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- **President Jeremy P. Martin**

Florida Southern is no stranger to change. From our founding in 1883, we were an itinerant college that operated in four Florida cities. In 1922, we established a permanent home on the shore of Lake Hollingsworth.

My wife, Tia, our two children, and I found ourselves amid significant change this summer as we moved to Florida to allow me the honor of serving as the College's 18th president. As a family, we now have a deeper appreciation of finding a home in Lakeland. Personally, my admiration has deepened for the tenacity of all those who came before me to shape Florida Southern into the preeminent institution that it is today.

Our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends have followed suit during this transition, propelling Florida Southern forward and providing exciting opportunities for growth. Through their hard work and commitment, we have the privilege to share with you some of the College's recent achievements in this issue of *SouthernNews*.

Any discussion of Florida Southern's success today must begin by celebrating the incomparable Dr. Anne B. Kerr and her remarkable tenure. For more than 20 years, her sustained commitment, care and leadership laid the foundation for the long-term success of the College. With reverence for all she has done and gratitude for her gracious, continuing counsel, I embrace leading Florida Southern in this new chapter of its history.

From my first day on campus, I discovered an unwavering dedication to excellence among our students, faculty and staff. Built upon this shared goal, we move confidently toward an even stronger sense of community, one from which graduates launch lives of positive and consequential impact in Florida, across the United States, and indeed around the world. Our top-tier programs are widely acclaimed, consistent with the College's 98.5 percent post-graduate success rate for securing positions or pursuing advanced degrees in their respective fields.

Thank you for your role in continually strengthening the Florida Southern community by investing in a new generation of leaders and innovators. We know that Florida Southern College is a place that fosters lifelong connections, and as alumni and friends of the College — a place you will always belong.

Go Mocs!

Jeremy P. Martin, Ph.D.
President

ON THE COVER: Frank Lloyd Wright reviews the plan for the J. William Horsey Building, later rededicated as the Lucius Pond Ordway Building. Photograph Courtesy of McKay Archives.



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HONORING AN ERA

THE LEGACY OF DR. ANNE B. KERR

After 20 years of transformative leadership, Dr. Kerr retires, leaving Florida Southern College poised for a future of continued excellence and innovation.

Leadership isn't just about making decisions; it's about shaping the future, inspiring change, and leaving an indelible mark on an institution and its community. During her 20-year tenure as Florida Southern College's 17th president, Dr. Anne B. Kerr conducted a veritable masterclass in leadership. In the process, she transformed a small, regionally known liberal arts college into a nationally recognized beacon of innovation, academic rigor, and student success that has earned accolades for its teaching excellence, campus facilities, and global impact.

Described by her mentor, Rollins College president Dr. Rita Bornstein, as "brilliant, talented, and indefatigable," Dr. Kerr strode onto campus in 2004 with a dream to establish Florida Southern as "a college that is second to none in every way." Collaborating with the Board of Trustees, alumni, faculty, staff and community leaders, she developed and implemented an ambitious, visionary strategic plan that has achieved unprecedented measurable outcomes and catapulted Florida Southern to the ranks of our nation's best, most prestigious small private colleges.

"It is difficult to adequately express the depth of our gratitude for President Kerr's over two decades of transformational leadership at Florida Southern College," says Chairman of the FSC Board of Trustees Robert L. Fryer Jr. '70. "The profound impact she has made on the College will ensure an even brighter future than we could have envisioned. Her visionary leadership and tireless dedication are unparalleled."

From the outset, Dr. Kerr set an ambitious agenda for FSC. Under Dr. Kerr's leadership, Florida Southern College became a trailblazer in higher education. In 2010, she reinstated tenure, enhancing the College's ability to recruit top-tier faculty. Through the generosity of donors, she also founded the Hollingsworth Scholars program, providing full scholarships, including tuition, room and board, and study abroad. Dr. Kerr's leadership also led to a 155 percent increase in the College's endowment, the addition of 17 new endowed chairs and 136 new scholarships. Under her guidance, FSC earned the William Burke Award for Excellence in Experiential Education from the National Society for Experiential Education in 2010, cementing its reputation as a leader in engaged learning.

National recognition followed swiftly. FSC has been featured in the prestigious Fiske Guide to Colleges and The Princeton Review's "Best College" guide for 17 consecutive years,



President Emerita Kerr smiles at graduates at Spring Commencement 2022.

while Forbes has named it among “America’s Top Colleges.” U.S. News & World Report consistently lists FSC as one of the Top 20 Regional Universities in the South, and The Washington Monthly ranks it as one of the nation’s best master’s universities. Seventeen FSC students and alumni and two faculty members have earned Fulbright Awards, and the College was named a Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars in four of five years since 2018, further attesting to the high level of academic excellence the College attained during Dr. Kerr’s tenure.

A key part of Dr. Kerr’s legacy is the creation of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, which opened in 2011. The school’s unique mission to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of free enterprise positioned it as one of the most innovative business programs in the country. It quickly became one of only three AACSB-accredited business schools in Florida and earned recognition for its top-tier MBA program.

“Dr. Kerr didn’t just build a business school; she built a legacy. She has a way of making you feel like investing in Florida Southern was the best decision you’d ever make. She assured you that giving to FSC was going to be your pleasure,” says Trustee Emeritus Barney Barnett ’65.

Under Dr. Kerr’s leadership, FSC responded to national healthcare needs by expanding its nursing and health sciences programs. Key milestones of her tenure include the naming of the Ann Blanton Edwards School of Nursing and Health Sciences and the opening of the School of Physical Therapy.

In 2007, the College introduced Polk County’s first four-year baccalaureate nursing degree program, followed by several new nursing master’s degree programs and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program. The College also launched the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2015. These initiatives have addressed the critical shortage of healthcare professionals while further enhancing the College’s reputation in these fields.

Dr. Kerr’s commitment to addressing societal needs extended to the education of the community’s youngest scholars. She was deeply gratified when Trustee Marjorie and Hal Roberts approached her about opening The Roberts Academy, Florida’s only transitional school for children grades first through eighth with dyslexia. Opened in 2010, The Academy has since gained national recognition for its profound impact on students and their families and has significantly enhanced the reputation of Florida Southern’s School of Education, now ranked among the best in Florida.

As the strategic plan was pursued and realized, the commitment to preserving FSC’s historic Frank Lloyd Wright campus became a transformative aspect of Dr. Kerr’s leadership. Under her guidance, FSC’s campus has undergone several major restorations, including the iconic Annie Pfeiffer Chapel and Water Dome. The designation of FSC’s campus as a National Historic Landmark in 2012, and the opening of the Sharp Family Tourism and Education Center in 2013, have helped draw thousands of visitors each year. Dr. Kerr used the international prestige of Wright’s architectural legacy as a platform for institutional visibility. She was successful in having FSC added to the “Most Beautiful Campuses” lists



President Emerita Kerr cuts the ribbon for the Chris Bellotto Field on February 16, 2018.

in The Princeton Review, Southern Living and Architectural Digest, among others. Another milestone in her service was establishing the FSC School of Architecture, which will admit its first students in fall 2025.

“Dr. Kerr was the keeper of a vision long thought to be lost, a torch that many believed had been extinguished. Through her unwavering support of the preservation of Wright’s buildings at FSC, she not only rekindled that flame but kept it burning brighter than ever. Her dedication to honoring this architectural legacy, alongside her steadfast leadership, has guided us all with a steady hand toward a future that cherishes the past while embracing new possibilities,” says Jeff Baker, resident architect at Florida Southern College.

Dr. Kerr was a builder and had the highest aspirations to build a college that had stellar living and learning facilities for students. She worked closely with Trustee John Rodda on a

campus master plan that eventually resulted in the completion of 25 new building projects—12 instructional buildings, four residential buildings, two dining establishments, four athletic facilities, and new archives, technology, and admissions buildings—and several renovations of existing buildings to create state-of-the-art microbiology labs, a modern Office of Career Services, updated on-campus and off-campus residential life buildings, and an inviting campus ministries center.

Known for her boundless energy and school spirit, Dr. Kerr was often the most enthusiastic cheerleader at home basketball games, where her infectious enthusiasm and sideline presence made her a fan-favorite and a symbol of the College’s pride. Over the past two decades, FSC’s athletics department won six national titles, cementing its place among the top NCAA Division II programs in the nation. The expansion of sports programs and the success of All-American



22 new buildings Our 11th President *Gratitude* FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED

athletes became a point of pride for FSC, reflecting Dr. Kerr's commitment to a balanced student experience. She was known for her joy in student interactions – treasuring conversations with them about their dreams, listening to their views, and of course, line dancing when invited.

“Dr. Kerr has always been a role model I deeply admire. As a female leader, she provided a refreshing and inspiring example to look up to. Her compassion and integrity were evident in everything she did for FSC,” says Natalie Barton '19.

Another of Dr. Kerr's passions has been building and supporting arts education. Strengthening the College's programs in visual and performing arts, she forged partnerships with the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra, Florida Dance Theatre and The Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art. These collaborations have enriched the cultural life of the campus and the surrounding community. She served on the State of Florida Board of Dance and was particularly proud when the FSC musical theatre program was named as one of the top 20 programs in the nation by The Princeton Review.

Dr. Kerr's fundraising efforts through the Believe Campaign have been equally transformative, securing more than \$325

million in philanthropic investments to support academic programs, scholarships, campus structures, and institutional quality. Kerr shared that the College's wonderful trajectory is due to many remarkable factors, and that her partnership with FSC Board Chairman Bob Fryer was pivotal to this success, as was the support of the entire Board of Trustees. “Each person contributed to the College's success in a substantive way, and it was a joy and privilege to work with them to advance this great college,” she says.

President and CEO of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation and longtime friend and colleague, David Odahowski shares, “Anne Kerr's approach to philanthropy truly embodies the essence of both giving and receiving. Her skills as an effective communicator, strategic thinker, and relationship builder are invaluable assets to the causes she supports. As a Trustee of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, her insights have undoubtedly helped enhance the Foundation's ability to give effectively and meaningfully.”

Dr. Kerr has garnered regional and national visibility for her transformative leadership, most recently being recognized as a “Living Legend” by Florida Trend magazine. As Dr. Kerr transitions to her role as president emerita, her legacy is clear: she has built a lasting foundation for Florida Southern College, one grounded in academic excellence, innovation, and a commitment to student success.

Still sporting her red dresses from time to time and the signature smile, she says a part of her heart will always remain with FSC. “It was the honor of a lifetime to serve Florida Southern College as president and to be named president emerita,” says Dr. Kerr. “I believe that FSC is one of the nation's best private colleges and will continue to soar to greater heights. Indeed, the accomplishments of our graduates prove time and time again that Florida Southern College is preparing students to make a positive and consequential impact on society.”



President Emerita Kerr underneath the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Esplanade.

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BEAUTY, IT WILL REMAIN
WITH YOU ALL THE DAYS
OF YOUR LIFE."

—Frank Lloyd Wright

OUR BOLD NEW CHAPTER

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE UNVEILS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Amid one of America's most celebrated architectural legacies, Florida Southern College is poised to shape the future of design through the launch of the School of Architecture. Set to open in the fall of 2025, this innovative program promises to be more than just an academic addition—it is a transformative step that merges rigorous architectural education with a profound appreciation for design heritage, shaping the future of architecture while honoring the past.

The school will be housed in the historic Lucius Pond Ordway Building, a living testament to one of the 20th Century's most influential architects. Wright's visionary designs have long made the campus a destination for architecture enthusiasts and scholars alike. Now, it will serve as the backdrop for the next generation of architects.

The School of Architecture represents a culmination of years of planning and a commitment to nurturing the architects, designers and thinkers of tomorrow. "For students, it offers an extraordinary opportunity to study in one of the most unique and historically rich environments in the country—an experience that promises to shape their careers and their vision for the world," says President Jeremy P. Martin.

At its core, the Florida Southern College School of Architecture promises to offer a unique combination of academic rigor and practical, hands-on experience. The program will immerse students in an interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates design theory, history and technology with real-world applications. It will feature state-of-the-art facilities, including spacious design studios, advanced fabrication labs, and a

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dedicated research center—designed to inspire creativity and foster innovation.

This unique program will offer study abroad opportunities in Florence, Italy and Tokyo, Japan, as well as immersive internships with leading architectural firms. Additionally, students will have opportunities to work alongside industry professionals, offering mentorship and real-world experience, as early as their freshman year.

“It’s a living and learning laboratory for us here on the Frank Lloyd Wright campus simply because of the structures and the heritage that we have here,” says Dr. Tracey Tedder, provost and vice president of academic affairs. “When students walk out of their classroom after they’ve been immersed in theory, they will be able to apply that theory and put it into practice through hands-on ways.”

Jeff Baker, Florida Southern’s architect-in-residence since 2007, has led campus restoration efforts and played a key role in

incorporating those principles into an accredited curriculum. “Frank Lloyd Wright loved his work,” says Baker. “It’s not just a profession. It’s a calling. The hope is for this program to instill that type of passion for the profession. That way, we’ll all benefit.”

President Emerita Anne B. Kerr adds, “We are blessed that this next stage of educational excellence is being funded through a generous benefactor who will ensure that Florida Southern makes a profound impact on the architecture profession and on our lives as we live and work in the structures our graduates will design.”

As the countdown to fall 2025 begins, all eyes will be on the Frank Lloyd Wright campus, eagerly awaiting the opening of a school that bridges the past and future of architecture in our world.



Florida Southern Provost Dr. Tracey Tedder speaks at the School of Architecture announcement on May 16, 2024.



Florida Southern President Emerita Dr. Anne B. Kerr recognizes local architects and Rodda Construction who have greatly impacted our campus, during the School of Architecture announcement on May 16, 2024.

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FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE'S 18TH PRESIDENT

Dr. Jeremy P. Martin



Standing at 6 foot 5 inches, Dr. Jeremy P. Martin is no stranger to ducking under doorways as he enters rooms. However, in August, he stepped into a much larger role—one that marks a significant milestone in his career and plays a critical part in shaping the future of Florida Southern College. As the institution's 18th president, Dr. Martin assumed leadership of our beloved institution, ushering in a new chapter poised for growth and transformation.

Reflecting on his first day as president, Dr. Martin shares, "I am deeply grateful to everyone who helped shape this remarkable institution over its 141-year journey. Together, we will continue to fulfill the College's mission, and I look forward to fostering an environment where innovation and tradition thrive side by side."

Dr. Martin has quickly become a familiar face on campus, particularly among students. He's embraced an open-door philosophy, creating initiatives like Dock Talks with Dr. Martin, where he casually meets with students for open conversations along the pristine waters of Lake Hollingsworth. These informal gatherings provide a relaxed setting for students to share ideas and discuss campus life. In addition, Dr. Martin has set up weekly lunches at Wynnee's, the College's popular dining spot, to spend time with students, listen to their experiences, and foster meaningful connections with the campus community. His approach reflects a genuine commitment to

being accessible and engaged with students as he leads the College forward.

Dr. Martin joined Florida Southern from William & Mary, where he most recently served as vice president for strategy and innovation. In that role, he led efforts to improve student retention and academic success, aligning key areas like enrollment, marketing and communications to boost institutional performance.

Dr. Martin's career at William & Mary began in 2008, where he served in multiple leadership roles, including assistant to the president and provost, associate provost and chief of staff. He co-chaired the strategic planning process that led to the creation of the university's ambitious Vision 2026 plan. During his time as interim director of athletics from 2020 to 2021, Dr. Martin launched the \$57.4-million "All In" fundraising campaign for athletics, demonstrating his ability to rally support for institutional growth.

"Dr. Martin's extensive background in academic administration and his proven record of enhancing student experiences and driving institutional success make him uniquely qualified to lead Florida Southern College into its next era of excellence," says Dr. Robert L. Fryer Jr. '70, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We are thrilled to welcome him and his family to the FSC community and look forward to working alongside him as we chart the path forward."

Dr. Martin earned his bachelor's degree from Houghton College, followed by a Master of Science from Georgia State University. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in educational policy, planning, and leadership and an MBA from William & Mary. He and his wife, Tia, are the proud parents of two children.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Martin emphasizes his commitment to the College's continued growth: "As president, I consider it both a great privilege and a responsibility to serve as the College's chief advocate and success facilitator, both within our local community and across the nation and world."

Florida Southern College is eager to begin this new chapter under Dr. Martin's leadership, and the FSC community looks forward to the opportunities and growth it will bring.



President Martin congratulates the Class of 2024 at his first Commencement at Branscomb Memorial Auditorium on December 14, 2024.

"As president, I consider it both a great privilege and a responsibility to serve as the College's chief advocate and success facilitator, both within our local community and across the nation and world."
- Dr. Jeremy P. Martin



President Martin introduces himself to the faculty and staff of Florida Southern College on June 7, 2024.



President Martin speaks with students at a luncheon with various Greek organizations on campus in fall 2024.



President Martin and Community Living ready to assist students during Orientation Weekend in fall 2024.

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President Martin and his wife, Tia Martin, outside of the Bill '65 and Mary Ann Becker Business Building.

FSC WELCOMES TRUSTEES

LEADERS BRING THEIR VOICES TO THE BOARD

Florida Southern College is honored to welcome its newest trustees, a group of accomplished alumni and community leaders. Each brings unique expertise and a shared commitment to advancing the College's mission and enriching its vibrant legacy.



D. Joel Adams '93, CEO for Highland Homes, founded Highland Homes with his father (Advisory Trustee Bob Adams) in 1996 and quickly grew the business into one of the largest homebuilders in the United States. Under Adams' leadership, Highland Homes has built more than 15,000 homes in

Florida. Mr. Adams graduated from Florida Southern College cum laude in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance management from the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, and he now serves on the Barnett School's Advisory Board. He has been a member of the Spivey Society and the President's Council at FSC. Joel received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 2020.



Bishop Berlin attended Virginia Tech and received a B.S. in business with a major in public administration. He received his master of divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Bishop Berlin was ordained an elder of The United Methodist Church in 1990. He was elected

a bishop and assigned to The Florida Conference of the UMC in 2022. He is a renowned speaker and author on the Christian life and stewardship, having also co-authored books on church leadership. Tom is married to Karen, and they have four daughters. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, woodworking and hiking.



Ashley Gibson Barnett '13 graduated from the Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise with a degree in economics in 2013. Among her many activities during her time at FSC, she served as the Student Government Association president. She earned a Juris Doctor and Master of Laws

in law and religion from Emory University School of Law. Mrs. Barnett currently works in private equity and is a community advocate and philanthropist. Mrs. Barnett serves on several nonprofit boards, including ZooTampa and the Miss Florida Organization. She proudly serves on the Board of Trustees of the AGB Museum of Art and the Advisory Board of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. Ashley is married to Nicholas Barnett MBA '18, and they have one daughter. In 2024, Mrs. Barnett was appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis to the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

"Serving as Student Government Association president at Florida Southern College was the foundation of my leadership journey, and now serving on the Board of Trustees is a full-circle moment that reflects how deeply those experiences have shaped my life, career and commitment to making a meaningful impact. I am forever grateful to the FSC community for its unwavering support and inspiration. Go Mocs!"

- Ashley Gibson Barnett '13



Michael A. Campanelli, DO, is highly recognized for his expertise in treating traumatic injuries of the brain and spinal cord. During his 25 years at Lakeland Regional Health, he was instrumental in implementing the Brain Lab Neuro Navigation System for the removal of

brain tumors at the medical center and has a special interest in the treatment of dementia related to normal pressure hydrocephalus. Mr. Campanelli currently practices at the University of South Florida Department of Neurosurgery and Brain Repair and is affiliated with LRH.



Evelyn "Ebbie Sue" Pou Doherty '81 is the retired vice president of employee services of Badcock Home Furniture, the famed home furnishing retailer founded by her great-grandfather, Henry S. Badcock. Mrs. Doherty has been a generous donor to the Pou Family Scholarship and the

Ann Blanton Edwards School of Nursing and Health Sciences. She and her husband most recently established the Maida Badcock Pou Endowed Chair in Nursing Simulation. Her contributions exemplify her commitment to her alma mater and reflect her dedication to helping others. Mrs. Doherty graduated from Florida Southern College in 1981 with a B.S. in communications/public relations. She is married to Robert Doherty.



William D. Drost '93, MBA '95 is the president of Lakeland-based Century Companies, overseeing all operations. Century Companies is a developer and owner of mobile home parks, shopping centers, self storage facilities and RV parks in the Central Florida area. As a student, Mr. Drost played

for the men's basketball team before graduating with a B.S. in business administration in 1993 and an MBA in 1995. In addition, he is a "Top Moc" for FSC and a Spivey Society member and campaign donor. Mr. Drost has three children, lives in Lakeland with his wife Amanda, and is an avid Mocs basketball fan.



Gregory Fancelli is an owner of Prestige Worldwide Group and a real estate entrepreneur. He was born, raised and educated in Florence, Italy, where he attended the University of Florence and received his bachelor's degree in business administration. In addition to

the responsibilities associated with his ownership of Prestige Worldwide Group, Mr. Fancelli continues to be involved in the Lakeland community by serving on the boards of several organizations, among them the George Jenkins Foundation. He is also a former member of the Board of Trustees of the AGB Museum of Art. Along with his passion for early 20th century architecture and restoring historic buildings, Mr. Fancelli enjoys traveling, photography, skiing, and water sports.



Jack Harrell III is the chairman, CEO, and president of Harrell's LLC, one of the nation's largest distributors of branded fungicides, herbicides and insecticides. Mr. Harrell is a fourth-generation leader of Harrell's and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and management

from Samford University in 2007, as well as a master's degree in turf and turfgrass management from Clemson University in 2009. Mr. Harrell is an active and respected Lakeland community leader and a generous donor to FSC athletics.



Stan Little has enjoyed a 38-year career in technology, financial services and non-profit sectors. He has held multiple executive leadership posts including EVP of sales, marketing and customer service for Glenarye Technologies, head of international marketing at NCR Corporation and chief

marketing officer for the U.S. businesses of Prudential Financial Corporation. He is past president of the SunTrust Foundation, increasing financial independence for communities throughout the Southeast, as well as the chief experience officer of United Way Worldwide. He also serves on the board of the Carolinas Section of the PGA of America, WellStar North Fulton Hospital, Emory University Board of Visitors and is a member of Leadership Atlanta. Mr. Little holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from Duke University, a M.S. in electrical engineering from Purdue University, and an MBA in marketing from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley.



Courtney Makris '12 is currently the national senior vice president of business development at Paul Davis Restoration Inc. She has previously held esteemed positions at Enservio and CodeBlue. Mrs. Makris graduated from Florida Southern College in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication, with a concentration in public relations and advertising. She has business management certifications from Cornell University and the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. Mrs. Makris has been an active member of the Advisory Board for the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise since January 2021. She and her husband, James, hire FSC interns annually for his software company.



Greg Masters founded Southern Homes in 1991, along with his business partner, Ed Laderer, a 1979 Florida Southern College alumnus. The company is a locally owned and operated regional home builder and land developer that serves Polk, Highlands and Hardee Counties. In 2021, Mr. Masters became one of the founding members of the Lakeland 100, a group of local, civic-minded businessmen of all ages that gives back to the community while developing the younger generations' role in philanthropy. Investing in the community has always been important to Mr. Masters, and he has given his time and resources to serve many local organizations. Over the years, he has generously supported Florida Southern in various capacities, including but not limited to the new FSC golf training facility and clubhouse, the Joseph B. Tedder Endowed Scholarship in Accounting, as well as the College's baseball, basketball and men's golf teams. Greg resides in Lakeland and is married to Ansley, a 1982 Florida Southern alumna. They have three grown children, Austin (wife Amy); Brant, who earned an MBA from FSC in 2024, (wife Christin); and Caroline (husband Grady). They also have three grandchildren.

"Serving on the Board of Trustees at Florida Southern College is a profound honor. As a proud alumna, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to give back to the institution that has played such a pivotal role in my life. Florida Southern College molded me into the businesswoman I am today, and I take immense pride in contributing to the ongoing success of this college that I hold so dear."

- Courtney Makris '12



Julia Roberts '91 is the daughter of Dr. Hal Roberts and Florida Southern College Trustee Emerita Dr. Marjorie Roberts. She was credited by her parents as being their major inspiration to found The Roberts Academy at FSC, which is the first transitional school for children with dyslexia in the state of Florida. Marjorie and Hal Roberts have been generous donors to many areas of Florida Southern. During the dedication ceremony of The Roberts Academy Middle School, the family named the Robotics Lab for Julia in recognition of her impactful advocacy for the Academy and for being a national advocate for children with dyslexia. Mrs. Roberts graduated from Florida Southern College with a B.S. in psychology in 1991. She is active in the Atlanta area in a number of philanthropic causes and is mother to five children.



W. Warren Pattison III is the director of adult ministries at the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland. He graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree in music performance in 1997 and went on to obtain a Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University in 2001. Mr. Pattison is highly involved in his community as a member of the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Fellowship of Adult Christian Educators, and the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra. He is married to Angela Pattison, and his hobbies include reading, playing viola and violin, and all things Star Wars.



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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FALLINGWATER TRIP

Visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob, Polymath Park and Fallingwater with FSC's Architect-in-Residence Jeff Baker.

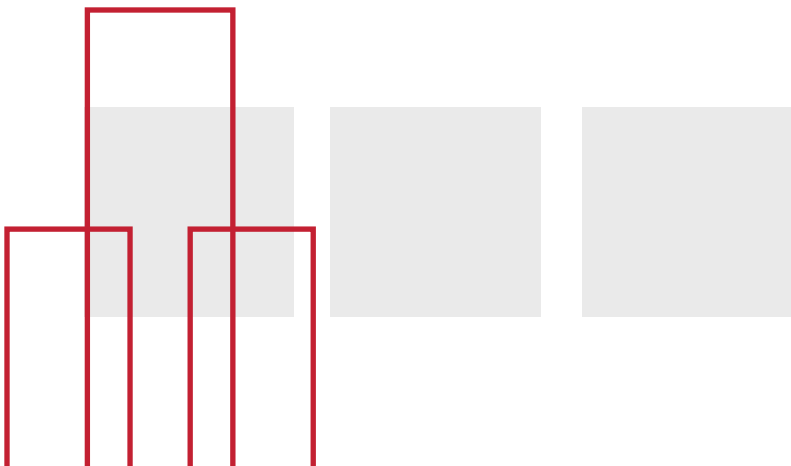
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THE AGBTM

ASHLEY GIBSON BARNETT MUSEUM of ART

AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE



THE ASHLEY GIBSON BARNETT MUSEUM OF ART IS SET TO TRANSFORM ITS EXHIBITIONS, EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH A GROUNDBREAKING ENDOWMENT.

Since 1966, Polk County's beloved art museum has been a beacon of creativity, culture and education, providing a dynamic space for artistic expression and community connection. Last summer, the Museum embarked on a transformative new chapter, fueled by a generous gift from the Nicholas and Ashley Barnett Foundation within the GiveWell Community Foundation. This pivotal contribution created an endowment that will provide lasting financial support, safeguarding the Museum's ability to inspire and engage the community for generations to come.

For decades, the Museum had been actively seeking a partner who could provide the financial stability and visionary support needed to ensure its longevity. "We are profoundly grateful for this extraordinary gift from our alumni, Nick and Ashley Barnett," says Dr. Anne B. Kerr, president emerita of Florida Southern College. "This remarkable generosity ensures a world-class future for our revered museum."



Nicholas Barnett speaks at the special announcement event on July 13, 2024.

As part of the gift, the Museum is now officially named the Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art at Florida Southern College (The AGB)—a heartfelt tribute to Florida Southern College and Museum Trustee Ashley Gibson Barnett and her enduring dedication to arts and cultural development. This new fund will help support operations, staff recruitment and retention, as well as educational programs and premier exhibitions.

The re-naming also holds deep historical significance. Nicholas Barnett MBA '17, grandson of George W. Jenkins, founder of Publix Super Markets, shares a unique connection to the Museum's beginnings. In 1966, George Jenkins made a generous donation of the property on Palmetto Street, the very site where the Museum now stands. This marks a powerful full-circle moment in the Museum's history.

"Surprising Ashley with the naming of our community's esteemed museum was a meaningful way to recognize her dedication to the arts and their impact on our community," explains Nicholas Barnett. "The Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art will be a link between our treasured past and an exciting, forward-thinking future for our community, and we are thrilled to be a part of it."

In addition to its new name, the Museum is expanding its educational offerings. The Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art is home to the growing art history and museum studies program at Florida Southern College, the only one of its kind housed within a museum. This distinctive relationship allows students to gain hands-on experience working with



The Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art at Florida Southern College.



Ashley Gibson Barnett '13, Dr. Anne B. Kerr, the late Dr. Sarah Dukes McKay, and Lynda Buck inside the Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art on July 13, 2024.

museum collections, curating exhibitions and engaging with art from an academic perspective.

The Museum's strong educational initiatives have long been a cornerstone of its mission. Each year, more than 5,000 fourth-grade students from Polk County Public Schools visit the Museum for a firsthand art education experience. This partnership has created a unique opportunity for young students to engage with art in a meaningful way, fostering a love for culture and creativity at an early age. As part of its evolution, the Museum is expanding these educational efforts, offering new programs such as art therapy and wellness initiatives. These programs are designed to make art accessible to even more people, using the transformative power of creativity to promote healing and well-being.

"As we enter our exciting next chapter, our future has never looked brighter," says Dr. H. Alexander Rich, executive director and chief curator of The AGB. "This incredible gift will enhance the Museum's capacity to deliver outstanding exhibitions and extensive educational programs, attract and retain top talent, and continue our abiding mission to offer exceptional arts and arts education experiences for every person who walks through our doors for generations to come."

As the Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art begins this exciting new chapter, it signals a pivotal moment of transformation—not only for the Museum, but for the entire Lakeland community. With a renewed focus on education, accessibility and cultural engagement, the Museum is poised to offer even greater impact through its newly expanded 14,000-square-foot space, featuring seven additional gallery areas and state-of-the-art classrooms equipped with the latest technology.

"The role of art in shaping a community's spirit cannot be overstated," says Dr. Kerr. "Through this generous gift from our alumni Nick and Ashley Barnett we are not only honoring the past, but also setting the stage for an inspiring future, where art continues to serve as a catalyst for learning, growth and connection."

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ASHLEY GIBSON BARNETT MUSEUM OF ART.



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- Dr. H. Alexander Rich, executive director and chief curator of The AGB

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

FSC BREAKS GROUND ON LONE PALM GOLF FACILITY

Last fall, Florida Southern College broke ground on the Mocs' new golf clubhouse at Lone Palm Golf Club in Lakeland.

"This clubhouse is going to completely change the game for the future of golf at Florida Southern," says Drew Howard, director of athletics and dean of wellness. "Thanks to our generous donors and Lone Palm, this facility will make a huge impact on generations of student-athletes at Florida Southern and beyond. We are grateful for our continued relationship with Lone Palm, which enables Robbie Davis and Lee White '12 to continually recruit and nurture exceptional student-athletes."

Anticipated to open in the spring of 2025, the 4,000-square-foot golf clubhouse will provide a spacious lobby displaying all 33 championship trophies between the men's and women's golf programs, offices for each coach, two Trackman hitting simulators, a putt view studio, fitness and rehabilitation area, meeting space and a student-athlete lounge. The facility's pro-style locker rooms will be named after the current Women's Golf

Head Coach Robbie Davis and former Men's Golf Head Coach Doug Gordin.

"Lone Palm Golf Club has been a home for my family and me since 1980," comments Davis. "I cannot think of a better place for Florida Southern to make a home for our athletes, as they continue our quest to win national championships. Thank you to all who have made this a success!"

This new space, settled near the 18th green at Lone Palm, has been designed by John Curtis, CMHM Architects, and will be built by Register Construction and Engineering of Lakeland.

"We are beyond excited for the Lone Palm Clubhouse to open this spring," says White. "Our team has been inspired by the overwhelming support shown by the Florida Southern community. This facility will not only elevate our skill set, but also give us the ability to attract and retain the top talent we need to compete for championships. I truly believe this will be the best indoor golf facility in the state."



Renderings designed by John Curtis, courtesy of The Lunz Group

THE ADAMS CENTER

A GAME CHANGER FOR FSC STUDENT-ATHLETES



From left to right: Joel Adams '93, Kelly Adams, Drew Howard, President Martin, Ginny Adams and Trustee Bob Adams in the Adams Athletics Performance Center

On Sept. 18, 2024, Florida Southern College marked a significant milestone with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Adams Athletic Performance Center. Formally opening to students in October, the facility became the 11th athletic building on the College's campus and offers state-of-the-art resources for more than 575 student-athletes.

The Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired structure, eagerly anticipated by the FSC community, is named in honor of its major donors: Trustee Robert "Bob" J. Adams and his wife, Ginny, alongside their son Joel '93 and his wife, Kelly. Additional notable contributors include Dr. Anne B. Kerr, Robert L. Fryer Jr. '70, David F. Jenkins, John A. Mack '61 and Peter C. Golotko '90, MBA '96.

The new center is a vast upgrade from the College's previous training facilities, housed in Gilbert Gymnasium. Athletes will now have access to a 5,000-square-foot varsity weight room, a 40-seat film review theater and a conference room with a stunning view of Lake Hollingsworth. Designed by Jeff Baker, partner at MCWB Architects and architect-in-residence at Florida Southern College, the building continues to reflect FSC's commitment to architectural excellence, cementing the College's place as a leader in academics and athletics.

"My family and I have been proud to be part of the Florida Southern College athletics community for many years," says Bob Adams, reflecting on the significance of the new facility. "We are excited about this center and what it will provide to student-athletes, helping them compete at the highest level."

Florida Southern President Jeremy Martin shares his enthusiasm for the project saying, "Thanks to the generosity of the Adams family and other loyal donors, Florida Southern College's athletic program will benefit from a first-class facility. This will provide our student-athletes with one of the best training spaces, designed to help them continue to excel as one of the top programs in Division II athletics."

The Adams Athletic Performance Center will serve a variety of teams, including the men's and women's basketball and lacrosse teams. Among the new amenities are dedicated office suites and a new locker room for the women's lacrosse team. While current student-athletes will reap the benefits of the modern facility, the new center will also play a crucial role in recruiting and retaining future talent.

Florida Southern College is a member of the Sunshine State Conference, boasting an impressive 30 NCAA Division II national championships to date.

"The performance center pulls our entire department forward," says Drew Howard, director of athletics and dean of wellness at FSC. "It allows much-needed space for athletes to improve mentally and physically. It will be a primary focus in recruitment and retention as well."

The opening of the Adams Athletic Performance Center is a game changer for Florida Southern College, positioning the institution's athletic programs for greater success in the future.

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TO VIEW **THE ADAMS ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE CENTER RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.**



BASEBALL

Florida Southern College Welcomes Rick O'Dette as New Head Baseball Coach

Florida Southern College ushered in its eighth head baseball coach in program history with the hire of Rick O'Dette, announced by Drew Howard, director of athletics & dean of wellness. "We are thrilled to welcome Rick O'Dette as our next head baseball coach," says Howard. "We are excited for the future of Florida Southern baseball here in Lakeland as we chase championship number 10."

O'Dette comes to Florida Southern with 24 years of head coaching experience, all at the NCAA Division II level. Most recently the head coach at fellow Sunshine State Conference institution Saint Leo University for the last seven years, O'Dette spent 17 years at the helm of St. Joseph's College of Indiana, his alma mater, and begins a new era of Florida Southern baseball with nearly 700 career wins under his belt.

"FSC is an incredible institution with a thriving department and community," says O'Dette. "I am eager to get on campus to get rolling to bring home championship number 10!"

A native of Chicago, Ill., O'Dette took over the reins at Saint Leo in the summer of 2017. O'Dette had 183 wins over seven seasons with SLU and took the Lions to the NCAA regional tournament in 2022 and 2024. O'Dette went on to win the NCBWA South Region Coach of the Year and SSC Coach of the Year awards in 2022, the first in 24 years for the program.

O'Dette has coached 25 All-SSC honorees, nine All-South regional award winners, and two NCBWA/D2CCA All-Americans.

Before his time at Saint Leo, O'Dette was the head coach at Saint Joseph's College of Indiana, where he led the Pumas for 17 seasons, tallying nearly 500 wins in that span. He was recognized as the Great Lakes Valley Conference Coach of the Year two times in his career. Thirty-two of O'Dette's players have gone on to play professional baseball, including 10 who were drafted or signed as free agents by Major League Baseball teams.

O'Dette was a three-year baseball letterman winner and a pitcher on the Pumas' 1996 NCAA Division II national runner-up squad. O'Dette was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 15th round of the 1997 MLB First-Year Player Draft and played at four different levels within the Red Sox organization. In recognition of his coaching and playing achievements, O'Dette was inducted into the Saint Joseph's College Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

Captions from left to right

- Head Coach Rick O'Dette (second from left) with his family: daughter Aly (left), wife Sherry (second from right), and son Ricky (right) pose for a photo in the Jenkins Clubhouse at Henley Field after accepting the position of new baseball coach.
- Head Coach Rick O'Dette coaches the Mocs during a fall scrimmage at the University of South Florida.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Florida Southern College Men's Ice Hockey Shines in Run to National Championship Game

The 2023-2024 Florida Southern College men's ice hockey season will go down in the history books after the Mocs advanced to the AAU College Hockey National Championships in West Chester, Pa. The Mocs advanced out of the pool play round and eventually found themselves head-to-head with the University of Miami for the Division III National Championship.

The Mocs were one of just eight teams chosen from Division III to compete for the title and entered the event as the No. 2 seed. FSC posted a 14-4 regular season record before going 2-1 at the College Hockey South DIII Playoffs, hosted at the Lakeland Ice Arena. The 16-5 mark combined with advancing to the CHS DII Playoffs Championship game earned the Mocs an invite to the AAU College Hockey Division III National Championship in West Chester, Pa.

FSC went 2-1 in pool play with wins over Alvernia and Kennesaw State to advance to the knockout rounds. The Mocs took down Quincy College in the semifinals, 3-1, before facing the eventual national champions, the Hurricanes from the University of Miami.

Freshman Will Marshall was named the AAU Division III Player of the Year while Head Coach Gilles Richard was named the College Hockey South DIII Coach of the Year.

The 2023-2024 season marked the second-straight year FSC advanced to the College Hockey National Championships. The previous season, the Mocs went 2-1 at the event, including defeating the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds before falling to the No. 5



seed in the final game of the season. The Mocs fell in a three-way tiebreaker that sent the fifth-seed Widener and third-seed Farmingdale to the semifinals.

Captions from top, left to right

- Team celebration after scoring a goal at a home game inside the Lakeland Ice Arena.
- Defender Jon Burkhardt (Fr.) pursuing the puck after stopping the Kennesaw State attack at the Lakeland Ice Arena in the spring of 2024. The Mocs would go on to win 6-4 in the CHS D3 Playoffs.
- Goalie Jason Cribbs (Fr.) dives forward to block the puck against Kennesaw State at the Lakeland Ice Arena in the spring of 2024. The Mocs would go on to win 6-4 in the CHS D3 Playoffs.
- Defender Noah Gabryluk (Sr.) secures the puck against the opponent in open ice at the Lakeland Ice Arena.



OLYMPIC MOCS

Florida Southern Champions Shine on the World Stage at the Paris Olympics

The championship tradition at Florida Southern College extended to the world stage in the summer of 2024 as three former Mocs took part in the Paris Olympics. Each representing a team or individual NCAA National Championship while at Florida Southern, Dylan Travis '15, Ludovico Viberti, and Kyle Micallef '24 participated in their first Olympics, three of only five Mocs who have competed in the Olympics.

A member of the 2015 NCAA DII National Championship men's basketball team, Travis represented the United States on the 3-on-3 men's national basketball team, the sport's inaugural year at the Olympics.

Travis played for two years at Florida Southern and helped guide the Mocs to the 2015 NCAA DII Men's Basketball National Championship, where he was the MVP. After four seasons of professional ball in Germany and Australia, he retired from basketball for a few years before joining a 3-on-3 tournament. Travis was then offered a contract to play for Team USA,

competing in world tournaments and capturing the 2022 Americup gold medal, the 2023 World Cup silver medal, and another gold medal at the 2023 Pan American Games.

Viberti, Florida Southern's 27th individual national champion at the 2022 NCAA DII Swimming Championships, spent the last two years in Italy, training for a chance to be a member of the Italian national team. A gold medal win at the Italian Open Swimming Championships, top-10 finishes at the World Aquatics Championships, and success at the 60th International Trophy Sette Colli earned his spot in the 2024 Summer Olympics. Viberti opened the 100-meter breaststroke heats with a time of 59.93, good for fifth in his heat. His time qualified him for the semifinals, where he swam a 59.38 time and tied for eighth overall. Viberti had a swim-off shortly after for a chance at the finals, though he was out-touched and concluded the Games just shy of a medal opportunity.

After capturing the program's first 50-meter freestyle NCAA National Championship in March of 2024, Micallef competed at the European Aquatics Championships representing Malta, his family's home country. Micallef set a Maltese national record in the 50-meter free and garnered enough points to be the highest-ranked male swimmer for Malta and a chance at an Olympic dream.

Micallef competed in the fifth heat of the 50-meter prelims with a 22.89 finish, second-best in his heat. Micallef joined the Moccasins in the 2020-2021 season, beginning a decorated four-year career at Florida Southern that culminated as the school's 28th NCAA individual national champion. An NCAA qualifier each of his four years at FSC, he finished with 22 All-American honors, four Sunshine State Conference individual championships, and was a three-time All-SSC winner.



Captions from top

- Former FSC students Kyle Micallef and Ludovico Viberti compete in Paris Olympics 2024.
- Dylan Travis '15 (far right) laughs with the 3-on-3 Team USA during a press conference on the opening day of the Paris 2024 Olympics. Travis posted 25 points and 21 rebounds over the seven games where he averaged 3.6 points per game on 40-percent shooting inside the arc and 31-percent from 3-point territory. The 6'4" Omaha, Neb. native hauled in 3.0 rebounds per game at the games. Courtesy of USA Basketball.

DII PRESIDENTS' AWARD

Florida Southern Posts a 92% Academic Success Rate To Earn Sixth-Straight NCAA Presidents' Award

Florida Southern College's Department of Athletics received the NCAA Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence after posting a 92 percent academic success rate for student-athletes graduating within six years of eligibility for the incoming class of 2017. The Mocs were one of 43 schools and one of just six Sunshine State Conference schools to be present on the list, where the Mocs finished in the top 12 of all Division II institutions.

"I am very proud of the work our student-athletes put into their academic success," says Director of Athletics and Dean of Wellness Drew Howard. "The NCAA Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence is wonderful recognition of that effort. I also want to thank the entire Florida Southern community of faculty, staff, and coaches that pour so much into our student-athletes; it truly is one big team."

The NCAA Academic Success Rate (ASR) is the percentage of student-athletes who graduate within six years of initial college enrollment and includes virtually all Division II student-athletes, including transfers and those not receiving athletic scholarships.

It marks the sixth consecutive time that the Mocs have appeared on the NCAA DII ASR list where Florida Southern posted a 92 percent graduation rate from 2014-2017 for student-athletes who graduated within six years of original enrollment.

Florida Southern was joined by Barry University, Eckerd College, Florida Institute of Technology, Lynn University and Rollins College as SSC institutions on the 2024 list. Only the Northeast-10 Conference, Sunshine State Conference, and Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference boast five or more athletics programs with ASRs of 90 percent or higher. The NCAA also announced that SSC member institutions combined for an ASR of 90 percent, setting the league's all-time high. The mark places the SSC first among the 23 Division II leagues for the second year in a row.



Baseball poses for a photo at the Light & Life Park in the fall of 2024 as the Mocs gave back to the community hit hard by Hurricane Milton.

MOCS GIVE BACK

Florida Southern Selected as One of 22 Finalists for the NCAA Award of Excellence

Twenty-two schools and four conferences have been named finalists for the 2025 Division II Award of Excellence, an accolade recognizing initiatives in the past year that exemplify the Division II philosophy, community engagement and student-athlete leadership. Four finalists were picked as at-large honorees for submitting a strong nomination that was not chosen as the finalist for their conference.

Division II honors its members each year for conducting events that promote student-athletes giving back and serving as leaders within their communities or on their campuses. A committee of athletics administrators determined this year's finalists, and the national Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee selected the top three finalists, who were announced at the Division II business session on Jan. 17 at the 2025 NCAA Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Florida Southern helped the Light & Life Park senior community recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Milton. The athletics department logged 792 community engagement hours, assisting with cleanup, debris removal and repairs.

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TO READ MORE ABOUT
**THE FSC MOCS LIGHT & LIFE
PARK SERVICE INITIATIVE**

Alumni DISTINGUISHED



Denise Broom '94



Tim Broom '91



Julia Roberts '91



Larry Stahl '70

Denise '94 and Tim Broom '91

Tim Broom was an entrepreneur long before he enrolled at FSC. He studied business administration with a concentration in marketing management and was anxious to get to work.

Denise (Wall) Broom always had faith. An accounting major, she moved to Jacksonville after graduation. Tim was already working for Watkins Motor Lines, a transportation company he had worked for since his days in Lakeland.

Now in Jacksonville, he paired with Denise, and together the duo followed their dreams. In 2001, they purchased the rights for the Gainesville territory for New Horizons. Fortune and Bloomberg Businessweek lauded New Horizons, naming it one of the "200 Best Small Companies" and "100 Hot Growth Companies" in the United States.

In 2013, Tim and Denise felt it was time to branch out; they sold their stake in New Horizons and founded IPro.TV, which offers certification courses to technology professionals. Tim took the reins as CEO, while Denise served as CFO. In the first three years, 50,000 subscribers in more than 125 countries began using the product, including users from Harvard University, the U.S. Supreme Court, and NASA, generating more than \$10 million in company earnings.

In October 2020, the Brooms sold IPro.TV to ACI Learning. Tim and Denise are semi-retired and are proud of their three daughters who are all attending college.

Julia Roberts '91

Julia Roberts has emerged as one of the nation's foremost champions of children with dyslexia.

As a young mother of five children, she sought the best educational opportunities for each. Her oldest son, Liam, struggled with school. "It was heartbreaking," explains Roberts. "It's up to a mother to advocate for her children and ensure they receive an education that meets their specific learning needs."

Determined to find Liam the resources he needed to succeed, she enrolled him in the highly regarded Schenck School in Atlanta. Marjorie and Hal Roberts were amazed at their grandson's progress. Consequently, it soon became the family's mission to create a school in Lakeland that would be equally transformative in impacting the lives of children with dyslexia.

The Roberts Academy opened in 2010 and has become a model for schools nationwide, serving more than 150 students in grades 1 through 8.

"Julia is the inspiration behind The Roberts Academy," says Dr. Tracey Tedder, provost and founding dean of The Roberts Academy. "She is a tireless advocate for children with dyslexia and their families. She lives the mission of helping talented children achieve academic success and has positively impacted the lives of so many through her wisdom, knowledge and experience in dyslexia."

Julia has become a passionate spokesperson and a nationally recognized advocate. Her quest now benefits countless other families and, most importantly, talented students with dyslexia.

Larry Stahl '70

Finding his way from North Miami Beach to the orange groves of Florida Southern, Larry Stahl majored in history and political science, was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and Omicron Delta Kappa and served as vice president of the Student Government Association.

While at Florida Southern, he received military and officer training through ROTC. Following graduation, he spent three years on active duty in the U.S. Army.

After his time in the service, Larry joined IBM, where he worked for 35 years in the areas of sales and marketing, becoming director of client services of IBM Global Services, the company's consulting arm.

In 2011, he was tapped to serve as president of Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center. Under his leadership, the nonprofit relocated, enabling the agency to provide quality speech, language and hearing services to the community.

Today, Larry continues to serve Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center as a member of the board. He also shares his expertise as a member of the Board of Trustees at Florida Southern College and president of the FSC National Alumni Association.

Larry lives in Lakeland with his wife, Diane (Wills) '73, who is an associate professor of music at Florida Southern. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Welcome Home! FSC'S 2023 HOMECOMING IN PICTURES



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Photo Captions

1 Donald Purviance '60 and his wife, Carol Purviance, at the Golden Mocs Celebration.

2 Mocsie and Dr. Anne B. Kerr strike a pose at the Through the Decades Alumni Party.

3 Dr. Arthur C. Brooks, Florida Southern College's 87th Honorary Chancellor, presents at our 2023 Founders Day Ceremony.

4 Stephanie Farmer '69 and Molly Carter Hancock '74 celebrate at a Spivey Society Reception.

5 Carolyn '69 and Archie Buie '67 pose for a selfie at our Golden Mocs event.

6 Golden Mocs graduating classes from 1970-1973 return to the steps outside the Hollis Building to throw their caps one more time.

7 Beverly Vaughn Karas '73, Sherrie Moore Patterson '73, and Amy Wells Homer '74 enjoy dinner and refreshments at The Golden Mocs Celebration.

8 Victor Troiano '73, Karen Ames Johnson '70, Cindy Wagemann Cubberley '73, Deb Botner Sims '71, Steve Shewmaker '71 and Don Cubberley '72 reunite at The Golden Mocs Celebration.

9 Patricia France '71, Jayne Baker '72 and Jill Keeler '71 join Mocsie at the Golden Mocs Breakfast.

10 Dean Shari Szabo congratulates Golden Moc Nancy Georges '73 during Founders Day Convocation 2023.



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11 Elena De Villiers '70 reunites with Jayne Baker '72 at the Golden Mocs Breakfast.

12 Laurie Schwartz '72 and Trish Boland Kohl '72 convene at an alumni event held at Bonnet Springs Park.

13 The Florida Southern Concert Choir reunites to join in song together at their annual reunion.

14 Golden Mocs Kathleen O'Toole Gill '71, Julie Parker Perry '73, Karen Ames Johnson '70, Deb Botner Sims '71, and Cindy Wagemann Cubberley '73 at The Golden Mocs Celebration.

15 Mary Decker Mahoney '73 and Irma Coleman Duke '73 return to Branscomb Auditorium for Founders Day Convocation 2023.

16 Tom Biery '72 and Alice Bryan-Biery '73 dance the night away at the Through the Decades Party.

17 Dan Gross '73 stop for a brief picture at the Golden Mocs Breakfast.

18 Susan Hansen Atchley '72 and Robert Atchley '70 tear up the dance floor with fellow Golden Mocs.

19 Rozy Jenkins Scott '70, Sherrie Moore Patterson '73, Susan Dinsmore '73, and Beverly Vaughn Karas '73 celebrate Founders Day Convocation.

20 Larry Stahl '70, Rev. Tim Wright '94, Julia Roberts '91, Lorna Jean Brooks Hagstrom '61, Denise '94 and Tim Broom '19 gather to be recognized at the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards.

FSC'S 2023-2024 EVENT SPOTLIGHTS

**The Believe Campaign**

- Dr. Arthur C. Brooks, Mocsie, Dr. Anne B. Kerr, and Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70 at the Believe Campaign Celebration, honoring the more than 20 years of service and leadership from our esteemed President Emerita Dr. Anne B. Kerr
- Kim Elmhurst '90, Kurt Elmhurst '90, Dr. Faeza Kazmier, and Dr. Peter Kazmier reflect on Florida Southern's achievements and accomplishments over the last 20 years.
- Dr. Anne B. Kerr and Dr. Tracey Tedder on stage with performing arts major Careagan Williams '27 as she performs during the Believe Campaign Celebration.

**DC Alumni and Friends Trip**

- Several FSC alumni gather for the Florida Southern College Alumni and Friends trip to Washington D.C. in the summer of 2023.

Spivey Society at the Rodda Home

- President Jeremy P. Martin and his wife, Tia, address The Spivey Society members at a gathering at the Rodda home in 2024. Dr. Martin offers attendees his gratitude for their continued support and generosity as the college continues to grow and develop into the future.
- Abby '03 and Jason Rodda '02 welcome guests to discuss the exciting future ahead for Florida Southern College.
- Faye Fannin '59, Bishop Bob Fannin '58, Reina Garcia, Al Garcia '90, and Dr. James Farrell enjoy opening remarks by gracious hosts Abby '03 and Jason Rodda '02.
- Spivey Society President Nancy Cattarius '69, introduces Dr. Martin at his first ever Spivey Society event.



Mother's Day 2023

- Brooke Agnini, Kim Daniels, Holly Kidwell, Meg Daniels, Katherine Coleman, Amy Ladderer '81, and Carey Casey pose together at the 2023 Mother's Day Luncheon.
- Dr. Tracey Tedder and Nicholas Sparks visit The Roberts Academy library after the event.
- Christine Shiver Brown '94, Amy Fisher Loupin '93, Harriet Rust, Sara Roberts McCarley '92, and Charlotte Roberts arrive at the 2023 Mother's Day Luncheon.



Mother's Day 2024

- Superpower Sisterhood authors, Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush, joined News Channel 8 Anchor Gayle Guyardo at the annual Florida Southern College Mother's Day Dinner to discuss their literary contributions, global health and the importance of motherhood.
- Hal Roberts, Margery Roberts, Julia Roberts '91, and Sean Cruise pose together outside the annual fundraising event for The Roberts Academy.



The Roberts Academy Expansion

- Dr. Tracey Tedder delivers the opening remarks at The Roberts Academy Expansion, which included the addition of a state-of-the-art middle school and an all new gymnasium facility. The expansion offers students exciting opportunities in a new robotics and media lab, an outdoor workspace and nine additional classrooms with a focus on STEM activities.
- The Roberts family at The Roberts Academy Expansion.
- The Roberts Academy students perform a special recital at the ceremony.



WHAT'S BREWING AT FSC?

Q & A INTERVIEW WITH JUSTIN HEACOCK



Justin Heacock, President Emerita Anne B. Kerr, Provost Dr. Tracey Tedder and Dean Michael Weber at the ribbon cutting of the Morning Grind Coffee Cart.



Graphic design major LeeAnna Powell '25 designs the first Morning Grind coffee cup.



Jacqueline Martinez '26 creates tacos for her company, Taqueria del Angel, in the Catapult kitchen as part of the Seed-to-Scale program.

As the AACSB-accredited Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise continues to thrive, producing highly qualified graduates and earning top rankings and awards, the Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (CFEE) is making significant strides in advancing the school's mission through real-world, hands-on business learning experiences.

In a recent interview with Justin Heacock, director of the CFEE and entrepreneur-in-residence, he shared that the CFEE's mission is to reinforce free enterprise principles and to instill an entrepreneurial mindset for the Florida Southern and Central Florida communities that results in innovation for new and existing ventures. The Center's "why" is foundationally focused on free enterprise principles and the benefits those create in our society. And its "how" is about translating those principles into an experiential opportunity for students through entrepreneurship.

Can you describe the Seed-to-Scale program that you have implemented?

The Seed-to-Scale program is a reposition of a traditional business incubation approach focusing on scaling entrepreneurial education and venture creation across ecosystems. What makes us different is our approach is all about authenticity and altruism, which to us means be genuine with students and help them change the world. We do that through three stages: Seed Stage, which is how we help students frame out an idea; Build Stage, which is how

we help students validate innovative ideas; and Scale Stage, which is how students launch and grow their business. This structure allows us to identify serious students and triage their ideas into the stage that is relevant for what they need now. This allows us to build a very efficient ecosystem and to connect with organizations like Catapult and CoHatch to take our entrepreneurial students to the next level.

What experiences do the external partnerships with Catapult and CoHatch give FSC students?

Catapult and CoHatch have allowed us, a small entrepreneurship center, to operate at the level of an entrepreneurship center with 10 times the number of resources. We can send students to Catapult, where they can access a world-class makerspace and kitchen space without having to build one themselves. CoHatch allows us to send students to a professional facility and community of entrepreneurs, where students can experience being a professional business owner before they graduate. Together, both organizations allow us to reach a higher level of professionalism and entrepreneurial development than we could have by ourselves.

What are learning labs and how do you foster these labs through the work of the CFEE?

Learning labs are experiential programs for students to operate real businesses in a sandbox-type of environment.

At the CFEE, we create these entrepreneurial sandboxes to help students reach career readiness outcomes beyond what can be taught in the classroom. Students are empowered to execute on opportunities they see in the business and then experience the success or failure of their ideas without risking financial capital. We foster these learning labs at the CFEE by being entrepreneurial ourselves. We are building businesses inside an academic organization which speaks to the institutional agility of Florida Southern College to react to what students need. We created our first learning lab called “Morning Grind” in January 2024. It’s a coffee cart learning lab which was made possible by alumni TJ Zimmerman ’04, owner of Concord Coffee, who helped bring the industry expertise to the program.

Can you share the importance of the Morning Grind Coffee Cart and its future?

Morning Grind has been instrumental in creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem and fostering a community at Florida Southern College. The first thing current students and prospective students see when they come in our doors

is a student-run business. My personal favorite impact of the program is on job placement for our students. This past semester, we had our first cohort graduate out of the program. Each student said the Morning Grind is the number one thing that employers want to talk about on their resume. As we look to expand Morning Grind in 2025, we will be growing our product and services, introducing catered drip coffee for meetings, coffee deliveries across campus, and an additional mobile cart for pop-up events. Together these will help make Morning Grind more successful.

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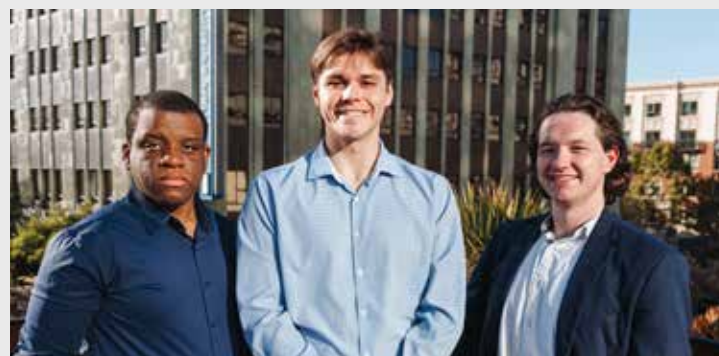
FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE ALUMNI SHINE BRIGHT ON THE FORBES 30 UNDER 30 LIST

Florida Southern College proudly congratulates alumni Andrew Paul McIntosh '21, Heath Rutledge-Jukes '20, and William Kelly '21 for earning a spot on the 2025 Forbes 30 Under 30 list in the Education category.

The Forbes 30 Under 30 recognizes young leaders and entrepreneurs under the age of 30 who are driving innovation and making a global impact each year. Spanning categories such as entertainment, retail, technology, education, and art, the list highlights changemakers.

These three Florida Southern College graduates are the co-founders of King of the Curve (KOTC), an innovative app launched in 2020 to help students prepare for exams like the MCAT, NCLEX, and STEP. With more than 400,000 downloads, KOTC strives to eliminate the stress of last-minute cramming by transforming exam preparation into an enjoyable, long-term study experience for students.

During their time at Florida Southern College, McIntosh majored in interpersonal and organizational communication,



Pictured left to right: Andrew Paul McIntosh '21, William Kelly '21, and Heath Rutledge-Jukes '20. Photo provided by King of the Curve.

Rutledge-Jukes in psychology, and Kelly in accounting. Their unique academic foundations, paired with their entrepreneurial vision, have been pivotal in the app's success.

Since its inception, King of the Curve has raised more than \$1 million, with significant funding from Kapor Capital, which supports efforts to empower students academically from diverse backgrounds. On average, KOTC users invest \$17 monthly and subscribe for approximately 6.5 months leading up to their exam dates.

To learn more about King of the Curve, visit kingofthecurve.org.

WHY I GIVE

Q & A INTERVIEWS WITH TONY COLEMAN '75 & REGGIE HOLT MBA '98



Tony Coleman '75 was a veteran of sales and management at Xerox and had helped start a computer products leasing company. With \$24,000 in savings, he founded AaSys in 1992 as a general IT network support and consulting business, serving clients across various industries. Since its inception, AaSys Group, Inc. has

transformed into a multimillion-dollar leader in both the banking and IT sectors.

College Involvement: I was a member of the Student Government Association and the Black Student Union. I was active in intramural sports and I was also the darkroom lab assistant for the photography professor. My duties included working and teaching students darkroom techniques. During this time, I not only developed an eye for photography, but I enjoyed my interaction with all the photography students as we experimented with the art of photography.

Why did you create the Coleman Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship?

I am a big proponent of giving back and preach its importance everyday to my kids. When I was at Florida Southern College, somebody was there for me, and now it is my turn to be there for an FSC student. The Coleman Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship is an opportunity to provide something for the next generation, and I am happy that this difference can be made at Florida Southern College.

How did your experience at Florida Southern shape your passion to give back to your alma mater?

I do not think I would be where I am without my experience at Florida Southern. I was a young 18-year-old kid who did not have a full scope for life after college. FSC helped me put it all together, identifying both what was good and what was bad. Going through that experience, I believe, formed me into an effective, young businessman. I reflect on my time at FSC and want my kids to appreciate that this was my foundation.

Florida Southern College rounded out my experience, and I just want to say "thank you" to FSC, no matter how big or small, thank you for helping me get to where I am today.

How do you include your family in your efforts, and why is giving to Florida Southern College different?

What I want to do in my lifetime is have my kids appreciate what we did as a family. Very seldom do people who look like me have the opportunity or capability to make the impact we are making at Florida Southern College. I am doing something similar for my high school and my children's high school. I am a big proponent of having something that speaks that we were involved and did something more than just take. I believe everyone gives from the heart. I believe you should give if you want someone to have the same opportunity that you had or currently have at FSC. The opportunity that I had and was given was a great foundation to put someone in a similar position. Other colleges can do that, but the experience is not the same. The reason you want to give to Florida Southern College is it truly works, it is not lip service. There is no place better to fulfill the experience to make the heart content than giving to Florida Southern College.



Reggie Holt MBA '98 began his career with Farm Credit in 1982 as a branch manager at East Carolina Farm Credit in Swan Quarter, North Carolina. In 1985, he transitioned to the Farm Credit Bank of Columbia (AgFirst), where he held various roles in credit administration and audit until 1992. That year, he moved to Farm Credit of Central

Florida as area vice president. From 1997 to 2007, Reggie served as senior vice president and director of agribusiness lending. He has held his current position since early 2008.

College Involvement: My enrollment was not typical. I was working, attending classes full-time, and raising a family. My two sons were in high school and my free time was spent

celebrating their experiences. FSC's flexibility of programming allowed me to be a family man while pursuing my educational and career goals.

Why did you create the Reginald MBA '98 and Gaye Ann Holt Endowed Finance Scholarship?

The education and experience I received at Florida Southern College has enabled me to grow and develop a successful career as the CEO of Farm Credit of Central Florida. Through the endowed scholarship, I have the opportunity to give back to Florida Southern College and assist with offsetting financial burdens for students. The scholarship helps students have the same opportunities I had during my time at FSC so they can grow and develop their careers.

You spoke about the opportunities for students to continue to grow. How do you plan to continue to provide those opportunities for future Mocs?

I plan to continue to support Florida Southern College through identifying needs of programs and providing scholarships to ensure students are able to make an impact in the community. In particular, I am passionate about the new Horticulture, Land and Resource Management program and am already working to set up a scholarship to benefit students in this discipline. This program will impact our community greatly, and it is an exciting prospect to be involved with tremendous FSC faculty as they roll out this new major.

How instrumental were professors during your time at FSC?

There were plenty of influential professors during my time at FSC. One of the biggest influences was Dr. Larry Ross. The insights he provided during our Marketing and Strategic Management capstone class were invaluable, and I carry those lessons with me today.

A special thank you to our donors who have established the following endowments since December 2022.

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GREETINGS FROM FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE!

I hope you enjoy this special issue of SouthernNews, which acknowledges the legacy of Dr. Anne B. Kerr and welcomes our new president, Dr. Jeremy P. Martin, to the amazing community of alumni, students, faculty and staff and friends of the College. I want to thank each of you for your unwavering support, and hope you'll consider this message an invitation to reach out when you are in the area. It would be our pleasure to host you for a tour of the College, the AGB Museum of Art and our Frank Lloyd Wright campus.

Heather Pharris, Vice President of Advancement
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FSC'S NEWEST DEANS

DR. LALY JOSEPH & DR. LORI RAKES



DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Laly Joseph joined Florida Southern College in fall 2023, bringing more than 30 years of experience in academia and healthcare. She has held leadership roles, including interim dean, vice dean, and senior associate dean at Mount

Sinai Phillips School of Nursing, and assistant professor at the University of Miami. Dr. Joseph has also served as director at Fairleigh Dickinson University and held numerous leadership positions, including RN-BSN-MSN program director and president of Sigma chapters.

Currently an international nursing consultant, Dr. Joseph has established global partnerships with universities in Belgium, Nepal, Taiwan, India, and Malaysia. A board-certified adult nurse practitioner, she specializes in palliative and end-of-life care, oncology, mobile health technology, and virtual simulation. She is also a certified nurse educator and serves as an advisory editor for the Malaysian Journal for Qualitative Research.

Dr. Joseph has contributed to multiple nursing textbooks and regularly presents and publishes on diverse topics, including yoga, Ayurvedic medicine, mobile technology to reduce medication errors, academic-practice partnerships, virtual simulation, electronic documentation, and the integration of palliative and end-of-life care into undergraduate nursing curricula. She holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Bombay Veterinary College and transitioned to nursing, earning her BSN, MSN, and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Dr. Joseph is a distinguished fellow of the Academy of Nursing at the National Academies of Practice and is active in several professional organizations, including AACN's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Leadership Network.



DEAN OF EDUCATION

Dr. Lori Rakes, dean of education at Florida Southern College, is a seasoned educator with more than 30 years of experience. She holds a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Florida. Dr. Rakes is recognized for her teaching

excellence, earning National Board Teacher Certification in 2005, and was named Cleveland Court Elementary Teacher of the Year twice (2001, 2011).

As a leader, Dr. Rakes holds the Nina B. Hollis Endowed Chair in Education at FSC and has received the prestigious FSC Miller Distinguished Faculty Award in 2020, as well as the Dr. Mary Virginia Peaslee Educator Makes A Difference Award in 2013, 2022 and 2024.

Dr. Rakes is a respected researcher in the field of education. In 2022, she co-authored a study examining mentor teachers' roles in the classroom, published in *The Educational Forum* and presented at the American Educational Research Association conference. Also in 2022, she co-authored a book chapter about teacher identity, growth mindset, and agency. In 2024, she led a university leader/school district session on partnerships at the National Association for School University Partnerships (NASUP) conference in Anaheim, Calif., and in 2025, she will co-present a session on collaboration through engaging STEM activities for Title I schools at the NASUP conference in New Orleans.

Her work continues to shape and inspire the future of teaching, ensuring that teacher preparation programs remain relevant and effective in an ever-evolving educational landscape.



FACULTY AND STAFF RETIREMENTS



Rev. Dr. Waite Willis '70

served Florida Southern College for 47 years, shaping the lives of countless students with his wisdom, compassion, and dedication to the Gospel. As the longest-serving professor at FSC at the time of his retirement, he held the prestigious

position of the Edward J. Pendergrass Chair in Theology and led the Department of Religion. Dr. Willis was instrumental in creating enduring programs such as The Willis Lecture, The Bible Symposium, and the Mary and P.M. Boyd Lecture, all of which continue to enrich the College's academic and spiritual life.

Beyond the classroom, he made a profound impact on the broader Florida Southern community, serving as a mentor, guide and surrogate family for many students. He was deeply involved in campus life, including chairing the annual Christmas service of Lessons and Carols, a beloved tradition at Florida Southern for more than three decades.

Dr. Willis' influence extended far beyond Lakeland, leaving a lasting legacy on The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, where his impact is felt through the thousands of clergy he helped train. A visionary leader and a beloved professor, Rev. Dr. Willis is known for his open-door policy, personal connections with students, and commitment to fostering both faith and intellect.

FACULTY

Mr. Paul Bawek
retired in Aug. 2024.

Ms. Mary Albright
retired in Aug. 2024.

Dr. Risdon Slate
retired in Aug. 2024.

Rev. Dr. Waite Willis
retired in Aug. 2024.

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Dr. Marcie Pospichal
retired in Oct. 2023.

STAFF

Mr. Joel Webster
retired in Feb. 2023.

Ms. Pamela Alley
retired in Feb. 2024.

Mr. Thomas Brennan
retired in March 2023.

Mr. William Healy
retired in Feb. 2024.

Ms. Violet McCormick
retired in June 2023.

Mr. Michael Grady
retired in March 2024.

Mr. Victor Holst
retired in June 2023.

Mr. Robert Donovan
retired in April 2024.

Ms. Nan Holleyman
retired in Oct. 2023.

Ms. Joan Hillhouse
retired in May 2024.

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE'S class notes

1950s

After graduating from FSC, **Elizabeth (Johnston) Kennedy '53** continued her education at the University of Georgia, studying elementary education. She went on to teach in Atlanta Public Schools. Elizabeth raised three children with her late husband, Clyde M. Kennedy, and recently welcomed her first granddaughter.

1960s

Dr. Joseph B. McCormick '64 is the founding dean of the UTHealth Houston campus in Brownsville, Texas, and a distinguished public health leader. With more than two decades of experience at the CDC, his impactful work on Ebola in Africa is featured in books by Drs. Fauci, Piot, and deCock. He leads groundbreaking

research on Mexican-American health through the CCHC cohort, the largest of its kind in the United States. A dedicated educator, Dr. McCormick has fostered access to health professions for students and continues to find deep personal and professional fulfillment in his research and teaching in Brownsville.

1970s

Judge E. Lamar Battles '73 retired on December 31, 2022, after 21 years as a Circuit Court Judge in Hillsborough County, Fla., but he is still keeping busy. Judge Battles recently joined the law firm of Zinober, Diana, & Monteverde, P.A., where he serves as Of Counsel in the firm's Alternate Dispute Resolution Department.

Jeffrey A. Sanger '73 is enjoying retirement after a recent move to North Carolina. He has two adult daughters and is the proud Papa of five grandchildren.

Melanie D. Fay '76 retired after 28 years as an addictions specialist in Maryland.

1980s

Louis P. Irwin '80 retired on May 1, 2023, after an impressive 44-year career in the phosphate & chemical industry. He spent 11 years at AZ/Sherex developing flotation reagents and 32 years at Armaz/Arkema as the polymer product manager for flocculants & filtration aids. During his career, Louis developed two application patents for gypsum filtration aids that are still in use today.

Susann H. Hensley '84 celebrated her eight-year anniversary at Cooper Wiring Devices of Eaton Corp. with a promotion to the role of senior customer service/order management associate.

Richard H. Rasmussen II '86 recently relocated to Oklahoma City to serve as the president and CEO of the Oklahoma Hospital Association (OHA), which represents 140 hospitals statewide.

Thomas J. Flynn '87 is a sports coordinator in the Wheelchair and Adaptive Sports Department at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. He works with individuals with physical, cognitive and visual impairments, providing them with opportunities to play sports.

Laura (Pontius) DuLong '88 recently made a career change, trading 34 years in a middle school classroom for a desk job in the front office of Jessie P. Miller Elementary School in Bradenton, Fla. She is now enjoying island life with her family at their home on Anna Maria Island.

Bethann (DeBree) Gundersen '89 joined the PGA TOUR in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., as director of technical operations studios, bringing 34 years of television broadcast experience. In 2025, the PGA TOUR will open PGA TOUR Studios, a 165,000-square-foot media facility with eight production control rooms, seven studios, and the world's largest golf footage library, producing more than 5,000 hours of live golf content annually.



1990s

Greg W. Cunningham '90 recently retired after decades of service as a sergeant with the Rhode Island State Police. His career has also included years of work in private security, and he passionately coached high school hockey for 15 years.

Brian A. Kennedy '92 was appointed to the position of executive vice president, chief strategy and revenue officer at American Eagle Financial Credit Union in Connecticut, where he has worked for the past 17 years.

John "Jay" W. White Jr. '93 published *Earth to Brockton*, a collection of

humorous stories he wrote and compiled during the pandemic, because he was restricted from telling them in person.

Lorie Owens Larkin '96 was named "Teacher of the Year" at Pasco Middle School in Dade City, Fla., in 2022.

John V. Davis, Jr. '98, M.Ed. '11 was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) fellowship to study the life and work of Flannery O'Connor at her home in Milledgeville, Ga.

Tameara (Guess) Olive '99 married Oscar Lee Olive IV on September 5, 2024. **(Photo 1)**

2000s

Terence Hannum '01 is an accomplished artist who had a solo exhibition of

3D prints and paintings titled *Perfume Our Burial* at Lost Origins Gallery in Washington D.C., focusing on poisonous plants, mortality and existence.

Tolan G. Hoffman '02 published a collection of poetry titled *A Journey Through My Life Thus Far*.

Tracy (Miller) Duncan '03 was promoted to regional vice president of Auto-Owners Insurance on January 1, 2023, where she has worked since graduating from FSC.

Joy (Beurrier) Banks '04 stepped into the position of executive director of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) in June 2022, a non-profit organization representing the 56 state and territorial archives in their work

to provide access to government records.

Patrick A. McNair '04 started as a special agent with the Oregon Department of Justice in April 2024, after 18 years of experience with the Beaverton Police Department.

Rex Wilson '04 and wife **Kimberly (Mehrman) Wilson '02** celebrated the premiere of Cyber Florida's *Do We Belong Here* documentary. Rex contributed to the film as an executive producer and writer, helping to tell the powerful stories of women overcoming challenges and making an impact in cybersecurity. **(Photo 2)**

This past summer, **Jennifer (Brown) Flanagan '05**, was one of 12 teachers in the United States awarded a scholarship from the English Speaking Union to study literature at Oxford University through its TLAB program. She studied romantic poetry and postmodernism. **(Photo 3)**

Stacy Walsh '06 returned to her alma mater to serve as the associate vice president of marketing at FSC.

Amelia (Twinem) Lyons '07 and **Scott Lyons '07** recently settled down in Raleigh, N.C., to have their third child in early 2020. Amelia works as a part-time fitness instructor and Scott works as a regional planning consultant at Fidelity Investments.



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Jennifer (Reiss) Maher '07 recently began WGU's MBA program. She has also self-published her first book titled *Unraveling: A Journey in Poetry*.

Kristina Kelly '08 is set to enchant readers with her latest book, *Imaginari* (10/23/2024 J&K Writing). Kelly's work seamlessly blends elements of science, fantasy, and sci-fi with photography. This is her third book.

Laura (Stewart) Maitland '08 is a prekindergarten teacher and mother of an autistic son. She has been featured in local news for her efforts to go above and beyond to support her students through any challenge.

Becky (Higgs) Reese '08, director of alumni relations at Florida Southern College, married Gareth E. Reese in a small, intimate ceremony on December 7, 2024, in Savannah, Ga. (Photo 4)

Sara R. Gibbs '09 graduated from the University of Memphis in May 2023 with a doctorate of musical arts in piano performance.

Mathew J. Habib '09 has lived and worked in Germany as an opera singer for nearly ten years. He is currently working for Mainfranken Theater in Würzburg and married Margarita Habib on June 17, 2022.

Sharon Quackenbush '09 completed a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling in May 2021 and is serving as a registered mental health counseling intern in the Orlando area, working

toward licensure. She is a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and focuses on empowering individuals toward mental health wellness. Sharon also leads presentations on the intersections of mental health, religion and education. In November, she celebrated 10 years of marriage to her husband, **Tom Banks '07**.

2010s

Elizabeth (Sheffield) Clark '10 married Joshua Clark on July 9, 2022, at the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel. A proud legacy of Florida Southern, she is the daughter of Carol Sheffield '74 and Daryl Sheffield '80. Elizabeth and Joshua have two daughters, the first born in 2014 and their newest Moccasin legacy born on September 21, 2022.

Katrina Hill '10 is a strategic communications professional with more than 12 years of experience. She is currently the director of public affairs & communication for the City of Winter Haven, where she develops and implements communication strategies, manages media relations and leads research initiatives. Previously, she founded and served as board president of Cypress Junction Montessori, a public charter school, and held leadership roles in various marketing and communications positions at CNP, Echo Delta, and Mahalak Auto Group. She holds a B.S. in mass communications from Florida Southern College and a graduate certificate in digital marketing strategy from Columbia Business School. Katrina has received several awards and is actively

involved in community volunteer work, including serving as a board member for the Winter Haven Public Education Partnership.

Matthew Clements '11, MBA '13 married **Erin (McDonough) Clements '12**. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where Matthew works for Robins Insurance, an independent broker specializing in customized insurance for high net worth individuals and industries like construction, hospitality and manufacturing. Earlier this year, he became a partner at Robins Insurance and was named the 2024 Hospitality Power Broker by Risk & Insurance.

Marcus Duffy '11 joined the Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps after graduating from Florida Southern and earning his juris doctor from Barry University.



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He was named Company Grade Officer of the Year in 2022 and served as deputy chief for the Utility Law Field Support Center, representing the Air Force in utility matters across 24 states. Marcus also served overseas as deputy staff judge advocate in the Middle East and was recognized with the Meritorious Service Medal. He has held various positions, including chief of military justice at Tyndall Air Force Base, and received several military honors. Marcus now serves in the Air Force Reserves and works as an attorney at the Douglas Law Firm in northeast Florida, focusing on government law, civil litigation and real estate.

Taylor (Alter) Duffy '11, who holds an MBA with a concentration in marketing, has worked as a marketing coordinator in the AEC industry and

now provides freelance marketing services, specializing in proposals and pursuit strategy. After Marcus' active-duty service, the couple and their three children have settled in the St. Augustine/Flagler area.

Adam Lunn MBA '12 was promoted to assistant airport director at Lakeland Linder International Airport.

Lindsay Thibodaux '12 started working at FSC in Feb. 2015 and was recently promoted to registrar in June 2020. **(Photo 5)**

Perpetua (Charles) Cannistraro '13 married Matthew Cannistraro on May 26 of this year. Her college friends, **Clara (Durrance) Laurent '13** and **Dorothea Bauer '12**, were among her bridal party. **(Photo 6)**

Currently, **James Ecker '13**, works at the NASA Langley Research Center as a subject matter expert in AI and machine learning for autonomous systems and robotics. He earned a Master of Science in computer science from Georgia Tech in 2017 and is pursuing a Ph.D. in computer science at Old Dominion University.

Adam Caple '14 and **Brittany (Babich) Caple '15** welcomed their second child, Hudson, in Oct. 2024. **(Photo 7)**

After nearly 10 years since graduating with her MBA, **Andrea Merritt MBA '14**, has taken on the role of director of finance & administration at First Presbyterian Church. It's been a rewarding and challenging experience so far, but she's fortunate to have Terry Dennis, the finance committee chair, as a mentor in this position. **(Photo 8)**

Maria (Cuervo) Cofer '15 and her husband, Wade, welcomed their second daughter, Cora, in September 2024. Cora's older sister is Lucy. **(Photo 9)**

Erin (Foley) Griffies '15 earned a master of education in special education from Lamar University in August 2022. She is currently a special education teacher and softball coach at Redland Middle School in Wetumpka, Ala.

Olivia (Baldassarre) Quinlan '15 married Robert in 2023 and welcomed their first baby, Liliana, in July. She works at Indeed.com in Austin, Texas.

Brendan Taylor '16, M.A. '17 recently began his role as director of student affairs at Clearwater Central Catholic High School in Clearwater, Fla.

Wil Fisackerly '18 graduated in August from the University of South Carolina with his Ph.D. in sport and entertainment management. He accepted a position at the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business as a lecturer of sports business. He is currently leading their Esports Business Certificate. He recently received a nomination for the National Association of Collegiate Esports Scholar of the Year Award.

Jennell Retamar '18 recently married John Wightman at Florida Southern College's Danforth Chapel on October 19, 2024. Her maid of honor, **Carolyn (Grant) Ronstrom '17**, was also a communications major and a former roommate of Jennell for a year. **(Photo 10)**



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Rachel Wallace '18 married Matthew Dansky on October 4, 2024 in Morrison, Colo. **(Photo 11)**

Jordan "Joe" King '19 is starting as a family medicine resident physician at MAHEC Asheville, specializing in mental health and gender-affirming care.

2020s

Emily Young '20 graduated from the Stetson University College of Law in May 2023 and joined Raymond James as a senior compliance advisor. During law school, she worked as the sole law clerk to the General Counsel of the Raymond James Trust Department, served as vice president of the Student Bar Association, and was an associate editor of the Journal of International Aging Law and Policy.



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Lucas Broems '21 was accepted into the osteopathic medical program at LMU-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, beginning in August 2022. He also joined the Army through the Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Abbey (Hoffman) Collins '21 married Jared Collins on Aug. 24, 2024. **(Photo 12)**

Caelus McKeel '21 works as a public relations coordinator in the gaming and technology industry, using his B.S. in communications to manage client relationships and promote products for companies like Sony Pictures Virtual Reality and Neurogena.

Alexis (Van Ryne) Torrence '21 married her husband, Brandon, on the beach in Hilton Head Island, S.C., on March 24, 2024. She is currently



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working as a nurse manager for Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health, a role she began in August.

Cora (Alleman) Widick '21 works as a government-contracted data analyst for the United States Department of Health and Human Services. She was accepted into MPH programs and will begin at The George Washington University in January 2023, focusing on health informatics and analytics. Cora married fellow alumnus **Richard Widick '19, MBA '21**, on Oct. 22, 2022.

Madison Wristen '21 graduated with a M.S. in forensic psychology from Nova Southeastern University College of Psychology and was promoted to lead forensic specialist at Peace River Center.

Katherine Hall '22 and **Brenden Kling '21** got married on March 3, 2024. They met in the genetics laboratory section during Brenden's sophomore year and Katherine's freshman year. They are grateful to the FSC biology department for bringing them together and for the memories they made as students. **(Photo 13)**

Elisa White '22 has joined the Curley & Pynn Public Relations Management team as a public relations specialist, bringing experience in media relations, campaign execution and content creation. Previously, she was a photography intern with Walt Disney Company's advertising agency, Yellow Shoes Creative Group.

Eliza (Leaver) Walsh '24 and **Brennan Walsh '22** got married on July 20 in Skaneateles, N.Y.. The wedding included fellow alumni **Nolan Smith '21**, **Connor Bligh '22**, **Ethan Cursey '21, MBA '22**, and **Rachel Howard '24**, with many Mocs in attendance. **(Photo 14)**



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DONOVAN K. BALTICH SR. '85

CULTIVATING HORTICULTURAL ROOTS AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Donovan K. Baltich Sr. '85 has always had a passion for plants. His journey into horticulture began at Florida Southern College, where his time on campus ignited a lifelong dream of owning a plant business. In 2004, he realized that dream by founding Wellspring Gardens, an e-commerce plant store that has since grown into a thriving business, with more than half a million online orders to date.

The Baltich family has strong ties to Lakeland and Florida Southern. Donovan Sr.'s father, Bronko Baltich, played a significant role in the construction of two important campus buildings: the original FSC Wellness Center pool and the historic Polk Science Building. Notably, Donovan Sr. later attended classes in the same building that his father helped build, creating a unique connection to the campus and its legacy.

Although he was not a horticulture major, Donovan Sr. says that FSC helped to nurture and propel his dream of owning a plant store. He majored in German but received permission to take upper-level horticulture classes, including Subtropical Fruits 101 and Commercial Nursery Practices.

"Subtropical Fruits 101 is one of my most cherished memories of FSC," says Donovan Sr. "Dr. Manners would travel to south Florida and bring back different varieties of mango. One day he brought in 20 different types of mangoes to try in class."

Donovan Sr. believes that Florida Southern provides unique opportunities, being one of only two colleges in the nation with majors relating to horticulture. He also mentioned the newly announced FSC architecture program. "I've toyed with the idea of architecture. If it had been there when I was a student, I would have been very tempted."

After graduating from FSC in 1985, he worked in advertising and sold computer software. In the early 2000s, he decided to

make his dream of owning a plant store come true. In 2004, he founded Wellspring Gardens from his back porch.

Baltich's business bloomed as one of the only e-commerce sellers of live plants. In the early 2000s, one could typically only purchase seeds or "bare root" plants online.

"They were basically just sticks in a bag," says Donovan Sr. "You planted them and hoped they would grow, often you could forget where you planted them because they were just sticks. I always wanted to have plants growing in the pot to prove if they were alive or not."

Although Donovan Sr. still plays an active role at the nursery, especially when it comes to researching new plant varieties, his children have taken on many of the day-to-day operations. "In the beginning, the founders do everything," says Donovan Jr. "They have to be experts in every aspect of the business."

With his children now managing the company, Donovan Sr. can focus on the parts of the business that excite him most—finding new plants and introducing them to customers.

As the company celebrates reaching 500,000 orders, Wellspring Gardens is looking to the future. Their upcoming plans include launching a "plantscription" box, where customers can receive a curated selection of plants suited to their needs. The company also hopes to revive a physical presence at local farmers' markets, continuing to grow their community of plant enthusiasts.

The success of Wellspring Gardens is a testament to the power of hard work, a love for plants, and the support of a dedicated family. What started as a dream nurtured at Florida Southern College has blossomed into a thriving business that continues to grow—one plant at a time. To learn more about Wellspring Gardens, visit wellspringgardens.com.

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Sarah Dukes McKay, a lifelong advocate for education, the arts and community service, died peacefully at her home in Lakeland, Fla., on September 17, 2024, at the age of 98.

In 1951, Dr. McKay married L. Kirk McKay Jr., owner of McKay Furniture Store and they embarked on a life of adventure and travel. Kirk McKay made significant contributions in the economic development of Lakeland. Following his death in 1994, Dr. McKay deftly managed McKay Enterprises. She continued the family's commitment to civic involvement at FSC both by honoring Kirk McKay's legacy and her interest in civics with an Endowed Chair in American History, Government and Civics as well as in the building of The McKay Archives Center.

Dr. McKay and her husband made significant contributions in the Lakeland community. Dr. McKay's life was marked by her dedication to her family, her friends and improving her community. She believed deeply in the transformative power of education and the arts. She worked tirelessly to make them accessible to all. Her leadership roles included serving as the first woman chair of the Boards of Trustees for FSC and Lakeland Regional Medical Center. Her involvement with The AGB Museum of Art (formerly the Polk Museum of Art) spanned seven decades. She was a trustee or sustainer emerita for numerous organizations. Sarah contributed her time and talents to Florida House, United Way, Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center, the Junior League of Greater Lakeland, GiveWell and many other causes. As an adventurer, she may be best known for dogsledding at age 94.



Mary Alice Massey of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away on February 19, 2024, at the age of 87. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Robert Massey, son Richard Massey, her parents, Leslie and Frances Porter, and brothers Bill and Charlie Porter. She is survived by her sons, Robert Massey Jr. (Loretta) and David Massey, grandchildren, Brian Massey and Nicole Massey, sister-in-law Gloria Porter, and a host of loving family and dear friends.

Mrs. Massey lived a life of service to her family and church and community. She was a devoted wife and immersed herself in raising her children, finding joy in being partners with them every step of the way. She dedicated her talents to Southside Methodist Church for five decades as a member of the choir and as an adult Sunday school teacher. She also served in a multitude of Methodist leadership positions in the Jacksonville district and the Florida, General and Jurisdictional conferences. Mrs. Massey's focus on her community was extensive, including her service as a trustee at Florida Southern College and Bethune-Cookman College.



Robert Smith Trinkle of Plant City, Fla., passed away on September 20, 2024, at the age of 90. Mr. Trinkle dedicated his life to caring for those around him through his immense generosity and quiet wisdom. His philanthropic spirit and humility were hallmarks of his character, earning him the admiration and respect of all who knew him. He graduated from Plant City High School in 1952, where he was the co-captain of the Plant City Planters Southwestern Conference championship football team (All Conference Center). He graduated with high distinction from Indiana University in 1955. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma scholastic, honorary, and Delta Tau Delta social fraternities. He was also a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School receiving his juris doctor in 1958. Mr. Trinkle was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Public Service from Florida Southern College in 2000. He also served as a former vice chairman and member of the FSC Board of Trustees.

He leaves behind a legacy of generosity, kindness and unwavering support for his family and community. Robert is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John R. Trinkle, along with his son, John Robert Trinkle. He is survived by his adoring wife, Ann Hammer Trinkle, along with his four daughters and their spouses: Amy Trinkle Greene (Tim Greene), Margaret Trinkle Briggs (Andrew Briggs), Rebecca Trinkle Rothman (Mark Rothman), Beth Harrell Early, and 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE



John Jacob Peter Rinker of Palm Beach, Fla., passed away on April 15, 2024. Born February 7, 1944, to Marshall E. Rinker Sr. and Vera Lea Rinker, he is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sheila Rinker; children Robin Harris, Aaron Rinker (Rachel), Paul Rinker (Hillary), and Ryan Rinker; grandchildren Emily Ward, Sarah

Ward, John Harris, Jacob Rinker, Laura Rinker and Marshall Rinker; brother Dave Rinker (Leighan) of Atlanta; and nieces and nephews Marsha Moerings, Kathy Black, Marshall (Skipper) E. Rinker III, Nancie Librizzi, Traci Miller, Allison St. John, David Scott Rinker and Chris Rinker. A Stetson University alumnus, Mr. Rinker worked for Rinker Materials Corporation and later became president of quarry operations. As president of the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Foundation, he supported many colleges and universities, funding initiatives such as the Ann Blanton Edwards School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the Rinker Technology Building and the Rinker Computer Lab at the Becker Business Building. A gifted photographer, Mr. Rinker traveled the world capturing stunning images. His generosity and talents touched countless lives, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



Salvador "Sal" Vincent Campisi Sr. of Lakeland, Fla., died on September 17, 2024. Mr. Campisi attended Birmingham Southern and served in the Navy on submarines during the Korean War, earning a medal for his service. In 1958, he married the love of his life, Jean, and began his career in the automobile business in 1960

as a salesman in Birmingham, Ala. While honeymooning in Florida, he envisioned moving there and soon found a dealership in Lakeland, starting with Pontiac and Honda, and grew it into the Regal Automotive Group, which remains in Lakeland today. Mr. Campisi, a man of faith, had a heart for his community, giving back generously, including to Florida Southern College, where he and Jean supported the Campisi Academic Center for Physical Therapy and the Campisi Family Classroom in the Becker Business Building. He was a respected community member, a legend in the automobile business, and a devoted family man who leaves behind his wife of 66 years, Jean; his brother Nick (Carolyn); his five children, Anne (Randy), Ginger (Rick), Jeanie, Sal (Sandra), and Renee; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1930s

Avice Gillelan Leynes '38
died on Oct. 5, 2024.

1940s

Mary Louise VanNatta Brey '48
died on May 18, 2024.

Adean E. Wines '48
died on March 24, 2024.

Jeanne Zeigler Evans '49
died on Aug. 15, 2024.

Anita M. Kanitz '49
died on Oct. 2, 2024.

1950s

James W. Hardin '50
died on March 22, 2024.

Dorothy Owenby Schroeder '50
died on Jan. 1, 2025.

Robert G. Black '51
died on Feb. 4, 2024.

Josephine Derryberry Hoffses '51
died on Sept. 26, 2024.

William A. Fisackerly III '52
died on July 8, 2024.

Wiley E. Koon '52
died on May 6, 2024.

Bryan S. Belcher '53
died on March 4, 2024.

A. Cody Sutherland '53
died on March 22, 2024.

Billie F. Boyd '54
died on June 29, 2024.

Jeanne M. Grundy '54
died on Jan. 21, 2024.

Allan R. Bly Sr. '56
died on Feb. 19, 2024.

Donn S. Shapiro '56
died July 2, 2024.

Alvin W. Smith Jr. '56
died on Feb. 3, 2024.

Charles E. Strain '56
died on Sept. 9, 2024.

Isabel Grubbs Beasley '57
died on Sept. 3, 2024.

Shirley Bender Nelson '57
died on May 31, 2024.

Eugene K. Prentice '57
died on June 2, 2024.

J. Richard "Dick" Miller '58
died on Aug. 17, 2024.

George A. Addy '59
died on Nov. 27, 2024.

Jack D. Deal '59
died on May 26, 2024.

Barbara J. Johnsen '59
died on Nov. 3, 2024.

William J. Prescott '59
died on Sept. 9, 2024.

1960s

John C. Jones '60
died on May 24, 2024.

Martha A. Kay '60
died on March 21, 2024.

John D. Sargent '60
died on Sept. 22, 2024.

Irwin E. Schilling '60
died on June 25, 2024.

Dennis C. Clinton '61
died Nov. 19, 2024.

Alice Argyros Hill '61
died on March 4, 2024.

Thelma C. Lasky '61
died on March 9, 2024.

William D. Lee '61
died on July 15, 2024.

Richard T. Messick '61
died on Sept. 22, 2024.

James M. Smith '61
died on Oct. 12, 2024.

C.B. "Tony" Waller Jr. '61
died on March 24, 2024.

Donna Brown Badger '62
died on Jan. 10, 2024.

Gerard J. Hayes '62
died on Nov. 1, 2024.

Carolyn Albert Goff '63
died on May 22, 2024.

Sue Cooper Harkin '63
died on June 27, 2024.

Carol Turner Hartigan '63
died on June 21, 2024.

Billy Moore '63
died on July 12, 2024.

Alan M. Slewett '63
died on April 9, 2024.

E. Kale Albritton '64
died on Aug. 19, 2024.

Diana Haynes Beistel '64
died on June 6, 2024.

Nicholas C. DeYoung '64
died on June 5, 2024.

William "Bill" W. Dicks '64
died on Nov. 24, 2024.

John E. Douglas '64
died on June 11, 2024.

J.T. Goff '64
died on Aug. 7, 2024.

Beatrice Miller Hulse '64
died on July 27, 2024.

Dorothy Kiesel Poll '64
died on Nov. 17, 2024.

Harriet A. Coleman '65
died on Sept. 17, 2024.

Gary M. Gregory '66
died on Jan. 26, 2024.

John H. McLeod '66
died on June 3, 2024.

Judy L. Gleaton Connell Smith '66
died on April 22, 2024.

William "Bill" Eldgridge Ingram III '67
died on Sept. 16, 2024.

Christine P. Sikes '67
died on Oct. 16, 2024.

Patricia Ensign Allen '68
died on Jan. 6, 2024.

Darrel J. Fulton '68
died on Feb. 17, 2024.

Carol E. Green '68
died on Jan. 31, 2024.

Hilda Bell Haas '68
died on June 16, 2024.

L. George Sellers '68
died on July 29, 2024.

Joyce Trask '68
died on May 22, 2024.

L. Robert Dillon '69
died on Feb. 23, 2024.

David R. Eubanks '69
died on Feb. 29, 2024.

Larry G. Rooks '69
died on Sept. 8, 2024.

M. Ann McCowen Sellers '69
died on July 22, 2024.

1970s

Jay A. Fields '70
died on Aug. 2, 2024.

Steven A. Hering '71
died on Nov. 5, 2024.

Reginald L. Ardis '72
died on June 16, 2024.

Francis E. Charleson '73
died on March 9, 2024.

Charles W. Evans '73
died on Aug. 25, 2024.

Willa Bradford Grange '73
died on Jan. 26, 2024.

Lloyd C. Martin '74
died on Dec. 3, 2024.

Joyce A. Burbage '75
died on Jan. 27, 2024.

Philip E. Fischer '75
died on Dec. 1, 2024.

Dennis E. Pritchard '75
died on Jan. 7, 2024.

Eldora Huth Thorn '75
died on Feb. 26, 2024.

G. Steve Utz '75
died on Sept. 15, 2024.

Jean S. Harden '77
died on June 21, 2024.

James R. Odrowski '77
died on Dec. 25, 2024.

Joseph G. Bowman '78
died on April 16, 2024.

Rhoda Cokee '78
died on March 19, 2024.

Hal Lancaster '78
died on Sept. 15, 2024.

Michael R. Diamond '79
died on Feb. 24, 2024.

Robert D. Potter Jr. '79
died on Aug. 7, 2024.

1980s

Sanae T. Brown '80
died on Jan. 8, 2024.

Stephen L. Ambrose '81
died on Jan. 11, 2024.

Juanita Pruitt Harden '82
died on April 8, 2024.

Robert L. Bennett '83
died on Nov. 3, 2024.

John L. Hay Jr. '83
died on April 30, 2024.

Carol Kistler-Pitts '83
died on Jan. 3, 2025.

Richard R. Stebbins '83
died on Sept. 15, 2024.

Jeffrey E. Babineau '84
died on Dec. 9, 2024.

Gary L. Broxton '84
died on Feb. 28, 2024.

Mark Wesley Miley '84
died on Oct. 6, 2024.

Shirley M. Lahr '85
died on Feb. 2, 2024.

Thomas J. Smith '85
died on Oct. 11, 2024.

D. James Amick III '86
died on March 29, 2024.

Steven Scott Crosby '86
died on Oct. 23, 2024.

Thomas A. Eddy '86
died on Feb. 22, 2024.

Michele I. McCollum '86
died on March 21, 2024.

Melanie Ward Shrensel '86
died on June 8, 2024.

**Madelyn "Madge" Kapuscinski
Springer '87**
died on Nov. 12, 2024.

Bonnie Outten Williams '87
died on May 16, 2024.

Sara Sullivan Land '88
died on April 1, 2024.

Lisa Barrett Prescott '88, M.Ed. '09
died on Nov. 15, 2024.

Micheline Gauriat Sterling '88
died on Sept. 3, 2024.

Heather Davis Leedy '89
died on Sept. 9, 2024.

1990s

Virginia Lane Bradley '92
died on April 27, 2024.

Charles F. Holcomb Jr. '92
died on Jan. 23, 2024.

Tommy Phelps '93
died on March 11, 2024.

Jennifer Murray Wilson '94
died on Sept. 14, 2024.

Jacki Hubbard Stiefel '95
died on June 22, 2024.

David B. Jenks '97
died on July 24, 2024.

Jennifer L. Potts '98
died on Nov. 17, 2024.

2020s

Justin A. Woodstock '22
died on April 18, 2024.

Faculty and Staff

Gwendolin Lee Allen
died on Jan. 12, 2024.

Martha Wanda Baker
died on Sept. 22, 2024.

Dean S. Burbank
died on April 30, 2024.

Dr. Weldon Crowley
died on Aug. 25, 2024.

Kathy Mary Kniffin
died on Nov. 26, 2024.

Dr. Shirley Davis Litwhiler
died on Jan. 4, 2024.

Constance J. Long
died on Jan. 15, 2024.

Rosita N. Martinez '79
died on Feb. 18, 2024.

Marcia M. Posey
died on April 29, 2024.

Dr. Loretta M. Reinhart
died on July 9, 2024.

Carter R. Rhoad
died on April 27, 2024.

Frances M. Rutledge
died on May 24, 2024.

John F. Wendel
died on July 24, 2024.

W. Tommy Young
died on April 5, 2024.

Friend of the College

Eugene Morris Zimmerman
died on Nov. 5, 2024.



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