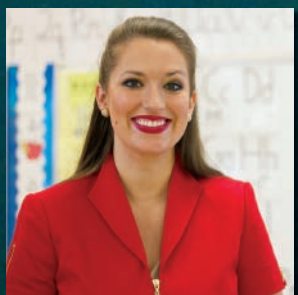
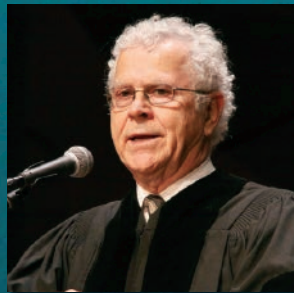


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DANCE COMES TO FSC

With a new major, new professor, and new building, dance makes a grand entrance

ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

Alumni living abroad spread the Moc Spirit to six continents





A letter *from the president*



Over the years, Florida Southern alumni have heeded the call of faraway places and gone to work for renowned organizations in exciting destinations around the world. At the same time, the world has beaten a path to FSC, which always has welcomed students from other countries, many of whom return to their native lands after earning degrees here.

The world has indeed become a smaller place, and at Florida Southern, we make it possible for our students to learn all that the world has to teach. The primary way we do that is through the Junior Journey program, which offers juniors and seniors a variety of places to travel and study for as little as a week or as long as a semester. These opportunities result not only in a more well-rounded education, they often give students the desire to work abroad after they graduate.

In business, diplomacy, military service, teaching, and charitable organizations, our alumni are making a positive impact on the world. In this edition of the *Southernnews*, you will read about some of these many fine graduates of FSC, as well as the experiences of our students in Junior Journey. I hope you find their stories as inspiring as I do.

The past several months have been exciting ones on campus, as you will see inside the magazine. We were especially thrilled by the opening of the new Wynnee Warden Dance Studio in November, which will be the wonderful home of our new dance program. Also, we formally launched the Center for Free Enterprise, a program in the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, which will advance the study of the philosophy and practice of free market economics. We were pleased to award the center's inaugural Prize for Economic Freedom to a well-deserved recipient, Dr. H. Fisk Johnson, chairman and CEO of S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., and a former Honorary Chancellor of the College.

We welcomed other distinguished visitors to campus as well, including renowned energy industry executive T. Boone Pickens, physician and educator Dr. Kenneth H. Walker, and bestselling author Ted Bell.

Also in this edition of the *Southernnews*, you'll read about the accomplishments of some of your fellow alumni, including Florida 2015 Teacher of the Year Christie Bassett '07; Dr. Daniel H. Robertson '86, senior director for research information technology at Eli Lilly & Company; and national champion golfer Tim Crouch '14.

The future of Florida Southern College is bright, and we hope you share our anticipation about the year ahead, which will see the opening of our new Becker Business Building and many other important developments. We welcome your support of our faculty and staff as together we prepare our students to go out into the faraway places of the world and make it a better place.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.
President

On the cover: Florida Southern's company-in-residence, the Florida Dance Theatre, presented "An Evening of Classical Ballet" in honor of the opening of the Wynnee Warden Dance Studio.

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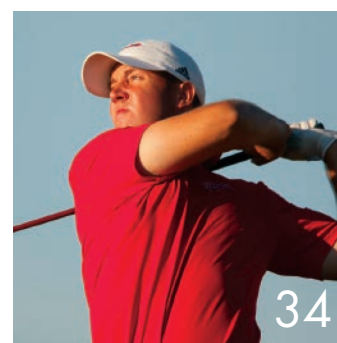
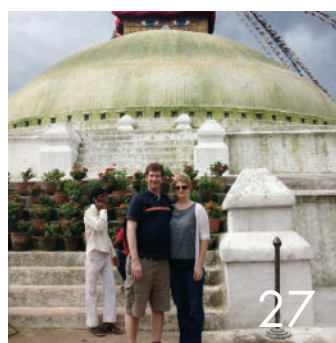
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Florida Southern Launches the Center for Free Enterprise

Florida Southern's Center for Free Enterprise was launched on March 12, 2014 with an inaugural program that included a keynote address by former U.S. Senator Alan K. Simpson and attended by more than 300 business and government leaders, alumni, and students.

In speaking of free enterprise, Senator Simpson commended the philanthropic example of entrepreneurs like Warren Buffett and Bill Gates and lamented the culture of selfishness that has become common recently.

"I don't see a lot of people giving back," he said.

Dr. H. Fisk Johnson, CEO and chairman of the board of S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., was awarded the Center's inaugural Prize for Economic Freedom. The prize, to be awarded annually, is given to a person who best exemplifies the principles of liberty, ethics, and the free enterprise system.

Dr. Derek Yonai, director of the Center for Free Enterprise and associate professor of economics at FSC, said in an opening presentation that the "ecosystem" of free enterprise flourishes where there is rule of law, limited government, and a free market.

"Politics is not a spectator sport. We need to get out among human beings and get our hands dirty and try to shore up this battered world."

"The wedge where free enterprise can exist is small, but it is the engine for opportunity, job creation, and human flourishing. What I care about as an economist is poverty, and free enterprise helps lift the least among us," he said.

Dr. Yonai noted that business people have been caricatured by the media and popular culture as greedy, unprincipled, and evil.

"In a 2006 survey of TV shows, you were 21 times more likely to be kidnapped or murdered by a businessman than by the mob," he said.

Dr. Yonai also moderated a panel discussion about the place of free enterprise in modern business. Panelists included Andrew Corty, president and publisher of *Florida Trend* magazine; Bob Knight, founder and president of Knight Industrial Equipment of Lakeland; Chas P. Smith, founder of CPS Investment Advisors; and Mark Wilson, president and CEO of the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

"It was a wonderful event with a great mix of students and members of the community in attendance," Dr. Yonai said. "The program served as a great opportunity for the Center to clearly state its core message that free enterprise and economic freedom are the engine behind human flourishing and prosperity."



Dr. Bill Rhey (left), dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, introduces Dr. Derek Yonai (seated), director of the Center for Free Enterprise.

The program underscored the Center's mission—the study and promotion of the economic philosophy of free enterprise, including the ideals of equity and ethical business leadership. It also proposed possible future contributions of the Center to economic and political thought.

Senator Simpson was the Republican senator from Wyoming from 1979 to 1997 and has continued to participate in the public arena, serving as co-chairman, with Erskine Bowles, of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. In his address, he called upon the audience of business executives, students, faculty, and friends of the College to become more involved in government.

"I say to young people, get in the game because my generation has given up on you," he said. "Politics is not a spectator sport. We need to get out among human beings and get our hands dirty and try to shore up this battered world."

Dr. Bill Rhey, dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, said in opening remarks that the Center is just the latest in a string of accomplishments that leaves the Barnett School poised to become one of the top 100 business schools in the nation.

“We are on a trajectory to position ourselves favorably with the best prospective students. We can become a school of preferred distinction,” he said.

Senator Alan K. Simpson



What Is Free Enterprise?

As Dr. Yonai explains, “Free enterprise is a theory of human flourishing where, with the right environment, free individuals can use their God-given skills and talents to improve their lives and the lives of others in their community through the creation of opportunities. The free enterprise system is a social environment that must exist for business to function properly to enable human flourishing. In this system, three things must overlap: minimal government intervention, the rule of law, and free markets. This means that, like any fair sporting event, we need to know the rules of the game, they must be applied to everyone equally, the referee must be impartial, and people need to compete to discover winning strategies, which, in a free enterprise system is one that improves people’s lives to such a degree that they are willing to trade their hard-earned money.”



H. Fisk Johnson (left), president and CEO of SC Johnson, speaks after accepting the inaugural Prize for Economic Freedom. Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. ’70, chair of the FSC Board of Trustees, President Kerr, and Dean Bill Rhey applaud his inspiring story.

Champion of Free Enterprise: H. Fisk Johnson Awarded First Prize for Economic Freedom

When he was a student at Cornell University, Dr. H. Fisk Johnson came upon a disturbing sight: his classmates burning an effigy of his father. It was the early 1980s, and college campuses were leading the charge against the South African policy of apartheid. Dr. Johnson’s father was the chief executive of S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., the family business that manufactures household products, and the company had operations in South Africa.

Dr. Johnson, now chairman and CEO of SC Johnson and the fifth generation of his family to lead the 127-year-old company, recalled the incident as he accepted the inaugural Prize for Economic Freedom from the Center for Free Enterprise at the Center’s launch event.

The company had integrated its workforce and its management in South Africa, he said, and the workers pleaded with company executives not to close its operations. Johnson’s father made the decision to stay, in spite of the pressure to leave.

“We could easily have pulled out of South Africa, but my father felt we could do more good by staying. Years later, when I visited our company in South Africa, the employees thanked me for not abandoning them. So in accepting this award, I do so in honor of my father and our employees in South Africa,” Dr. Johnson said.

The Prize for Economic Freedom, to be awarded annually by the center, is given to a person who exemplifies the principles of liberty, ethical leadership, and the free enterprise system. In presenting the prize to Dr. Johnson, Florida Southern President Anne Kerr said he continues the legacy of such prominent leaders as Andrew Carnegie and Henry Ford and remarked, “As a scientist, a revered corporate leader, a visionary, and a humanitarian, Dr. Johnson epitomizes the best of American free enterprise.”

Dr. Johnson has presided as CEO of SC Johnson since 2004, overseeing such successful brands as Ziploc®, Glade®, Off!®, Windex®, and Pledge®. He holds five degrees from Cornell University, where he is Trustee Emeritus. In 2011, he was named the 77th Honorary Chancellor of Florida Southern College and awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Homecoming 2014

Dedications, Music & Fun

Homecoming 2014 weekend welcomed over 400 alumni back to campus to revisit their alma mater and reconnect with old friends. Held March 14–16, the event included the Founders Day Convocation (see page 6), a special dedication (see page 10), an outdoor concert, and an array of gatherings and reunions.

(1) At the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the College's Frank Lloyd Wright campus as a National Historic Landmark were (from left) Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. William J. Murtaugh, former Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places; President Kerr; and Jeff Baker of Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, who oversees the restoration of Wright structures on campus.

(2) At the All-Alumni Luncheon, classes gathered to reminisce and listen as President Kerr recounted the College's most recent accomplishments. Seen here, from left, are Elena DeVilliers '70 of the National Alumni Board, Ellen Talbott McCabe '69, and Carolyn Buie '69.

(3) Members of Zeta Tau Alpha gather at the All-Alumni Luncheon.

(4) The Class of 1964 celebrates their induction into the Golden Mocs Club.

(5) Trustee Evett L. Simmons '79 (right) presents the first Evett L. Simmons Multicultural Alumni Award to the Rev. Dr. Sharon Thomas Goodman '79 (center) at a ceremony in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room. At left is Brenda Lewis, director of the Evett L. Simmons Center for Multicultural Appreciation.

(6) Several Greek organizations, including these Alpha Delta Pi's held their own get-togethers as well as on-campus open houses where Greek alumni could connect with current students.

(7) These Pi Kappa Phi's renewed old friendships at the All-Alumni Luncheon. From left, they are Scott Cavanah '77, Mike McKinley '74, Doug "Mott" Ruppel '75, and Bill Sundstrom '74. Mike and Bill marked their 40th anniversary reunion.

(8) The College's circle of leadership donors, The Spivey Society, enjoyed an elegant reception at Lone Palm Golf Club. Seen here, from left, are Marie "Weezie" Vreeland '82, John Vreeland, Jill Martinez, Trustee Chas P. Smith, and Susan Smith.

(9) There was no sign of a generation gap as alums from all decades danced at the Blast from the Past Bash Saturday night at Lone Palm Golf Club.

(10) (Left to right) National Alumni Board members Mike Phipps '80; his wife Susan '80; and Ed McMullen '58 enjoyed the outdoor concert on Mr. George's Green by the legendary Southern rock band The Outlaws, with additional performances by local favorites The John Rhey Band and Highway 37 South.

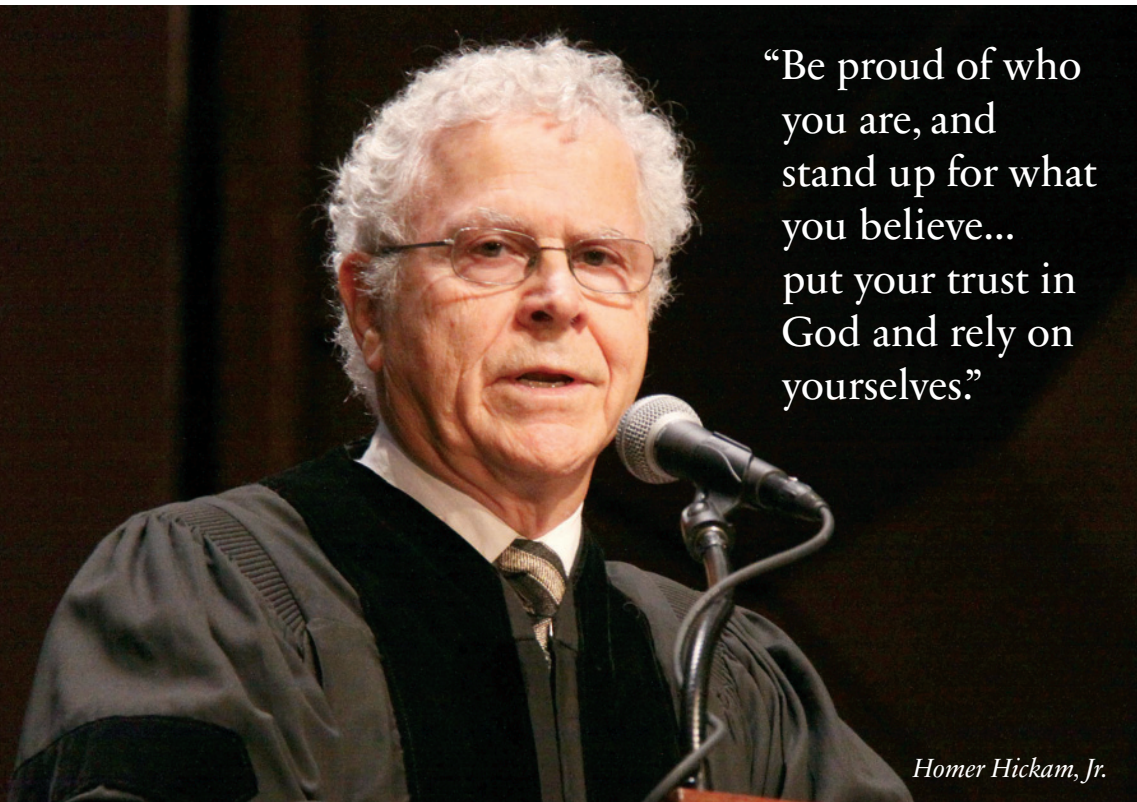






Founders Day: Homer Hickam Touts Conviction & Community

Aeronautical engineer and bestselling author Homer Hickam, Jr., told an enthralled Founders Day Convocation audience that conviction and community are the keys to overcoming fear. He was the guest speaker at the the College's 129th Founders Day Convocation in March.



Homer Hickam, Jr.

Dr. Hickam graciously delivered the Founders Day address in place of Ted Turner, who was scheduled to be installed as FSC's 80th Honorary Chancellor. Mr. Turner was unable to attend due to an illness. Dr. Hickam is the author of *Rocket Boys*, a memoir about how his boyhood interest in rocketry enabled him to leave the coal fields of West Virginia and become an engineer with the U.S. Army and NASA. The book was later made into the acclaimed film *October Sky*. At NASA, he trained crews for Spacelab and Space Shuttle missions, including the deployment and repair of the Hubble Space Telescope, and at the time of his retirement, he was the payload training manager for the International Space Station.

Dr. Hickam related how as a boy he was not particularly interested in life outside his coal-mining community until the launch of the first artificial satellite by the Soviet Union piqued his imagination. He and some friends, with the encouragement of family and teachers, set out to build a rocket.

"Ultimately we succeeded. Our last rocket went six miles high. But along the way we learned not just how to build a rocket. We learned

about all sorts of other things," he said.

One of the things he learned, Dr. Hickam said, was how the values of a community can transcend the circumstances of life.

"I'm an optimistic soul, but sometimes things happen that make us scared. I was always interested in people who should have been afraid but weren't. As a boy, every day I saw coal miners go off to work at a terribly dangerous job, and their families didn't know if they would ever see them again. Why weren't they afraid?" he said.

Dr. Hickam said the conviction that they were doing something important was a safeguard against fear, as was the way families relied upon one another.

"Be proud of who you are, and stand up for what you believe. Keep your family together. Ultimately, put your trust in God and rely on yourselves," he said.

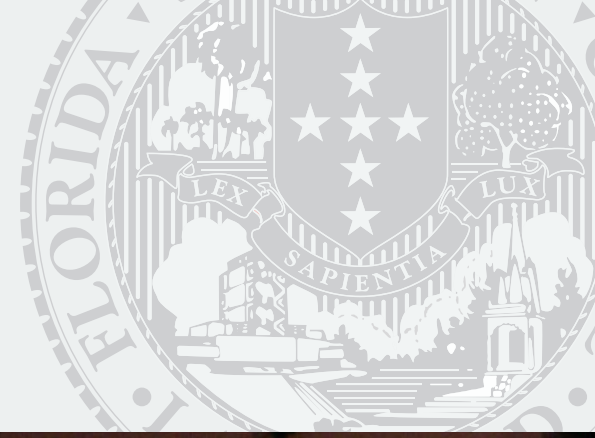
The Founders Day Convocation also recognized the accomplishments of the year's outstanding faculty and students.

The Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award, which recognizes outstanding performance by a faculty member, was given to Dr. Catherine Eskin, associate professor of English. In presenting the award, Provost Kyle Fedler said Dr. Eskin mentors her students and challenges them to find their own writing style. Dr. Fedler also noted that Dr. Eskin has overseen a major project that has documented the history of Lakeland's Jewish community. The award is named for the longtime academic dean of the College and his wife.

Katherine Luecht, a psychology and interpersonal and organizational communication major from Crystal Lake, Ill., was named the Honor Walk Student for 2014, the College's highest student award given each year to a senior who exemplifies the College's ideals of academic excellence and outstanding character. Katie carried a 4.0 GPA, was president of the FSC Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, and was vice president of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, among other accomplishments. A stone engraved with her name has been placed on the border of Mr. George's Green alongside those of previous Honor Walk students dating back to 1887.

"I am certain Katie will continue to distinguish herself and Florida Southern in her graduate studies and throughout her career," said President Kerr.

honoring alumni



Each year at Founders Day Convocation, President Kerr presents the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of professional achievement, civic leadership, and a commitment to the highest ethical standards. The 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award winners are Richard C. Jensen '59; Anne N. '66 and Charles L. '65 Reynolds, the first couple to be recognized; and David E. Rogers '82.

Trustee **Richard C. Jensen '59** is the third-generation owner of Michael Riesz and Co, a building construction firm headquartered in Fords, New Jersey. Founded by his family in 1921, the firm has constructed institutional, commercial, and educational facilities throughout New Jersey, including the Tennis Pavilion Building for Princeton University; the Hospital Outpatient Surgical Center for Robert Wood Johnson University; the Rutgers Visitors Center for Rutgers University; and the New Data Center and New Generator Building for Verizon. As vice president of the company, Mr. Jensen is training the next generation of his family to lead this award-winning and highly regarded company. Splitting his time between Edison, New Jersey, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mr. Jensen is an avid boating enthusiast and lover of automobiles. In fact, he still drives, occasionally, the car that he drove to campus his freshman year, a 1952 MG-TD.

David E. Rogers '82 is a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLC. As head of the firm's Employee Benefits, Compensation, Labor & Employment Practice Group, Mr. Rogers' work is concentrated in employee benefits matters, including retirement plans, health and welfare plans, and executive compensation and employment agreements. He has also served as co-partner-in-charge of the firm's Washington, D.C., office. Mr. Rogers has been repeatedly recognized among top lawyers in the field of employee benefits by The Legal 500 United States, and was twice named a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). He was also named to the 2013 Washington D.C. Super Lawyers List. In 2007, Mr. Rogers served as co-counsel in *Beck v. PACE*, a U.S. Supreme Court case in which the court issued a unanimous decision in favor of the firm's client. In addition to having served as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, Mr. Rogers was a member of the editorial advisory board for *Pension Actuary* and has been published in *The Tax Lawyer*. He is also a fellow in the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel and serves as the president of the Board of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

Charles L. Reynolds, Jr., '65 is a successful businessman, civic leader, and generous philanthropist. A fifth-generation Floridian, he was raised in Lake Placid and comes from a family devoted to agriculture. He is the owner of Reynolds Farms, a family business with interests in citrus farming, ranching, and other enterprises. Mr. Reynolds serves on the Highlands County Education Foundation Board, and he and Mrs. Reynolds are supporters of The Roberts Academy at FSC. For 35 years, they have provided scholarships to Lake Placid High School students who are pursuing careers in education.

Anne Nichols Reynolds '66 has devoted her life and career to civic affairs, the improvement of education, and the preservation of Native American cultural sites. She taught in public school and at the Lake Placid Christian School, which she helped found. She served three terms on the South Florida Community College District Board of Trustees. Following discovery of an important Native American archaeological site on their property, the Reynolds ensured its study and protection, and donated the artifacts to the Florida Museum of Natural History. Mrs. Reynolds serves on the Highlands County Historic Preservation Commission. She was instrumental in the founding of a new community library in Lake Placid and was the first president of the popular Lake Placid Arts and Crafts Fair. She is an artist, educator, speaker, and an award-winning poet. Her debut novel, *Winter Harvest*, was published in spring 2014.





Media Mogul Ted Turner Invested as 80th Honorary Chancellor

Due to a bout of appendicitis, cable television mogul and environmental philanthropist Ted Turner was unable to attend the March 14 Founders Day Convocation where he was to be installed as Florida Southern College's 80th Honorary Chancellor. In an inspiring and heartfelt letter to students, Mr. Turner expressed his regret at having to miss the occasion and his hope that he would be able to participate at a later date.

To accommodate Mr. Turner's schedule, President Kerr; Trustee Barney Barnett; Trustee Steve Buck and his wife, Lynda; Provost Kyle Fedler; and Vice President for Advancement Rob Tate visited Mr. Turner's offices in Atlanta on June 19 to officially install him as the College's 80th Honorary Chancellor.

"It is a delight and an honor to welcome Ted Turner to the Florida Southern College community," remarked President Kerr. "Throughout his life, he has been a man of remarkable vision and pioneering spirit and, now, as one of the world's foremost advocates for environmental

preservation, he continues to demonstrate the impeccable values and consummate leadership qualities that we work to instill in each one of our students."

Later that day, Mr. Turner posted to his Facebook page, "I wasn't able to accept the honor of being named as Florida Southern College's (FSC) 80th Honorary Chancellor in March, so today, representatives from FSC conducted the ceremony at my offices in Atlanta. What an honor and a pleasure to meet this great group of people!"

Senior Amy Scroggin said, "As an advertising and public relations major, I admire how Ted Turner has positively impacted the media industry. I am thrilled to hear that Florida Southern College is honoring such an important and accomplished figure in a field I am so passionate about. His impressive business endeavors and innovative contributions to the television industry are exactly the type of career goals that inspire FSC students to strive for professional success."



Left: Dr. Kerr enjoys some of Mr. Turner's wit. Right: Seated from left to right are Dr. Kerr, Mr. Turner, Lynda Buck, Vice President for Advancement Robert H. Tate, Ph.D., and Provost Kyle Fedler, Ph.D.

T E D T U R N E R

March 14, 2014

Dear Students, Alumni and Faculty,

Thank you for the distinguished honor of naming me Florida Southern College's 80th honorary chancellor. I'm sorry I couldn't be there to accept this honor and address you all in person today. However, I feel compelled to share with you a bit of wisdom passed down to me by my father, which I have found to be the most significant and relevant advice I've received throughout my lifetime.

"Set your goals so high that you can't achieve them in your lifetime."

To the upcoming graduating class of 2014 – while that very special day may represent an ending to your hard work and studies, it's the beginning of a very important time in your lives. This is a time for you to truly separate yourselves from the masses – to prove yourselves to the world. This marks a time for you all to discover your passions and hopefully change the world for the better. Like me, you may fumble along the way. You may be told "you can't do this" or "you can't achieve that". What I urge you to do is ignore those cynics. Because in doing so, you can indeed achieve the impossible.

Years ago, when I came up with the idea to start CNN, I was repeatedly told not only that I would never achieve this, but that I was actually crazy to believe that I could. Don't be mistaken – the road to success was very rocky and felt impossible at times – but, I got there. I achieved what I had set out to do.

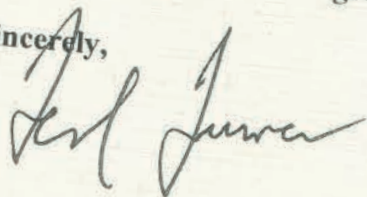
These days, I wake up each morning with another goal in mind – to save the world. I work toward achieving this every day through my five foundations –the United Nations Foundation, Turner Foundation, Nuclear Threat Initiative, Captain Planet Foundation and Turner Endangered Species Fund, devoting most of my time and resources to this goal, mostly because I can't think of anything else more pressing or more important. I want people to remember me as someone who never stopped, who never gave up.

As satisfying and worthwhile as I've found personal success to be – whether it's been in cable, sports, or the restaurant industry - making a difference in this world by giving back is what wakes me up in the morning and keeps me moving. And seeing this same passion instilled in my children gives me a satisfaction I never thought possible.

So, to the next generation out there, discover what it is you want to achieve in your lifetime. And no matter how challenging things might seem along the way, always believe in yourself and strive to be the very best at what you do.

Again, thank you for this great honor, and best wishes and good luck to you all.

Sincerely,



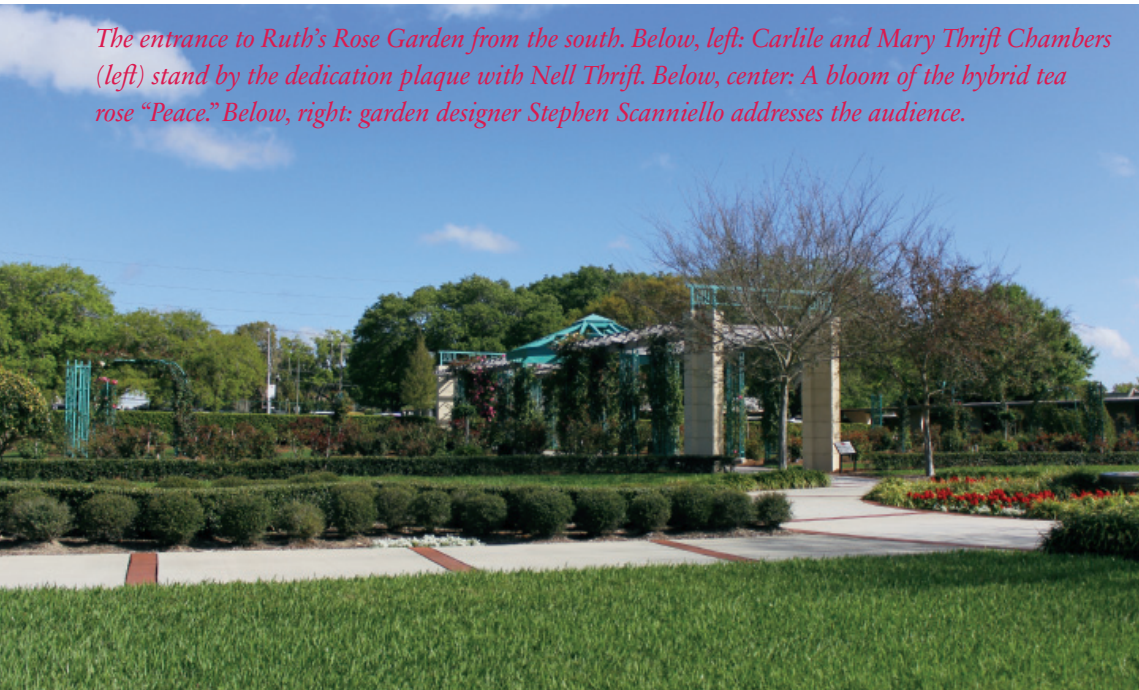


Ruth's Rose Garden: A Place of Beauty & Education

As if the Florida campus isn't beautiful enough, a new classically designed rose garden now adds a touch of 19th-century French elegance.

The garden, begun last summer, was dedicated on March 15 under a clear blue sky in a ceremony during Homecoming weekend. It is named Ruth's Rose Garden in memory of the late Ruth K. Thrift, wife of former FSC President Charles T. Thrift. The naming gift was given by her daughters, Nell Thrift, Helen Sue Thrift, and Mary Thrift Chambers, and son-in-law Carlile Chambers.

The entrance to Ruth's Rose Garden from the south. Below, left: Carlile and Mary Thrift Chambers (left) stand by the dedication plaque with Nell Thrift. Below, center: A bloom of the hybrid tea rose "Peace." Below, right: garden designer Stephen Scanniello addresses the audience.



The garden, designed by Stephen Scanniello, one of the premier rose gardeners in the world, is not only a beautiful place but also a botanically important garden, containing ancient "heritage" roses, as well as roses found nowhere else in the United States.

At the dedication ceremony, President Kerr called the garden "one of the most joyous projects ever undertaken at the College." She noted Mrs. Thrift's love of flowers and thanked her family for their gift.

"All of us can appreciate its beauty, but it will also be a living-learning

laboratory for our students, who will help in propagating and caring for these roses," she said.

Nell Thrift, archivist for the Florida United Methodist Conference records in the McKay Archives Building at FSC, said her mother loved the 60 years she spent here and remarked, "I'm sure she would be overwhelmed to know this place is named for her."

Overseen by John and Ruth Tyndall Professor of Citrus Science Dr. Malcolm Manners, Ruth's Rose Garden contains more than 200 rose plants—including some world-famous varieties—and it will be used as a site for research and education. It features the only complete collection in the world of Bermuda "mystery" roses, the world's largest collection of musk roses, and it includes some ancient varieties whose genetic stock goes back centuries. One variety is 2,000 years old, said Manners, who specializes in preserving and cultivating stocks of antique, or "heritage," roses.

"Unlike animals, plants don't age. This will be one of the few places where a visitor can trace the history of how a rose came to look the way it does today. There aren't enough gardens around that educate. That's a goal of mine, and this is a big step in that direction," he said.

To execute the design of the garden, Manners recommended Scanniello, former curator of the Cranford Rose Garden at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, an author and consultant who has designed gardens for numerous clients around the world.

Ruth's Rose Garden follows the classical design of a 19th-century French garden, laid out in concentric circles with grass pathways and a central arbor that will eventually be covered by climbing rose vines. The outer edges have rose bushes, and there are tree roses in containers in an inner ring. Manners estimates it will take up to 18 months for the plants to grow out sufficiently to achieve the desired look.

"It has formal geometry. It's something you just don't see in the United States," he said, referring to the garden's design. "It's the Water Dome done in flowers."

In a prayer of dedication, Bishop-in-Residence Robert E. Fannin '58 gave thanks to God for the beauty of the garden and for the memory of Ruth Thrift.

"It is fitting, O God, that this space be set aside in the heart of our campus to remember Ruth, her smile, her faith, and her deep love for life. As we wrap our minds and hearts around the calmness of this garden, may it become a place to stop and reflect, and may we be reminded that you will be here and we will never be alone," he prayed.

Tale of Triumph: The Roberts Academy Hosts Pam Tebow

The Roberts Academy—FSC’s transitional elementary school for gifted students with dyslexia—celebrated Mother’s Day by hosting one of Florida’s best-known moms: Pam Tebow. On May 7, more than 200 people gathered in the Honeyman Pavilion to “celebrate the mothers in all our lives,” support The Roberts Academy, and hear Mrs. Tebow’s inspirational words.

Mrs. Tebow, mother of Heisman Trophy-winner and former Florida Gators quarterback Tim Tebow, is an outspoken advocate for dyslexia education, one of the leading causes of reading difficulty for children. Her husband, Bob, two of her children—including Tim—and a granddaughter have dyslexia, and Mrs. Tebow has first-hand experience overcoming its challenges, having homeschooled Tim for several years while she and her family lived abroad as missionaries.

“I’m very thankful this school loves children the way God loves them,” she said. “It’s hard for those of us who are good readers to know what it’s like to have dyslexia.”

Mrs. Tebow offered advice and encouragement to her audience, noting that parents should want their children to have hope, humility, and a mission in life. Most of all, she said, parents should love their children “the way they’re packaged.”

“It’s so important that we believe in them. One of the ways we communicate love is through what we say, and there is no substitute for clearly and simply saying ‘I love you,’” she said.

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The event drew many from the community eager to hear Mrs. Tebow, including FSC Trustee Marjorie Roberts and her husband, Hal, founders of The Roberts Academy. President Kerr welcomed Mrs. Tebow, saying, “It’s such an honor to have someone of your integrity and mission in life at Florida Southern.”

Dr. Tracey Tedder, dean of the School of Education, spoke about the importance of The Roberts Academy, which began in 2010 with 23 students and three teachers and now has 118 students in grades two through six. It is the only transitional school in Florida for gifted children with dyslexia.



Pam Tebow, mother of Heisman Trophy-winner Tim Tebow, shares her experiences raising and homeschooling two children with dyslexia.

Mrs. Tebow quoted from Tim’s autobiography in which he writes that his mother convinced him his dyslexia was not a disability. She said a tutor the family hired to help Tim had employed the Orton-Gillingham Method, a technique used at The Roberts Academy to teach reading skills that has proven effective with dyslexia.

“Orton-Gillingham made such an impact on Tim,” she said. “I’m so thankful you have created this school to help kids with dyslexia. God has a wonderful plan for them, and dyslexia will not hinder that plan.”

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 6

The Roberts Academy Mother’s Day Lunch featuring Jenna Bush Hager

Former teacher, best-selling author, chair of UNICEF’s Next Generation program, *Today* show correspondent, editor-at-large for *Southern Living* magazine, and former First Daughter, Jenna Bush Hager has many monikers, but none so close to her heart as children’s advocate.



Join us May 6 as Jenna Hager Bush explores the importance of igniting a child’s spark for reading through the book she co-authored with mother Laura Bush, *Read All About It!* Visit flsouthern.edu/mothers to learn more and purchase tickets.



Emeritus Professor Prevatt Inducted into Citrus Hall of Fame

Hailed as a “professor extraordinaire,” Rubert Prevatt, the John and Ruth Tyndall Professor of Citrus Science Emeritus, was inducted into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame at the annual Citrus Celebration last March.

Dr. Prevatt taught at FSC from 1970 to 1999, during which he inspired a substantial number of students who are now leaders in Florida’s citrus industry. At the conclusion of the ceremony, he was surrounded by more than 50 of his former students who came to express their appreciation for his dedication in preparing them to achieve success (see page 38).

Dr. Prevatt was raised in a family that owned citrus groves, and he studied agriculture and soil chemistry at the University of Florida. He set up and ran the state’s first soil testing laboratory at the university in 1948. He worked for the Doctor Phillips Company, a commercial grower, completed his Ph.D. in soil science at the University of Florida, and worked as an agronomist for International Minerals Corporation (IMC) before joining the faculty of Florida Southern.



Dr. Rubert Prevatt (center) receives a plaque commemorating his induction into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame from Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam and Dr. Kerr.

In a video prior to the presentation of the award, Dr. Malcolm Manners, who succeeded Dr. Prevatt as the Tyndall Professor, said Dr. Prevatt “believed in experiential learning,” and saw to it that his students spent time in the field experiencing real-world situations and problems.

“He produced a generation of some of Florida’s best produce and citrus managers. He took great pride in that,” Dr. Manners said.

According to the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame, more than 60 percent of Florida citrus groves are managed by students of Dr. Prevatt.

In a video presentation, State Rep. Ben Albritton ’90, whose family runs a grove management firm, said Dr. Prevatt put people first. “He was loved by his students because he was interested in their lives. It was about relationships,” he said.

In accepting the award, Dr. Prevatt returned the affection directed at him, remarking, “I’d like to say I enjoyed every single one of my students. I’m glad I was able to have a little influence on their lives.”

Dr. Prevatt is the second FSC faculty member to be inducted into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame, following the late Prof. Thomas B. Mack, who was inducted in 1997.

Farewell to Six Long-Serving Faculty Members

Colleagues, family, and friends gathered in April at a ceremony in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room to honor and say farewell to five distinguished and long-serving faculty members who retired.

President Kerr said that they had followed “a very noble calling.”

“We celebrate the accomplishments of faculty who have had such an impact on students’ lives, and the lives they will touch. The growth is exponential,” she said. “You have written history here, and I hope the career you chose will always remain a source of pride and gratification.”

The faculty members are:

Associate Professor of Physical Education Kathleen Benn, who joined the faculty in 1966 and served a total of 47 years. Ms. Benn, who was inducted into the College’s Athletics Hall of Fame in October (see page 34), was instrumental in initiating intercollegiate women’s athletics at Florida Southern College. She also coached at least three sports.

William F. Chatlos Professor of Business and Economics Carl Brown, who joined the faculty in 1980 and served 34 years. Dr. Brown, who was widely regarded by his students despite his nickname, “Doctor Doom,” helped start the MBA program at the College.

Professor of History Francis Hodges, who joined the faculty in 1978 and served 36 years. Dr. Hodges was known as a caring professor with high standards who was dedicated to his discipline and to the profession of teaching.



Professor of Art History James G. Rogers, Jr., who joined the faculty in 1992 and served 22 years. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Rogers was the chairman of the Department of Art and Art History. He did extensive research on the College's Frank Lloyd Wright architecture.

Professor of Accounting John Stancil, C.P.A., who joined the faculty in 1998 and served 16 years. Dr. Stancil taught tax accounting and was well known for his service to the community, donating his time and expertise to nonprofit organizations.

A sixth longtime faculty member retired later in the year. Professor of Psychology Richard Burnette, Jr., the most senior member of faculty, joined the College in 1962 and was recently recognized for serving more than 50 years. Dr. Burnette was for many years the director of the College's Career and Counseling Center.

At the April ceremony, each of the retiring faculty members shared reflections on their careers and paid tribute to their colleagues.

Dr. Brown noted, "We may not get paid a lot, but we do receive a kind of psychic income in this profession, and after 34 years, I'm a deeply wealthy man."



Dr. Carl Brown (right) looks on with a smile as Dr. Pete Bias—who would become Dr. Brown's successor as William F. Chatlos Chair of Business and Economics—recounts the accomplishments of Dr. Brown's distinguished career.

Southern Gratitude

About 96 percent of FSC students receive financial aid in the form of grants and scholarships. The annual Scholarship Dinner, held in February, expresses appreciation from the College and recipients to the donors who have funded individual scholarships.



▲ Jonathan Romero '15 and recipient of the Hollis Family Scholarship, joins President Kerr and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr., '70 for the closing song of "From Ashes to Excellence," a multimedia presentation of the College's history, at the annual Scholarship Appreciation Dinner in February.

◀ Trustees Dr. Sarah McKay (left) and Steve Buck share a moment with senior Sashá Brown, recipient of the McKay Family Scholarship, at the Scholarship Appreciation Dinner.



Ted Bell Tells Seniors "Love What You Do"

Best-selling author, former advertising executive, and FSC Writer-in-Residence Ted Bell gave practical advice to the 2014 graduating class at Florida Southern's spring Commencement ceremony on May 3, including the exhortation, "Be nice to everyone."

In addition to conferring an honorary Doctor of Human Letters upon Dr. Bell, 410 undergraduates and six graduate students—the largest class FSC history—were awarded degrees.

Dr. Bell, the author of the popular Alex Hawke series of spy novels, spent many years at prestigious advertising firms in America and Europe, concluding his career as vice chairman and worldwide creative director at Young & Rubicam in London, where he oversaw campaigns that won numerous awards, including the Clio and the Grand Prix at the international Cannes Festival.

In his address, Dr. Bell offered nine insights, which he termed "Learning the Ropes," gleaned from his career. They are principles, he said, that "may be all you've got to hang onto" when faced with difficult times.

"In business, you cannot be too nice. Contrary to popular wisdom, nice people do not finish last. In fact, the bigger you get, the nicer you have to be," he explained.

Dr. Bell also advised the graduates to turn all their energy into plans, actions, and deeds, urging, "Don't wait for the next guy; get busy solving problems."

His other advice? Find a mentor; be on time; say please, thank you, and I'm sorry; do not be afraid to ask questions that may seem dumb; never point; and, finally, "love what you do and do what you love."

"Even if you succeed and are miserable at what you do, what would

Ted Bell



"You can't always be the smartest person in the room, but you can always be the most passionate."

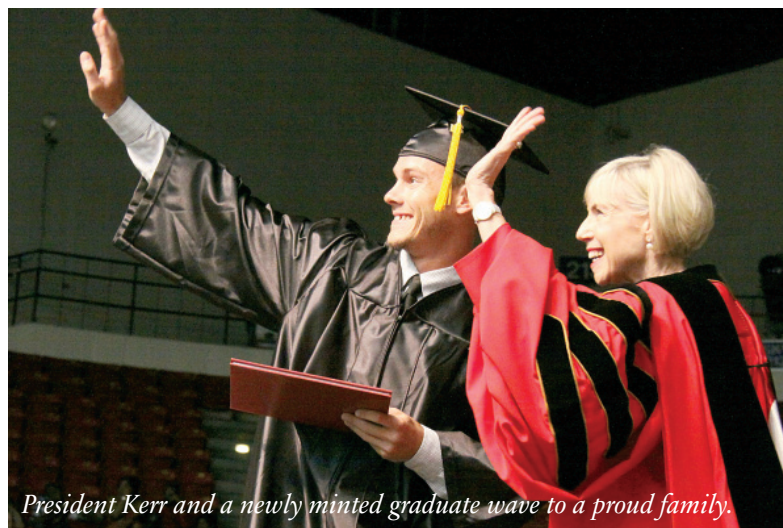
be the point? You can't always be the smartest person in the room, but you can always be the most passionate," he said.

Commencement also celebrated the achievements of several outstanding members of the FSC community. President Kerr awarded the President's Scholar Medal to Senior Lauren Williams, a music performance major who graduated *magna cum laude*. The medal is awarded to a senior who exemplifies the College's values of scholarship, leadership, and service. In presenting the medal, President Kerr noted that Lauren was "an exemplary student and passionate learner who successfully balanced academic success with major campus involvement."

Representing faculty excellence, Dr. Nancy Morvillo, the Nelson C. White Professor of Life Sciences, was presented the Miller Distinguished Professor Award, given to a faculty member in recognition of excellence in teaching, scholarly productivity, and advising. Provost Kyle Fedler said Dr. Morvillo has "instilled a love of science in those who have studied with her" and quoted students who praised her enthusiasm.

The Senior Speaker was Katie Luecht, a psychology and interpersonal and organizational communication double major from Crystal Lake, Ill., who emphasized the connections the graduating class has made, saying, "We leave Florida Southern with a love of wisdom...and lifelong friendships."

Katie, who is also the College's 2014 Honor Walk student, has held important leadership positions in campus organizations and prestigious honor societies, including president of FSC's nationally recognized Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa.



President Kerr and a newly minted graduate wave to a proud family.



Two Alumni Address Fifth Annual Spencer Symposium

“Advancements on the Frontiers of Chemistry and Medicine” was the theme of the fifth annual Spencer Symposium, held September 12, and two outstanding alumni were among the speakers.

Jeanine Yacoub '12 and Dr. Jonathan Revels '08 returned to campus for the symposium, which is named in honor of the late Dr. Jack Spencer, a Florida Southern College professor of chemistry who is credited with making major advances in the research and development of antibiotics. This annual event draws together members of both the FSC and Central Florida scientific communities to highlight the latest applications of chemistry in healthcare.

Ms. Yacoub, a Ph.D. student in medicinal chemistry at the University of South Florida, spoke on “Searching for Drug Targets and Possible Treatments for Toxoplasmosis.” She is studying with Dr. James Leahy at the Center for Drug Discovery and Innovation at USE, searching for possible inhibitors for the parasitic disease toxoplasmosis.

Dr. Revels, resident in radiology at Eastern Virginia Medical School, spoke on “Understanding Radiology: Anyone Can Be a Doctor.” He earned his doctorate from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class.



Dr. Jonathan Revels '08



Jeanine Yacoub '12

The keynote speaker was Dr. Stephen Gardell, senior director of scientific resources and associate professor at the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute at Lake Nona, Fla. Also addressing the symposium was Dr. Brian M. Paegel, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry at The Scripps Research Institute in Jupiter, Fla.

Dr. Carmen Gauthier, Jessie Ball duPont Professor of Chemistry, chair of the department and coordinator of the symposium, said, “It was particularly rewarding to have Jeanine and Jonathan as speakers this year. I look forward to hosting more alumni at the Spencer Symposium in the future.”

Enactus Club Ranks Top 20 at Nationals

Enactus, a student club devoted to community improvement through entrepreneurship, finished among the top 20 in the nation at a recent national competition of more than 200 teams.

An international nonprofit organization committed to improving quality of life through student-led entrepreneurship, Enactus has more than 500 teams operating in the U.S., serving 500,000 volunteer hours annually. Each year teams gather at a national competition to present their accomplishments, and at the Nationals in Cincinnati last April, the FSC team submitted three recent projects that addressed needs in the Lakeland community and contributed to improving quality of life.

The first project was a hunger-relief food drive that led a group of influential Lakeland leaders to form a council to combat hunger. The second project involved starting a delivery service through which students can order from a selection of fresh produce that is delivered to them from local farmers. The third project helped a non-profit hearing-loss center become less dependent on grants and more self-funded through the marketing of looping, an innovation that eliminates the issues of background noise faced by people with hearing loss.



FSC's Top 20 Enactus team celebrates in Cincinnati.



Florida Southern Welcomes Largest Incoming Class for 130th Academic Year

With the start of classes on Aug. 20, Florida Southern College began its 130th academic year with a new major, a soon-to-be-completed dance studio, and its largest-ever entering class.

The College welcomed 716 talented new students, bringing FSC's total enrollment, including graduate students, to approximately 2,600.

Residence halls opened on Aug. 16 for first-year students, and an army of 300 volunteers from faculty, staff, athletic teams, and ROTC ensured that the College's "concierge" move-in service provided a great first experience at FSC.

Introduced with great success last year, FSC's concierge move-in service ensures a smooth and quick move-in for each student. As vehicles laden with clothes and mini-fridges approach, they are directed to strategic drop-off points where volunteers stand ready. Students are directed to nearby check-in stations while volunteers quickly unpacked the car and whisked items off to the assigned room.

"We could not do it without a great group of students. Our orientation leaders and resident advisors have all done a great job," said Shari Szabo, associate dean for student success.

In addition to the Class of 2018, Florida Southern also welcomed 21 new faculty members, including Erin LaSala, assistant professor of dance. She is the inaugural professor for the new dance program at FSC, which will complement the musical theatre program added last year and offer coursework in both classical and contemporary forms.

"The beginning of a new academic year always holds such promise, and I believe this will be a momentous year at Florida Southern College," said President Kerr. "We have an exceptional class of entering students, and our academic programs are preparing students to attain their ambitious goals and realize their dreams. We are all looking forward to what the future holds for each of them."





Legacies Leading the Way

One of the hallmarks of Move-in Day is the annual Legacy Luncheon, a special welcome for entering students with relatives who are FSC alumni. Dr. Robert H. Tate, vice president for advancement, greeted legacies and their families with an impressive statistic: the incoming class includes 87 legacy students, 12 percent of the entering class.

“It’s a testament to our quality that so many parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles encourage their family to follow in their footsteps at Florida Southern,” remarked Dr. Tate.

One entering student, Wil Fisackerly V, is a fourth-generation Moc, and the 15th member of his immediate family to attend FSC. His father, the Rev. William Fisackerly IV ’84, and grandfather, the Rev. Bill Fisackerly III ’52, are both United Methodist ministers. Not surprisingly, Wil Fisackerly plans to major in religion with an emphasis in youth ministry.

Returning legacy students also attended the luncheon to provide their own welcome. Among them was Joseph Alter, son of Dr. Denny ’80 and Laurie ’80 Alter.



First-year legacy student Kolby McWilliams shared her talent for singing with a stunning rendition of the Etta James classic “At Last.” Kolby, a member of the women’s golf team, is the daughter of Shannon ’90 and Kim ’89 McWilliams, who was a member of the FSC men’s golf team.

Florida Southern College Again Named among the Nation’s Best

For the fifth consecutive year, Florida Southern College has been included in The Princeton Review’s prestigious guidebook *The 379 Best Colleges*, a compilation and review of the top 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges.

The Best 379 Colleges relies on a combination of administration and student surveys. Student responses are quoted heavily throughout the reviews, giving readers a first-hand account of life at each school and a reflection of the character of the campus. In addition to a general review of each school, there are 62 quality-of-life rankings that are calculated strictly by student votes.

Florida Southern made impressive appearances on three rankings lists this year. The campus once again stood out for its beauty and exceptional architectural heritage, earning a spot as the No. 10 “Most Beautiful Campus”—the fifth successive year that FSC has been ranked among the top 10 most beautiful campuses in America; the College’s rich intramural offerings landed it at No. 12 for “Everybody Plays Intramural Sports”—the fourth consecutive year FSC has been ranked in the top 20 in this category; and, for the first time, FSC’s seven fraternities and six sororities earned the College the No. 13 spot in the “Lots of Greek Life” category.

Rob Franek, The Princeton Review’s Senior VP/Publisher and author of *The Best 379 Colleges*, said, “Florida Southern College offers outstanding academics, which is the chief reason we selected it for the book. We base our choices primarily on data we obtain in our annual surveys of administrators at these schools and at hundreds of other colleges.”

In addition to The Princeton Review, the College has made impressive showings in a number of other highly regarded publications. Florida Southern has been ranked as the No. 5 Best College in the South by *U.S. News & World Report* for the second consecutive year and has moved up 10 spots to No. 23 on *Washington Monthly*’s list of the country’s best 364 baccalaureate colleges. FSC was also included in the esteemed *Fiske Guide to Colleges* as well as *Forbes* magazine’s “Best Colleges in America” list.

FSC President Anne Kerr said the rankings confirm the College’s place among the elite schools in the country.

“These reports are valuable guides for parents and students during their college search as objective measures of quality,” remarked President Kerr. “Florida Southern’s consistent inclusion at the top of these lists is a reflection of our ongoing emergence as a premier private college and will help us continue to attract talented, high caliber students.”



Student Foodies Agree: The Buck Stop is a Hit

When FSC students arrived for fall classes, they discovered they have one more tasty dining alternative on campus. The Buck Stop Outdoor Pizza Oven & Grill was built over the summer and opened just before the start of the fall semester. The main attraction is the wood-fired oven that produces authentic pizzas, made to order and served by the slice.

Complementing the antebellum brick styling of nearby Joseph-Reynolds Residence Hall, the attractive, open-sided grill occupies about 630 square feet adjacent to the Badcock Memorial Garden.

Open Monday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., the grill offers breakfast and lunch menus that include breakfast sandwiches; pizza; beef and black bean burgers; hot dogs; and grilled chicken, mahi-mahi, and Italian Sausage sandwiches.

According to Tim Raible, Florida Southern's food service director, the café is unique among colleges on the East Coast.

The Buck Stop is named for FSC Trustee Steve Buck and his wife, Lynda, who were the major donors for the project.

Mr. Raible said the idea for the outdoor grill arose after he catered an event at the Bucks' home in Lakeland, using the wood-burning oven in the couple's outdoor kitchen to make pizzas.

President Kerr asked Mr. Raible whether he thought students would be interested in an outdoor pizzeria.

"I said, 'Are you kidding me?'" Mr. Raible recalled. "Pizza is one of the most popular foods among students, and if we could produce a wood-fired pizza like the one you're tasting, I know it would be a hit."

As long lines of hungry students can attest, Dr. Kerr and Mr. Raible were right.

Commenting on the popularity of The Buck Stop, SGA President Jheryl Cabey said, "The Buck Stop is an amazing addition to the many food options already available at FSC, with pizza, flatbreads, grilled options, and even breakfast. Being right in the center of campus, it has created a new social environment. It is definitely the most popular place to spend not only your money but your time, too."



Trustee Steve Buck presents his masterpiece at the ribbon-cutting event. Mr. Buck and his wife, Lynda, were the major donors for this project, and the concept of an outdoor pizza oven grew from their own love of outdoor cooking.



Energy Magnate, Philanthropist T. Boone Pickens Honored

Sharing his wisdom about the future of energy independence as well as advice to young people about success and philanthropy, legendary energy industry executive, financier, and environmental entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens addressed a luncheon at Florida Southern given in his honor in September.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Dr. Pickens started Mesa Petroleum in 1956. The venture became one of the nation's top energy production companies. Throughout the 1980s, he led a campaign of mergers and acquisitions that transformed corporate governance from the status quo of management-centered, no-risk decision making to the current view that a corporation's primary goal is to increase the wealth of its shareholders.

Since 1996, Dr. Pickens has been the chairman of BP Capital Management, a financial services firm that runs two hedge funds, both of which invest primarily in gas, oil, and nuclear power companies. Most recently, he has advocated for natural gas as an alternative fuel source and participated in other environmental and humanitarian projects.

Dr. Pickens' visit was arranged by FSC Trustee David Lyons, chairman and founder of Saddle Creek Logistics Services, who struck up a friendship with Dr. Pickens after Saddle Creek began to convert its trucking fleet from diesel to compressed natural gas fuel. In introducing Dr. Pickens, Mr. Lyons noted that he was the grandson of a Methodist minister.

"He had a strong upbringing that values hard work. He's a resilient man who doesn't give in," Mr. Lyons remarked.

Instead of delivering a prepared speech, Dr. Pickens chose to answer questions from five FSC seniors, with Provost Kyle Fedler

moderating the conversation. Responding to a question from business administration major Lexi Gauslow about the qualities needed for leadership, Dr. Pickens espoused the value of hard work.



Chairman and Founder David Lyons (far right) and the leadership team of Saddle Creek Logistics Services stand with T. Boone Pickens (center). Mr. Lyons befriended Mr. Pickens when Saddle Creek converted its fleet to natural gas, and the company sponsored the event.

"If you have a good work ethic and a good education, you're half-way there. If you don't, good luck," he said. "I'm 86 and I still go to work every day."

Dr. Pickens has advanced a plan that stresses the need for American energy independence, including the use of natural gas and alternative sources such as wind and solar. He told the audience America has a 200-year supply of natural gas and the best wind corridor in the world, but lamented the

reluctance of political and corporate leaders to embrace alternatives to oil.

Dr. Pickens said he set a goal when he was 75 to give away \$1 billion of his wealth and achieved that goal about three years ago.

"I was put here to make money ... so I could give it away," he said.

"If you have a good work ethic and a good education, you're halfway there. If you don't, good luck."

In presenting Dr. Pickens with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, President Kerr referred to him as "an American icon and one of the world's most visionary and influential entrepreneurs."

"It is with the entirety of his talents and resources that he is now passionately engaged in achieving the realization of his vision for greater energy security through the development of clean-energy policies and alternative energy sources, ensuring the continued prosperity of our nation and a greener footprint for the world.... In every lofty initiative he undertakes, Boone Pickens exemplifies the highest ideals and entrepreneurial aspirations of America to sustain our nation and the world," she said.



Christie Bassett '07 Named Florida Teacher of the Year

When asked why she is a teacher, Christie Bassett '07 says it's the "aha" moments: "When you look in a student's face as they're struggling to master something and there's that 'aha' moment when the light bulb comes on and you know you've ignited that—that's why I teach. When you're a teacher, you see those light bulbs come on every day," she says.

In a measure of her dedication to the profession of teaching and to the preparation she received at Florida Southern College, Christie was named 2014–2015 Florida Teacher of the Year at a July ceremony in Orlando. She is now in the running for National Teacher of the Year honors, which will be announced in April. Christie is the second FSC alumna to earn a state Teacher of the Year award, following Paula Leftwich '95.

Christie was chosen over four other finalists, who in turn were chosen from more than 180,000 public school teachers by a Florida Department of Education-appointed selection committee consisting of teachers, principals, parents, and members of the business community.

The Teacher of the Year award comes with the title of Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education, and Christie has spent the year touring the state and beyond to talk about Florida's educational opportunities and challenges.

"It's an honor to visit so many counties and schools that are working to educate Florida's children" said Christie of her experiences so far. "I love learning about practices, ideas, and methods...part of my job is to teach other teachers, but I am learning so much from them!"

What made her stand out among her peers was the way her art lessons incorporate other disciplines, illustrating poetry and prose, employing math and geometry in students' drawings, and writing critiques of their own and others' artworks. Ms. Bassett credits the comprehensive education she received at FSC—where she studied art education, taking classes in both the art and education departments—for helping develop those methods.

"My education classes showed me how to infuse academics into the art classroom. It made me a better educator. Florida Southern ensured that I had a solid foundation in both art and education," she says.

Outside the classroom, Christie runs Helping Heroes, a mentor program for at-risk students, and volunteers at the George W. Harris Youth Center.

The award included a \$10,000 grant funded by the Macy's Foundation and an appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

Christie found that her internships at local elementary schools were crucial in shaping her career direction.

"My senior year, I started an internship as the assistant to the art teacher, and by the end of the semester, I was the art teacher. I spent months practicing what I was going to do as a career," she says.

Dr. Tracey Tedder, dean of the School of Education, said, "We're extremely proud of Christie as a teacher and of her outstanding accomplishments. This honor is a further demonstration of her commitment to teaching. She's an excellent role model, and I'm sure she will continue making a difference in her occupation."

In recognition of Christie's accomplishment, the College awarded her a full scholarship to the MEd program, and she has already started taking courses.

At the end of her year as a goodwill ambassador for education, Christie says she will return to classroom teaching.

"I most definitely see myself going back to the classroom. I feel I have the best job there is," she says.



What Did I Learn?

Neurologist Dr. Kenneth H. Walker Shares Wisdom from a Distinguished Career

Dr. H. Kenneth Walker, who has had a long and distinguished career as a physician, educator, and innovator in medicine, spoke to more than a hundred Florida Southern students and faculty members at a dinner in his honor in September in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room.

Dr. Walker, professor of medicine and neurology at Emory University School of Medicine, is considered a towering figure in the field of medical education, and his address was titled “Preparing to Achieve Excellence in Healthcare Professions.” Pre-med and nursing students were invited to the lecture to launch the 2014–2015 academic year.

Widely recognized for his deep commitment to enhancing health care for poor and underserved populations, Dr. Walker has served for many years as deputy chief of medicine at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, the fifth largest public hospital in the country.

Dr. Walker was invited to speak at the College through his friendship with Trustee Marjorie Roberts and her husband, Hal. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by President Anne Kerr at the conclusion of the event.

In his address, Dr. Walker noted that health care is a profession devoted equally to people and to science. He cited seven habits that applied to the intersection of the patient, the healthcare provider, and life. He told his audience that teaching hospitals like Grady represent a social contract, in which the poor are treated in exchange for the training of physicians.

“Habit number one is that you have a sacred contract and obligation with sick poor people. You must take care of them.”

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He added that healthcare providers should “see in every patient an opportunity to serve humanity by giving the best medical care, and also to add to the profession’s store of knowledge. At the end of every encounter, ask yourself the question: What did I learn?”



Dr. Kenneth Walker, professor of medicine and neurology at Emory University School of Medicine, addresses FSC’s future medical professionals.

Dr. Walker has been associated with Emory for more than 60 years, earning his bachelor of science and doctor of medicine degrees there. In 1971, he joined the faculty of Emory University School of Medicine, where he has taught generations of students and authored or edited multiple books, including the classic textbook *Clinical Methods*. He is a three-time recipient of the Outstanding Professor award at Emory and was honored with the Evangeline Papageorge Teaching Award in 1996.

At Grady Hospital, Dr. Walker pioneered electronic medical record keeping in 1980, developing a database that now has more than 2 million records and setting the stage for modern electronic medical record keeping.

He has worked extensively in international healthcare. Since 2000, he has been CEO of Partners for International Health, which has helped develop health care in the Republic of Georgia. He also has worked with Nobel Prize winner Mohammad Yunus to improve health care in Bangladesh.

In presenting Dr. Walker with the honorary degree, President Kerr called him “one of our nation’s most respected physicians and medical educators.” She also acknowledged that he had a profound impact on her life.

“He is an exemplar of the highest ethics, revered by students, colleagues, and all who have benefitted from his extraordinary skill and unswerving dedication to preeminent medical care,” she said.



Encapsulating Success

In an industry where it can take billions of dollars and several decades to launch a new product, Dr. Daniel H. Robertson '86 has found his niche and redefined success.

Daniel H. Robertson, Ph.D., '86 is used to dealing with the big picture. As senior director for research information technology at Eli Lilly & Company in Indianapolis—a company known for some of history's most significant medical breakthroughs—he oversees technology to support advanced scientific research throughout the world. That is a very big picture indeed, but the modest Dr. Robertson seems amazed at the lofty perch he occupies.

"When I started at Eli Lilly, I never thought I would have a position in the company like I do today," he says.

Dr. Robertson, who graduated *summa cum laude* from FSC with a B.S. in chemistry, has worked for Lilly since 2000, the last five years as a senior director. He is proud to have spent most of his career with the company, where his values and skills are a perfect fit.

"Eli Lilly is a company that was built by a family and is focused on a mission of improving people's lives," Dr. Robertson explains. "We want talented people to spend their entire careers here and give them the opportunity to pursue discoveries that improve the lives of every human being."



Dr. Robertson's journey started in Canada. He was born in New Brunswick and his family moved around frequently, later living in Vancouver Island, then Australia, and finally settling in Central Florida. He describes his family as "large and without a lot of money." His father ran a small machine shop and was also a skilled mechanic.

While in high school, Dr. Robertson paid a visit to the Florida Southern campus to see his older brother, Dr. Ralph Robertson '82, who went on to become a Tampa anesthesiologist. During the visit, he spent time with chemistry professor Tom Willard, and that convinced him to choose FSC over the University of Florida. He worked hard to put himself through college as a commuter student, working at his father's shop and as a teaching assistant. Scholarships helped him complete his degree nearly debt-free.

He was active in the student chapter of the American Chemical Society and typically arrived on campus early and stayed late, spending most of his time in labs. Dr. Robertson believes that Florida Southern played a central role in his later success and credits Professor Willard and other great teachers who believed in him.

"I worked hard everywhere I was and also did all I could to help others. I wanted everyone around me to be at their best, as well."

"Florida Southern's small class sizes allowed me to quickly form close relationships with professors," Dr. Robertson said. "FSC was the perfect blend of being challenged intellectually but also providing strong support for students. I learned to work in teams and to enjoy building relationships around my work. The teams I lead today at Lilly are not unlike the research teams I was a part of back at FSC. The principles are the same."

After graduating, Dr. Robertson entered graduate school at Florida State University, where he earned a Ph.D. in physical chemistry.

"I was more than well prepared for graduate school. I will always appreciate all that FSC gave me," Dr. Robertson says.

Another gift from FSC was a fellow student who became his wife, Jeanette Owen Robertson '87, but the relationship required patience.

"I asked her out and she said no. I tried again two years later and she said yes," he recalls.

He traveled to Lakeland on the weekends to visit Jeanette as she finished her degree. The two married soon after, and Jeanette joined Dr. Robertson in Tallahassee to start her master's degree at Florida

State. The Robertsons have one daughter, and Jeannette recently retired from teaching math.

At Florida State, Dr. Robertson was able to work extensively on supercomputers and other advanced computers for that era. He developed a talent for computer-assisted modeling and animations, which were on the cutting edge at that time. It is a specialty that has defined his career.

Dr. Robertson did post-doctoral work at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., and held technology and scientific positions at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis before joining Eli Lilly, which had a burgeoning computational chemistry and methodology development initiative. The ultimate objective of his work, as with most projects at Lilly, was drug discovery. This type of research is one of the most challenging and elusive in all of science.

"Technically, every research project I've undertaken at Lilly has 'failed' in that they did not lead to the introduction of a new marketable drug," Dr. Robertson jokes. "However, the work was successful in that it furthered the overall scope of knowledge, disproved hypotheses, and enabled myself and other scientists to focus on more potentially lucrative studies."

In 2006, he was promoted to director of global computational drug discovery, his first leadership role. Four years later, he was promoted to his current position, where he uses his years of experience in leveraging technology to support Lilly's research. Dr. Robertson looks back with great satisfaction on his career.

"I worked hard everywhere I was and also did all I could to help others. I wanted everyone around me to be their best, as well. Opportunities presented themselves and I pursued them," he says.

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When asked what advice he has for today's Florida Southern students, Dr. Robertson says, "I always knew if I did the best in the position I had at that moment, good things would happen down the road. Don't allow yourself to second guess or have regrets—make the best decisions you can when you have to make them."

But just as important, according to Dr. Robertson: "Always do all you can to help others succeed and you yourself will be successful."

Get up and
DANCE





With *relevés*, *jetés*, and *fouettés*, the College dedicated the spectacular home of its new dance program on Nov. 6, further expanding FSC's fine arts curriculum. The Wynee Warden Dance Studio was formally opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that included hundreds of local dignitaries, patrons of the arts, and students.

The studio is named for Mrs. Winifred "Wynee" Warden of Orlando, a philanthropist and benefactor of Florida Southern. Mrs. Warden has supported several important projects on campus, including the new Wynee Warden Tennis Center; the renovation of the College student cafeteria, Wynee's Bistro; Tûtû's Cyber Café at the Roux Library; and the admissions center. Her family's charity, the Bert W. Martin Foundation, has invested generously to enhance the overall student experience at Florida Southern, and Mrs. Warden's sons, Andy and Chandler, representing the foundation, accompanied her at the ceremony.

"I've had the privilege of being friends with Wynee for many years and she loves students and she loves ballet, so this is a perfect partnership and wonderful opportunity for her to express that at our College," said President Anne Kerr. "I have said for many years we have one of the

opportunity for all their students to be able to take dance lessons and enjoy dancing," she said. "I'm just really, really happy about what's going on here."

Designed by Mike Murphey of the Lakeland firm of Wallis Murphey Boyington Architects, Inc., the 4,700-square-foot studio features a high glass half-rotunda facing toward Lake Hollingsworth that allows natural light to illuminate the dance floor. It complements the campus's historic Frank Lloyd Wright-designed buildings and the recently added buildings designed by renowned New York architect Robert A.M. Stern. The building also includes faculty offices and dressing rooms.

The studio features a new Steinway grand piano made possible through gifts from the Glenn W. and Hazelle Paxon Morrison Foundation, the Votum Foundation, and the Nona J. Rawls and H. Taylor Jones Foundation.

Offering a prayer of dedication during the ceremony, Bishop-in-Residence Robert Fannin '58 asked God "to join your spirit with



Left: Flanked by members of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, dignitaries cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the Wynee Warden Dance Studio. From left, they are Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70, Bishop-in-Residence Robert Fannin '58, President Kerr, Trustee Dr. Sarah D. McKay, Wynee Warden, Chandler Warden, Andy Warden, Prof. Erin LaSala, and Florida Dance Theatre Director Carol Erkes. Right: Building namesake Wynee Warden stands with her sons, Andy (left) and Chandler.

best music departments in the nation and certainly one of the best theater departments. Now with the addition of dance, we will have one of the best musical theater and ballet programs. So we have an ambitious agenda ahead of us, and we look forward to it."

The College's new dance program began in August under the direction of Assistant Professor of Dance Erin LaSala.

In her remarks at the ceremony, Mrs. Warden noted that she used to be a dancer and expressed the hope the studio would help create a new generation of dancers.

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to give a school like this an

ours as we celebrate this beautiful building and its ministry of dance. Our vision reveals in the future students passing through these doors practicing and practicing and practicing until their bodies move in tune with the music and the two become one."

To celebrate the opening of the studio, Florida Dance Theatre performed "An Evening of Classical Ballet" in Branscomb Auditorium, which included dances from *Swan Lake*, *Don Quixote*, and *Cinderella*. The performance also featured international ballet stars Katia Garza and Israel Rodriguez, who were principal dancers for many years with the Ballet de Monterrey in Mexico. The husband-and-wife duo performed the thrilling *grand pas de deux* from *Le Corsaire* by Adolphe Adam.



JUNIOR JOURNEY: LEARNING THROUGH TRAVEL

Every year, FSC students travel the world in search of adventure and experiences that expand their minds and souls. On Junior Journey, the travel study option guaranteed to juniors and seniors, students engage in trips of study and discovery under the guidance of faculty advisors.

In 2014, 337 students traveled to destinations around the globe. Options included 24 destinations in 13 countries open to students, both inside and outside the United States, plus a semester at sea.

Junior Virginia Machado, a mathematics and Spanish major, had been studying Mandarin Chinese for three semesters and was hoping for a more intense course of language study. With the help of Assistant Provost Mary Crowe, she applied for and was accepted into the Ambassador Summer Scholarship program of the Taiwan US Sister Relations Alliance (TUSA). She spent two months studying Mandarin and Chinese culture at National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan.

“We took language classes every day and then every two days we would take a culture class, kind of like an introduction to socially acceptable behavior in Taiwan,” she said.

way. I learned so much from every moment of the program.”

Elementary education student Lauren Nash '14 traveled over fall break to Scotland during her senior year. The group, led by Professor of Citrus Science Malcolm Manners, visited botanical gardens, but Nash said it was as much a historical and sightseeing trip.

The group began in Edinburgh and over the course of the week visited Inverness, Loch Ness, and the Isle of Skye. They saw Edinburgh Castle, the Bronze Age-era burial mounds at Clava, and visited Glencoe, where a highland clan was massacred by English soldiers in 1692.

Nash said the trip reinforced her desire to be a teacher for the U.S. Department of Defense, which operates schools at military bases around the world.

“It would be a chance to explore different parts of the world,” she said.

Freshman Evan Boornazian decided not to wait to join a Junior Journey trip. He signed up to go with Assistant Professor of Business



Administration Mike Knudstrup to Costa Rica over spring break last year. With a study component of examining a tourist economy, the group went to La Fortuna, a small resort town near the Arenal Volcano. There were also recreational activities, including zip-lining and white-water rafting.

Among the culture classes were sessions on calligraphy, cuisine, painting, and tea ceremonies. Machado also participated in field trips to the oyster beds at the coastal city of Anping and to Taiwan's capital, Taipei, where her class visited ornamental flower gardens.

“I just absolutely loved my time there. It fundamentally helped my vocabulary and overall mastery of the language,” she said. “When I was getting ready to leave, it was very sad for me, because I was so used to walking to and from the school and getting to know people along the

“We had to learn the currency and figure out how to make purchases and communicate with the local merchants,” Boornazian said. “It really was a taste of what another country is like.”



ALUMNI

around the world

They live and work on all the continents of the world except Antarctica. Florida Southern College alumni—some who came here from other countries, some Americans who are now abroad—have taken the skills, knowledge, and experiences they gained at FSC and are using them in an amazing variety of professions and in locations from frigid climes to tropical islands, from Sweden to Argentina, and from China to Switzerland.

The FSC flag is planted in every corner of the globe.



Around the world, FSC alumni are working in business, either running their own companies or working for multinational corporations; others are teachers, healthcare workers, and military officers. Some are deeply involved in humanitarian causes such as public health or development. Others serve in their government's diplomatic corps.

Perhaps as many as five percent of FSC's 27,000 alumni live and work abroad, far too many to be mentioned here. The alumni profiled in the following pages will give you just a glimpse of the fabulous ways that your fellow Mocs are making a deep impact in the places where they live. Florida Southern has indeed reached out and embraced the world.

Katie Koehler '06 and Kyle Magley '04: Adventure at the Top of the World

Music and theatre would seem unlikely degrees to prepare for careers in international government service, but thanks to opportunity and a spirit of adventure, Katie Koehler and Kyle Magley are serving their country overseas.



A talented vocalist, Koehler earned a Bachelor of Art in Music Performance, minoring in political science. After graduating, she studied opera at Georgia State University but decided not to pursue a professional singing career. While working at the U.S. State Department's Financial Service Center in her native Charleston, S.C., Koehler was encouraged to join the U.S. Foreign Service—the diplomatic arm of the State Department.

Magley, who earned his degree in theatre, was working as an actor in Washington, D.C., and New York. The two were married in early 2013, and shortly after, Koehler was posted to the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal, where she is the office management specialist for the Political and

Katie Koehler '06 and Kyle Magley '04 stand in front of the Boudhanath Stupa in Kathmandu, Nepal.



Koehler and American Ambassador to Nepal Peter W. Bodde greet former President Jimmy Carter as he arrives at the embassy in Kathmandu.

Economic Section. She edits communications and oversees daily logistics for the senior staff, including coordinating arrangements for visiting dignitaries such as members of Congress or senior diplomats. On one occasion, former President Jimmy Carter came to observe Nepal's first free elections in years.

“There is definitely a sense of adventure—packing up your stuff and moving across the world is a scary thing,” Koehler said. “But working at the embassy has given me an incredible view of our nation's foreign policy and all the amazing things the Department of State and USAID are doing. It feels incredibly rewarding to be playing even a small part in our nation's diplomacy. Working for the State Department has taught me so much about myself and my capabilities, and it's given me a deep sense of respect for my fellow diplomats and our mission.”

Magley's job will change from post to post. In Nepal, he is the embassy's residential security coordinator, overseeing keys, gates, and alarms, among other details.

“It is an especially big job when new houses are being brought into the embassy housing pool and security features have to be added to meet regulations,” he said.

Among their memorable experiences so far, Magley got to try his acting skills in a local company called One World Theatre, where he was the only American in a mostly Nepali cast. Koehler traveled to a small village in far western Nepal and spoke to a group of about 500 students.

“They were so interested in all things American,” she said. “I showed them pictures of Florida Southern, and they really loved the Water Dome.”



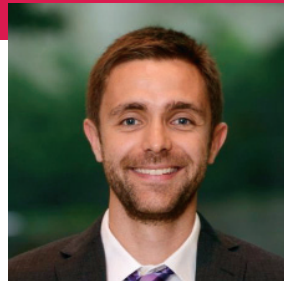
Koehler and Magley intend to stay in the Foreign Service because they love the camaraderie. Their term in Nepal ends in April, and they will be posted next to Islamabad, Pakistan, for one year and then will spend three years working at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland.

Koehler said her studies at Florida Southern were an important preparation for her career.

“The most important lesson I learned at Florida Southern is how important it is to be well-rounded. All of my interests were nourished. In the Foreign Service, you have to be a good multitasker, and it helps to be interested in many different things,” she said.

Josh Berman '05: Working for Better Public Health for Africa

Many biology students with an interest in health careers aspire to medical school. As a biology and chemistry student, Josh Berman saw his path differently. He was interested in public health administration.



“Physicians make huge differences in their patient’s lives. However, I was interested in health at the policy level. How do we set up the complex systems medical care requires to see the biggest impact for the greatest number of beneficiaries,” he said.

A native of Canada, Berman admits he always had a “travel bug” and credits retired Professor of Biology Dr. Robert Baum with encouraging him to pursue his interest in international public health.

“I received the Baum Scholarship, and Dr. Baum was instrumental in pushing me to further studies,” he said.

Berman earned a master’s degree in public health from Boston University with a concentration in international health and spent three years working in the Southern African nation of Lesotho as Associate Director of the Lesotho Boston Health Alliance. He assisted a team of 25 local and international workers in developing the country’s first postgraduate family physician training program and directed a clinical quality improvement program at Lesotho’s Northern Regional Referral Hospital.

Berman met his wife, Sara, in Boston, and they spent a year together in Lesotho before returning to Canada to marry. Berman took a position with Dignitas International, a nonprofit organization based in Toronto, whose objective is to create sustainable improvements in public health throughout Southern Africa, primarily in Malawi.

Berman directs several projects for Dignitas. He is working in partnership with the Malawian government in the development of a Knowledge Translation Platform, which promotes training and the exchange of information between government officials and researchers so health care decisions—such as which drug regimens should be prescribed or when testing for illnesses should be initiated—are based on the best available research.



Josh Berman '05 (left) and study coordinator Edson Mwinjiwa work together on a project for Dignitas International in Malawi.

“It’s an organization I really feel lucky to be part of. I’m helping to build the systems needed to improve care for those who need it most,” he said.

In February, Berman and Sara and their 1-year-old daughter, Olive, moved to Malawi, where he is Dignitas’ Research and Knowledge Translation Manager, overseeing a staff of about 30 who conduct and disseminate research.



Josh Berman '05 (far right) is seen with (from left) Program Manager Emmay Mah and Medical Manager Dr. Teferi Beyene in Malawi.

“In these types of low-resource settings, every dollar counts. We need to make sure we are utilizing our resources—both financial and human—to get the most out of the healthcare system,” he said.

Stephen Auld '86: Putting International Management into Practice

Like many students who come to FSC from other countries, Stephen Auld had a goal of studying in the United States and then returning to his home country to pursue a career. Born in Bolivia to British parents, he grew up in La Paz, Bolivia’s capital, and as he completed high school began searching for possible colleges in America.

“FSC was one of my top choices because it was a good school amongst those ranked as competitive, and it was the size I was looking for,” Auld said.

Auld started as a biology major and switched to business, majoring in international management.

“Knowing that I would probably be moving back to Bolivia or another country, I considered the major to be appropriate,” he noted.

Auld participated easily in life on campus, joining the International Student Association. His fluency in Spanish also enabled him to work



Stephen Auld '86, Andrew, Nicholas, and Adriana celebrate Christmas in their home in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

as an assistant in the Department of Modern Languages, where he helped Dr. José Martínez.

After graduating, Auld returned to Bolivia and has worked in a series of management positions. Today he is the general accounting supervisor for BG Bolivia Corp., a U.K.-based oil and gas company, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, a thriving

major city in Eastern Bolivia. His responsibilities include accounting, treasury, and cost recovery.

He and his wife, Adriana, have been married for 17 years and have two sons, 13-year-old Nicholas and 11-year-old Andrew.

Auld says Florida Southern provided not only the technical business skills he needed but also experience in another culture that has proved valuable.

“It gave me the chance to see what life was like in the United States and to be able to take home ideas and knowledge that have proved useful in every job I have had since graduating from FSC,” he said.



Tracey Hutchinson '00: Helping Her Country's Development

Growing up in Belize—formerly British Honduras in Central America—Tracey Hutchinson knew that she wanted her studies to lead to a career that would benefit others. While attending junior college in Belize, she learned about colleges in Florida and chose FSC.

“I was interested in attending an institution where I would not be just a student in a lecture hall but could benefit from interactions with professors,” she said.

Belize is a small developing country with an economy based on agriculture, oil, and tourism. With an eye toward returning to her native land, Hutchinson decided to study economics with a minor in Spanish.

“Ever since high school, I was fascinated by how businesses function, how economies developed and consequently their impact on people's lives. I thought a career as an economist would better place me to meaningfully contribute to my country's development,” she said.

After graduating, she returned to Belize, where she worked for the government, first as a research analyst and then as a trade economist. She won a Chevening Scholarship to attend the University of Manchester in the U.K. and earned a master's degree with merit in international development. She returned to Belize in 2005 and worked as an independent consultant, adjunct economics lecturer, and investment analyst before joining the United Nations Development Program's Belize office in 2011.

As a coordination analyst, she works in close collaboration with U.N. officials and agencies to foster better efficiency and effectiveness in the U.N.'s development operations in Belize. She conducts analysis and research on the political, social, and economic situation in the country and coordinated the preparation of the U.N. Development Assistance Framework for Belize for 2013–2016.



Tracey Hutchinson '00 (far right) attends a Commonwealth Local Government Forum in Belize City in 2012. Seen here also are, from left, Roberto Valent, U.N. Resident Coordinator/ UNDP Resident Representative, Belize and El Salvador; Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad and Tobago; and Carl Wright, Secretary General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum.

Hutchinson is married to Godwin Sutherland, Sr., an engineer and owner of an independent management consulting firm, and they have a 10-year-old daughter, Téa Elena Sutherland. She says FSC gave her a sound foundation on which to build her career, both in business skills and in cultural engagement.

“Attending FSC was the first time I lived outside of Belize. I was a member of the International Student Association, which allowed me to engage with a wide diversity of students from all over the world and learn new cultures. That experience has allowed me to appreciate cultural diversity, which is very much evident in the organization I work for,” she said.



Guenther Fercher '09 MBA '11: An Opportunity Seized

Many of the international students who come to Florida Southern do so because it offers an opportunity they would not have had in their native lands, which was the case for Guenther Fercher as well.

A native of Buermoos, a small city about 15 miles north of Salzburg, Austria, Fercher wanted to combine his academic studies with his skills as a tennis player, but colleges and universities in Europe do not offer athletic scholarships.



“After a lot of research, I ended up on the homepage of Florida Southern,” Fercher said. “Right away I was quite impressed with the academic offerings and the outstanding tennis program. I contacted Scott Linn, the former tennis coach at FSC, and I was offered an academic as well as an athletic scholarship.”

Fercher planned to work for a sports company, so he majored in business administration with a concentration in sports management. He found Dr. Larry Ross’s classes in strategic planning and complex decision making to be particularly helpful.

“Dr. Ross always put a high emphasis on real world case studies. This helped me a lot in the transition from college to working life,” he said.

Upon graduating, Fercher pursued an MBA at Florida Southern, completing that degree in 2011. He then won an internship at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna. The combination of academics and experience led to a position quite different from one in sports that Fercher originally envisioned.

Today he is a strategic planner and business analyst at Credit Suisse in Zurich, Switzerland. He prepares financial plans for private banking and wealth management, prepares forecasts and manages projects.

“I’m certain that I would not have secured my current position at Credit Suisse without the MBA degree,” Fercher said. “The internship prepared me well for my job at Credit Suisse and was an important milestone on my résumé.”

Fercher, who is single but has a girlfriend, keeps up with classmates via Skype and Facebook. He plays tennis at least once a week and regularly sees former roommate tennis teammate Roman Schirmaier '09 MBA '11, who also lives in Zurich.

“I think very often about the great time that I had at FSC,” he said. “I’m grateful for the opportunity it gave me.”

Sharlene Shillingford-McKlmon '96: Advocate for Others

Tracing her career as a diplomat and problem-solver with international education and development agencies, Sharlene Shillingford-McKlmon '96 finds that it wasn't classes in economics or political science that gave her the skills she needed. It was literature, in particular an essay by Ralph Waldo Emerson.



“Studying literature was truly inspiring. There are works that make you laugh, some make you cry, and others inspire you battle for one cause or another. ... I have reread *Self-Reliance* every year for the past 10 years,” she said.

Raised on a citrus plantation on the small Caribbean island nation of Dominica, Shillingford-McKlmon entered FSC at 16, and, unsure if she wanted to be a doctor or a lawyer, started with a double major of English and biology. Ultimately, she embraced the humanities and coupled it with student activism, participating in the International Students Association and founding Shades of Color, a multicultural organization.

“My participation as a leader in organizations and activities that affected student life has influenced and shaped the person that I am today. I still advocate on behalf of others. Now I do it on a country level,” she said.

After graduating from FSC, Shillingford-McKlmon earned a master's degree in international relations and diplomacy from Schiller International University in Paris and took a position with UNESCO, the United Nations agency that promotes international collaboration on justice and human rights. From there she went on to work as a diplomat for seven countries in the joint Embassies of the East Caribbean States in Ottawa, Canada, then worked for the



Sharlene Shillingford-McKlmon '96 is seen with participants at a training conference in the Caribbean nation of Montserrat as part of her work as a procurement specialist for the Inter-American Development Bank.



Secretariat of Caribbean Community in posts in Guyana and Barbados, representing the interests of 15 Caribbean nations.

Since 2012, Shillingford-McKlmon has been a procurement specialist for the Inter-American Development Bank, which provides funding for development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. She is responsible for helping reform government spending in 26 Latin and Caribbean countries that borrow from the bank to ensure that millions of dollars in loans and grants are used for their intended purposes.

Although she is based in the Washington, D.C., area, Shillingford-McKlmon travels extensively on behalf of the IDB. It is an added challenge because she and her husband, Ricardo McKlmon, have four children, 8-year-old Ethan, 7-year-old Aiden, 4-year-old Eli, and Zoe, born in October 2014. She maintains that the critical thinking skills developed through the study of the humanities at FSC shaped her character and career.

“Critical thinking is foundational and essential to reason and logic as much as to passion, all of which are vital in the field of international development,” she said. “I find that being a critical thinker gives me a perspective and connection to the problem for which an econometric equation would be inadequate.”

Dr. Jennie Farber Lane '82: Challenging Herself to Reach Higher

For someone who had lived in seven states and two foreign countries, perhaps it's not surprising that Jennie Lane went off to work in a place as exotic as Turkey, but as she tells it, she had to learn to become a risk-taker, and FSC helped.

“I am generally a reticent person who would rather be in the background than the forefront, but I have put myself in a number of challenging positions where I need to take charge,” she said. “FSC laid the groundwork for me to prove myself throughout life.”

Lane was born in France and her family moved about, settling in Clearwater. She became interested in FSC through a friend and was impressed with the College's Department of Biology, her chosen field of study. During her time at FSC, she was particularly influenced by former Professor John Tripp.

“I remember some of the field trips he organized for his marine zoology class. It was my first experience working in the field and sparked my interest in environmental education,” she said.

Unsure what to do when she graduated, Lane joined the Peace Corps, was sent to Thailand to teach, and found she liked it. Upon returning to the U.S., she won a fellowship to study secondary science education



Left: Dr. Jennie Farber Lane '82 takes in some of the sights in Turkey. Right: Dr. Farber Lane and a colleague on the faculty of Bilkent University in Ankara are seen here on its campus.

at Columbia University Teachers College while teaching at a middle school in Harlem.

Lane would go on to teach high school biology in Maine and earn an M.S. in environmental education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Except for two years in Montana working on a water education program, she remained in Wisconsin for almost 20 years. Most of that time, she was director of the Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program, earning her Ph.D. in education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison along the way. Many people would have been satisfied, but Lane was not.

“I loved the job and living in Stevens Point, but I felt I should make a change and challenge myself. I stumbled across an announcement for a job in Turkey. I had vacationed there in 2010 and was fascinated by the country. On a whim, I applied and here I am!” she said.

Since 2012, Lane has been assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education at Bilkent University in Ankara. She teaches science education methods and curriculum to English-speaking students who are mostly Turkish. Borrowing a page from her experience at FSC, she hopes to increase the field work requirements and introduce environmental education into the curriculum.

“Although 30 years have passed between my graduation from FSC and moving to Turkey, I think of FSC almost every day,” she said. “It provided a safe environment to experiment with the roles and responsibilities of being an adult. In addition to helping me learn to meet goals, it also helped me set my own goals and to become a little more of a risk-taker.”

Bruno '07 and Gabriela '11 Fukugauti: All in the Family

Brazil has had a strong connection to Florida for years because of the citrus industry, so it was only natural that Bruno Fukugauti '07 would want to come and study at Florida Southern College. His family owns a large citrus company, and when he learned of FSC through a family friend, he came to study under Dr. Malcolm Manners, the John and Ruth Tyndall Professor of Citrus Science.

“I love citrus and always wanted to learn about the citrus culture in different regions of the world,” Bruno said. “After graduating, I worked in a Florida citrus company so I could get more experience. Going back to Brazil and working in my family's business always was my goal.”



Bruno Fukugauti '07 relaxes in his family's citrus grove near Pirapora, Brazil.

Bruno and his sister, Gabriela '11, grew up in São Paulo, the metropolitan city in Southeastern Brazil. Shortly after Bruno graduated, Gabriela followed her brother to FSC. She chose to study business administration, majoring in international business. Although she, too, intended to return to Brazil, the degree gave her the option of working in other countries, she said.



Gabriela Fukugauti '11 (center) is seen with colleagues at the Ernst & Young office.

“I have considered working in another country, but I haven't had an ideal opportunity yet,” she said.

Gabriela returned to São Paulo, where she is an external auditor in the Assurance Department of Ernst & Young. She is studying for her Brazilian accounting license. She said her studies at FSC and her membership in the International Students

Association gave her valuable insights into living and working among people of all different cultures.

“During the time at FSC, I gained valuable experience which prepared me to take new adventures and challenges in life,” she said.

Bruno went to work for his family's company. He lives in Pirapora, about 560 miles north of São Paulo in Minas Gerais state, where he manages one of the company's groves containing about 200,000 citrus trees and a packing plant. The land also produces table grapes and bananas.

“My time at FSC was amazing,” he said. “I made friends from different parts of the world, visited many places I had never been, and improved my English. I am grateful for the opportunity I had and proud to be a FSC alumnus.”

Aubigny Revisited: Travel Abroad and Lifelong Friendships *By Thelma Lasky '61*

Editor's note: Thelma “Teri” Lasky '61 made a sentimental journey in 2014, traveling to France to visit the village to which she first traveled 54 years ago as part of a summer abroad program at FSC. Here is her account of the trip. Teri is retired from a career as a French teacher, heavy equipment distribution supervisor, and medical secretary and lives in Penrose, N.C.

My trip to France was long overdue, the last one having been in 1986. Although it was 13 days, it was far too short!

After six days in Paris, I took the train to Aubigny-sur-Nère, a small village in Central France in the Department of Cher, not too far from the châteaux of the Loire Valley. I have had a friend there, Françoise Chollet, since the summer of 1960 when I was part of a joint FSC-University of Mississippi student group studying French with two retired professors.



Teri Lasky '61 (left) and Françoise Chollet enjoy lunch at Mrs. Chollet's home in Aubigny-sur-Nère, France.

We can't recall the exact circumstances when we met, but Françoise (always known as Fanfan) worked in her parents' *tabac*, a shop that sells cigarettes and tobacco products, lottery tickets, postage stamps, newspapers and the like. Somehow we bonded and have been friends ever since.

I am proud to have the distinction of being the only student in any of the summer groups during the 1960s and maybe even the 1970s to have returned to Aubigny, this one being my third trip since that long-ago summer school. My friends even took me to visit the two daughters of the man who had owned the small hotel where we stayed as students. They, too, enjoyed seeing me again and have never forgotten me and my love for that town and its people.

Fanfan and her husband, Bob, bought the house that belonged to the son of my French teacher at FSC, Yvonne Goldsborough. They have a son, Christophe, who now lives with his own family in Orléans, less than an hour from Aubigny. They are a very close family, and the bond between all of us was stronger than ever, perhaps because we are all aging and one cannot help but wonder when the last time we would see each other will be. There were many tears shed when we parted.

That wonderful summer study program had such a huge part in helping me to focus on my future endeavors. I still adore the whole French experience as much as ever and keep up my interest thanks to two weekly French groups that meet near my home. But going back again to Aubigny and re-establishing the bonds of friendship after such a long time was priceless!



Four Inducted into FSC Athletics Hall of Fame



The newest members of the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame are (left to right) Lindsey Bergeon '08, Sarah Kohlbrenner '07, Kathy Benn, and John Rodda.

This year, the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed two former student-athletes, the originator of women's athletics at FSC, and a longtime supporter of the athletics program.

The athletes inducted were Lindsey Bergeon '08, one of the top women's golfers in school history, and record-holding softball player Sarah Kohlbrenner '07. Bergeon was a four-time All-American, a four-time All-Sunshine State Conference player, and was a member of the College's 2007 NCAA Division II National Championship team. Kohlbrenner was a two-time All-American and four-time All-SSC and All-South Region honoree and holds numerous career FSC offensive records.

Also inducted were Kathy Benn and John Rodda. Benn, who spent 48 years at FSC as a faculty member in FSC's Department of Physical Education before retiring in 2014, was instrumental in organizing FSC's women's athletic program and also served as the College's first coach in volleyball, women's basketball, and tennis. Rodda, who is president of Lakeland's Rodda Construction, Inc. and an FSC trustee, has been a longtime supporter of Florida Southern College athletics.

Crouch Repeats as NCAA Division II National Champion

FSC's Tim Crouch '14 successfully defended his title as NCAA Division II national champion in men's golf in May, shooting a 68 to win by one stroke at The Meadows course in Allendale, Mich.

The feat has been accomplished only twice before in Division II, the last time in 1994–1995. Crouch was competing as an individual at the tournament when the FSC men's team failed in the regionals to qualify for the national tournament.

Crouch came from sixth place after the second round to claim the title. He edged out Adam Svensson of Barry University, making clutch putts for par and birdie in the closing holes.

"It means the world to me," Crouch told *The Ledger* of Lakeland. "You play your whole career to win one of these, and now I've won two of them."

The national championship is the eighth won by an FSC men's golfer, a NCAA Division II record.



Tim Crouch successfully defended his NCAA championship title, becoming the first Division II golfer to win back-to-back NCAA championships since 1994–1995.



Great Play: Softball Players Lend a Hand & Go Viral

In the final softball series of the year in April between FSC and Eckerd, Mocs players carried out an act of sportsmanship that won them national and even international admiration.

In the final inning, injured Eckerd shortstop Kara Oberer hit a home run off FSC senior pitcher Chelsea Oglevie to apparently win the game, but Oberer was only able to make it to first base because of her leg injury. Oglevie and FSC second baseman Leah Pemberton picked her up and carried her around the bases, letting Oberer touch second, third, and home, giving Eckerd the win.

Oglevie told the *Tampa Bay Times*, “As soon as she hit first base and her team couldn’t help her anymore, she was just absolutely sobbing. She literally couldn’t put one foot in front of the other. I thought, ‘There’s no way this girl isn’t gonna make it home.’”

The story was first reported by the *Times* and immediately picked up by the national media, including *ESPN*, the *Huffington Post*, and *Fox Sports*, to say nothing of social media, where video footage of Oglevie and Pemberton carrying Oberer around the bases went viral.

For their actions, the FSC players received the Sunshine State Conference Sportsmanship Award in June. They also were recognized by the Tampa Bay Rays at a game over Memorial Day weekend.

Pictured above: FSC softball players Chelsea Oglevie (left) and Leah Pemberton were recognized by the Tampa Bay Rays for their act of sportsmanship in the final game of the year against Eckerd College. They are seen here with Rays infielder Cole Figueroa.



Donovan Named to National Division II Committee



Florida Southern junior Grace Donovan has been appointed as a member of the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), an honor shared by only 30 student-athletes across the nation.

Donovan, a midfielder on the Moccasins women’s lacrosse team, will serve through the close of the 2017 NCAA Convention as one of two representatives from the Sunshine State Conference. She was selected for the national SAAC Committee at the 2014 NCAA Convention.

“I am so proud of Grace for being awarded this position. Not only is she an excellent choice for the committee, but she is a fantastic representative for Florida Southern College and the Sunshine State Conference. She will be a great advocate for the student-athletes,” Moccasin head women’s lacrosse coach Kara Reber said.

Division II national SAAC members address issues facing student-athletes, such as the development of campus and conference SAACs, NCAA rules education, faculty/student-athlete relationships and championships enhancements.



Nan Lee is greeted by (from left) Kurt Alston, Jim Harris, Felix Tertulien, and Clide Roberson, with other members of the 1981 national championship basketball team in the background, during the ceremony announcing that the Moccasins’ locker room will be named for Nan and her late husband, Jim Lee ’67. The ceremony took place at halftime of the Mocs game against Nova Southeastern last year.

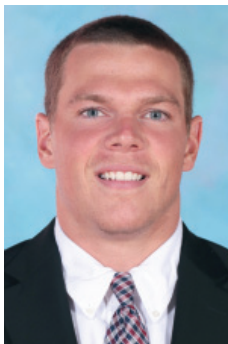


Sports Briefs

Tim Crouch '14 and Robbie Swan Take Top Sunshine State Conference Honors



Tim Crouch '14



Robbie Swan

Florida Southern golfer Tim Crouch '14 and swimmer Robbie Swan '14 capped off stellar years by taking home two of the top individual awards from the Sunshine State Conference. Crouch was named the SSC Male Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive year, while Swan was tabbed as the SSC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year. Crouch won the 2014 NCAA Division II Men's Golf individual national title for a second consecutive season. On the season, he was named a repeat First-Team PING/GCAA All-American, a repeat First-Team PING All-South Region honoree and a repeat First-Team All-SSC selection. Swan earned the SSC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year honor after recording a 3.86 cumulative grade point average in business and repeating as a First-Team Capital One Division II Academic All-American At Large selection. At the 2014 NCAA Division II National Finals, Swan, who earned Second-Team All-SSC honors this season and was named the SSC co-Swimmer of the Year, picked up six All-American awards.

FSC Honors Top Scholar-Athletes with Pat McFadden Award

Robbie Swan '14 and Sabine Goge '14 were selected as the 2014 Pat McFadden Award winners, given annually to the male and female student-athletes who achieve the best combination of athletic and academic success.

Swan was one of the men's swimming team's key figures in its second consecutive national runner-up finish last spring. At the Division II National Finals, he picked up six All-American awards. He was a winner of the Elite 89 Award for Division II men's swimming and a two-time Capital One/CoSIDA Division II Academic All-America.

Goge was Florida Southern's top women's tennis player last season with a 16-2 record in singles and teamed with senior Magda Riutort to post a 15-4 record in doubles. She is a three-time All-SSC selection, including earning first-team honors in both singles and doubles, and a Capital One/CoSIDA Division II Academic All-America.



Alli Crenshaw won her second 1,000-yard freestyle NCAA title.



Tim Crouch '14 won back-to-back national championships.

Tim Crouch '14 and Alli Crenshaw Named Hal Smeltzly Award Winners

For the second consecutive school year, national champion golfer Tim Crouch '14 and national champion swimmer Alli Crenshaw have been named the recipients of the Hal Smeltzly '57 Award as Florida Southern's Outstanding Male and Female Student-Athletes for the 2013-14 school year based on athletic achievement. Crouch won his second consecutive individual national championship at the 2014 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships. Crenshaw, a sophomore from Marietta, Ga., took home her second straight national championship in the 1,000-yard freestyle and also earned six All-America certificates at the 2014 NCAA Division II Women's Swimming Championships. The Smeltzly Award is named for the Moccasins' long-time baseball coach and athletics director.

Four Alumni Named to Polk County Sports Hall of Fame

A former coach, two former athletes, and an alumna were named to the Polk County Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony in June at the Lakeland Center. The honorees were: Marnee Cobb '74, who coached volleyball, tennis, and track at Bartow High School and was the second female high school athletic director in Polk County; Dr. Ed Jeffries, former Florida Southern Women's tennis coach who led the Mocs to 11 Sunshine State Conference Championships; David Saliba '82, baseball coach at Santa Fe Catholic High School in Lakeland, one of just 16 coaches in the country with more than 600 wins, and also a 2014 inductee to the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame; Bing Tyus '75, Polk State College Director of Athletics and former Florida Southern baseball player who was also honored with the Bernie Little Sports Executive Award.



Rymer wins 85th Florida State Women's Golf Amateur Championships



In June, Emily Rymer defeated former Rollins College All-American Charlotte Daughan to win the 85th Florida State Women's Amateur Championship held at Sara Bay Country Club. She is the first Florida Southern women's golfer to win the title. Rymer was selected to the Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American First Team following the 2013–2014 season, in which she earned an individual bid to the NCAA South Region Tournament and narrowly missed a spot in the Division II National Finals. She finished second in the Sunshine State Conference Championships.

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Women's Lacrosse Finishes 16-2; Just Misses NCAA Postseason Tourney

In just their third season, the FSC women's lacrosse team posted a 16-2 record and narrowly missed being selected for the 2014 NCAA Division II championship tournament. The team finished its season ranked No. 9 in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association (IWLCA) Division II poll. Two members of the team were named first-team All-Americans by the IWLCA. Junior midfielder Megan Asper led the Mocs in scoring and ranked 11th nationally in goals scored. She was named the 2014



Megan Asper finished 11th in the nation with 62 goals scored.

Independent Player of the Year in April. Senior goalkeeper Katie Hammerer was named Division II Goalie of the Year for the second consecutive year. Attacker Caitlin Chase was named second-team All-American, and defender Gabrielle Barowski and midfielder Lorianne Hoover were named third-team All-Americans. In 2015, FSC will compete in the Sunshine State Conference, which will add women's lacrosse to its sanctioned sports.



Lubs '14 Earns All-America Honors for Second Consecutive Season

FSC senior defenseman D.J. Lubs '14 was named an Honorable Mention All-American by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) in May. It was Lubs' second consecutive Honorable Mention selection. Lubs, who was named First Team All-SSC, was a key member of a Moccasin defense. Dane Sorensen led the NCAA Division II in scoring with 4.20 goals per game. The Mocs, with an 11-4 overall record and 4-1 mark in the inaugural lacrosse season of the Sunshine State Conference, finished the season with a No. 12 ranking in the USILA Division II Coaches' Poll. The team advanced to the first-ever Sunshine State Conference Men's Lacrosse Tournament Championship game, where they fell 11-6 to top-seeded and regular season conference champion Tampa.

Two Mocs Picked in Major League Draft; Two Pro Mocs Switch Big League Clubs

Florida Southern centerfielder Keith Curcio and first baseman Trey Vavra were selected in the 2014 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft in June. Curcio was a sixth-round pick by the Atlanta Braves while Vavra was a 33rd round pick of the Minnesota Twins. Both players made their professional debuts in the rookie Appalachian League.

Meanwhile, two former FSC players who made it to the big leagues will be wearing different uniforms for the 2015 season. Matt Joyce, an outfielder/DH with the Tampa Bay Rays since 2009, was traded in the off-season to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Joyce was the starting rightfielder on the Mocs' 2005 national championship team. In addition, Gus Schlosser, who was on the Atlanta Braves' opening day roster last season, was traded following the season to the Colorado Rockies. Schlosser, who was drafted out of FSC in 2011, spent most of the 2014 campaign at Triple-A Gwinnett.



Faculty



Associate Professor of English **Erica Bernheim** participated in a special event at The Newberry Library in Chicago in March 2014, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the publication of Carl Sandburg's *Chicago Poems*. The event, "Stormy, Husky, and Brawling for 100 Years," featured readings, musical performances, and panel discussions. A poet of note in her own right, she and two of her poems were referenced in the *Boston Review* and Harvard University Professor of English Stephen Burt's article about the "nearly Baroque" movement in contemporary poetry.

Paul Butcher, adjunct instructor of music and director of jazz studies, performed at a benefit concert at the Historic Ironwood Theatre in Ironwood, Mich., in July.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Leilani Goodman-Riley**, Instructor of Education **Lori Rakes** and School of Education **Dean Tracey Tedder** conducted a collaborative research project at The Roberts Academy with the assistance

of psychology majors. Their paper on the project, "Does the Use of Health and Fitness Balls Impact the Progress of Student Behavior and Reading Achievement with Struggling Readers in a School for Children with Dyslexia," was selected for presentation at Eastern Educational Research Association in Jacksonville in February 2014.

Dr. Malcolm Manners, John and Ruth Tyndall Professor of Citrus Sciences, was featured in a profile in the alumni magazine of his alma mater, Anderson University, for his work with USAID's Farmer to Farmer program, helping farmers in underdeveloped countries to grow food more efficiently. In February 2014, he was the keynote speaker at Fruitmania Growers School, a program about growing fruit trees at home, held at Cypress Gardens nature park in Moncks Corner, S.C.



▲ **Dr. Rubert W. Prevatt**, John and Ruth Tyndall Professor of Citrus Sciences Emeritus, is surrounded by former students at his induction into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame at a March 2014 ceremony.

In March 2014, **Dr. Deah Quinlivan**, assistant professor of psychology, presented a program, "The Psychology of Eyewitness Identifications," at the University of South Dakota School of Law. Dr. Quinlivan specializes in psychology and law with a specific research emphasis in eyewitness identifications, and she has worked on several trials, including the Troy Anthony Davis appeals case to the Supreme Court.

In January 2014, Instructor of Education **Lori Rakes** received the Dr. Mary Virginia Peaslee Educator Makes a Difference Award for 2012–2013. The award is sponsored by the FSC chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in the field of education, and students vote for the professor who receives the award each year. Dr. Peaslee, for whom the award is named, was a longtime educator in the School of Education and received the first award in 1997. Previous recipients include Instructor of Education **Judy Senzamic** (2010–2011) and Professor of Education **Perry Castelli** (2009–2010).



President Anne Kerr has named two outstanding faculty members to endowed professorships, the highest possible academic position. **Dr. Peter V. Bias** was named to the William F. Chatlos Professorship in Business and Economics, and **Ms. Paula Parsché** was named to the Wilhelmina MacDonald Chair in Music.

Prof. Bias earned B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from the University of Cincinnati. He joined the faculty of Florida Southern College in 1988. In 2006, the College presented

him with the Ben and Janice Wade Award for Outstanding Teaching. He will assume the William F. Chatlos Professorship that was held from 1993 to 2014 by Prof. Carl Brown.

Prof. Parsché is a 1971 graduate of Florida Southern, pursued graduate studies at Florida State University, and completed her Master of Music degree in Piano Performance at the University of South Florida. She joined the faculty of Florida Southern in 1980 and chairs the Department of Music. In 2005, the College presented her with the Ben and Janice Wade Award for Outstanding Teaching. She will assume the Wilhelmina MacDonald Chair in Music held from 1985 to 2011 by Robert MacDonald.



◀ **Dr. Risdon Slate**, professor of criminology, was quoted as an expert source by the Associated Press in an article reproduced around the world in the wake of the mass shooting in Santa Barbara, Calif., in May. He has advised law enforcement agencies about dealing with the mentally ill.

Dr. Waite Willis '70, the Edward J. Pendergrass Professor of Religion, presented the annual Robison Lecture in Religion, "Karl Barth and the Revolution in Our Concept of God," at Culver-Stockton College in Caton, Mo., on April 14.



◀ **Dr. Derek Yonai**, associate professor of economics and director of the Center for Free Enterprise, gave a lecture at the Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy at Troy University in Alabama in January 2014 on free enterprise education. He also was a keynote speaker

at the Florida Chamber Foundation Future of Florida Forum and Board of Governors annual meeting in Orlando in September.

Trustees

Evetts Simmons '79 has been appointed to the American Bar Association's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, which works to enhance the availability of opportunities for lawyers of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. She also serves

The Board of Trustees at their meeting on May 9, 2014, approved tenure and promotions to three faculty members and two members of the Roux Library staff.

Dr. R. Bruce Anderson, associate professor of political science, was awarded tenure. He joined the faculty in 2010.

Dr. Erica Bernheim was promoted to associate professor of English and awarded tenure. She joined the faculty in 2008.

Dr. Joseph Macedonia was promoted to associate professor of biology and awarded tenure. He joined the faculty in 2007.

Nora Galbraith and **Eridan Thompson** were promoted to senior librarian.

on the American Bar Association Commission on Civic Education in the Schools. In addition, Ms. Simmons has been appointed to two committees of The Florida Bar. She was named vice chair of the Bar's Continuing Legal Education Committee and named to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Ms. Simmons is a shareholder at Greenspoon Marder's Port St. Lucie office in the Wills, Trusts and Estates Department.



CPS Investment Advisors in Lakeland, which is owned by **Chas P. Smith**, was named number 17 in CNBC's 2013 list of Top 100 Fee-Only Wealth Management Firms in the nation. The firm has been in business for 25 years.

Students



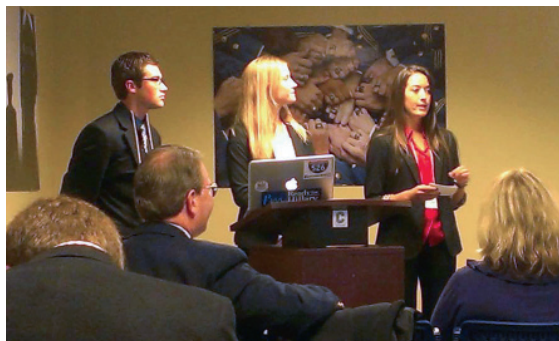
▲ The FSC Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa was named one of eight Superior Circles nationwide. The FSC Circle just completed a one-year term as a Presidential Circle, the highest designation ODK bestows to its circles. **Dr. Keith Huneycutt**, professor of English, was selected by the circle as its newest faculty member.

Kappa Delta sorority partnered with Lakeland area Girl Scouts for its annual Teddy Bear Parade in February 2014. The KD sisters and the Girl Scouts donate teddy bears to the Lakeland Police Department for officers to give to children while on duty, especially if they are victims of crime. This year they donated more than 200 teddy bears.



Three students from the Department of Music were selected to play in the All-State Intercollegiate Band, which performed during the 2014 Florida Music Educators' Association Professional Development Conference in Tampa. The students chosen for the honor are **Ashley Patterson**, flute (music performance major); **James Cornelius**, percussion (music performance major); and **Carole Leidi**, oboe (music education major).

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The Citadel in South Carolina. Ten students participated, representing seven projects. As part of **Dr. Bruce Anderson's** upper-level Southern Politics class, students must produce faculty-reviewed research, which is then peer-reviewed and submitted for presentation to the organizers of the Symposium. Participating students were **Jon Klos**, **Catherine Aquilina**, **Saga Moss Lundstrom**, **Madison Nickell**, **Carter Payne**, **Matthew Geras**, **Braden Davis**, **Christina Cota-Roblas**, **Caitlin Simmons**, and **Kira Ramirez**. Three of their presentations were mentioned in Glen Browder's blog on politics in *The Huffington Post*.

◀ For the second time, FSC undergraduates had papers accepted for presentation at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in March 2014 at

Business students from FSC joined students from Southeastern University and Polk State College to make presentations to a group of judges from downtown Lakeland on creating economically sustainable ideas to draw students downtown. The winning team—three FSC students and one from Southeastern—proposed a Lakeland Collegiate Alliance that would focus on inter-university involvement, competition, and collaboration.

Sophomore **Laura Hackett** was one of just 49 college students nationwide chosen for the Junior Fellows Summer Intern program at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. During the 10-week internship, she helped inventory, catalog, arrange, preserve, and research a backlog of copyright and special-collections material in the Serial and

Government Publications Division. Hackett was chosen from among almost 1,000 applicants.

Senior **Norma Murillo** was awarded the annual Compassionate Care Award from Florida Presbyterian Homes. The award is given to a graduate nurse for efforts to enrich the lives of the elderly and to serve them with compassion.

Communications student **Leah Schwarting** is a recipient of the 2013 Barbara L. Frye Scholarship from the Florida Capitol Press Corps. Schwarting is the co-editor of *The Southern* and was one of 12 scholarship recipients. The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to graduating high school seniors and college students in Florida planning to pursue a career in journalism. Frye was the Tallahassee bureau chief for United Press International for 38 years, and the first woman to work full-time in the Florida Capitol Press Corps.

Members of the Florida chapters of Sigma Chi fraternity participated in a cleanup of Wekiwa Springs in April in an attempt to rid the spring of excessive algae growth caused by nitrogen pollution.

Dr. Malcolm Manners, John and Ruth Tyndall Professor of Citrus Science, took eight students on a service learning project to New York City in March 2014 to help prune and plant roses and other flowers at a few sites, including a garden at Alexander Hamilton's National Monument. Here students prune roses at a cemetery in Harlem.





1941

Stanley Burnside was noted in a recent column by the *Tampa Tribune's* Tom Jackson as one of two Pasco County veterans of World War II still living. Stanley entered the war as a private and finished his service as a major. He lives in Dade City.

1947

Margaret Swain Nichols' "life well-lived" was the subject of an article in *The News Chief* of Winter Haven, Fla. She is 97 and lives in Winter Haven near her son, Robert Nichols, Jr. She retired in 1979 from a teaching career in Polk County.

1952

Dr. Richard Yates wants his FSC classmates to know he is now living in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1957

Richard "Kirk" Dougal writes that he and his wife, **Doris Becker Dougal '56**, have retired in St. Augustine. They have three sons and six grandchildren.

1958

Stanley C. Wyllie was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Hillsborough High School in Tampa at his 60th class reunion in 2014. He lives in Dayton, Ohio.

1961

Robert A. Wright and his wife, Charolette, raise Seeing Eye dogs. He writes in June, "We are now raising our seventh Seeing Eye puppy." They live in Ramsey, N.J.

1964

Ed Kershner coached the Oviedo High School boys' basketball team to the Florida High School Athletic Association 7A state championship in February 2014. It was his second state title as a coach. He has been coaching 41 years and is the state's all-time leader in boys' basketball coaching wins with 837.

Dr. Joseph B. McCormick is the regional dean, Brownsville campus, of the University of Texas School of Public Health and vice president for South Texas Programs for the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is helping to create a new medical school, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine,

in the poorest region of the United States. Dr. McCormick received a Distinguished Service to Humanity Award from the College in 2000.

1965

Jean Hauger Bunch was recently featured in an article in *The Ledger*, highlighting her work in the preservation of historic buildings in Lakeland. She was a co-founder of the nonprofit Historic Lakeland in 1979. She continues to live in Lakeland with her husband, David, and they have three children and five grandchildren.

1966

Richard J. and Bonita Benton '67 Holder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May. Richard is retired from his post as executive director of research, planning, and policy for the Fulton County School District in Georgia. The Holders live in Venice, Fla.

The Rev. Arthur Bishop, Sr., now lives in Saint Simons Island, Ga., with his wife, Amy, and their two granddaughters. He has served as a minister in the United Methodist and Presbyterian (USA) churches.

1968

The Rev. Carol Green has published a book, *The Rhythm of Our Sighs: Words of Comfort for Those Who Mourn*. She has been an ordained pastor for more than 30 years, serving United Methodist churches in Missouri, Florida, and North Carolina.

1969

Julie Ryan has a new position as a senior associate with Search Associates, an organization that recruits teachers and administrators for international schools. She spent 20 years as the Lower School principal at the American School in London and now lives in Greenbrae, Calif.



Tom Hall, chairman of Tucker/Hall Inc., has been inducted into the 2014 class of the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame. Tucker/Hall is a communications consulting firm that offers public relations services in the areas of strategic communications, public affairs and crisis communications. The award honors business leaders who have shown exemplary leadership in their industry and the community.



The Hon. R. Fred Lewis, Florida Supreme Court justice and FSC Advisory Trustee, was quoted in the February issue of *Florida Trend* magazine on efforts to improve professionalism in the legal community.



Sara M. Robinson recently released her second full-length poetry manuscript, *Stones for Words*. Her first poetry collection, *Two Little Girls in a Wading Pool*, was a 2013 nominee for the 16th annual Library of Virginia Literary Award in poetry. She lives in Charlottesville, Va.

1970

Bill Brown writes that he is now retired as a U.S. Navy Reserve fighter pilot and engineer, living in Pensacola, Fla. He does part-time flight instruction and engineering consulting. He has two children.

Fred Talbott has published a book, *Defeating Stage Fright—The Path to Speaking Freedom*. He taught at Vanderbilt University’s MBA program from 1993 to 2009 and now lives in Naples, Fla.

1971

Carl D’Agostino has published a book of humorous cartoons, *I Know I Made You Smile*. He retired in 2006 after a 33-year career teaching high school history with the Miami-Dade School District.

Greg Pryor lives in Overland Park, Kan. and manages a Facebook page, *Pryor Plays*, about music from 1964 to 1976.

1973

Nancy Ruppel Georges and her husband, **Bob ’73**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in January. They live in Lakeland and have two daughters and four grandchildren. Nancy is a retired elementary school teacher and was featured recently in *The Ledger* for her prowess in weightlifting and fitness.



Loring F. Perez, president of Chattahoochee Oil Company in Auburn, Ala., has been inducted into the Petroleum Convenience Alliance for Technology Standards (PCATS) Technology Hall of Fame in recognition of his leadership and contributions to the improvement of the industry’s rapid adoption of best in class technology. He has owned Chattahoochee Oil Company, a petroleum marketing company operating 45 consignment

dealer locations, since 2006. He and his wife, Gina, live in Upatoi, Ga., and have four children and six grandchildren.

1976

John Anderson is coordinator of the music department and director of choral activities at Polk State College in Winter Haven, Fla. He was honored with a proclamation from the City of Winter Haven for his many years of music education. He spent 28 years teaching in the Polk County School District and joined Polk State in 2005.

Frank Cacciatore is returning to the Philadelphia Phillies’ AA minor league team in Reading, Penn., as hitting coach. He spent last season with the Clearwater Threshers and the previous six seasons in Reading.

The Rev. Kim Joyner writes that he is doing ministry now in leadership consulting and coaching in Lakeland. His wife, **Joanie McLellan Joyner ’76**, is teaching kindergarten at Winston Academy in Lakeland.

1978

Edie Queen has retired after 26 years as a tugboat captain. She and her late husband, Capt. Ed Armstrong, who died in the Gulf Oil Spill, sailed together from New England to South America. She was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush and later by Gov. Charlie Crist as the commercial representative for the Florida Boating Council and served two terms as the Tug and Barge Industry Representative to the national Towing Safety Advisory Committee. She has returned to her home in Bradenton, Fla., and is looking forward to new adventures.

1979



When the son of Linda and **Bill Pigozzi** was married in March 2013 at St. Martha Catholic Church in Sarasota, the priests presiding over the ceremony were the same ones who presided over Bill and Linda’s wedding 30 years before, only one is now an archbishop. Pictured, from left, are Linda Pigozzi; the Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta; groom William D. Pigozzi II; bride Robyn Sierra Pigozzi; the Rev. John C. Cusick of Chicago; and Bill Pigozzi. Bill and Linda reside in Altamonte Springs, Fla., where he is president of Florida Quality Construction, Inc.



Tom Glecton was inducted into the 2014 Connecticut Section PGA Hall of Fame on Dec. 1. Tom, who was a national champion on the Mocs' men's golf team, has been the head professional at the Country Club of Waterbury, Conn., for 22 years and is a former Connecticut Section Player of the Year.

1980

Dr. Dennis Alter is an orthopedic surgeon at Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast, Fla. In December, the hospital earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™, Disease-Specific Care Certification in Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement Surgery.

Tom Argersinger has started a consulting and coaching business specializing in leadership and strategy development. He also is serving part-time as Creative Arts Director at Community Christian School in Tallahassee, where he was a teacher and headmaster for 21 years.

Ginny Bieber Dubose has had six essays published in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. The most recent essay appeared in the edition about living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. She is the business manager at Lake Howard Heights, an independent and assisted living center in Winter Haven, Fla.

1981

David H. Liddle has been named chief commercial officer of UltiSat, Inc., a communications network service company in Gaithersburg, Md. He will be in charge of the company's worldwide sales, business development, marketing, strategy, and product-management teams, among other duties. He was previously a vice president at Comtech EF Data.

1981

Joe Spann reports that he is working in the music industry and lives in Gallatin, Tenn. He continues to give talks about genealogy.

William R. "Bill" Swindle, a partner in the Tampa office of the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, has been named to the Tax Certification Committee of The Florida Bar. In addition, he serves as co-chair of the firm's Trusts and Estates Department and co-chair of the Tax and Employees Benefits Department.

1983

Craig Clendinen is an attorney with the Office of International Relations of SIL International in Washington, D.C., a Christian non-profit organization that studies, develops, and documents languages, especially those that are lesser-known, in order to promote literacy, translate the Bible into local languages, and aid minority language development.

Tommy Locke owns a hunting and fishing expedition company, Tommy Locke Outdoors, Inc., in Boca Grande, Fla. As "Captain Tommy," he's an occasional guest on TV shows about Florida fishing.

Cole Tucker, the son of **John W. "Jackie" Tucker, Jr., '83** was a first-round pick of the Pittsburgh Pirates and is playing in the Gulf Coast League. Jackie played on the Mocs' baseball team. He and his family live in Phoenix.

1984

Dave Flower is now the national business director for MIT Global, a company that installs GPS systems, vehicle field tracking, and wireless communications and navigation systems. He lives in Marietta, Ga.

Maria Hardwick is director of the Power Volleyball Academy in Lake Helen, Fla.

In addition to being president of his own wealth management and financial planning practice, **Jim Harris** also manages the Georgia Regional Office for Money Concepts Wealth Management & Financial Planning Network. He lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, Carol, and their children, Ryan and Meghan. Jim was a member of the Mocs 1981 national champion men's basketball team.

Edward J. Hecker is director and branch manager of the Sterling Wealth Management Group office in Melbourne, Fla. He is a certified financial planner. He and his wife, Janet, have been married for 27 years.



Rocco Mediate was named the 2014 PGA Champions Tour Rookie of the Year. He won his debut tournament on the Champions Tour and finished the season ninth in the Charles Schwab Cup standings and No. 10 on the money list. Rocco was a two-time All-American at FSC and played on the Mocs' 1982 national championship team. He was inducted into the FSC and Sunshine State Conference Halls of Fame in 2003.

1985

Ann McCarty was named Science Teacher of the Year by the Central Florida chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, in honor of her devotion to the teaching profession and excellence in the classroom. She teaches biology and forensic science at Summerlin Academy in Bartow, Fla.



1986

Elizabeth Hammond Brinkerhoff earned her Ph.D. in learning and cognition from The Florida State University in December 2014. She lives in Port Orange, where she is a general and inclusion second grade teacher at Palm Terrace Elementary School.

Kenneth Parker is the new executive director of the Florida Strawberry Growers Association. Previously he was a crop consultant for Chemical Dynamics Inc., a Plant City fertilizer and micronutrient company. He lives in Plant City, Fla.

Rich Rasmussen is a lobbyist with the Florida Hospital Association in Tallahassee. His 16-year-old son, Will, was a credentialed reporter at the BCS national championship football game on Jan. 6, 2014, covering it for Will's blog, *Big Bend Sporting News*.

1987



Mark Bong recently joined the Dyer Immigration Law Group in Richmond, Va., as an attorney. Before graduating from the University of Richmond Law School in 2012, he was a law enforcement officer in Florida for 12 years.

Karen Slee Clark MBA '89 recently became a partner with Surrency, Clark & Colyer, CPAs, PL, in Winter Haven, Fla. She also serves on the board of directors for the Beverly J. Wright Memorial Fund, Inc., a local nonprofit organization that raises funds for breast cancer research.

Scott Lambeth is production manager for Golden River Fruit Company in Vero Beach, Fla. He was recently featured in an article on the Growing Produce website (growingproduce.com) about his company's efforts to control citrus greening.

1988

Michael Cameron was named the 2014 Outstanding Citizen of Plant City at a ceremony in February. The award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant, positive impact on Plant City, Fla. Michael is the owner of Cameron Financial Management and lives in Plant City with his wife, Terrie, and son, Nicholas.

Michael A. Davis is the co-owner, with his father, of A.D. Davis Construction in Saint Augustine, Fla., the company founded by Michael's grandfather 60 years ago. The company was featured in an article in the *St. Augustine Record*.

David Janotha has joined Axiom EPM in Portland, Ore., a leading provider of financial planning and performance management software for healthcare providers, as industry vice president of healthcare. He will be responsible for executing business strategies and directing solution development activities. Previously he was with Deloitte Consulting LLP in Chicago.

Darren Stanek has been named general manager of Wolf Creek Golf Club in Mesquite, Nev. He was previously general manager at Harbor Links Golf Course in Port Washington, N.Y., where he received the 2013 PGA Merchandiser of the Year award in the metropolitan section which covers the greater New York area. Darren was an All-American as a member of the Mocs men's golf team.



Jessi Rae Varnum, daughter of **Kay Newsome Varnum**, was selected Florida Strawberry Festival Queen in February. Kay was the 1985 Strawberry Festival Queen, making her and Jessi Rae only the second mother-daughter queens in the festival's history. Jessi Rae plans to enroll at FSC and major in sports medicine, following older brother Clay, who is majoring in turf management. The Varnums have a farm in Lithia, Fla.

1989

James D. Gillie has joined Telos Corporation, an IT and cybersecurity company in Ashburn, Va., as the company's vice president and deputy general manager of cyber operations and defense. Previously he was vice president of business operations for CACI International.

Audrey M. Slee was one of 20,000 runners participating in the ING half-marathon in Miami earlier this year. She finished in first place in her age group. Audrey is a critical care nurse at The Heart Center in Vero Beach, Fla.

Traci Germain Tucker recently published a novel, *The Salt and the Salve*. She lives in Tampa.

1990

Ronn Alford writes that he is looking forward to his 10th year as director of music ministries at White Bluff United Methodist Church in Savannah, Ga.

Andy Tuck was appointed in January 2014 to the State Board of Education by Gov. Rick Scott, pending confirmation by the Florida Senate. Andy is a former chairman of the Highlands County School Board and lives in Sebring, Fla. His term runs through 2017.



1991

Tom and Barbara Burnham '92 Birch celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary in June. They have two children, Thomas and Megan, and live in Naples, Fla.

1992



FSC Distinguished Alumnus **Dr. Keith Berend** was named one of the top 22 knee surgeons in North America by *Orthopedics This Week* magazine. This is the second year in a row he received that distinction. He is an orthopedic surgeon with Joint Implant Surgeons in Columbus, Ohio, and a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedics at The Ohio State University.

Jennifer Cross McCrystal is the new principal of Bryan Elementary School in Plant City, Fla. She previously was assistant principal at Buckhorn Elementary School in Valrico, Fla., and a teacher at several Hillsborough County elementary schools.



The Rev. Dr. Javier Viera has been named dean of Drew University Theological School in Madison, N.J. He was previously executive minister of Christ Church in New York City.

1993

Ladreda Akins, a former member of the women's basketball team, has been named athletic director and dean at Tenoroc High School in Lakeland. Previously she was a teacher and basketball coach at Haines City High School. She continues to be the director and coach of Florida Finest AAU Girls Basketball Program and also runs girls basketball camps through her business, Basketball Unlimited.



Melanie Hardin Plesce has published her first book, *One Winter Weekend*, a novel set in a small town in Alabama. She is a freelance writer and editor who lives in Huntsville, Ala., with her two children.

1994

Gayle Bartoe has joined the Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care team covering Polk, Highlands, and Hardee counties as an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

Jacob Bast and his family moved to the Cincinnati area two years ago where he serves as the senior vice president and chief operating officer for St. Elizabeth Physicians, a multi-specialty physician group. He also serves on The Advisory Board's Medical Group Strategy Council in Washington, D.C., and the American Medical Group Association's Leadership Council.

Jimmy Johnson, Jr., has been named the new head basketball coach at Lake Region High School in Winter Haven, Fla.. He has been coaching high school basketball for 17 years and is a four-time coach of the year. He was a member of the Mocs basketball team.

Denise Malm Lew is a sales representative for Moore & Giles, which sells leather to the interior design community, in Marietta, Ga. She is married to Kevin Lew and they have three children, Nic, 14; Sofia, 12; and Hayley, 3.

Bobby Slater, a former Mocs baseball player, has been named the new head athletic trainer for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He joins the Buccaneers after 15 years with the Chicago Bears, most recently as assistant head athletic trainer/director of rehabilitation.

1995



Jennifer Hilliard Basey has received her certification as a Certified Financial Planner. She works in the Fort Myers, Fla., office of the Edward Jones financial services firm.



Donna Loyko became vice president and compliance officer of Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care in Tavares, Fla., in March 2014. She was previously risk manager at Cornerstone.

Michael Spain is a chief petty officer with the U.S. Coast Guard, stationed at the National Strike Force Coordination Center in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Holly Fairchild Vida is the new director of The Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine at Bartow Regional Medical Center. She was previously an account manager for Senior Home Care.



1996

Michael Geis has been promoted to chief information officer at myMatrixx, a pharmacy and ancillary benefit management company for workers' compensation programs. He joined the company in 2011 as vice president of information services.

Dr. Shanaka Weerasooriya practices dentistry with Tarpon Shores Dental in Sarasota, Fla. He and his wife, Rana, have two daughters, Gianna and Lena.

1997

Juanita Whitty Schnoor writes that she has been teaching high school English since graduating, currently teaching at Ridge Community High School in Davenport, Fla., and serving as department chair. She and her husband, Jay, who also teaches at Ridge, have four grown daughters and four grandchildren. They live in Winter Haven, Fla.

1998

John Bohde was recently promoted to land development director for Polk County. Except for three years in private real estate, he has worked in the county's Planning and Development Department since 1999.

John V. Davis, Jr., MEd '11 is the new head of the creative writing program at Harrison School for the Arts in Lakeland. He received his Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from the University of Tampa in January 2014, and his collection of poems about Florida life, *Middle Class American Proverb*, will be published this summer. Davis also has a forthcoming poetry chapbook, *The Boys of Men*, which will be published in the fall. He lives in Winter Haven, Fla., with his wife, Christy, and their sons, Emory, 9, and Robert, 6.

Joe Dawson is athletic director and boys' basketball coach at Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton. His team finished second in the state 2A finals in 2014.

Lawrence Kyzer runs Florida Cracker Airboat Rides & Guide Service in the Blue Cypress Conservation Area just west of Vero Beach. "Captain Lawrence" has been running airboat tours through the natural Florida marsh for 35 years.

Eileen Maxwell has been named staff accountant with James Moore CPAs and Consultants in Gainesville, providing auditing and tax services. Previously she was an accounting instructor for a regional technical college and an accounting manager for a construction company in Orlando.

Christina Sanchez is the owner of Sanchez Law Firm in Melbourne. Her practice focuses on civil litigation, criminal defense, and family law.

1999

Richard Bond is working as an artist in Lakeland. His works have been exhibited at local galleries and at the NV Art Bar in Orlando.

C. Todd Willis has been elected a shareholder in the law firm of Carlton Fields Jordan Burt. He works in the Washington, D.C., office as a member of the firm's Financial Services and Insurance Litigation practice group, handling complex civil litigation and class actions, representing primarily insurance companies and financial service providers. He is married to **Kristin Connor Willis '99** and they live in Alexandria, Va.

2000

Jim Beekman has been named general manager of transportation for the Hillsborough County School District, the nation's eighth-largest. He was previously in charge of transportation for the Orange County School District. He worked as a school bus mechanic to put himself through college.

Alberto Bonfil MBA '02 is the owner of the Edward Jones financial services office in Lakeland.

Jessica R. Mann has joined the San Antonio, Texas, office of the law firm Branscomb PC, focusing on commercial and civil litigation. She previously practiced law in Las Vegas, Nev., for nine years, primarily handling personal and commercial lines defense cases.

Lindsay Elizabeth Myers is an independent consultant and professional writer. She was recently engaged to Dr. William F. Bennett, an orthopedic surgeon and founder of Bennett Othopedics and Sportsmedicine in Sarasota, Fla.



Dr. Lisa Scharoun, an assistant professor of graphic design at the University of Canberra in Australia, has been awarded a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation award. Her work was chosen from more than 300 designs from 41 countries as a top-10 finalist in the Records for Life competition to redesign child health records and awarded a \$20,000 prize for "ease of adding information."

2002

Greg Allen has had his photographs exhibited at Mitchell's Coffeehouse in Lakeland and the Polk Museum of Art's Art Crawl. He also won a contest to have his photograph used on a special limited-edition cassette produced by the band Wilco as a fundraiser for Direct Effect Charities in Chicago.



Beth Ann Baldry is a senior writer for *Golfweek* magazine, covering the LPGA. She was married to Ben Nichols on Dec. 21. Beth was a member of the Lady Mocs national championship team in 2002.

Charleene Closshey has a starring role in her first feature film, *Balsam Falls*, in which she plays a rock singer who is called home after the death of her father. The independent film was co-written by her fiancée, Jeremy Culver, and the producers hope to release it in November 2015.

The Rev. Zac McGowen has joined First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland as associate pastor. He recently earned a master of divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary and previously served at First Presbyterian Church in Haines City, Fla.

Ryan Young has become an assistant director for residence education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He married Michael J. Guthrie on Nov. 10, 2013, and they live in West Haven, Conn.

2003

Matt Kindel has joined the law firm of Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A., in their New Port Richey and Spring Hill, Fla., offices. He will assist the firm's legal team in handling criminal defense and DUI cases, along with taking over family law cases in Pasco and Hernando counties.

Skye Noel Smith Basu, who uses Skye Noel as her stage name, was the lead actress in the 2014 independent film *The Olivia Experiment* that premiered at Laemmle Music Hall 3 in Beverly Hills in August. She lives in Los Angeles and is working full-time as an actress. Her father, FSC Professor of Religion Alan Smith, and mother, Dee, attended the premiere. Skye earned an MFA from the ART/MXAT Institute at Harvard University in 2009.

Justin Sorrells has been named a Founding Member of the Advisory Council of the GenNext Growers™ initiative, which identifies, develops and promotes across the industry the best practices of the nation's most promising up-and-coming specialty crop growers. He is chief operating officer of Sorrells Citrus, Inc., and he and his wife, Amy, live in Arcadia, Fla.



2004



Rok Smaka, who played for the Mocs from 2002 to 2004, was a member of Team Brezovica from Slovenia, which won the FIBA World Tour 3X3 championship in Istanbul in October. They were one of 12 teams from around the world competing for the \$20,000 prize.

Gay Hurst Street has been named principal of Dunnellon Elementary School for the 2014–2015 school year. She was previously assistant principal of Fessenden Elementary School in Ocala, Fla., and a first-grade teacher.

2005

The father of **Katy Ciempa**, former director of development for the Spivey Society at FSC, was the subject of a “Making a Difference” feature on an *NBC Nightly News* broadcast in February 2014. Mr. John Ciempa, a former FSC employee with Facilities Maintenance, received a life-saving bone marrow transplant from a stranger, a New York City firefighter whose own father was killed in the Twin Towers on 9/11. Katy appeared in the story briefly in a still photo. She encourages everyone to sign up to be a bone marrow donor.

Dr. John Emerson is a resident specializing in family medicine at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C. A former All-Sunshine State Conference selection for the Mocs' cross-country team, he still runs two or three times a week. John was featured in an article in *Hernando Today* in March 2014.

Desiree Cruz Mussetto has joined cei (Coating Excellence International) in Wrightstown, Wis., as director of business development and will lead strategy and innovation initiatives for pet food packaging. She was previously with ITW where she specialized in new product rollouts and securing new business.

Lisa E. Dahlquist has been promoted to senior client relations manager at Grapevine Communications, an advertising, marketing, and public relations agency in Sarasota, Fla. She joined Grapevine Communications in March 2012 as a client relations manager.



The Rev. Jenny Beckett Smith is a pastor serving in Anchorage, Alaska, at Saint John United Methodist Church. She's married to **Aaron Smith '04**, and they have a 2-year-old daughter, Isabella. Aaron is a worship leader and works in the IT field.

2006

Jessica Artman completed a Master of Fine Arts degree in studio art from Burren College of Art in Ireland. After returning to Florida Southern as a Visiting Artist in 2010, she moved to New York City in 2013 and has been an apprentice under Jacob Collins at the Grand Central Atelier. In addition to working as a photographer, she has been drawing and painting full time.

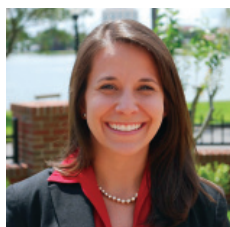


Evans Duncan earned an MBA from Nova Southeastern University and is vice president of healthcare business banking for PNC Bank in Asheville, N.C. He also is an adjunct instructor at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College.

Christopher Ison joined The Pansler Law Firm in Lakeland in January 2013 as a personal injury attorney. He earned his law degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2009 and worked for two years as assistant state attorney for the 10th Judicial Circuit.

Trish Pfeiffer is a graphic artist and owns a mini-storage business. She won a seat on the Bartow City Commission in spring 2014.

2007



Christine Franklin Ehlenbeck has switched careers. She is now a real estate agent with Keller Williams in Lakeland, specializing in homes in retirement communities. Last year she earned a Rookie of the Year award. She formerly worked for GEICO as a claims supervisor.

Allen Ellison has formed a committee to explore running for Congress from the 17th District of Florida, which includes Hardee, Highlands, and part of Polk County. He has been the Washington representative of The Community Economic Council, Inc.

Victoria Sandbrook Flynn is books project editor for AMC Books,

the publishing arm of Appalachian Mountain Club. Prior to joining AMC Books, she was an associate editor for Adams Media, acquiring self-help, relationship, parenting, lifestyle, and memoir books and overseeing their publication. She lives in the Greater Boston area, where she earned a master's degree in publishing and writing from Emerson University.

Kristin Alfero Francisco earned a master's degree in engineering management in 2010 and a second master's degree in software engineering in 2012 from Florida Institute of Technology. She is a senior software engineer with Lockheed Martin in Orlando and currently works in the company's Mission Systems and Training Division.



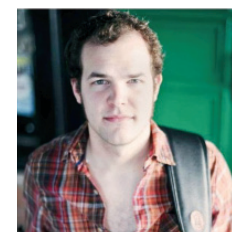
Brian Morgan is the student life coordinator at First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland and is studying for his master of divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. Previously he was wrestling coach and health and nutrition teacher at McKeel Academy. He and his wife, Amanda, have two children, Trinity (seen here) and Titus.

Elizabeth "Buffy" Stephany attended the Gasparilla music festival in Tampa in January 2014 as the backdrop for her bachelorette party and was quoted in the *Tampa Bay Times*. She lives in Memphis and got married in February 2014.

Kristin Helseth Wald earned a master of science in environmental horticulture degree from the University of Florida. She is married with a child and lives in Georgia.

2008

Pete Bennett is the new receivers coach for the University of Central Arkansas football team. He joins the staff there after six years in the same position at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.



Ronnie Brannan is a string musician with the Blue Man Group in Orlando.

Lauren J. Gilmore is an artist in Orlando, working principally in charcoal figure drawing and oil painting, and she has exhibited her work at galleries in Central Florida. She also is the owner of On Points Events, which provides event management for corporate events, weddings, parties, and other events.



Jackie Barenborg Stoelting, who played for the Mocs' 2007 national championship women's golf team, was the winner of *Big Break Florida*, the Golf Channel's reality series, broadcast last spring. She won \$50,000 and automatic entry into an LPGA tournament. She played on the professional Symetra Tour this season and qualified for this season's LPGA tour. She lives in Vero Beach, Fla.

Wendi Romano has been appointed the director of emergency services at Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center in Davenport, Fla. She previously worked at Pasco Regional Medical Center, where she was director of emergency service and managed the labor and delivery department.

2010

Bryan Barrows is a hazardous materials inspector for the City of San Jose, Calif. Previously he worked in the Dallas/Fort Worth area as a laboratory technician at Air Liquide America and a chemist with Matheson Tri-Gas.

Megan Beddow writes that she is pursuing graduate studies at Indiana University.

Kadi Eubanks works as a human resources specialist for the Tampa firm of DDP Holdings, which provides merchandising, re-set, fixturing, and new store build-out and remodeling services to retailers. Previously, she was credentialing coordinator for Maxim Healthcare Services.

Matthew Pallay graduated from Petit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in May 2013 and passed the bar examinations for both New Jersey and New York. He was admitted to the exclusive LL.M. program in admiralty law at Tulane University in New Orleans and began his studies in the fall of 2014.

In April 2013, **Zachary Rowe** joined McAleese and Associates, a government contracts consulting and legal firm, in Arlington, Va., as a research analyst preparing reports and analyses of Congressional activity of relevance to defense contractors that are among the firm's clients. He earned a master's degree in international relations at Northeastern University in Boston and worked as a campaign and polling analyst for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign.

Jacob Temple MSN '10 has been named director of inpatient and outpatient mental health services for Lakeland Regional Health. He is a certified nurse practitioner in adult health and has been at LRH for eight years.

2011

Allison Johnson MSN '11 has been promoted to director of nursing for critical care and trauma services at Lakeland Regional Health. She has been with LRH since 2003 and was previously the manager of the medical intensive care unit.

Lars Johan Jonsson MBA '12 began working for JBT FoodTech in Lakeland after successfully completing an internship he held there

2009

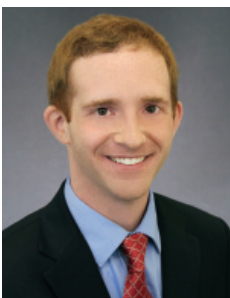


Daniel G. Bennett, a financial advisor for MassMutual Financial Group—New York, was honored in November as one of *Central New York Business Journal's* "40 under 40," a list of leaders and professionals between the ages of 25 to 40. Honorees are nominated by colleagues for leadership in their profession and in the community.

Natalie Lang Brown is working as an assistant softball coach at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland with her father, Head Coach Jeff Lang. She moved back to Lakeland with her son, 3-year-old Logan, and daughter, 1-year-old Kinsley, while her husband, Tim, is serving overseas with the military.

Pam Carter has been named assistant director of emergency services at Lakeland Regional Health. She has been with LRH since 1985 and was previously a clinical manager in the emergency department.

Alyssa J. Colbert earned a Master of Arts degree in rehabilitation and mental health counseling from the University of South Florida in 2012. She is a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Tampa, where she assists individuals diagnosed with physical and mental disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.



David Dill has joined the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Greenville, S.C., as an associate practicing in the areas of business litigation, employment law, and general litigation. He earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Washington University in St. Louis.



while working on his MBA.

Colin Kaline is an assistant coach with the FSC baseball team. He played for the Mocs and spent two years in the minor leagues. He's the grandson of Detroit Tigers Hall of Fame player Al Kaline.

Rion Rayfield has been named assistant basketball coach at Black Hills State University in Rapid City, S.D. A former Honorable Mention All-American for the Mocs, he spent the past two years playing basketball for the Solrød Comets of the Danish professional basketball league.

Seth Spencer is an English teacher at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland. One of his students took first place in *The Ledger's* student editorial contest.

Brian Sutherland and his band, The Brian Sutherland Band, held a concert marking the release of their first CD in August at the Polk Theatre in Lakeland.

2012

Jimmy Botero is a sales representative in Jacksonville for Ryerson, Inc., a metals processing and distribution company.

Daniella Cash is completing a master's degree in psychology from the University of Alabama at Huntsville and will begin her Ph.D. studies at LSU in the fall in the area of psychology and law.

Peter Creighton MBA '13 won his first professional golf tournament in January. He won the Manasota County Open, an event on the West Florida Golf Tour. Peter played on the Mocs men's golf team.

Ashley Dampier works as a behavior technician for Holladay Child Development Services, LLC, in Lakeland. Owned and directed by fellow FSC alumna Andrea Holladay '99, Holladay Child Development Services provides communication training, language acquisition, social skills training, and other services to children diagnosed with learning and related disabilities.

1st Lt. Sean J. Taylor has been assigned to the 1984th U.S. Army Reserve Hospital at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he is executive officer.

2013

In January, **Alex Belliveau** became the new director of the Touch of Blue Band at Frostproof Middle-Senior High School.

Stephen R. Bell is a marketing logistics coordinator at Kelby Media Group in Oldsmar, Fla.



Lisa Gilbert is assistant coordinator for university housing at Florida State University, where she will soon graduate with a master's degree in higher education and student affairs.

Jordan Tickell Guengrich has joined the staff of Lorrie Walker Public Relations in Lakeland as a public relations and SEO writer.

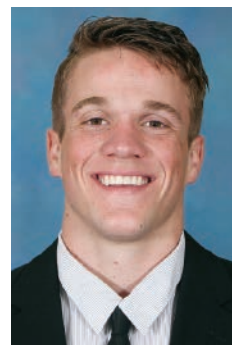
She worked for Lorrie Walker as an intern and as a freelancer before joining the staff.

Ariel Jose Rivera has joined the T. Mims Corporation in Lakeland. He will coordinate visual design concepts and maintain online media.

2014

Amanda Erhard has joined the accounting department of Land South Group in Lakeland, a company specializing in the evaluation, management, repositioning, and disposition of real estate and real estate loans.

Trenton Moore is starting a project called *Retracing America: A Photo Roadtrip*. He will attempt to retrace the path photographer Robert Frank took to produce his classic 1958 photo essay *The Americans*.



Chris Murphy, who played for the Mocs' men's lacrosse team, played for the German national team in the World Lacrosse Championship in Denver last summer. Germany finished ninth.

Alumni Attorneys: We Want to Hear about You

Are you or do you know a Moc who has gone on to law school? Nominate an FSC attorney or judge to be profiled in an upcoming issue of the *Southernnews*. Send your nominations and any helpful background or contact information you have to cmcmullen@flsouthern.edu.



Former Mocs swimmers **Anna McIntyre '13** and **Greg Gorman '12** were married July 11, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo., where they now reside. The wedding was quite a reunion for Mocs swimmers. Pictured are: (front row) Diane Sherrard, **Brian Moran '13**, **Carlee McDonald '13**, **Missy Witt '13**, **Anna McIntyre Gorman '13**, **Greg Gorman '12**, **Kelsey Duncan '11**, **Rae-Lynn Sheffield '12**, **Cara Potter '12**, Rachel Norfleet, Alex McIntyre; (second row) FSC Head Swimming Coach Duncan Sherrard, Ian Yext, **Zach Edwards '14**, **Charlie Dolan '12**, **Mary O'Sullivan '11**, Jack Rund (not visible), **Jeb Halfacre '13**, Lisa Menne, and **Jordon Momsen '13**.



Capt. Cody Kennedy '09 married **Kaitlin Murray Kennedy '09** in St. Augustine, Fla., on May 24, 2014. In the wedding party were (left to right) **Jaelyn Beckett Centofanti '09**, **Sarah Price Dolyak '09**, Kristin Ohanian, Mollie Buttrick, Jeff Leach, Kevin Kennedy, **Robert Lewis '09**, and Mike Cavaliere. The Kennedys reside in Palm Coast, Fla.



Lindsey McKnight '05 was married to Tom Scarpati of Naperville, Ill., in First United Methodist Church at Chicago Temple in Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 19, 2013. Alumna **Katy Ciempa '05** (fifth from left) was a bridesmaid. Lindsey is the daughter of **Jennifer Blue Blank '83**. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and resides in Chicago.



Troy '02 and **Rebecca Annon '14 Railsback** show off their son, Lucas Troy Railsback, who was born on Oct. 16, 2013. The Railsbacks live in Ormond Beach, Fla., where Rebecca and her sister-in-law recently opened GrassRoots Interactive Center, a children's indoor play center which also hosts classes in art and music, yoga, children's ballet, and other activities.



Casey Mogford Milford '04 and her husband, Brian Milford, welcomed their first child, Brian Joseph Milford II, on Aug. 1, 2013. They live in Venice, Fla.



Paige Reynolds Kane '08 was married in August 2013 to Ryan Kane, head basketball coach at Ripon College in Ripon, Wis. **Liz Applegate '08** was a bridesmaid at the wedding. Paige is employed as an Admissions Counselor at Ripon. Pictured with Paige and Ryan is Scooter, rescued as a puppy and taken in by Paige her junior year at FSC.



Matt Mercurio '05, a member of the Mocs 2005 national championship baseball team, married Jennifer L. Seidel on Dec. 14, 2013.

Marie Berckes '06 and **Justin Crouch '09** were married on Dec. 31, 2013. They live in Lady Lake, Fla., where Justin was Umatilla High School Rookie Teacher of the Year for 2013.

Laura Scahall Young '04 and her husband celebrated the birth of their second child. Lucas Hass Young was born on January 29, 2014. They live in Erie, Penn.

Katie Bazemore McSpadden '09 and her husband, David, welcomed a son, David Daniel Bazemore, born July 2, 2014, which is also Katie's birthday. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. The McSpaddens have a 2-year-old daughter, Sarah Beth, and have been married three years. They live in Riverview, Fla..

Jake '09 and **Jessica '09 Slaydon** celebrated the birth of their first child, Blake Jacob Slaydon. He was born May 3, 2014, and weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce. The family resides in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Megan Getter '12 married Shawn Parker on July 12, 2014 in Sevierville, Tenn., with their close family and friends in attendance. They live in Indianapolis where Megan is an elementary special education teacher and earning her Masters in Teaching from Marian University. She completed her Master of Arts in communication studies from Ball State University in May 2014.



Erin McDonough '12 married **Matthew Clements '11 MBA '13** on June 14, 2014. Pictured in the wedding party are: **David Bollen '11**, Rachel Franklin, **David Bentley '11 MBA '13**, Shelby Mae King, **Matthew Rackley '09**, **Ashley Woodham '15**, Erin and Matt Clements, **Chelsea Dalfo '12**, **Robert Tucker '11**, Holly Holt, Michael McDonough, Aubie Clements, and **Marcus Duffy '11**. Erin and Matt live in Nashville, Tenn., where she is an assistant account executive with McNeely Pigott & Fox Public Relations agency and he is a sales representative for ServiceSource.



1930s

Dr. Charles D. "Dave" Price '38 of Winter Park died May 3, 2014.

J. Thomas "Tommy" Cline '39 of Lakeland died July 17, 2014.

Eloise Whitehurst Driskell '39 of Wauchula died Aug. 27, 2012. She was selected as the first Miss Florida Southern College in 1938.

Robert Harold Grizzard '39 of Lakeland died Feb. 23, 2014. He was a former president of the FSC National Alumni Board.

Lucy Harrell Wood '39 of Lake City died June 25, 2014.

1940s

June Touchton Haigler '41 of Winter Haven died Aug. 11, 2014.

Thomas Edward "Eddie" Wilson '41 of Lakeland died Nov. 6, 2012.

Ferra Appell Glaze '42 of Mayo died Jan. 23, 2007.

Marguerite "Peggy" Edwards McLean '42 of Bradenton died Nov. 27, 2013.

Etheleen Story Oster '42 of Bartow died Dec. 19, 2013.

Eleanor King Creveling '43 of Annapolis, Md., died May 9, 2014.

Leona Olive '43 of Marianna died March 1, 2011.

Margaret "Peggy" Woodall Doddridge '45 of Lakeland died Feb. 21, 2014. Survivors include her daughters, Mary Ellen Schron '72 and Beverly Hollis '79.

Rebecca Rooks Hunt '45 of Ormond Beach died Feb. 1, 2014.

MaryLouise Sheretz Sanborn '45 of Lakeland died June 25, 2014.

Ina C. Morrow Allers '46 of Kissimmee died Nov. 20, 2003.

Vivian Jean Miner '46 of Odessa died April 4, 2014.

Lula Humphrey Smith '46 of Bartow died July 13, 2014.

Jesse L. Birnbaum '48 died July 24, 2011, in Danville, Calif.

George E. Custer '48 of Salt Springs died April 4, 2014.

Marie Padgett Evans '48 of Saint Augustine died Aug. 8, 2013.

Lorene Howell Powell '48 of Plant City died Aug. 18, 2014.

Davis R. "D.R." Smith '48 of Huntington, WVa., died June 22, 2013.

William B. Argie '49 of Webster, N.H., and Dennisport, Mass., died Jan. 22, 2014.

Lenwood Morgan Hollister '49 of Lakeland died Jan. 24, 2014.

Bronson V. Mela '49 died Feb. 20, 2014, in Tampa.

Charles D. Risk '49 of Trenton died July 10, 2013.

Julia "Judy" Iserhardt Sanchez '49 of Lakeland died Dec. 3, 2013.

The Rev. John A. White '49 of Bradenton died July 4, 2014.

Paul Frederick Woods '49 of Plant City died Jan. 10, 2014.

1950s

Vera Fielding Jackson '50 of Greenville, N.C., died Aug. 16, 2014.

Jeannetta Simmons Joiner '50 of Lakeland died Dec. 2, 2013.

Florence "Noonie" Roux Partin '50 of Fernandina Beach died Feb. 25, 2014.

Ormond Edward Rolfe '50 of Dasher, Ga., died Nov. 27, 2013.

William P. Campbell, Sr., '51 of Leisuretowne, N.J., died Jan. 11, 2014.

Harriett Hartwick Pullara '51 of Tampa died Feb. 7, 2014. Survivors include her husband, Peter Pullara '50.

William "Bill" Henry Wittpenn, Jr., '51 of Pinehurst, N.C., died Dec. 1, 2013.

Burie Webster "B.W." Clements, Jr., '52 of Panama City died March 3, 2014.

Dolores Bartlett Delamater '52 of Gainesville died Nov. 19, 2013.

Arlene Thomas Lawver '52 of Lakeland died Jan. 8, 2014.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur H. McMillan '52 of Naples died Nov. 20, 2013.

Frank V. Campisi '53 of Tampa died June 13, 2014.

Jeanne Rauner Edwards '53 of Lakeland died Feb. 3, 2014.

The Rev. Roy A. Fiske '53 of Inverness died July 15, 2014.

Evelyn Louise Hughes '53 of Winter Haven died Aug. 21, 2014.

The Rev. James Arthur Padgett '53 of Lakeland died Aug. 3, 2010.

William Shurley Vann '53 of Murfreesboro, N.C., and Alexandria, Va., died Jan. 24, 2014.

Corliss S. "Corky" Cross Bennett '54 of Fort Lauderdale died June 28, 2014.

Carol S. Brown '54 of St. Petersburg died Aug. 15, 2014.

Selby Rhodes Burch '54 of Winter Garden died April 17, 2014.

Allan L. Dunn, Jr., '54 of Yardley, Penn., died March 17, 2011.

Sun Sook Hyun '54 died Dec. 12, 2013, in Edison, N.J.



Jose J. Abascal '55 of Allentown, Pa., died March 23, 2014.

Howard "Bud" Borden '55 of Toms River, N.J., died March 20, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Lois Borden '57.

William R. "Bill" Edmunds '55 of Longwood died Jan. 6, 2014.

Earl M. Robbins '55 of Ocala died July 26, 2014.

Donald T. Sutte, Jr., '55 of Lake Geneva, Wis., and Boca Raton died April 22, 2014.

Carolyn Bridges Brannon '56 of Keystone Heights died Jan. 25, 2014.

Joseph Wellman "Joe" Cooke, Jr., '56 of Alton, Mo., died Nov. 16, 2013.

Robert A. Hollander '56 of Lake Worth died April 2, 2014.

John G. Katros '56 of Winter Haven died June 1, 2014.

Barbara Mizell Wood '56 died Dec. 30, 2013, in Gainesville.

Henry M. Bartlett, Jr., '57 of Newport, Tenn., died Jan. 13, 2014.

James Forrester Hall '57 of Arcadia died June 28, 2014.

Kenneth Rowan Kerr, Jr., '57 of Jackson, Miss., died May 30, 2014.

Carole Connell Lerner '57 of Killingworth, Conn., died Nov. 23, 2013.

Charles G. Senger, Jr. '57 of Safety Harbor died May 27, 2014. He was inducted into the FSC Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

The Rev. David Harold Shaver '57 of Lake Junaluska, N.C., died Jan. 28, 2014.

Edwin Lee Dekle '58 of Lakeland died Feb. 11, 2014.

Fred W. "Coach" Hurlburt '58 of Niceville died March 7, 2014.

Thomas L. Meeks '58 of Polk City died Feb. 3, 2014.

Angeline Lenore Craft Meyer '58 of Roanoke, Va., died March 1, 2014.

Angelo Christopher "Chris" Partenza '58 of Westminster, Md., and Tavares, Fla., died Dec. 2, 2013.

Gus Clinton "Clint" Schultz '58 died Dec. 21, 2013, in Lakeland.

Betty Lou Tinsley Crockett '59 of Sarasota died Sept. 22, 2012.

Howard M. Freed '59 of Miami died Feb. 21, 2012.

Gary S. Grabe '59 of Ormond Beach died June 3, 2014.

Dr. David A. Schriemer '59 of Tallahassee died June 28, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Arey Schriemer '61.

1960s

Harry Goode, Jr., '60 of Melbourne died Dec. 28, 2013.

Rebecca Lillian Raulerson Hunt '60 of Lake City died Feb. 4, 2014.

John Patrick Mulligan, Jr., '60 of Coral Gables died May 14, 2014.

Judy Cooper Young '60 of Aquebogue, N.Y., died June 23, 2014.

Carol Sue Shiplett Alderman '61 of Palm Bay died June 29, 2014.

James D. Cline '61 of Largo died Aug. 8, 2014.

James T. Donovan '61 of Hoschton, Ga., died Dec. 26, 2013.

Charles Joseph "Joby" Stanaland '61 of Ocala died March 4, 2014.

John K. Vermette '61 of Ellicott City, Md., died March 1, 2014.

Richard D. "Dick" Weaver, Sr., '61 died Dec. 13, 2013, in Naples. He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award in Communications from FSC and was a member of the National Alumni Board of Directors. Survivors include his daughter, Melinda Weaver Dorman '96.

Maj. William D. Webster '61 of Santa Rosa, Calif., died Feb. 10, 2013.

Everett Stanley "Stan" Carter '62 of Vero Beach died Dec. 18, 2013.

Richard O. Felton '62 of Zionsville, Ind., died Jan. 13, 2014.

Gary Lynn McKee '62 of Charlotte, N.C., died June 19, 2014.

Harriet Burns Weeks '62 of Moore Haven died Feb. 17, 2005.

Arthur Harold "Art" Cheek '63 of Sarasota died Oct. 30, 2013.

Thomas E. Davis '63 of Frostproof died Aug. 6, 2014.

Holden Potter '63 of Memphis, Tenn., died Dec. 23, 2012.

William Ronald "Ron" James '64 of Lafayette, Ga., died July 23, 2014.

Ozburn E. "Skip" Taylor, Jr., '64 of Pelham, Ala., died July 11, 2013.

Elizabeth "Betty" Morris Williams '64 of Frostproof died Feb. 8, 2009.

Murray Melton Haskew '65 of Lakeland died March 4, 2014.

Lynda Gabel Albright '66 of Longwood died June 26, 2014.

Lawrence H. "Larry" Fuchs '66 died Nov. 22, 2013 in Tallahassee. A former executive director of the Florida Department of Revenue, he was given the FSC Alumni Achievement Award in 1994 and awarded an honorary Doctor of Commerce degree in 1999.

James "Jim" Owen Youmans '66 of Wauchula died Feb. 18, 2014.

Elliott E. "Spike" Maynard, Jr. '67 of Charleston, W.Va., died May 1, 2014.

John E. Cain '68 of Canton, Ga., died Oct. 18, 2013.



Barbara Woods Linder '68 of Lakeland died Aug. 30, 2014.

Barbara A. Kelsey Whitacre '68 of Orlando died Nov. 30, 2012.

Ella "Naomi" Fountain Wilson '68 of Lakeland died Jan. 25, 2014.

David E. Fisher '69 of Naples died July 27, 2014. Survivors include a daughter, Amy Fisher Loupin '93.

Joan Frances Petrovich Holcomb '69 of Vero Beach died June 16, 2014.

1970s

Jeanette Merritt Bailey '70 of Auburndale died Jan. 11, 2014.

Sally O'Toole Morton '75 of Vero Beach died April 14, 2014.

Agnes Sutton '75 died Jan. 12, 2014, in Port Orange.

Wilma Carrillo '76 of Lakeland died Nov. 20, 2013.

John D. Chesley '77 of Orlando died June 6, 2014.

Franklin D. Howell '78 of Lakeland died March 22, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Debbie Webb Howell '78.

Jan Gaines Valk '78 of Winter Haven died Feb. 18, 2014.

Bruce Fricke '79 of Bonita Springs died Oct. 4, 2010.

Thomas Rainey '79 of Winter Park died Nov. 15, 2013.

Michael Paul Christian '80 of Kissimmee died March 1, 2014.

1980s

Brennan Robertson '80 of Lakeland died Nov. 22, 2013.

Sheila Diane Kiess '81 of Miami Shores died April 25, 2014.

Michael D. "Mickey" DeChambeau '82 of Winter Haven died Dec. 14, 2013.

Paula B. Hardin '82 of Jacksonville died March 3, 2014.

Tillie May Joyner '82 of Lake Wales died July 22, 2010.

Ernest G. Staples '82 of West Richland, Wash., died July 18, 2014.

Charles Richard "Dick" Kennedy '83 of Lakeland died July 31, 2014.

Peter E. Langendorff '83 of Gaithersburg, Md., died Sept. 17, 2013.

Gina M. Androzzini '86 of Warren, R.I., died June 26, 2014.

Anita June Sledge '86 of Warner Robins, Ga., died Dec. 9, 2013.

Thomas Franklin "Tommy" Morgan '87 of Vero Beach died July 24, 2014.

1990s

Adamarie Badzioch '91 of Buffalo Grove, Ill., died Aug. 13, 2014.

Joseph P. Venning '92 of Plant City died Jan. 16, 2009.

Kathryn "Katie" Henson Dishroon '95 of Palm Bay died March 30, 2013.

Eleanore "Ellie" Chormann Eure '98 of Port Charlotte died March 29, 2014.

2000s

Felix Eloy Vicens, Jr., '01 of Lakeland died Nov. 20, 2013.

Keri Blickenstaff Kinsel '07 of Winterville, Ga., died April 26, 2014.

TRUSTEES

Bishop James Lloyd Knox '51 died April 13, 2014 in Gadsden, Ala. He was a Trustee Emeritus of FSC, serving on the board from 1999 to 2002. He was elected bishop in the United Methodist Church in 1982 and presided over the North Alabama and North Georgia conferences and as interim bishop of the Florida Conference.

FACULTY

Florence Ann Aldridge died April 29, 2014, in Tupelo, Miss. She was adjunct professor of organ and piano and accompanist for the FSC Chorale.

Daniel E. Hermany of Chelsea, Ala., died July 28, 2014. He was an adjunct instructor of music between 1999 and 2006.

Lt. Col. William F. Moore III of Kodak, Tenn., died Nov. 22, 2013. He was an ROTC instructor at FSC.

Dr. Christopher T. Weaver of Lakeland, professor emeritus of psychology, died Sept. 9, 2014. He was a member of the faculty from 1976 to 2011.

Dr. Walter P. Weaver of Lakeland, Pendergrass Professor of Religion Emeritus, died Feb. 11, 2014. He was a member of the faculty from 1972 to 1997 and was chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and the Humanities Division.

STAFF

Idabelle L. Edmondson of Lakeland died Sept. 4, 2014. She was a nurse in the FSC Student Health Center, retiring in 1996.

T. Logan Fleck died July 21, 2014 in Deland. He was assistant coach of the FSC men's soccer team from 1985 to 1987.

Louvenia "Lou" Howell Tadlock died Jan. 25, 2014, in Rock Hill, S.C. She was the box office manager at FSC for more than 20 years, retiring in 2008.

For more complete obituaries that include accomplishments, military service, and survivors, please go to flosouthern.edu/alumni and click on the In Memoriam link. Locations are in Florida unless otherwise noted.



Southern *history*: Chaplains Kept FSC's Religious Roots Alive

Rev. Tim Wright '94 has been the FSC campus chaplain since 2002.

When the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, established a high school and college in 1885, settling it in Leesburg the following year, the school's religious identity was explicit. As the 1892 catalogue put it: "The College is founded on the belief in the presence and power of God, and in the divinity of His Son. We believe that the mind should be cultivated in connection with moral and religious instruction."

Florida Southern College has maintained its ties over the years to the United Methodist Church in a way that many other schools founded by religious bodies have not, and perhaps the most visible symbol of that connection has been the College chaplain.

It is not clear whether the College had a designated chaplain before it moved to Lakeland in 1922. Some of its early presidents were Methodist ministers, and chapel services were held every morning at which attendance was required, a practice that continued into the 20th century. Members of the faculty and administration, students studying for the ministry, and local ministers led these services and otherwise attended to students' spiritual needs.

When the College moved to Lakeland in 1922, an arrangement was made with Methodist Conference leaders and Dixieland Methodist

Church (later renamed College Heights Methodist), located just a few blocks from the school. The pastor of the church would also serve as the College chaplain, and this arrangement remained in place for 30 years, according to Florida Conference Historian Nell Thrift.

"Students were not allowed to date during the week," Thrift said, "but they could attend prayer meetings. Wednesday night prayer meetings at College Heights Methodist were probably the largest in the state!"

"God's presence is discerned in the midst of life, in the gym, in the classroom, in the cafeteria."

Of those early chaplains, the Rev. Edward J. Pendergrass (1938–1939) went on to become a Methodist bishop in Mississippi. While there, the Ku Klux Klan, disliking his views on race relations, burned a cross in his yard.

When he retired, he returned to the College as bishop-in-residence, and today an endowed chair in the Department of Religion and Philosophy is named for him.

In 1952, during President Ludd Spivey's administration, an agreement was reached between the Methodist Conference's Board of Higher Education and the College to pay for a resident chaplain. The first full-time chaplain at FSC was the Rev. Francis L. Luce '44, who served for 10 years—the longest tenure of any chaplain until the Rev. Tim Wright '94, who has been FSC's chaplain since 2002.

During the turmoil of the late 1960s and early 1970s, Florida Southern was a tranquil place compared to many college campuses. The Rev. Tom Price (1967–1974) was always a positive presence, Mike Johnson '71 recalled.

“He must have been the happiest person on earth. He was never frowning. Every time he saw a student, his face just lit up,” he said.

Price, who died in September 2013, was a funny but brilliant speaker in chapel services and convocations, Johnson said.

“He was known for his humor and his extensive vocabulary. When he was talking, you listened,” he said.

During the optimism of the 1980s, the Rev. Bill Barnes (1981–1984), then a young United Methodist minister, brought a new vibrancy to campus and was known for his involvement with students. Barnes recalled that President Robert Davis, known for being “very old school,” didn’t approve of a couple of his activities, including breakdancing in the bandshell.

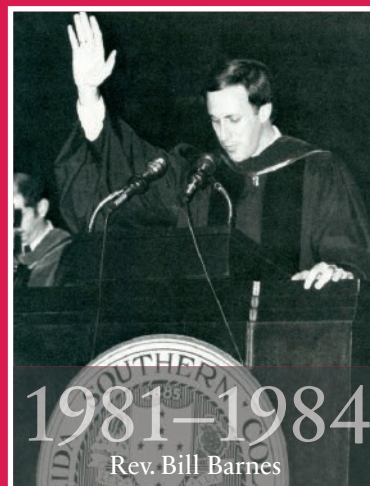
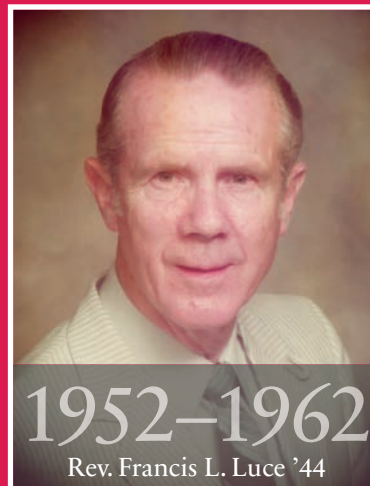
“I wasn’t too much older than the students. I won a Mr. Legs contest one year, and they dedicated the yearbook to me another year. I had a marvelous time,” he said.

Beginning in the 1970s, Florida Southern’s student body began to be more diverse, which was reflected in the religions on campus. Barnes made it possible for some religious groups to have a presence on campus for the first time. He arranged for Jewish students to start a Hillel Fellowship and for local Catholic priests to celebrate Mass on campus. Later on, the Rev. Allen Johnson (1995–1999) found a place for Muslim students to pray on campus.

Johnson encouraged students to take leadership of the religious groups under his supervision, and he recalled there were 14 such groups at one time, from a black gospel choir to Campus Crusade for Christ. He also worked to make religious life as large on campus as Greek life, nearly matching the number of students in fraternities and sororities.

“We had a lot of good student leaders. It made sense to me that we had all this talent around, we should just turn it loose,” Johnson said. “I didn’t want just one big group. My job was to coordinate them.”

The chaplains have maintained the tradition of keeping the College’s religious roots alive and flourishing and seeing to it that students are able to grow in faith. As the Rev. Bob Breuer (1976–1981) said in an interview more than 30 years ago, “I think the Chaplain functions best when he or she is communicating a presence to the students...[God’s] presence is discerned in the midst of life, in the gym, in the classroom, in the cafeteria. I try to emphasize that.”



Chaplains at Florida Southern since 1922

1922–1926	George W. Rosenberry
1926–1927	J. Herman Daniel
1927–1928	Holmes A. Spencer
1928–1930	William K. Piner
1930–1932	William M. Mullen
1932–1936	P.M. Boyd
1936–1938	Shade W. Walker*
1938–1939	Edward J. Pendergrass
1939–1944	Laurie G. Ray
1944–1946	Paul Redfearn
1946–1950	Robert MacGowan
1946–1949	Edward F. Norton
1949–1950	George C. Gibson
1952–1962	Francis L. Luce '44
1962–1965	Dennis R. DeLacure
1965–1967	Stuart I. MacRae
1967–1974	Thomas J. Price, Jr.
1974–1976	David H. Talley†
1976–1981	Robert W. Breuer
1981–1984	William S. Barnes‡
1984–1987	Robert W. Atchley '70†
1987–1991	Douglas F. Hallman '71†
1991–1995	Meredith R. Standley
1995–1999	Allen L. Johnson‡
1999–2002	Brenda K. Lewis‡
2002–	Tim Wright '94‡

*President of Florida Southern, 1902-1907

†Retired

‡Active United Methodist minister

Sources: Florida United Methodist Conference Archives

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"I am a Certified Archivist with 25 years of experience in museum, academic, and private archives," she explains. "I have worked at the National Anthropological Archives at the Smithsonian Institute, The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard University in Boston, and other places. I have learned that everyone has a story, and I want to listen."

The Archives is looking for materials from alumni about their time at FSC. Items you may donate include photographs, scrapbooks, letters from friends and family during the time period they attended FSC, and oral histories.

What's your story?

Contact Gerrienne Schaad at 863.680.4994 or gschaad@flsouthern.edu.