, which will increase the office space and add bathroom and kitchen facilities to the building. The Center will be dedicated in February.



The entrances to the new Chas P. and Susan Smith Lobby of the George W. Jenkins Field House were moved, and the size of the lobby was expanded.



TûTû's Cyber Café now has more space for lounging and study.



The Fannin Campus Ministries Center nears completion.



Mark C. Hollis (above, center, and right) wrote and performed “Barabbas,” a one-man play at the theater’s dedication.



Frank Lloyd Wright’s Theater-in-the-Round Restored, Rededicated

The only theater-in-the-round designed by Frank Lloyd Wright has been restored and was rededicated on April 4 with a theatrical performance. An audience which filled the theater to capacity attended the mesmerizing performance of “Barabbas,” a one-man show written and performed by Mark C. Hollis about the thief who was released in the place of Jesus.

The small and unique theater, located in the Lucius Pond Ordway Building, has been undergoing restoration for about three years to return it to the original look and feel of Wright’s design. It is the first stage in long-term efforts to restore the Ordway Building.

“This project marks the first time any space within the Frank Lloyd Wright designed campus has been reinstated, and now students and visitors alike can better visualize how the master sculpted space, light and even sound to create a room that is both functional and spiritually uplifting,” said Jeff Baker of Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, who oversaw the restoration. “Although the room is designed for seclusion, one can feel a connection to the outdoors with the passing of every cloud.”

The theater’s original lighting and acoustic design are unique. The only lights in the theater shine upward onto the ceiling, giving reflected rather than direct light. And because of a dome in the cupola above the center of the floor, anyone speaking from that spot can easily be heard throughout the theater.

Dr. Hollis, retired President of Publix Super Markets, is a longtime benefactor of the College, who was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1985. He captivated the audience with his rendition of the inner turmoil of Barabbas after he is set free and Jesus is put to death instead. The drama was particularly appropriate as it was performed during Holy Week. His performance recaptured one of the original uses of the theater. It was used by the Vagabonds, FSC’s theater troupe, until the Lora Lee Buckner Theatre was built.

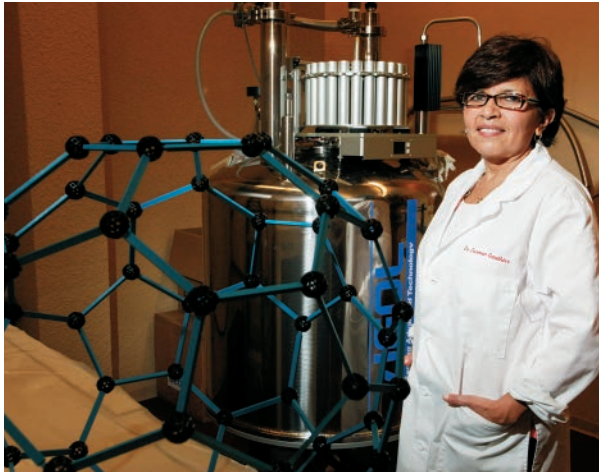
The Ordway Building, including the theater, was originally dedicated in 1952. Over the years it had been modified, including having the interior walls painted black by the Theater Department. The restoration involved having the paint and other additions removed and making the clerestory windows that encircle the cupola at the top of the theater clear again.

Editor’s Note: Just prior to the Southernnews press deadline, Dr. Mark Hollis passed away on December 7, 2012. A complete obituary will be published in the next edition of the Southernnews.

Three Appointed to Endowed Chairs

Three outstanding FSC professors have been appointed to endowed chairs, the highest level of academic recognition bestowed by the College, for their superior achievements in teaching and contributions to their disciplines.

Dr. Carmen Gauthier, Professor of Chemistry, was named to the Jessie Ball duPont Chair in the Natural Sciences. She was recognized by the American Chemical Society with its Salute to Excellence Award, and in 2006, she received the Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. She joined the faculty of Florida Southern in 1999 and was promoted to Professor of Chemistry in 2007. Dr. Gauthier is currently the Chairman of the Chemistry and Physics Department. The duPont Chair was established in 1979 by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.



Dr. Carmen Gauthier



Dr. Nancy Morvillo

In affirmation of her excellence as a teacher of accounting and ethics, Dr. Lynn Clements '79 MBA '90 was named to the Dorothea C. Tanner Chair in Ethics in Business and Economics at the Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise. Dr. Clements began teaching at Florida Southern College in 1984 and rose through the ranks to Professor of Accounting. She has many years of practical experience as a CPA, and among her several impressive credentials, Dr. Clements is a Certified Forensic Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. She has studied and written extensively about financial reporting, fraud and whistleblowing, especially on the role that morality plays in exposing unethical practices. The Dorothea C. Tanner Chair in Ethics in Business and Economics was established in 1994 through a generous endowment from the late Mrs. Tanner, a longtime resident of St. Petersburg who served on FSC's Board of Trustees and the President's Council.

Dr. Nancy Morvillo, Professor of Biology, was named to the Nelson C. White Chair in the Life Sciences. She has received numerous teaching awards, including the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award from FSC, and the Outstanding Teacher Award from the College's circle of Omicron Delta Kappa. Dr. Morvillo is Chairman of the Biology Department and Coordinator of the Pre-Medical Studies program. She also collaborates with students on genetics research and has explored the relationship between science and religion, publishing one book in the field and co-directing the Florida Center for Science and Religion at FSC. The Nelson C. White Chair was established in 1981 through a generous gift from Mr. White, who was Chairman of the Board of IMC Corp., and a longtime benefactor of FSC.



Dr. Lynn Clements

Professors Granted Tenure

FSC Provost Dr. Kyle Fedler announced that the College Board of Trustees approved granting tenure to the following faculty members at its May 11 meeting:

- Dr. Nancy H. Cummings, Assistant Professor of Physical Education & Athletic Training
- Dr. Bruce W. Darby, Professor of Psychology
- Dr. Jo A. Jossim, Professor of Music

In addition, the Board of Trustees approved the promotion of Dr. Alex Ortiz to Associate Professor of Communication.



Dr. Nancy Cummings



Dr. Bruce Darby



Dr. Jo A. Jossim



Business Executive, Civic Leader Steve Forbes Gives Spring Commencement Address



Steve Forbes

Steve Forbes, renowned as a business executive, civic leader, and philanthropist, gave the commencement address at Florida Southern College's 2012 Commencement Ceremony on April 28.

Mr. Forbes is the editor-in-chief of business magazine *Forbes* as well as president and chief executive officer of its publisher, Forbes Media. Mr. Forbes also serves on the boards of several foundations, including the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, the Heritage Foundation, and the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. In 1996 and 2000, he

ran for the Republican presidential nomination.

During the ceremony, Mr. Forbes was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters in recognition of his many accomplishments in business and government.

In his commencement address to the graduates, he recounted several traits and characteristics of people who have succeeded, including imagination, hard work, perseverance, and patience. Among them, he mentioned his grandfather, B.C. Forbes, a Scottish immigrant who arrived penniless in New York, persuaded a

newspaper editor to give him a job as a business reporter, and went on to found *Forbes* magazine.

"It makes life easier if you know what your passion is," Mr. Forbes said. "Great things are not glamorous. They come through hard work. If you're willing to do it, you may succeed."

Also honored during the ceremony with an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters was businessman and philanthropist Marcus M. Weinstein of Richmond, Va. He has been an active and generous supporter of Florida Southern College, most notably



Steve Forbes (right) receives his honorary degree from President Anne Kerr as Chairman of the Board of Trustees Robert L. Fryer '70 looks on.

starting the Weinstein Israeli Scholars Program, now in its seventh year; the Lake Morton Apartments; and the Weinstein Family Courtyard and Garden at the Dr. Marcene H. and Robert E. Christoverson Humanities Building.

"Make yourself necessary and add a little value to everything that you do, and I promise you, you will be a wonderful success," Dr. Weinstein said in his remarks to the graduates.

During the ceremony, the Miller Distinguished Professor Award was given to Dr. Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Political Science. The award

honors an FSC faculty member each year who has achieved excellence in teaching, active learning, scholarly productivity, and advising.

The President's Scholar Medal was awarded to April Louise Pearson of Deerfield Beach. It is awarded each year to a student who is in the top 1 percent of the graduating class and exemplifies the College's values of scholarship, leadership, and service. Ms. Pearson graduated from Florida Southern with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology summa cum laude and is attending medical school.



Marcus M. Weinstein (center) and his wife, Carole (right), speaks with President Anne Kerr prior to his address to graduating students at the Spring 2012 Commencement ceremony.



In April, newly elected SGA President **Ashley Gibson** visited **Gov. Rick Scott** at his office in Tallahassee. Gibson and FSC student **Wes Davis** also met with **Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam** and **Attorney General Pam Bondi**.

Lt. Col. LaRonde Takes Command at FSC

Lt. Col. Jonathan Scott LaRonde is the new commander of FSC's Army ROTC Battalion. A native of Texas, he received his commission as a military intelligence officer in 1994 after graduating from Texas A&M University. Lt. Col. LaRonde holds



a Master's degree from the School of Advanced Military Studies at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. His military education includes training in military intelligence, field artillery, counterintelligence, Mandarin Chinese, and air assault.

Florida Southern ROTC Cadets Spend Summer in Training

Ten cadets in the Moccasin battalion completed an intensive 29-day evaluation program over the summer. The Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as Warrior Forge, was conducted at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, Wash. Three FSC cadets distinguished themselves at Warrior Forge. Michael Reynolds and Matthew Angelo received RECONDO badges for achieving scores above the standards, and Heather Weaver graduated in the top 5 percent of her LDAC regiment.

Also, in an ROTC program that is new to the FSC battalion, three other cadets participated in the Army's Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency program, which sends cadets on three-week duty tours to foreign countries so they can get an understanding and appreciation for other cultures. Desirae Roberts, a junior biology and pre-veterinary major was sent to Kyrgyzstan; Mackenzie Carlyon, a junior public relations major, went to Tanzania; and Madison Nickell, a junior political science major, was sent to Jordan.

The Florida Southern Army ROTC battalion is now ranked seventh out of 39 college ROTC battalions in the Southeast, a higher ranking than much larger schools, according to the U.S. Army.



Desirae Roberts (center), an ROTC cadet at FSC, looks at pictures with two students in Karikol, Kyrgyzstan. Roberts was sent to Kyrgyzstan for three weeks last summer as part of the Army's Cultural Understanding and Language Program.

FSC Acquires Lake Hollingsworth Apartments



Florida Southern has acquired an off-campus apartment complex to accommodate the growing need for student housing. In September, the College purchased Lake Hollingsworth Apartments, which are located a few hundred yards southeast of the campus, adjacent to First Presbyterian Church.

Current residents will be allowed to remain in the apartments until their leases expire. The apartment complex consists of 145 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units and will accommodate about 260 students. They will be designated for juniors and seniors.

The off-campus apartments are part of the College's Community Living Program and are regularly patrolled by security personnel. Students who live in the apartments may still participate in campus meal plans and all other campus activities.

This is the third off-campus apartment complex the College has acquired in recent years to accommodate expanding enrollment, which has increased almost 20 percent since 2007.



Robert Fryer Honored for Service to Hospice



FSC Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Fryer, Jr., '70 (right), his daughters, Amanda and Abigail (on left), and Lisa Pucillo stand in front of the Hospice & Community Care Inpatient Center named for him.

FSC Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr., '70 was recognized by Hospice & Community Care of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in October for his service to the organization. The inpatient center in Mount Joy was named the Bob Fryer & Family Inpatient Center in his honor.

Dr. Fryer is a longtime supporter of Hospice, serving on its Board of Directors for nine years, and has a personal interest in the organization. A relative was cared for at the Inpatient Center in Mount Joy before her death. In his remarks at the ceremony unveiling a new sign for the Center, he gratefully acknowledged the honor.

“It is both a privilege and a pleasure to work for such a wonderful organization. Like many of you, I have experienced Hospice care for a loved one. The service, care, and caring is truly exceptional,” he said.

The Mount Joy facility was opened in 2008 with financial guidance from Dr. Fryer, said Steve Knaub, Hospice & Community Care President and CEO.

“Bob’s support of Hospice & Community Care has gone far beyond that of a financial nature. The gift of his knowledge, time, experience, and resources has resulted in overall stronger stability, structure, and governance of our organization, and has enabled us to continue to grow and strengthen our services and be here for patients and families for many years to come,” he said.

After a few days of orientation for new students and the arrival of returning students, the 2012–2013 academic year got underway on Aug. 22. The College welcomed a class of 550 first-year students, which brought total enrollment, including adult and graduate programs, to 2,450. First-year students represent 41 states and territories, and 4 percent are international students from 13 countries.



Roberts Academy Receives Gifts of Art and Financial Support

The Roberts Academy at Florida Southern College received inspiring gifts of art and financial support at a special ceremony on Nov. 10 at the school. Parents, faculty, and members of the community were present for the event, which benefited the Academy, the only private elementary school for gifted children with dyslexia in Florida.

Three heartwarming sculptures by the noted artists Don Haugen and Teena Stern were unveiled in the front of the Academy. The bronze sculptures, of children holding open books, are a gift from Lakeland philanthropists Hal and Marjorie Roberts, whose generous gift funded the Academy and whose further support enabled it to add a sixth grade this year.

The sculptures are intended to convey the promise of reading and learning for children with dyslexia. They are representations of three of the Roberts' grandchildren, each of whom has dyslexia. Liam, Sarah Reilly, and Anna Taite each wrote a statement that appears in the open books on the sculptures.

In their statements, the children expressed their joy at being able to read. Liam wrote, "We need to learn to read so we can read to learn." Sarah Reilly put hers in the form of a poem: "Then – Dumb / Could not / Angry. / Now – Smart / Can / Happy." Anna Taite wrote, "When I learned to read, I was set free to soar."

Haugen and Stern, of Marietta, Ga., are among the most distinguished figurative sculptors in America. Some of their publicly displayed works can be found at the International Olympic Archives, the Jimmy Carter Library, and the University of Georgia.

In honor of the gifts of the Robertses, their daughter, Julia Roberts '91, gave the school a large framed portrait of Hal and Marjorie Roberts, which hangs in the lobby of the Roberts Academy.



Janet '73 and John '72 Snapp stand outside the classroom where she teaches at the Roberts Academy. John Snapp gave a gift to the Academy naming the classroom in Janet's honor.



Hal and Marjorie Roberts (second and third from right) pose with their daughter and grandchildren and the sculptures they commissioned. From left: grandsons **Finn and Liam**, daughter **Julia '91**, granddaughters **Ansley, Sarah Reilly, and Anna Taite** (far right).

In addition to the gift of the sculptures, John Snapp '72, a business consultant with Publix Super Markets, Inc., announced he is giving two financial gifts to the Academy. One gift dedicated a classroom named in honor of his wife, Janet Snapp '73, a teacher at Roberts Academy. The second gift will fund the Janet Snapp Scholarship for a student to attend the school.



Hal and Marjorie Roberts (left) stand with the portrait their daughter **Julia '91** (third from right) presented to the Roberts Academy in their honor. On Julia's left are **President Anne Kerr** and **Dean of Education and Head of School Tracey Tedder**.

Janet Snapp is a former teacher with the Polk County School District and was the first teacher hired by the Roberts Academy. In his remarks announcing the gifts, which caught his wife by surprise, Mr. Snapp said they were an expression of gratitude.

"The Roberts Academy represents a second career for Janet, and it has been life-changing. I couldn't think of a better way to honor her than to name a classroom in her honor. The scholarship will help touch the students she loves and cares about so much," he said.



FSC's Entrepreneurs: Tyson Lykes '84 Comes Full Circle

H. Tyson Lykes II '84 considers himself lucky to have found work that he loves.

"You talk to so many people who hate their jobs. I like agriculture. I like being outside. I can't imagine spending all day behind a desk," he said.

On a recent visit to the Florida Southern campus, Lykes reflected on a successful career

spent in agribusiness, for many years working for his family's far-flung companies and then pursuing his own interests.

Lykes is named after his great-grandfather, Dr. Howell Tyson Lykes, a South Carolina physician who moved to Florida in the late 1800s and founded Lykes Bros., Inc., with his seven sons. Today the Tampa-based company is one of the largest private land holders in the United States, and has diversified interests in citrus, cattle ranching, farming, and insurance.

Lykes grew up in New Orleans and worked in the family's shipping firm. In 1980, he moved to Florida to work in Lykes Bros.' citrus and cattle businesses in Dade City. Because of the College's Citrus Department, the Lykes family had long been supporters of Florida Southern, and Tyson Lykes enrolled as a nontraditional student.

"I was a day student. I arranged my schedule so I could take classes and still work two or three days a week at our fertilizer plant.

Occasionally, I visited our groves down in south Florida," he said.

Lykes majored in business administration with a concentration in citrus science. He studied with legendary citrus Professors Thomas Mack and Rubert Prevatt and was able to balance the theoretical and scientific side of the industry with the practical experience he gained outside the classroom.

"It made what I was learning in the field come full circle," he said.

After graduating, Lykes

continued working for Lykes Bros., in the citrus and timber branches of the company. In 1993, he struck out on his own, and for the past 20 years, he has started several enterprises, owning his own citrus groves and ranches. He sold his citrus businesses recently because of the canker and greening diseases that have plagued the industry, but he is looking into buying pecan-growing groves, an industry that is flourishing these days.

Lykes advises anyone who wants to start his or her own business to find the resources

needed, even if it means starting small, and then working hard.

"You can find venture capital. There are still people around who have entrepreneurial spirit," he said.

Most of all, Lykes said, find something you are passionate about.

"Follow your dreams. I know it sounds corny, but a lot of people go to jobs they hate, and it makes for such a long day. I speak from experience. You have to find something that will make you love going to work," he said.

Know of a Florida Southern Entrepreneur?

We'd like to hear about it.

A future edition of *Southernnews* will focus on alumni who have started successful business enterprises — Florida Southern's entrepreneurs. If you have started a business and seen it endure and flourish, or if you know of someone who has, we'd like to share that story with the rest of the FSC community. Contact *Southernnews* editor Cary McMullen at 863-680-4375 or cmcmullen@flsouthern.edu.



Tyson Lykes '84 stands among the citrus trees in the dePass Citrus Grove on the FSC Campus.



Holiday Traditions at FSC

As Christmas approaches, Florida Southern returns to several time-honored and beloved traditions. These photos capture some of the holiday magic on campus in December (clockwise, starting above left): the annual Christmas Alumni Dinner, the McKay Tree Lighting at the Water Dome, and Dean Holiday. This year a new event was added for students (below left), the Winter Wonderland on the campus' new green space, Mr. George's Green. Winter Wonderland featured a 75-foot snow slide (with manufactured snow, of course), hot chocolate and coffee, crafts and games, pictures with Santa, and dancing. More than 700 students turned out, ensuring that a new FSC holiday tradition will continue.





Supporting Our Diplomats Crucial to U.S. Security

By Lt. General Donald L. Kerrick '71,
U.S. Army (Ret.)

(Editor's note: The following column by Lt. Gen. Kerrick was published by The Huffington Post on Oct. 18 and is reprinted here with permission. Lt. Gen. Kerrick served as the Deputy National Security Advisor to the President from 2000 to 2001.)

On September 11, 2012, America lost four brave men in a fatal attack against our nation in Benghazi, Libya. Three of these heroes were veterans, and the fourth was one of our most gifted diplomats, Ambassador Chris Stevens. As with so many Americans, these men made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to our nation.

While we need to get all the facts about what happened that fateful evening, we cannot take our eyes off the ball and the reason these remarkable Americans put themselves at risk. Just like our men and women in uniform, they were defending our nation, our values, and securing our interests in a strategic part of the world.

As a military officer, I worked with many diplomats and development experts throughout my 30 years of service, and I am proud to have stood with them. Our diplomats are critical partners for our military

in confronting threats from non-traditional enemies. Their jobs are in many ways preventive, working to stop conflict before it occurs.

Our credo in the military should always be, "Send us in last." War is costly and, as former Secretary of Defense Bob Gates said, "Development is a lot cheaper than sending soldiers." It's not only cheaper in terms of taxpayer dollars, but more importantly in the lives of our service men and women.

Our diplomats need to be on the ground, and this means taking risks. While we must do all we can to mitigate risks, we can never completely eliminate them. The five diplomatic security agents who risked their lives going into a burning building to find their fallen comrades are some of America's bravest. We owe our diplomats, and those who protect them, a great debt of gratitude.

I had the great privilege of working with a legend in U.S. diplomacy, Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, during the conflict in Bosnia in the 1990s. I saw firsthand the true art of diplomacy in the way Holbrooke negotiated an end to that horrific conflict and prevent further bloodshed.

That's what our diplomats do every day around the globe. It's not a job in "pinstripe suits" as the old, tired stereotype goes. Diplomacy is critical to advancing our foreign policy, making us safer at home, and reducing the likelihood and need for military engagement.

We have to stay the course, and we cannot withdraw from the world because of an attack. That would be playing into the enemy's hand. Instead, we must stay strong and resilient in our convictions as Americans always do, and stand our ground to promote our values and our national interests. That is how we can best honor the memory of those who gave their lives in Benghazi, and continue to keep our nation safe in a very dangerous world.

From Scholar to Stage and Screen

A career in entertainment was "absolutely not" in her plans when Charleene Closshey '02 entered FSC as a McClurg Scholar. She earned a degree in marketing management in three years and was pointing toward law school or an MBA. Then she took a year off to exercise her creative side.

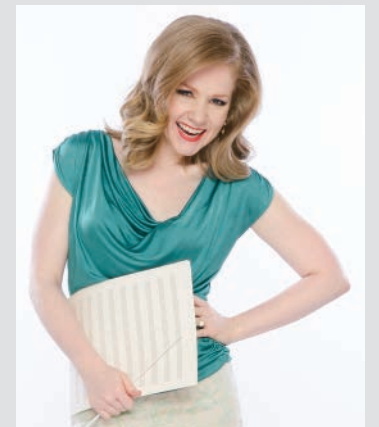
She played the violin well and performed in amateur theater, and suddenly she started getting gigs as a studio and stage musician, playing in the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and accompanying singers such as Josh Groban and Jon Secada. Then she landed a part as a Celtic fiddler and dancer in *Irish Thunder*, a Riverdance-style stage show.

"That's when I thought, 'I love this too much not to have my own voice,'" she says. "Musical theater was natural to me."

Closshey got an Actors Equity card and began performing in regional theater productions of musicals such as *Jekyll and Hyde* and *Nine*. She also started composing her own music. Now she and her fiancé, Jeremy Culver, have started their own productions.

They produced a short film about the last days of St. Francis of Assisi, in which Closshey played St. Clare and for which she composed the score. Next year she will appear on TV in a new series, *Evergreen*, in which she plays a musician returning to her small-town home. The series is already in pre-production.

"The past decade has been surreal. So many wonderful things have happened," she says. "My mom says to those much has been given, much is required. When people open doors, I think it's our obligation to walk through."



Trustee Emeritus **Dr. E. Vane McClurg** (left) and Mrs. McClurg meet annually with the FSC students who hold the McClurg Scholarships. This gathering in April 2011 was hosted by **President Anne Kerr** (far right) and included the McClurgs' daughter Adele and her husband, Paul Morgan (second and third from right).



McClurg Scholarship Gives Best and Brightest a Boost

Students are the lifeblood of a college, and attracting quality students is a top priority of the faculty and administration at Florida Southern. Because of the expense of higher education today, scholarships play an ever more crucial role in ensuring that FSC remains competitive in recruiting the best high school students.

That's why the C.V. McClurg Scholarship has been so important for the College but even more important for the students who have received it since the scholarship was established in 1998. The McClurg Scholarship is one of just two awarded by FSC that covers full tuition and instructional fees. It is awarded each year to three first-year students who meet the scholarship's requirements: they must be recipients of the Hollingsworth Scholarship (the highest merit-based presidential scholarship), and successfully pass an interview during Scholars Weekend. The scholarship is renewable annually

with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and satisfactory progress toward graduation.



Katie Luecht

Katie Luecht, a junior with a double major in interpersonal and organizational communications and in psychology, is one of the current FSC students holding a McClurg Scholarship. She had her heart set on coming to Florida

Southern as a high school senior, but with two siblings also in college, her parents weren't sure they could afford it. Katie qualified for the scholarship, and passed the academic interview.

Luecht is pointing toward a career either in law or a graduate program in social and forensic psychology, which relates the law to human behavior such as eyewitness identification. Ultimately, she would like to teach and conduct research. Receiving the McClurg Scholarship "meant everything," she said.

"Without it, there's no way I would be able to attend Florida Southern or have any of the opportunities I've been able to take advantage of," she said.

The scholarship was initially created by C.V. McClurg, a well-respected and longtime member of the Lakeland business community, and a benefactor of Florida Southern. Mr. McClurg moved to Lakeland in 1923 as a young lawyer, and among his many accomplishments he was president of Peoples Savings Bank (later Peoples Bank of Lakeland), a city commissioner, a circuit court judge, and mayor of Lakeland. In 1950, he was named Honorary Chancellor of Florida Southern and awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Mr. McClurg served on the College's Board of Trustees, as did two more generations of his family: his son Ernest C.



C.V. McClurg

McClurg and his grandson, Dr. E. Vane McClurg, an FSC Trustee Emeritus.

The McClurg Scholarship was established in its present form in 1999 through a bequest from C.V. McClurg's wife, Leonora G. McClurg, in memory of her late husband. The bequest from Mrs. McClurg was one of the largest the College has ever received and was immediately set aside to benefit excellent students regardless of their financial need.

Recipients of the McClurg Scholarship have gone on to make their mark in a wide range of professions. Christina Martin '09 had wanted to be a doctor since she was a little girl, and the McClurg Scholarship helped pave her way into the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Chicago, where she is now in her final year.

"I was the first Psychology major at FSC to attempt to go to medical school, but I had the full support of all of my professors, and now I'm just months away from being 'Dr. Martin,'" she said.

Katie Luecht was able to thank E. Vane McClurg personally last year at a dinner arranged by FSC President Anne Kerr.

"It was such a rare opportunity to say thank you to someone whose family's gift has meant so much. Their family story, how they built themselves up, is so inspiring," she said. "It gave me confidence I can do it."



Why I give: Gil Mitchell '62 Is Drawn to Education



When Gil Mitchell '62 thinks of Florida Southern, he has to smile. His days as a student were filled with study, work, and social activities, but most of all they were filled with friendship.

"I remember the fun and the laughter. In the summer, I couldn't wait to get back to campus in the fall," Mitchell says.

He is retired now from a career in management in both the private and public sectors, but he still maintains close ties with Florida Southern alums in the vicinity of Pompano Beach, where he lives. He is especially close to his Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers and occasionally organizes luncheons for the SAEs in South Florida.

"It was a big part of my life," he says.

Mitchell grew up in Fort Lauderdale. He knew he wanted to attend college, but the University of Florida was too big. A friend told him about Florida Southern, and it suited him perfectly. It was small, not far away and had a work-study program to help with costs.

Mitchell had originally pledged another fraternity, but after laying out of school for a semester to recover from a car accident, he pledged SAE upon his return and went on to be social chairman, vice president and president of the fraternity. He also managed the swimming pool as a part-time job and served as a senator in the Student Government Association.

Mitchell has been a longtime supporter of FSC athletics, especially the women's tennis team. Recently he funded the Gil Mitchell Court as part of the new Wynne Warden Tennis Center.

Mitchell also has been a member of the Spivey Society, donating at least \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, since 2005, and now he is finalizing arrangements to remember Florida Southern in his will. His planned estate gift will endow the Gilbert S. "Gil" Mitchell '62 Scholarship primarily for students with financial need who are the first in their families to attend college.

A second planned estate gift will give \$20,000 to help the scholarship recipients with study abroad expenses, and \$5,000 to help underwrite costs associated with independent or student-faculty collaborative research.

"I studied business, but I've always been drawn to education. I'm concerned about the cost of going to college," he says. "I was the first kid to go to college in my family. The tennis court is a brick and mortar thing, but I just thought financial aid would be a good way to allocate a gift."

Mitchell jokes that his alma mater gave him a couple of monikers. A classmate from Chicago called him "Neener." But friends called him Gil, and that's the name he's used ever since.

"Before that, I was always called Gilbert or Mitch," he says.

Thanks to his generosity, future generations of FSC students will remember his name with gratitude.

Are You Prepared for 2013 Tax Law Changes?

The current estate tax laws will expire at the end of 2012, and unless Congress intervenes you will see significant changes. If you have been putting off creating an estate plan or haven't updated yours in years, now is the time to act.

Here is a preview of what you can expect:

- Capital gains and income taxes will increase from 15 to 20 percent, and the top income tax rate has been raised from 35 percent in 2012 to 39.6 percent in 2013.
- Gift tax exemption will be lowered so that the basic exclusion amount — the amount you can own before your estate is subject to estate taxes — goes down from \$5.12 million in 2012 to \$1 million in 2013.

At the request of alumni and friends of the College, we have free copies of *Your Guide to Effective Giving in 2012* to assist you with your planning. Please contact us at the Office of Advancement, 863-680-3092, or tshafer@flsouthern.edu.



Jenkins Clubhouse to be Built at Henley Field for FSC Baseball



The Florida Southern College baseball program got a major boost in August at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the team's new Jenkins Clubhouse on the grounds of historic Henley Field. Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Matt Joyce, who played on the Moccasins' 2005 national championship team, was among the many people on hand for the occasion.

The 3,500-square-foot clubhouse, which is expected to be finished in time for the 2013 baseball season, will rival many major-league facilities, with a locker room, training room, laundry, and a kitchen. It will be used by the baseball team for its practices and home games.

A major donation from Lakeland native David Jenkins made the project possible. Jenkins is a son of the late George Jenkins, founder of Publix Super



Tampa Bay Ray outfielder **Matt Joyce** (left), a member of FSC's 2005 NCAA National Championship team, joins **David Jenkins** (right) at the groundbreaking.

Markets, and an executive member of the ownership group of the Major League Baseball San Francisco Giants. FSC Athletic Director Pete Meyer called Jenkins "a great friend of the College," and presented him with a Mocs baseball jersey with his name on it.

FSC President Anne B. Kerr called the clubhouse "a dream come true."

"We're honored to name this facility for the Jenkins family. David is a great baseball fan, and he understands the importance of baseball to Florida Southern. It engenders school pride, supports our great student-athletes, and gives us visibility nationally," she said.

Lance Niekro, head baseball coach of the Mocs, said the Jenkins Clubhouse "will improve recruiting more than you can imagine."

"Our goal is to win national championships, and this is a start," he said.

The FSC Moccasins have won nine Division II national baseball championships, 17 Sunshine State Conference titles, and have sent more than 170 players to professional baseball and 10 players to the major leagues.

For the second consecutive season, Florida Southern finished first in the women's team competition and the combined men's and women's team finished third at the National Collegiate Water Ski Association (NCWSA) Championships held in October in Zachary, La. FSC senior **Manon Costard '12** (right) was the women's overall national champion, winning the tricks competition and finishing second in the slalom and fifth in jumps. Sophomore **Lauren Morgan** won the jumps title. Freshman **K.C. Wilson** won the individual slalom title, leading the men's team to a fourth place finish.



With impressive numbers both in the classroom and on the field, the Moccasins' **Karlyn Scott** (right) was named the 2011-12 Sunshine State Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A senior on the softball team who graduated with a perfect 4.00 grade point average and a bachelor's degree in biology, Scott was a CoSIDA/Capital One First-Team Academic All-American this season. She was a first team All-SSC selection and led the Mocs in batting, hits, runs, and stolen bases.





Six Named to Moccasin Athletics Hall of Fame



The Class of 2012 of the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame (L-R): **Barney Barnett** (representing his father, **Hoyt Barnett**), **Matt Saglio**, **Nick Diyorio**, **Holly Butterfield**, and women's golf coach **Robbie Davis** (representing **Pamela Feggans**). **Gary Crossan** was unable to attend the ceremony.

Five former student-athletes, representing five different sports, and one of Florida Southern's most loyal and enthusiastic supporters make up the class of six individuals selected to the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame for 2012. Holly Butterfield (1981-82) was one of FSC's early standouts in volleyball and still holds the FSC season and career record for service aces. Gary Crossan (1998-99) was a two-time Sunshine State Conference champion in men's cross country. Nick Diyorio (2003-06) is FSC baseball's career leader in hits and helped the Moccasins win a national title in 2005. Pamela Feggans (2003-05) was a three-time All-America selection in women's golf for FSC. Matt Saglio (1998-99) won a national championship in men's golf and was a two-time All-American. Completing the class of inductees, in the honorary category, is the late Hoyt Barnett, for whom FSC's softball and soccer facility is named. The Class of 2012 was inducted at the Eleventh Annual FSC Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet on April 14 in Jenkins Field House.

New Head Coaches Leading the Moccasins

There have been some changes in the coaching staffs of several Florida Southern athletic teams since last year. Here are the new faces leading FSC.



Holly Borchers

Holly Borchers has been named head women's basketball coach replacing Jarrod Olson. Borchers was Olson's assistant for six seasons. A four-year starting point guard at Creighton University, Borchers graduated in 1997 with a double major in theology and psychology. In 2002 she earned a master's degree in specialized ministry from United Theological Seminary and a master's degree in mental health counseling from Wright State.

Brittany Jones was named head women's soccer coach in February 2012. She replaces Ben Strawbridge. Jones spent the previous five seasons as the assistant coach at Stetson University, where she also played from 2003-06. During her senior year, Jones led the Stetson defense to a record-setting season that included a 0.93 goals against average and 10 shutouts. She holds a bachelor's degree in rehabilitative studies and an MBA from Stetson.



Brittany Jones

Rebecca Marsh is the new head cross country/track coach. Marsh served as interim women's track coach last spring. Marsh was a first-team all-Sunshine State Conference performer in cross country for the Moccasins from 1997 through 2000. She was head track/cross country coach at Lakeland High School from 2003 through 2007 and 2009 through 2010. She received her bachelor's degree from Florida Southern in physical fitness.



Rebecca Marsh

Former FSC All-American and Major Leaguer Lance Niekro is the new head baseball coach replacing Pete Meyer who announced that he would concentrate on his role as athletic director. Niekro joined the Moccasin staff as an assistant coach for the 2011 season and served as associate head coach in 2012. A graduate of Lakeland's George Jenkins



Lance Niekro

High School, Niekro played in 1999 and 2000 for the Moccasins and was a first-team All-Sunshine State Conference selection. He spent four seasons with the San Francisco Giants, and completed work on his bachelor's degree in May 2010.

Women's Golf Finishes as NCAA Runner-Up



The women's golf team gave FSC its top NCAA finish of the 2011-12 school year, claiming the runner-up spot at the Division II Championship in Louisville, Ky., in May, finishing behind Nova Southeastern. The second-place finish was the fifth in school history for the women's golfers to go with four national titles. M.J. Audette (pictured) concluded her four-year career for the Mocs with a seventh-place finish. It was her third career top-ten finish at the national championship tournament. She was named second-team All-American by the National Golf Coaches Association. Megan Kiley was named honorable mention All-American by the Association.

Allan Gutierrez, Florida Southern's First Olympian

Allan Gutierrez, a sophomore biology major who swims for the FSC Mocs, was named to the Olympic team of his native Honduras and swam in the 400-meter freestyle event at the 2012 Olympic Games in London in August. He is, as far as can be determined, the first Florida Southern student or alumnus to compete in the Olympic Games.

Gutierrez chose Florida Southern as a place where he could pursue his pre-med studies and swim. As a freshman, Gutierrez was a member of the Mocs' national championship 800-yard freestyle relay team. He was chosen for the Olympic team from among 10 swimmers with fast enough times. Swimming is not a big sport in Honduras, and Gutierrez was the sole male swimmer on the Honduran Olympic team.

"I was very happy to be chosen, but it wasn't official till I got this paper saying I was on the team. I didn't believe it until I got the paper," said Gutierrez.

The opening ceremony was sold out, so his parents were unable to attend, but he said the experience was "awesome."

Gutierrez had intended to swim the 100-meter freestyle, his best event, but complicated Olympic rules based on his times stated that he had to swim the 400-meter freestyle. Adding to his unease was the size of the swimming center. When he arrived for his heat, the first of the event, there were 15,000 fans in the stadium, more people than he had ever seen at a swim meet.

"I was nervous. They were all screaming, and they had to quiet them down because we couldn't even

hear the horn," Gutierrez said.

He finished in 4:09.10, and didn't advance to the next round. Gutierrez was disappointed.

"I had prepared to do better, and I made some mistakes. But it was an honor to represent my country. I was really committed to do the best I can, and if I can do it again, I will," he said.



Allan Gutierrez poses under the Olympic Rings at the 2012 London Games.

Halfacre Leads Men's Swim Team to Third at NCAA National Championships



Jeb Halfacre celebrates after winning the 200-yard backstroke for a third consecutive year in an NCAA-record time of 1:43.41 at the Division II Swimming Championships in March.

A third consecutive national championship in the 200-yard backstroke for the Moccasins' Jeb Halfacre highlighted FSC's third-place finish at the Division II Swimming Championships in March, their best finish ever.

Male Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. For the season, he was undefeated in the 200-yard backstroke, set six FSC individual and three relay records and set one SSC individual and four SSC relay records in addition to his NCAA records.

In addition to the individual national title, Halfacre swam leadoff on two national champion relay teams. He started the 400-yard medley relay team and led off the 800-yard freestyle relay team. His teammates on the 400-yard medley relay were Miguel Ferreira, Bruce Janzen and Stephen Swan. His teammates on the 800-yard freestyle relay were Luis Rojas, Allan Gutierrez and Swan. Halfacre and the two relay teams won in NCAA-record times.

Halfacre was named the Sunshine State Conference

In the wake of the team's performance, Head Swimming Coach Duncan Sherrard was named Senior Coach of the Year by the Florida Swimming Association. During the 2011-12 season, Sherrard coached six swimmers to national championships in three events.



Miguel Ferreira



Engaged learning: student & faculty activities



Luiz Isidoro, a senior Biochemistry major, was accepted to the MD Summer Experience at Emory, a program conducted by Emory's College of Arts and Sciences and its School of Medicine. The six-week program includes both classroom instruction and shadowing doctors on their clinical rounds, and it exposed Isidoro to a specialty new to him, clinical neurology. For a final project, Isidoro presented the case of a woman with status epilepticus, an often-fatal condition marked by nonstop seizures that damage neurons, causing further seizures.

A team from the Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise won the national case competition at the 10th annual Sports Marketing Association Conference in Orlando in October. **Josh Ball**, a senior Economics major, and **Robbie Palmiotto**, a senior Business Administration major, presented an economic and marketing analysis of the past 10 years of Major League Baseball attendance. They delivered a powerful presentation, which was "unbeatable and untouchable," according to the judges. Assistant Professor of Marketing **Denise Parris** was the team's advisor. The competition included students representing top sport management programs in the country.

A paper co-authored by **Dr. Carmen Gauthier**, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, and **Justin Massing '08** was accepted as the cover article for the July 2012 edition of the *New Journal of Chemistry*, published by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The article, "Poly(methyl methacrylate) composites of copper-4,4'-trimethylenedipyridine," described a compound synthesized by Massing as part of an independent study during his senior year at FSC.

In March, seven students and three faculty members from FSC attended the American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Annual Conference in Boston, Mass. The students defended their senior Human Movement and Performance collaborative research projects. They were **Charlie Craig** and **Emily Griffith**; **Lauren Huber** and **Kendall Wilde**; **Matthew Altman**; and **Bryan Sbriglia** and **Katie Wilkerson**.



Lauren Huber '12 receives the Outstanding Major of the Year award from Dennis Docheff, President of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education

Lauren Huber '12 was presented with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education 2012 Outstanding Major of the Year award, given annually to a student based on accomplishments in the classroom, research, service and contributions to the community.

A research project by athletic training students **James (Hyun Mo) An '10** and **Catherine Miller**, a junior from Napierville Ill., has been accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Exercise Science*. The paper is titled "The Effect of Kinesio Tape® on Lower Extremity Functional Movement Screen™ Scores." An and Miller used the FSC women's basketball team as subjects while An was assigned to the team as the lead athletic training student. **Michael McElveen**, associate director of the Wellness Center, is the third author of the article and provided assistance with the statistical analysis.

Kayle Randolph, an Honors student majoring in Human Movement and Performance, studied exercise physiology during an internship arranged by Prof. **Mick Lynch**. Randolph studied at the University of Kansas with Dr. Andy Fry, winner of the National Strength and Conditioning Association's Sport Scientist of the Year award, then spent two weeks with Dr. Jerry Mayhew at Truman State University in Missouri, who is one of the most prolific undergraduate exercise science researchers in the country.

The Compassionate Care Award from the Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland was presented in April to FSC senior **Molly Johnson**. The award recognizes a senior student that serves the elderly with compassion and respects the dignity and individuality of each resident. Students from the Florida Southern School of Nursing have worked at the Homes since 2008.



Nursing student **Molly Johnson** (center) is pictured with **Dr. John Welton**, Dean of the Nursing School (left), and **Paige McCraney**, Lab Coordinator at the Nursing School.



Faculty



Dr. Malcolm Manners, Professor of Citrus and Horticultural Science at FSC, will be recognized at the Great Rosarians of the World (GROW) Lecture Series in February at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, Calif. The annual award honors significant contributors to the world of roses. Dr. Manners was chosen for the honor because of his

28-year effort at FSC to test and cure roses of rose mosaic virus disease and his dedication to achieving and maintaining healthy plants of older varieties.

Dr. Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Political Science, was recognized for outstanding teaching by the American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary Society in August. He also had a daily column in *The (Lakeland) Ledger* during the Republican and Democratic National conventions in August and September, offering analysis of the events and the speakers' remarks.

Dr. Mary Crowe, Associate Provost for Experiential Education, was the principal investigator of a \$533,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to increase the number of under-represented minorities in scientific fields. The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), of which Dr. Crowe is currently president, the Leadership Alliance, and the American Physiological Society will link their resources and develop initiatives to address the recruitment of undergraduate students from under-represented groups into graduate programs in integrative biological organismal fields, and to increase the retention of graduate students and post-doctoral researchers.

Dr. James M. Denham, Professor of History, presented a lecture, "The History of Florida's Sheriffs," at the Polk County History Center's September Lunch and Learn Series. He also spoke at a symposium in October in Orlando commemorating the 50th anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Middle District Court of Florida.

Dr. Catherine Eskin, Associate Professor of English, received two awards in the spring. She was named Faculty Volunteer of the Year for 2011-2012 by the Office of Student Involvement at FSC. She also received the Lover of Wisdom award from Phi Eta Sigma, the national honor society of first-year students, in April.

Dr. Carmen Gauthier, Professor of Chemistry, presented a paper at the biennial Conference on Chemical Education at Penn State University in August. The paper, "Building Connections through Mentorship and Other Activities," was part of a symposium on "Fostering Innovations through Partnerships between College and Pre-College Chemistry Teachers."

Dr. Bill Rhey, Dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise, led a panel discussion on "The Use of Field Based Learning Projects" at the November meeting of Southern Business Administration Association Deans in New Orleans, on November 12.

Dr. Rebecca Saulsbury, Associate Professor of English, presented her paper, "(Im)balancing Act: I Don't Know How She Does It and the Backlash of 'New Momism,'" at the national conference of the Popular Culture and American Culture Associations in Boston, Mass., in April. She was able to travel to the conference through a generous grant from the Dr. Robert H. Tate Faculty Development Fund.

Dr. Gwendolyn Walton, the Charles and Mildred Jenkins Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, presented a paper entitled "Technology-Supported Collaborative Service Learning in Undergraduate Computer Science Courses" at the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges South Central Conference at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, in April. The paper also was published in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*. She was also quoted in *U.S. News & World Report* in an article about the growth of computer science as an undergraduate major. Dr. Walton also recently traveled to rural Nigeria to serve as a volunteer



FSC Professor of Economics Carl Brown took a star turn recently when CNN Chief Business Correspondent Ali Velshi came to Lakeland as part of a series of reports, the CNN Election Express, from key election battleground areas. Velshi interviewed Brown on the bank of Lake Mirror during a live morning broadcast that was seen in 200 countries and an estimated 6 million U.S. homes. Brown, who has maintained a quarterly report on economic indicators in Polk County for many years, was asked to do the interview by Lakeland Chamber of Commerce President Kathleen Munson. (Photo Courtesy Lakeland Chamber.)

staff member to provide IT support to participants and staff at a Bible translators' workshop.

Dr. Waite W. Willis, Pendergrass Professor of Religion, was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. He was nominated for the award because of his service to the church. Since becoming a member of the faculty at FSC in 1978, 117 of his students have gone on to seminary, including the 17 currently enrolled. Dr. Willis formally received the award at a ceremony in September.

Former Faculty

Professor of Criminology Emeritus **Pat Anderson** became interim executive coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Atlanta on July 1.

Professor of English Emeritus **Mary Pharr** has co-edited a book of critical essays on *The Hunger Games*, the trilogy of young-adult novels. It is aimed at students from high school honors programs all the way through graduate school.

Dr. Jim Slutz, Emeritus Professor of Music at Indiana State University and former FSC professor, will be inducted in the hall of fame of the international bandmasters fraternity Phi Beta Mu on Dec. 20. He will be just one of nine people to receive the honor in the organization's 75-year history.

Staff Changes

Erin Ervin has been promoted to Director of Admissions at FSC. Ervin is a graduate of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and also earned master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Wright State. Ervin became Assistant Director of Admissions at FSC in 2007, recruiting Midwest students. In 2009, she was promoted to Associate Director of Admissions and joined the Senior Enrollment Management Team, where she helped enroll the largest freshman class in the college's history. Ervin replaces **Bill Langston**, who is now the Dean of Student Development.

Dr. Susan L. Freeman has been appointed Dean of Student Success. She originally joined the College in 1988 as an assistant volleyball before coaching softball at Manatee Community College and teaching physical education teacher at the Hillsborough, Leon and Sarasota County School districts. She has worked in the academic advising department of the University of South Florida and Florida Keys Community College. In 2011, she returned to FSC as the Director of Academic Advising and the Student Solutions Center. Dr. Freeman holds a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education, a Master of Science in Sport Management, a Master of Arts in Physical Education and a Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction.

Shari Szabo '83 is moving from her current role as Assistant Dean of Student Development to become Associate Dean of Student Success in the Student Solutions Center. Shari brings 21 years of experience working closely with FSC students.



'50

Dr. Kenneth Herman, retired as a clinical psychologist, has written a book, *Secrets from the Sofa* (www.secretsfromthesofa.com), about personal growth. He also lectures on mental health and is writing a book with his daughter, a doctor, about weight loss and exercise. He and his wife, Benita, live in Wyckoff, N.Y., and will celebrate their 53rd anniversary this year.

'51

Virginia (Starnes) Davidson was recently hired as the music director of the Lake Wales Chorale. She moved to Winter Haven in 2010 after spending 28 years in New York as the owner of a voice studio.



'60

David Callender and his wife, Kathleen, are now living in Longboat Key, Florida. David was employed by McGraw Hill in New York for 25 years where he was a Senior Account Manager of Advertising Sales for *Business Week Magazine*.

'61

Robert R. "Bob" Sharp was the 2012 inductee into the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame. He was chosen for the award by Visit Florida, the state's official tourism marketing organization, and it was presented to him during the 45th annual Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism in September at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. Bob, a member of the FSC Board of Trustees and former Chairman of the Board of the AAA Auto Club Group, was honored for helping develop Tampa as a cruise ship port, among other accomplishments.



'65

Paul Murphy has published his first novel, *The Island Caper*. More information can be found on his website, www.paulsunshinemurphy.com.

Dr. Linda Pratt, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Nebraska system, gave the commencement address at the summer graduation ceremony at the University of Nebraska at Kearney on July 27. Pratt has been NU's top academic officer for six years. She joined the faculty in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of English in 1968.

'68

Sandy (Gale) Strickland writes local lifestyle features and news obituaries as a reporter for the *Florida Times-Union*. She also contributes to the paper's "Good News" column, which spotlights local citizens and organizations making a positive impact on the Jacksonville community.



'69

FSC Distinguished Alumnus **Walter Manley II** has been elected chairman of the TQC Foundation for a second time. The Foundation sponsors the Biletnikoff Award, presented to the nation's outstanding college football receiver, and also awards scholarships for students who have overcome significant barriers to

achieve at the highest academic and extra-curricular levels. He also recently completed his ninth year as chairman of the Great Floridians Nominating Committee.

'70

Shirley Groover Bryant is running for a second term as mayor of Palmetto, near Bradenton. She was first elected in 2008.



Bill Northacker writes that he e-published his latest book, *Off Your Seat and on Your Feet! What Americans Need to Know About and Fix in Election Year 2012*. It is available through Kindle, Nook, Apple and other electronic reading device providers. Bill is currently working on a couple of novels.

Susan "Sunny" (Sumner) Oder has begun serving a third term as president of the Atlanta Opera Guild, which supports opera and opera education in the Atlanta area. She remains active in the North Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta. She is a real estate agent with the firm of Harry Norman Realtors, and she lives in Atlanta with her husband, Tom.

'72

David K. Twigg recently had a new book published by the University of Florida Press, *The Politics of Disaster: Tracking the Impact of Hurricane Andrew*. He is the interim director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute of Public Policy and Citizenship Studies at Florida International University.

'74

Dr. Steven B. Rogers retired in 2010 after 32 years of service as a historian in the Office of Special Investigations of the U.S. Department of Justice, which has jurisdiction for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi persecutors residing in the United States. He works as a freelance historian and research consultant, and he and his wife, Sally Ann, live in Mount Rainier, Md.

'75

Duane S. McKinley writes that he has two granddaughters and volunteers with hospice. He lives in Knoxville, Tenn.



Daryl Fernandez Flynn is serving her second term on the Orange County (Fla.) School Board. She served on the staff of U.S. Rep. James Haley and went on to a career in environmental and emergency response planning before helping build a family-owned business, Business Archives Inc., with her husband, Jim. Daryl recently came

back to FSC to speak to a Political Science class, and has been invited back as a guest lecturer next semester.

'76

The Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association honored **John King Jr.** of King Landscaping in Lakeland as its outstanding educator for 2012 at its 60th annual convention June 30 in Jacksonville. King has worked for decades with Peterson Nursery and Garden Center Inc., in Lakeland to teach about home gardening and landscaping.



These four Mocs got together in July at a high school reunion in St. Petersburg. They are (from left): **Sue (Simpson) Johnson '77** (ΑΔΠ), **Chris Canning '76** (ΣΑΕ), **Sally (Henry) Lyle '77** (ΚΑ), and **B.J. Johnson '77** (ΠΚΑ).

'79



George Bongiorno (center) and his son, Alex (left), took in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York this summer when the Toronto Blue Jays played the Yankees. There they met **Brian Butterfield '80** (right), then third base coach for the Blue Jays. George and Brian were teammates on the Mocs' 1978 national championship baseball team. George is a Partner at Korn/Ferry International in San Francisco and lives with his family in Marin County, California.

Dr. Joseph Brown has been appointed Associate Dean of the School of Education and Professor of Kinesiology at East Texas Baptist University.

Beverly Ray (Jenkins) Clampett is now Vice President of Human Resource Strategy for Kaplan, Inc., in Fort Lauderdale, focusing on employee engagement, culture and talent.



Scott Weiner is president of the Harrington Park, N.J., Board of Education and running for re-election this year. Scott is a Finance & Accounting Systems Manager at UPS.

'80

Louis P. Irwin received his second patent in May for a chemical process to improve the filtration performance for the removal of gypsum from phosphoric acid/gypsum slurry.



Lynn Welter Sherman has joined the law firm of Adams and Reese LLP in Tampa. She will specialize in bankruptcy law and creditor/debtor rights. Lynn has been listed among "Tampa Bay's Top Attorneys" by *Tampa Bay Magazine*.

'81

Tom Patri, the 1981 NCAA Division II National Champion in men's golf while playing for the Mocs, is the teaching professional at Friar's Head Golf Club on Long Island, New York. He's the author of *The Six Spoke Approach to Better Golf Learning* and rated one of the Top 100 Teachers in America by *Golf* magazine.

Joe Spann recently resigned as Director of the Polk County Historical and Genealogical Library to take a job in charge of marketing and sales for Huber Banjos in Nashville, Tenn. He has played banjo in country bands for years, including opening acts for Charlie Daniels and Reba McEntire.

'82

Crystal (Quillian) Coffey writes that her husband, Brian, runs the media division of a global consulting firm while she raises two teenagers and works with show horses. She lives in Alpharetta, Ga.

'83

Bill Phillips was recently cast as Reverend Jenkins, opposite Kevin Spacey, in the new Netflix series, *House Of Cards*. Bill is married to Amy Gregory, a United Methodist pastor in the Upper New York Conference. A former Vagabond, Bill writes, "After years of being the 'preacher's wife,' it's fun to finally get my turn in the pulpit – on TV at least."

Dr. Ron Rhoades, curriculum coordinator for the Financial Planning Program at Alfred State College in New York, was a featured speaker at the Fi360 2012 National Conference in Chicago. In May, he attended the National Conference of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors, on which he serves on the board of directors.

Jim and Ginger Twigg were recently featured in *Florida Today* as the owners of Revolutions Cyclery, a full-service bicycle shop, in Melbourne.



'84

Carolyn Lynn continues as director of the Americorps Literacy program with Communities in Schools of Jacksonville, a nonprofit organization working to lower dropout rates. She has been with Americorps for more than 10 years.

'85

Joe Baker, Jr., executive director of the Florida Board of Nursing, was elected in August to the board of directors of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. He previously served on the NCSBN Nursing Education Committee.

Jim Snively was recently featured in an article in *Highlands Today*. He is vice president of Southern Gardens Citrus Company in Clewiston and vice president of the Highlands County Citrus Growers Association.



Tanya (Bessert) Wortman (left) writes that she lost her husband to cancer in 2010 and recently moved back home to Overland Park, Kan., with her 11-year-old daughter, Chandler. She received her teaching license and is hoping to find a permanent teaching position soon. Her daughter, **Ryan '07** (third from left), has a 3-year-old daughter and is expecting another child in October.

'86

Larry Gray has published *Problem Solving – Dealing With Employee Issues*, an 18-page booklet that lays out a systematic approach to dealing with employee issues. It can be downloaded at Smashwords (www.smashwords.com/books/view/148680).

Kelly Daly is a partner with Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP in Washington, D.C., where she heads the Energy, Environmental and Telecommunications Division. Her practice includes representing corporations, municipalities and state governments on natural gas, electric and oil industry transactional issues and on matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Federal Appellate Courts. She has been with the firm for 21 years.





Jim Jarvie is the CMO of Ataccama Corp., a software company providing next generation software for master data management, data quality, and data governance. Jim and his family live in Connecticut.

'87

Mary Coakley, a former administrator in the New Canaan Public Schools in Connecticut, has been named the new assistant principal at the Millbury Street Elementary School in Grafton, Mass.

Wade Luke has joined OMS of Lakeland as a benefits account manager. A former licensed health insurance agent, he will coordinate the benefits enrollment process and provide service for OMS health and payroll clients.

Stephen Santiago has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in the Marine JAG program and remains active in the Marine Corps Reserves. He lives in Miami with his wife and two children.

'88

Cory Pickos, a former member of the FSC water ski team, was inducted into the Florida Water Ski Federation Hall of Fame in July. He has won 10 U.S. Open and 10 U.S. Masters tricks titles. He owns the Cory Pickos World Ski Resort in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.



'89

Mike Brossart will become the City of Lakeland's finance director on Jan. 1. He has worked for the city for 16 years.

In May, **Mike Moran** completed the Police Unity Tour from Portsmouth, Virginia, to Washington D.C., a 250-mile bicycle ride to honor all of the law enforcement officers that were killed in the line of duty last year. He rode in honor of Lakeland Police Officer Arnulfo Crispin who was killed on December 21, 2011.

'90

Nicole (Sandstede) Edgington has been promoted to director of marketing for Cellular One in Show Low, Ariz. She has been employed by Cellular One since 2000.

Dr. Julie Hasson was promoted to principal at Symmes Elementary School in Riverview, Fla. She is also an adjunct professor at Hillsborough Community College.

Sam Jones has been promoted to Senior Manager of Domestic Citrus Operations with Duda Farm Fresh Foods in LaBelle, Fla., a subsidiary of A. Duda and Sons, Inc. Sam has been with the company for seven years and his responsibilities include managing and leading aspects of company's citrus operations in Florida, Texas, and California.

Steve Woda is President and CEO of uKnow.com, which gives parents tools to keep social and mobile kids safe from digital dangers. He and his brother, Tim, created uKnow.com in 2009. Previously, Steve was the founder and Chairman of buySAFE, an e-commerce trust and safety company.



Monte Young is the founder of Young Entertainment, LLC. After a career in law, Monte decided to pursue his passion for film. He writes and produces feature films and is a staple at the major film festivals, such as Sundance and Cannes and is currently working on several films, including two produced in China next year. Monte and his family live in West Palm Beach.



'92

Neal Bogosian has published a short novel, *The Adventures of Chip Doolin*, about a farm boy who becomes the first baseman for the 1909 Detroit Tigers. It is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble websites.

'93

LaDreda (Borom) Akins was recently featured in an article in *The Ledger*. She has been head coach of the Haines City High School girls' basketball team for 12 years, where she has compiled a 252-89 record. Last year, her team made it to the state finals, and she was named FABC coach of the year. She was a two-year starter for the Mocs' women's basketball team.

Louisa Jaffe is co-founder and CEO of TAPE, a systems engineering firm that designs and implements training resource management and cybersecurity systems for federal government clients. She was recently featured in an

article in *The New York Times*. She and her husband live in Kingstowne, Va.

Tresa Warner recently received the Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award. Warner, co-director of the iMAGINATION Career Academy and marketing education instructor at Lake Region High School in Winter Haven, was honored with the award for her dedication to advancing career and technical education programs that provide students with real-world skills in preparation for their chosen career fields.

Clark Collins was featured in the Aug. 1 issue of *Futures* magazine. He is the managing member of CEC Capital LLC, in Stuart, Fla.

'94

Bobby Slater has been promoted to assistant head athletic trainer/director of rehabilitation with the Chicago Bears of the NFL. He is in his 14th season with the Bears, after starting as a training camp intern. He was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Mississippi State from 1997 to 1999.

'95

Larry Black, Jr., General Manager of Peace River Packing Company in Fort Meade, was featured in an article in *The Ledger*. His company is one of the largest citrus growers in Polk County.

Dr. Kevin McCranie is the author of *Utmost Gallantry: The U.S. and Royal Navies at Sea in the War of 1812*, recently published by the Naval Institute Press. He is Associate Professor of Strategy and Policy at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. His father is **Charles McCranie '65**.



Scott McKee began a new position as City Clerk of Ormond Beach on Sept. 4. He worked in the City Attorney's office since April 2009 as a paralegal, and in May 2010, he was admitted to the Florida Bar. He lives in Ormond Beach with his wife, Leslie, and their son, Jeremy.

Karina (Ferrer) Sloan is the owner of Early Childhood Learning Centers, a chain of day care centers in the Lakeland area for parents who work odd hours.

'96

Bill Brown, a member of the faculty in the Business Administration Department at Kaplan University in Maine, is working on a Doctor of Education degree in Organizational Leadership at Argosy University in Sarasota. Bill is working on a research project with two peers from Kaplan, studying the economic impact of motorcoach tourism in Maine.

'97

Tricia Dugger has a new position at All Saints Academy in Winter Haven, teaching seventh and ninth grade English. She has been a teacher for 13 years in the areas of language arts and reading, and served as school-based literacy/instructional coach and district secondary reading and language arts specialist in St. Lucie County.



Lindsey Leech has been hired as Executive Assistant and Membership Development Representative with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce in Bradenton. She will work with the Manatee Young Professionals and Leadership Manatee programs in addition to assisting the Community Development division and recruiting new business members to the organization.

'98

Kevin Jones MBA recently marked 20 years as CEO of MidFlorida Credit Union, based in Lakeland.

Kelly (Hitchcock) Riley and **Katrina (Goodell) Hutchins '99** ran in the Boston Marathon in April. The two former FSC cross-country teammates were coached by former teammate and new FSC cross-country coach **Rebecca Marsh '01**. Kelly teaches sixth-grade math at Southwest Middle School in Lakeland, and Katrina is a third-grade teacher at Scott Lake Elementary School in Lakeland.

'99

Ryan Livergood, formerly assistant director and head of adult services at Robbins Library in Arlington, Mass., moved into the position of director in April 2012.

Ashley (Calhoun) Winship recently started a new position at Rush, Marshall, Jones and Kelly, P.A., in Orlando, as their sole Trusts and Estates, Tax, and Corporate attorney.

'00

Michael Cotton MBA, chief financial officer of Gadsden (Ala.) Regional Medical Center, recently received the Excellence in Leadership Award from Community Health Systems, which recognizes an ongoing commitment to quality health care and operational excellence.

Jeanette Dugas MBA '02 recently joined the accounting firm of Patrick J Dugas, CPA PA, in Winter Haven. She spent 12 years with the Office of the State Attorney as an economic crime investigator, where she worked cases involving fraud, employee theft, and other white collar crimes.



Dr. Richard J. Margaitis has joined Premier Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, PLLC, in Hattiesburg, Miss.

'03

Amanda (Curry) Brown joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in March 2011. Over the last year, she has led analysis of the economic impacts of several of the agency's air regulations, including the first-ever greenhouse gas limits for power plants. Prior to joining EPA, Amanda worked as a senior economist with the Department of Homeland Security. She lives in Durham, N.C.

Maria C. Green has published a fantasy/mystery novel titled *Evergreen: Dragomir & Ariana*. It is available through Amazon.com.

'04

Joy M. (Beurrier) Banks is librarian at Bok Tower Gardens at Lake Wales. She chronicles and catalogs the largest collection of carillon music known and is thought to be the only carillon librarian in the world. She was featured in an article in the *Winter Haven News Chief*.

Susan Cain has published her first book, *Dark Illumination Poetry in Two Parts: Part One Angels and Madness*.

Lindsey (Basse) Carpenter was one of 30 members of the U.S. team competing in the six-nation World Waterski Show Ski Tournament in September in Wisconsin. While at FSC, she performed professionally at Cypress Gardens. She is an attorney and lives with her husband in White Bear Lake, Minn.

Alison M. (Swisher) Landry was a finalist for 2012 Polk County Teacher of the Year. She was married to Dennis Landry on June 25, 2011.



Teana Woolcock is the founder of Love Unlimited Foundation Inc., in Miami, which is a nonprofit supplying underprivileged children in Jamaica with school supplies in the summer and wrapped toys during the holidays. The charity recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. **Katy Ciempa '05** is a member of the board. For more

information go to www.loveunlimitedfoundation.org.



'05

Grapevine Communications of Sarasota, an advertising, marketing and public relations agency, has hired **Lisa Dahlquist** as a full-time Client Relations Manager.

Aubrey Levesque has joined Cronin and Company LLC, a full-service marketing communications agency

in Hartford, Conn., as an account executive to handle the agency's day-to-day activities on Amica Mutual Insurance Company. She previously worked for The Hospital of Central Connecticut as a corporate communications assistant.

'06

Jennifer (Daniels) Borrows earned a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Keiser University in May 2012.

Evans S. Duncan writes that his family celebrated the birth of a son, Ethan Duncan, this year. Evans recently started a new job as Vice President at PNC Bank in Waynesville, N.C.

Frances "Crystal" Kauh completed her Masters of Arts in Adult Education in November 2011 and will begin her doctorate in Educational Leadership in June 2012. She is an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Kent State University.

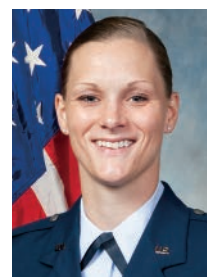
'07

Crystal (Beckett) Andrews is now a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Watson Clinic in Lakeland. She resides in Winter Haven.

'08

Daniel Christian graduated from the Florida State University College of Medicine in May 2012. He began his general surgery residency in Wilmington, N.C., in June.

Sharon J. Elliott graduated from the U.S. Air Force Commissioned Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., as a First Lieutenant of Aerospace and



Sharon J. Elliott

Operational Physiology. She graduated with honors and led her flight as Academic Officer to earn the "Honor Flight" award.

Amanda H. Klein graduated from Saint Leo University in April 2012 with a Master of Science in Criminal Justice.



Daniel Christian



In August, **Alicia "Lish" Marshall** moved to Wuyishan, China, to teach English at Wuyi University for a year.

She writes, "I teach over 150 second-year students, with a pre-intermediate level of spoken English. The lifestyle is very different in many ways, but I do not feel unwelcome!"

'09

Krystal Bemman finished first in the female 18-24 age group in the Ironman 70.3 Florida competition with a time of 5:1:53. She qualified for the Ironman World Championships in Nevada in September. Krystal, who lives in Winter Haven, ran cross country for FSC.

Chris Corbin graduated with a Master of Divinity summa cum laude from Yale Divinity School in May. He will begin a Ph.D. program in systematic theology at Vanderbilt University in the fall.

'11

Stephanie Baldwin has been named the 2012 recipient of the GEICO Volunteer Service Award. An administrative assistant in GEICO's Lakeland regional office, she was recognized for her service to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

Maximize Social Media LLC has named **Olivia George** as a Social Media Strategist. Maximize is a social media agency with offices in Los Angeles and Florida that provides management services.

Ashley A. Islas is now working as lead graphic designer at Belfair Plantation, a premier private golf club community just outside of Hilton Head Island in South Carolina.

Former Mocs basketball player **Rion Rayfield** has signed to play for the Solrød Comets in the Second Division of the Danish Basketligaen. He finished his FSC career as the second-highest scorer in school history.



Rion Rayfield

'12

In her first tournament as a professional, **M.J. Audette** tied for second in the Ohio Women's Open in August at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance, Ohio.

Austin and **Stephanie (Meyers) Davis** were featured in a Love Notes article in the *Tampa Bay Times* in August. The article described the couple's romance while they were students and how Austin proposed at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. The couple lives in Tampa.

Patrick Gocklin is a certified instructor for a new golf training technology called K-Vest at the Executive Golf Performance Center in Manchester, N.H. He played on the Mocs' 2010 National Champion Men's Golf team.

Kendra Haley is an account coordinator at evok advertising, a full-service advertising and public relations agency in Lake Mary, Fla. She previously worked for EsPrácticas, an advertising agency in Madrid, Spain, and Schifino Lee Advertising + Branding in Tampa.



Michaela Hawley, who had a standout career for the Mocs' women's basketball team, has signed a contract to play for Bielefeld in the German Bundesliga league, which is the highest level league of club basketball in Germany.



Leslie Rath was rated No. 9 in a list of 50 Most Beautiful People by *The Hill*, the Washington, D.C., news website (www.thehill.com). She is a scheduler in the office of Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona. The Hill's feature noted Leslie's passion for traditional fox hunting on horseback (although without the untimely death of the fox).

Lee White, a former member of the FSC men's golf team, won the Youth Villa Classic in May and the Polk County Amateur tournament in August. He turned pro in September.

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Stephanie Meyers '12 and **Austin Davis '12** were married on June 23, 2012 at Skycrest United Methodist Church in Clearwater, Fla. Pictured (from left to right) are **Amy Norris '11**, **Sarah Sussman '12**, **Krissy Boyd '12**, Mary Ellis Glymph, **Rachel Meyers '16**, Stephanie, Austin, Andrew Davis, **Scott Johnson '12**, **Kevin Parker '12**, **Donald "Digit" Grimme '12**, and **Chris Brower '13**. Stephanie, Sarah, and Amy are sisters in Alpha Omicron Pi women's fraternity, and Austin, Scott, Kevin, Digit, and Chris are members of Theta Chi fraternity. Stephanie and Austin live in Tampa and are attending graduate school at University of South Florida. Stephanie's mother is **Diane Renninger Meyers '83**.





Ashley Hall Neal '02 and Rob Neal were married on June 2, 2012, in Lakeland. Ashley, a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, is pictured here with Alpha Delta Pi sisters **Jaime Guardino Andino '05**, **Becky Truman Murphy '03**, **Aimee Hess Perkins '02**, **Linsley Clark Waldron '03**, **Erica Ervin Constantinou '03**, **Lesley Jacobsen Cook '02**, Marcie Benton, **Sarah McGachy Aycrigg '02**, **Jaclyn Glenn Mann '03**, and **Nicole Sawicki '01**.



Samantha Ward '04 and Justin New were married July 7, 2012, just one month before Samantha earned her Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida. Other FSC alums and friends who attended the wedding were: **Kelly Pike Bayer '01**, **Amy Voelpel Beaudet '98**, **Jason Beaudet '02**, **Kelly Davis Lamb '05**, **Donald Lamb '04**, **Kelley Douberley Hurley '02**, **Joy Meadows Mackey '04**, and former students **Alexei Soloman**, **Amy Hester**, and **Shannon Terrell**.



Catherine Westley '12 and **Gregory Scott Johnson '12** were married at College Heights United Methodist Church in Lakeland on May 19, 2012. The two are high school sweethearts. The ceremony was conducted by Scott's father, **Dr. Frank Johnson**, Professor of Religion at FSC.

Brett '07 and **Kristin (Houk) '06 Robinson** welcomed their first child, Brody Everett, on Feb. 7, 2012.

Kelley Elizabeth Douberley '02 and Brian Thomas Hurley, both of Lakeland, were married March 17, 2012, at First United Methodist Church of Lakeland. Kelley is employed by Publix Super Markets as a Senior Training Developer. Brian is a United Methodist Minister serving as a Chaplain at Lakeland Regional Medical Center.



Connor K. Vest was born Dec. 18, 2011 to **Ryan '00** and Laurie Vest. He is shown here at 6 months. The Vests live in Naperville, Ill.



Laura Grace Parrish was born April 2, 2012 to **Holly Lanier Parrish '98** and **Todd North Parrish '04**.



Anna Ogorelkova '03 and Michael Jarvis were married April 16, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They live in Winter Haven.



Trisha Russell MacDonald '98 and her husband Scott celebrated the birth of their fifth child, Noah Charles MacDonald, on June 4, 2011. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20.25 inches long. The MacDonalds live in Lakeland.



1930s

Dorothy G. Lesser '32 died July 15, 2012, in Jacksonville.

Evelyn (Edwina) Repetto Hutchison '35 died July 18, 2012, in Crystal River.

Eloise Whitehurst Driskell '39 died Aug. 27, 2012, in Wauchula, Fla.

Judith Feeny '39 died Nov. 12, 2011, in Binghamton, N.Y.

1940s

Carol Harris Hunt '40 died May 21, 2012, in Decatur, Ga.

Dorothy ("Dot") Lee Jones '40 died July 12, 2012, in Oviedo, Fla.

Dorothy Readdick Hutchinson '42 died July 26, 2012, in Lakeland.

Josephine Higgs Irwin '42 died Dec. 23, 2011 in Nashville, Tenn.

Helen Elizabeth Woodward Buggert '43 died May 28, 2012, in Las Cruces, N.M.

Mary Helen Gladman Borsch '45 died August 10, 2012, in Lakeland.

Betty Geraldine Widgeon '46 of Pompano Beach, Fla., died June 2, 2011.



Foster E. Heath '49 died April 14, 2012, in Lakeland. An FSC Distinguished Alumnus, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in World War II. He was the founder and owner of Heath Funeral Home in Lakeland. Mr. Heath was preceded in death by his wife, **Doris Purcell Heath '39**, and seven brothers including **Charles C. Heath '47**.

William R. Hering '49 died Jan. 18, 2012, in Ringwood, N.J.

Mary Ann Schutte '49 of Titusville, Fla., died Sept. 15, 2011.

Beulah K. ("Kay") Barco Tolle '49 died Aug. 3, 2012, in Crystal River, Fla.

1950s

Jean D. Criss '50 of Lakeland died May 8, 2012.

Russell J. Fee Jr. '51, of Sugarmill Woods, Fla., died March 6, 2012.

Strato Eli Telvely '51 died July 6, 2012, in Lakeland.

Grace Vivian Schumacher Ward '51 of Orange Park, Fla., died May 27, 2012.

Ondina Barcelo Page '52 of Elgin, Ill., died June 16, 2011.

R. Douglas Sadler Sr., '52 died March 28, 2012 in Orlando.

Carl M. Teutsch '52 of Pompano Beach died April 23, 2012.

June Louise Smith Butler '53 died May 27, 2012, in Baton Rouge, La.

Anne Foust Wightman '53 of Owensboro, Ky., died April 28, 2012.

Robert DeFonso '54 of Avon Park, Fla., died May 26, 2012.

The Rev. Joel Walter Embry '55 died April 22, 2012, in Martinez, Ga.

Nancy J. Hayden '56 of Slingerlands, N.Y., died May 22, 2012.

Saverio "Sam" Giella '56 died July 14, 2012, in Dade City, Fla.

James H. Taylor III '56 died Feb. 12, 2012, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Richard Fenwick '58 died May 7, 2012, in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Theresa Dawn Whitice Olah '58 of Hollywood, Fla., died June 10, 2012.

The Rev. John Samuel Rasnake '58 died Aug. 6, 2012, in Bristol, Tenn.

Herbert I. Sirota '58 of Tamarac, Fla., died Feb. 6, 2012.

Ralph Reid Edwards '59 of Lakeland died July 15, 2012.

1960s

Leon E. Hall '60 of St. Petersburg died May 14, 2012.

Raymond Paul Staubesand '60 died June 4, 2012, in Melbourne, Fla.

Elbert (Bozy) Blackwelder '61 of Fort Meade, Fla., died May 13, 2012.

Mary Anne Ahrendt Blanche '61 died April 30, 2012, in Bradenton.

Mott Peck Jr., '61 of Waverly, Penn., died May 15, 2012.

William J. "Bill" Ratley '61 died June 14, 2012, in Melbourne, Fla.

Richard E. Robinson '63 died Aug. 23, 2012, in Joliet, Ill.

Diane Sue Walker-McConnell '64 of Lakeland died Aug. 7, 2012.

Frances Chandler Hand '65 of Pelham, Ga., died June 14, 2012.

Betty Miller '65 of Nokomis, Fla., died Jan. 22, 2012.

1970s

James F. Benz '70 of Wellington, Fla., died March 29, 2012.

The Rev. Thomas M. Field '72 died May 20, 2012, in Greenville, S.C.

William A. Taylor '72 of Fort Myers, Fla., died April 22, 2012.

John A. Carter, Jr., '75 of Lake Norman, N.C., died Aug. 5, 2012.

George Milton Burkhart '77 of Lakeland died May 21 2012.

Robert L. Louchart '78 of Pekin, Ill., died April 27, 2012.

Tedfred Ellis Myers III '78 of Windsor, Ontario, died Feb. 3, 2012.

Dr. Mario Sanguily '78 died Dec. 30, 2011, in Palm City, Fla.

Robert "Bob" Stewart Varn '78 of Fort Pierce died June 18, 2012.

Joseph J. Blanchard '79 of Lakeland died March 14, 2012.

Warren D. Callender '79 died July 11, 2012, in Auburndale.

Marc C. Slone '79 of Cary, N.C., died March 20, 2012.

1980s

Laurie E. Madonia '85 died April 25, 2012, in Lakeland.

Ronald Dale Doremus '86 died May 11, 2012, in Westminster, Colo.

Douglas Hobart Grayson '89 died March 12, 2012, in Lakeland.

1990s

Joseph J. Borsdam '90 of Honesdale, Penn., died Aug. 16, 2012.

Charlotte Swain Storm '91 of Merritt Island, Fla., died May 16, 2012.

Ruth Searle Nash '96 died May 22, 2012, in Port Charlotte, Fla.

2010s

Dennis Brown '13 died Aug. 8, 2012, after an extended illness.

Katherine Sellers '15 died on May 1, 2012.

Former Students

Ruth Emily Ross Rider of Lakeland died Sept. 2, 2012. Memorial donations may be made to the Ben and Ruth Rider scholarship endowment at Florida Southern College.

Trustees

Trustee Emeritus John Edwin "Jack" Hunt Sr. died March 12, 2012, in Tallahassee. He served on FSC's Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1997.

Staff

David M. Bodwell, former Director of Financial Aid, died April 20, 2012, in Jupiter, Fla.

Anne Morgan Dinsmore died June 6, 2012, in Lakeland. She was the head of the Audio-Visual Department of Florida Southern for many years.

Sarah Marie "Sally" Gullage died May 31, 2012, in Palm Harbor, Fla. She was a Library Assistant in the Roux Library's Technical Services Department for 37 years.

William (Bill) Henry Jago, Jr., died June 4, 2012, in Ocala, Fla. He was Manager of the bookstore at FSC for 21 years. Memorials may be given in his name to the Florida Southern College Scholarship Fund.

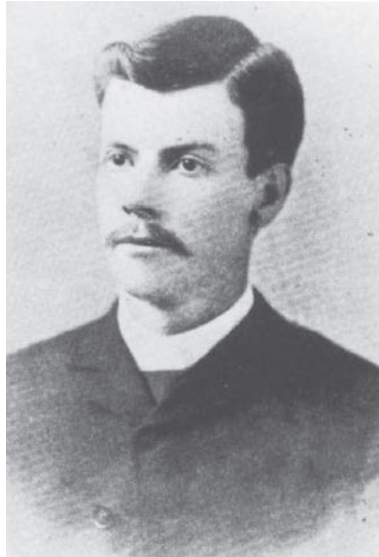
For more complete obituaries that include FSC accomplishments, military service, and survivors, please see the listing on the College's Alumni website. Go to www.flsouthern.edu/alumni and click on the In Memoriam link.



Joshua Hollingsworth: FSC's First President

Editors note: In Southern History, we will bring to light people, events, and memorabilia from Florida Southern's past. We hope you will enrich this feature by contributing your own memories and photos of your days at Florida Southern College.

"My school is good. I am best pleased with it of any I have ever taught." So wrote Joshua Hollingsworth to his parents in October 1886, shortly after assuming the presidency of a small Methodist college in Leesburg.



There is much that is unknown about the tragically short life of Joshua Hollingsworth, including how he came to be the first president of the Florida Conference College, known today as Florida Southern College. Hollingsworth grew up in a devout Methodist home, and it is possible that he got word of the position through Methodist connections.

He had graduated second in his class the year before from Emory College, a Methodist school in Oxford, Georgia, and family records indicate he was a serious, scholarly, and pious young man. He was 28 when he wrote to his parents, the promising new president of what would become the oldest college in Florida.

Joshua Hollingsworth was the third of five surviving children of Stephen and Sarah Hollingsworth. The family was among the earliest settlers of this area, establishing a homestead about 1852 in northwestern Polk County. Stephen's brother, John Henry, settled on the shore of a lake several miles to the southeast that would eventually be named for him – Lake Hollingsworth.

Joshua was born in the family home on June 13, 1858. His father was barely literate but determined that his children should be educated. When the settlers were unable to maintain a local school, Joshua and his brothers and sisters were sent to boarding schools in Bartow and Hillsborough County. The family was prosperous enough that Joshua was able, at age 22, to enroll at Emory.

His younger sister, Jane, recalled that he was attracted to literature, especially the works of George Eliot, and to poetry, and he joined the Literary Society at Emory. One professor pronounced him "the best declaimer in the class." After graduating from Emory, Joshua Hollingsworth spent one year teaching at a boarding school in Bolton, Missouri, before becoming president of Florida Conference College.

The College prospered, with 75 students enrolled in December 1887, but Hollingsworth would not see it move forward. His studies at Emory had been interrupted by two bouts of ill health, and, alarmed by nearby cases of yellow fever in the spring of 1888, he left Leesburg for Georgia after commencement. He never returned.

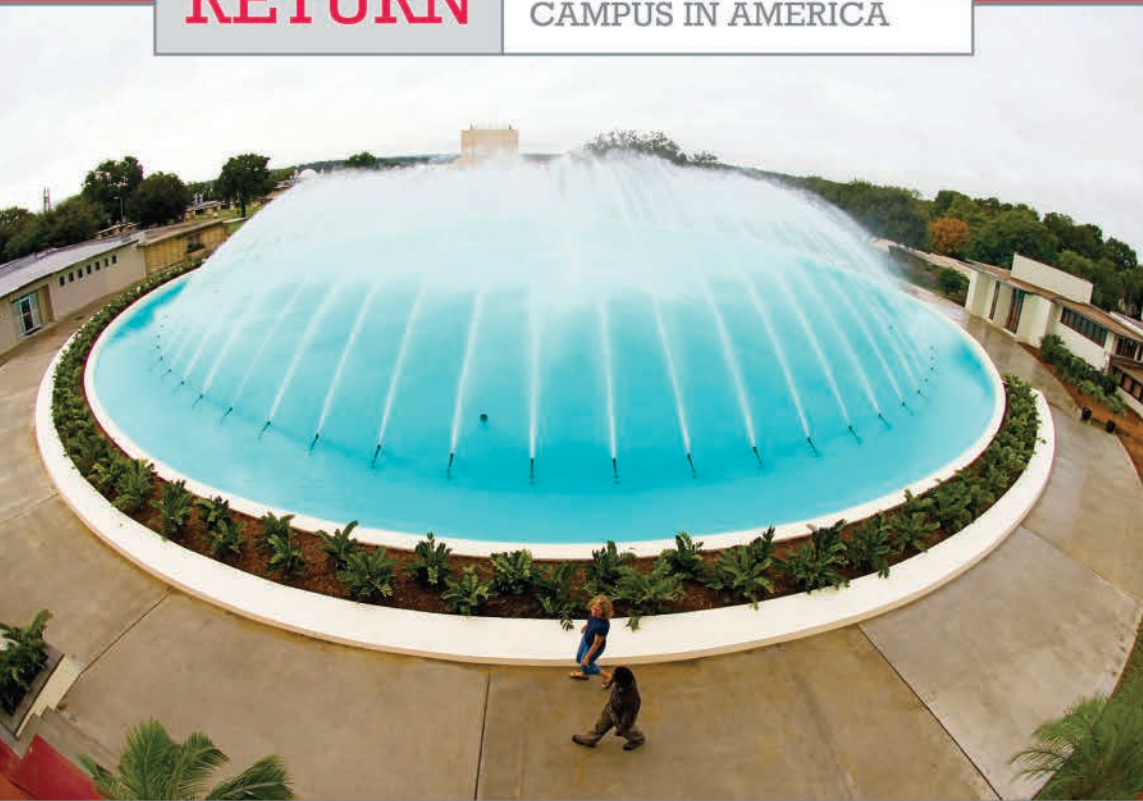
In October 1888, he wrote his family about coughing and chills. He had tuberculosis. He died on Aug. 11, 1889, at age 31, and was buried in Oxford. Thirty-three years later, the College he guided would be relocated to the shore of the lake named for his uncle.

The week after his death, a friend wrote to Joshua Hollingsworth's mother: "...he was always the dear good friend and gentleman. I never knew a man that lived up to his honest convictions as he did. Nor for all the world would he stoop to do one thing he knew was not right."



Joshua Hollingsworth (standing, second from right) with his family

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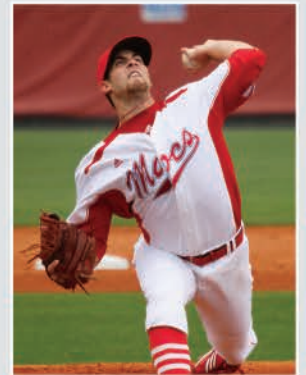
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Friday, Feb. 15 5:30 pm

**Tailgate Party &
Jenkins Clubhouse Dedication**

Henley Field, 1125 North Florida Avenue

Bring the family for tailgating fun and an action-packed double-header! Enjoy BBQ and traditional tailgating beverages, then cheer on your Mocs against the University of North Alabama Lions. Help us honor the '78 baseball, '88 baseball, and '93 softball national championship teams in a special ceremony to recognize these athletes.



Saturday, Feb. 16 2:30 pm
The Marshall Tucker Band
Mr. George's Green

Keep the party going with classic Southern rock from The Marshall Tucker Band! Join your friends for a free afternoon concert on our new outdoor living room and enjoy all of your favorites from this timeless group.

Saturday, Feb. 16 1-4 pm

Mini-Mocs Camp

Hollis Wellness Center

Don't worry about the kids; we've got big plans for your future Mocs! While you enjoy the concert, the kids will be having their own fun with members of the women's basketball and volleyball teams.



**Friday, Feb. 15 &
Saturday, Feb. 16 7:30 pm**

Florida Southern Vagabonds present
Little Women – The Musical
Loca Lee Buckner Theatre

Follow the saga of the March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, as they grow up in Civil War America. You read the book—now experience the magic of the musical!