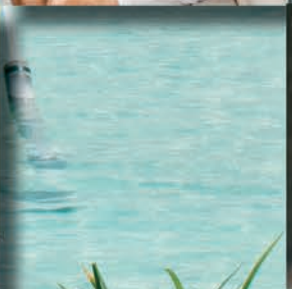
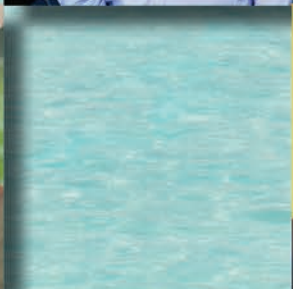


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*How Florida Southern encourages
future generations of entrepreneurs*





FSC Is Making Entrepreneurship Part of Our Mission

Whenever I speak with people about Florida Southern College, I always emphasize that our mission is to prepare the highly talented young people entrusted to us to make a positive and consequential impact on our nation and our world. Our graduates do that in so many ways: in the classic professions of law, medicine, science, and religion, and also by starting their own businesses.

As a land of unparalleled opportunity, America has been a place where entrepreneurs thrive, and we believe that FSC has helped our graduates take advantage of that opportunity. Over the years, the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise has had outstanding faculty members who have inspired their students to dare to accomplish great things. Some of our alumni, through the training they have received here as well as through skill and courage, have taken the risk of becoming entrepreneurs and succeeded in building businesses that have provided essential goods and services to millions of Americans.

I hope you will read the inspiring stories in the following pages of nine of our alumni who are proud entrepreneurs and business owners. They represent many more FSC alums who are admirably fulfilling our mission.

That mission goes on, and the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise is building on its legacy of excellence. You will also read in this edition of *Southernnews* about ground being broken for the new, state-of-the-art Becker Business Building that will be the future home for the Barnett School. In addition, we are hard at work raising funds for the endowments needed to bring the best business faculty and administrators in the world to our campus.

Free enterprise is now part of the name of our signature program at Florida Southern, and we anticipate that future graduates of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise will dare to achieve greater things than ever before. Perhaps the next Henry Ford or Bill Gates will someday look back and say, "I owe my success to Florida Southern College."

We have concluded an exciting year. Our academic programs and enrollment remain strong. We were named the Most Beautiful Campus in America by *The Princeton Review* for an unprecedented second consecutive year. We added two wonderful new athletic facilities for tennis and baseball, and several of our athletic teams had thrilling seasons.

We are proud of our accomplishments, and we value your support as we continue to be "On the Move!"

Sincerely,

Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.
President



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John Giglio '96



"Doc" Dockery '61



Victoria Villalba '86



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The entrepreneurs of
Florida Southern



Barnett School Earns Prestigious AACSB International Accreditation



Dean Bill Rhey

The Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise at Florida Southern College has taken its place among the most respected university business schools in the world by earning accreditation from AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.



Accreditation by AACSB is a mark of excellence in business education, earned by less than five percent of the world's business programs.

The Barnett School had to demonstrate achievement and proficiency in attaining rigorous standards for teaching excellence and student learning outcomes. It is one of just 18 AACSB-accredited schools in Florida.

The accreditation is the latest step toward the goal of becoming one of the premier business education programs in the country, said Bill Rhey, Ph.D., Dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise.

“AACSB accreditation is a global benchmark for business school quality. I am thankful for the support the Barnett School has received from the FSC administration, our dedicated Board of Overseers, our business community stakeholders, and

our outstanding faculty members,” Dr. Rhey said.

“I want to congratulate Dean Bill Rhey and our extraordinary faculty on this outstanding achievement,” said FSC President Anne Kerr. “In earning this accreditation, the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise receives international validation for delivering the highest caliber of undergraduate and MBA education.”

The Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise is the largest academic department at FSC, with more than 400 undergraduate and 75 graduate students. In 2014, it will move into its new home in the Bill and Mary Ann Becker Business Building, a 40,000-square-foot building designed by internationally renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern.



The Lakeland Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to Florida Southern College at its Annual Meeting in February. The chamber recognized the College for its tremendous economic and cultural impact on the community and for being one of the best colleges in the nation. The College presented a multimedia program, “From Ashes to Excellence,” that told the story of Florida Southern from its founding to the present through music, video, and theatrical performance. Pictured below is a dramatic reenactment of Frank Lloyd Wright receiving the telegram from President Ludd Spivey inviting Wright to design “a great education temple in Florida.” Above, **President Anne Kerr** (third from left) is joined on stage by FSC alumni in attendance, including **Carol Jenkins Barnett '79** (center), and the FSC Concert Choir for the singing of “America the Beautiful” in a patriotic finale.





The FSC Board of Trustees at its November meeting, with **President Anne Kerr**, first row, center.

Board of Trustees Welcomes Three New Members

At its Annual Conference in June, the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church approved three new members of the FSC Board of Trustees, Richard C. Jensen '59, Bernard L. "Bernie" Little, Jr. '90, and Chas P. Smith.

Mr. Jensen is the vice president of Michael Riesz and Co., a building construction firm headquartered in Fords, N.J. He received his B.S. in Business Administration from FSC, and he and his brother are the third-generation owners of the family business, which was founded in 1921. The firm constructs institutional, commercial, and educational facilities throughout the state of New Jersey, including expansion of the South Data Center at Princeton University, the Hospital Outpatient Surgical Center of Robert Wood Johnson University, and the visitor center at Rutgers University.

Mr. Little earned a B.S. in Business Administration from FSC and also earned his MBA degree from the Crummer School of Business at Rollins College. He is the former owner of Bernie Little Distributing LLC, a distributor of Anheuser-Busch products and non-alcoholic beverages in the North Central Florida area. Established in 1997, the company was the fastest growing Anheuser-Busch distributor in the Southeast for 10 of the last 15 years.

Mr. Little has a long history of community service and support of nonprofit organizations in the Ocala area, including the Scholarships Taking Elementary

Promising Students (STEPS) at the College of Central Florida where he also served as board chairman. He is a longtime member and officer in the Young Presidents Organization, a global association of chief executives that emphasizes the importance of ongoing education and the value of a peer network and mentoring. He also has served on the FSC President's Council.

Chas P. Smith has been president and CEO of the Lakeland-based firm CPS Investment Advisors since 1975. He earned a B.S. degree from Florida State University, is a certified public accountant, and has been designated a personal financial specialist (PFS) by the American Institute of CPAs. Mr. Smith is a nationally recognized author and lecturer on topics of investments, financial planning, and wealth accumulation. He has been awarded the Certificate of Educational Achievement in Personal Financial Planning. In 1994, CPS trademarked the CPAlliance™ Division, which provides turnkey backroom support for independent financial advisory firms nationwide.

Under Mr. Smith's direction and example, CPS Investment Advisors supports numerous local nonprofit organizations. He currently serves on the Board of Overseers of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise at FSC, and CPS Investment Advisors is the annual sponsor of the Barnett School's annual free enterprise symposium.



Richard C. Jensen '59



Bernard L. "Bernie" Little, Jr. '90



Chas P. Smith



SPRING GRADUATION

Spring Graduates Challenged to Find Purpose Beyond Themselves

In an inspiring address, National Geographic Society Chairman John Fahey challenged graduates at FSC's 2013 Commencement Convocation to find "a purpose beyond one's own well-being."

Fahey, who has been chairman and chief executive officer of the National Geographic Society since January 2011, told the graduates there is too little fresh water and an inequitable distribution of food for the world's seven billion people.

"We—you in particular—have a lot of work to do. ... Life is more fun, more energizing and more satisfying if you have a purpose, particularly a purpose beyond one's own well-being," he said. "The first step toward finding that special purpose of yours is to allow the door of your curiosity to be as wide open as possible."

At the convocation, the College awarded Fahey the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters for leading the National Geographic Society's efforts "to improve geographic literacy and (guide) a significant expansion of the society's mission programs" and for his "distinguished business career," in which he previously served as chairman, president, and CEO of Time Life, Inc.

Fahey joined National Geographic in 1996. He is also chairman of the executive committee of the society's board of trustees and chairman of National Geographic's Education Foundation. During his tenure, he has expanded the society's reach, including its entry into cable television with the National Geographic Channels.



John Fahey

Also during the convocation, Lakeland businessman John Rodda was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Business for his "exemplary business, civic, and charitable leadership." His firm, Rodda Construction, Inc., has built many of the striking new buildings on campus, and Dr. Rodda has given generously of himself and his company's resources to numerous local charities.

The Senior Speaker, chosen to represent the graduating class, was Erin Marie Ferguson, a public relations and advertising major from Orlando, who asked the graduates to "take a moment to acknowledge our ends and look forward to our beginnings."

"Now we have a chance to start building on the cornerstone Florida Southern has provided us," she said. "Florida Southern has given us an opportunity to grow into something more."

The College conferred 327 bachelor's degrees and 18 master's degrees during the ceremony, presided over by President Anne Kerr.



Erin Marie Ferguson



The Miller Distinguished Professor Award, given to an FSC faculty member who has achieved excellence in teaching, scholarly productivity, and advising, was presented to **William Otremsky**, professor of art (left). In presenting the award, **Provost Kyle Fedler** (right) noted that Otremsky helped create the bachelor of fine arts program at FSC and is noted for demanding hard work from his students, many of whom have been accepted at prestigious graduate art programs, including the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Pratt Institute in New York.



At the 2013 Commencement Convocation, Dr. Anne Kerr conferred the President's Scholar Medal to two graduating seniors. **Craig A. Adcock** (right), a business administration major from Orlando, and **Carlee McDonald** (left), an education major from Lakeland, were awarded the medal, which is given to graduating seniors who exemplify the College's values of scholarship, leadership, and service. Both students are *summa cum laude* graduates and Hollis Scholars. Adcock is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. McDonald, a member of the women's swimming team, is a two-time honorable mention All-American Scholar-Athlete.



Remembering Mark Hollis

Former Publix Super Markets, Inc., President Mark C. Hollis, a longtime friend and benefactor of Florida Southern College, succumbed to cancer on Dec. 7, 2012, surrounded by his family.

He was a 1956 graduate of Stetson University, where he served on the Board of Trustees for 30 years, including two terms as chairman. He also earned an MBA, with a specialty in food distribution, from Michigan State University in 1960. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of

Humane Letters from FSC in 1985 for his outstanding corporate and civic leadership, ethical business practices, and philanthropy.

Dr. Hollis joined Publix in 1946 at the age of 12 and worked in many positions, rising through the ranks to become vice president of public relations and public affairs. He was elected to Publix's Board of Directors in 1974 and served as president from 1984 to 1996, when he was elected vice chairman of the board. After retiring, he remained on the board until 2005, when he was named director emeritus.

Supporting quality higher education was one of Dr. Hollis's passions. He delivered the commencement address at FSC twice, in 1985 and 2008, and was awarded the President's Medal by the College in 2008 for his long and dedicated support of FSC.

Dr. Hollis and his wife, Lynn, established the Hollis Fellowships in Education in 2005, which provide scholarship assistance for three new students each year who major in education. The four-year scholarships, which require high standards for scholarship and commitment to the teaching profession, are awarded to outstanding students who agree to teach in Florida for three years after graduation.

Dr. Hollis named FSC's first sustainable garden, overlooking Lake Hollingsworth, for his wife. The beautiful Lynn's Garden is also home to one of his original sculptures, *Spirit*, which is a representation of a flame symbolizing the enduring spirit of Florida Southern College and its commitment to educational excellence.

In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Hollis funded the restoration of the Frank Lloyd Wright Theatre-in-the-Round in the Ordway Building. At the theater's rededication in 2012, during the College's observance of Holy Week, he performed an original one-man play, *Barabbas*, about the thief released in the place of Jesus.

Mark Hollis is survived by his wife, Lynn '57; three sons, FSC Trustee M. Clayton Hollis, Jr. '80, Jack Hollis, and Dean Hollis; a sister, FSC Trustee and Roberts Academy co-founder Dr. Marjorie Roberts; a brother, Dr. William M. Hollis, Jr.; and 11 grandchildren, including Barrett Hollis '08.



Dignitaries ceremonially break ground for the new Becker Business Building. From left, they are Trustee **Dr. John Rodda** of Rodda Construction, Inc., general contractor for the project; FSC Board of Trustees Chairman **Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70**; **Carol Barnett '79**; **Barney Barnett '65**; FSC President **Anne Kerr**; **Bill Becker '65**; and Mary Ann Becker.



Ground Broken for State-of-the-Art Becker Business Building

Gray skies and drizzles did not dampen the enthusiasm of Florida Southern staff, faculty, trustees, and supporters as ground was broken for the Bill and Mary Ann Becker Business Building, future home of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise.

More than 120 people, including dozens of dignitaries, gathered for the ceremony at the site of the new building facing Lake Hollingsworth. FSC President Anne Kerr said the building would be “a model facility for other business schools” and would help the College attain its goal of becoming one of the top 25 business schools in the country.

Bill Becker '65 and his wife, Mary Ann, gave the generous naming gift for the building. Dr. Becker is the owner of Peace River Citrus Products and a former chairman of the Florida Citrus Commission. In April 2011, the College conferred upon him the honorary degree Doctor of Business in recognition of his successful career, ethical business practices,



Bill Becker '65

and philanthropic support of many organizations. Dr. Kerr described him as “an exemplar of the highest business ethics, entrepreneurial success, and transformational leadership that have contributed to a better quality of life in our society.”

In his remarks, Dr. Becker said he quickly realized—after graduating from Florida Southern and assuming a leadership role in his family’s citrus business—the importance of the business classes he took. He said it is his hope the Becker Business Building will aid future generations of students to be successful.

“We could not be more delighted to be here and to see this project come to fruition,” he said.

The three-story, 40,000-square-foot Becker Business Building is being designed by renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern of New York, dean of the Yale School of Architecture, who previously designed the Nicholas and Wesley Barnett Residence Halls and the Dr. Marcene H. and Robert E. Christoverson Humanities Building at Florida Southern.

The Becker Building will be a state-of-the-art business education facility. Classrooms will include the latest in educational technology, and the building will feature a simulated trading floor, a laboratory in which students can learn firsthand about investment analysis and trading strategies. The building will also house a technology center, a career and placement center, small group meeting rooms, faculty offices, and the Passport Café, which will feature food from around the world.

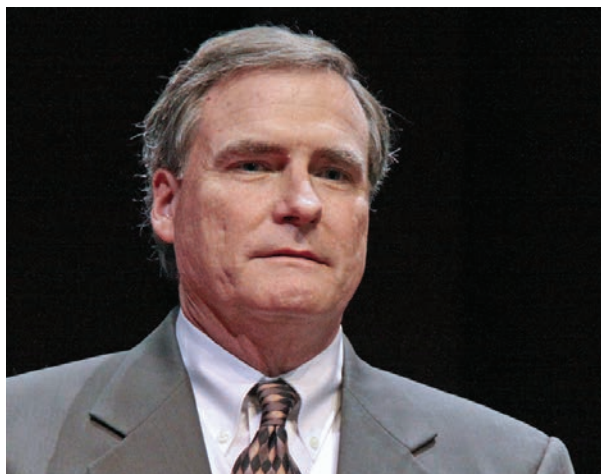


Rou, Sefcik Named Distinguished Alumni

During FSC's 2013 Founders Day Convocation, the College presented Distinguished Alumni awards to two FSC graduates who have made outstanding contributions in their fields. **Mr. Joseph T. Sefcik, Jr. '76**, founder and president of Employment Technologies Corporation (ETC) in Winter Park, and citrus executive **H. Jennings Rou II '59** of Eustis are this year's honorees.

A fourth-generation Floridian, Mr. Rou is one of six members of his family to graduate from FSC. In 1966, he founded his company, H. Jennings Rou, Inc., which offered a complete line of citrus services for growers, including production, harvesting, packing, and shipping. He pioneered new harvesting techniques and served on industry boards for more than 20 years, guiding the Florida citrus industry to recovery after the devastating 1989 freeze.

Mr. Rou was a director of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association for many years and was named director emeritus. He received the Citrus Institute Outstanding Alumni Service Award in 1977. He is married to the former Ann Huffstetler, and they have three children and three grandchildren.



Joseph T. Sefcik, Jr. '76

Mr. Sefcik is a pioneer of simulation-based employment testing. He was the lead developer of the human resources industry's first simulation-based assessment program, designing the inaugural simulations for major organizations such as The Coca Cola Company, Ford Motor Company, and the New York Police Department.

In 1995, he founded ETC. The company is a five-time winner of the prestigious *Human Resource Executive* magazine's Top HR Product of the Year award and remains at the forefront of employment simulation research and design.



H. Jennings Rou II '59

Mr. Sefcik is a past president of the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD), and he has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Labor and the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS). He is a former member of the State of Florida Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. He and his wife, Eugenia, have three children.

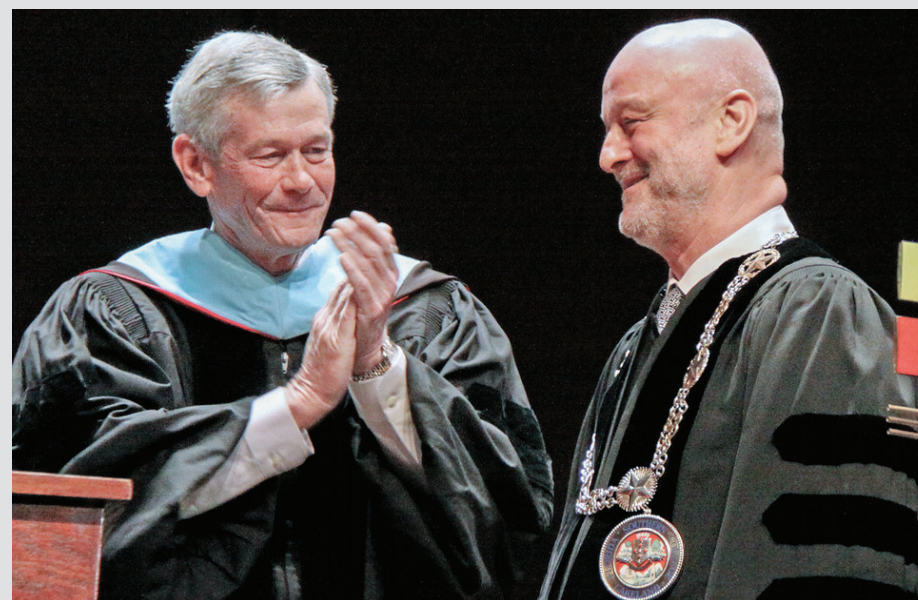
Spanish Ambassador Ramón Gil-Casares is FSC's Honorary Chancellor

Arriving during the observance of Spain's 500th anniversary in Florida, Ambassador Ramón Gil-Casares was named Florida Southern's 79th Honorary Chancellor and delivered the address at the College's 2013 Founders Day Convocation on March 8.

The ambassador was invited to give the Convocation address in commemoration of Viva Florida, the 500th anniversary celebration of the landing of Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León. Gil-Casares has served in the Spanish Foreign Service for more than 30 years, representing his country as a diplomat in 10 nations around the world and holding cabinet-level appointments in the Spanish government. He was appointed ambassador to the United States in 2012.

In his address, Ambassador Gil-Casares thanked President Anne Kerr for bestowing him the title of Honorary Chancellor, and he praised the shared history and culture between Spain and Florida.

"Florida became for Spain a vocation, a calling, and a destination. Spanish language and culture impregnated this country and its people," he said. "Spain is watching with admiration the role the Hispanic population is playing in this country."



Chairman of the Board of Trustees **Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70**, left, applauds as Ambassador Ramón Gil-Casares of Spain receives the Honorary Chancellor's Medallion during the Founders Day Convocation.



WINTER GRADUATION

Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam Exhorts FSC Graduates: “Be Curious, Follow Your Heart”

Declaring that “institutions of higher learning ... should instill in us a sense of curiosity,” Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam urged graduates at Florida Southern College’s Winter Commencement Convocation on December 15 to continue to seek learning throughout their lives.



Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam gives the address at the Winter Commencement Convocation.

Commissioner Putnam, a native of Bartow and fifth-generation Floridian, was elected to serve as Florida’s Commissioner of Agriculture in 2010. He served five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of Florida’s 12th Congressional District and served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1996 to 2000. First elected as a state representative at age 22, Putnam told the graduates their degrees represent an opportunity to make a difference. “There is no magical age to make a difference,” he said.

Putnam advised the graduates to continue their learning by reading and writing, to be persons of faith, and to find balance between work and other activities. He also said, “Follow your heart. Do what makes you happy. Follow your passion. Life’s too short to be miserable at work.”

The President’s Scholar Medal was awarded to Melissa Joanne Adams ’12 of the United Kingdom, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education *magna cum laude*. The medal honors

a graduating senior whose academic standing is in the top one percent of all graduates, who exemplifies the values of the College, and who has a demonstrated commitment to scholarship, student leadership and service.

The Senior Speaker at Commencement was Matthew Cicanese ’12 of Dade City, who reflected on how failure is inevitable in life but should be an incentive for success. “Failure has to be an option, in exploration and in art. No innovation is done without failure,” he said.



Melissa Joanne Adams '12 received the President's Scholar Medal.



Matthew Cicanese '12 was the Senior Speaker at the Commencement Convocation.

Professor Receives Wade Teaching Award

Dr. Larry Ross, Anne and Bill France Professor of Business Administration, received the Ben and Janice Wade Teaching Award at the Founders Day Convocation in March. Dr. Ross has been a member of the FSC faculty since 1994. In presenting the award, FSC Provost Dr. Kyle Fedler noted his expertise in the hospitality industry and his commitment to advising and assisting local businesses and government agencies.



Dr. Larry Ross

The award, established in 1997, is conferred annually to the Florida Southern College teacher who has demonstrated outstanding classroom teaching performance, the encouragement of which was a priority of Dr. Wade during his 15-year tenure as Florida Southern’s chief academic officer (1973–77, 1985–96).

At the 2013 Founders Day Convocation, **Robbie Palmiotto '13** of Boca Raton was named the 2013 Honor Walk recipient, the College’s highest student award, presented each year to a graduating senior. Palmiotto is a business administration major with a 4.0 grade point average. Among his accomplishments, he is a President’s Scholar, holder of a Sharp Fellowship, a Division II Athletic Director’s Scholar Athlete, a Student Government Association senator, a member of the FSC men’s tennis team, and president of several student business clubs.





Martha '60 and **Jack '57 Stewart**, left, enjoy a visit on campus shortly after presenting the College with their gift to endow a scholarship for students with financial need. Accompanying them, from left, is their daughter, the **Rev. Lynn Batista '81**; daughter-in-law, **Holly Stewart '82**; and son, **Jack Stewart, Jr. '82**.

Stewarts Give Back to FSC by Funding Scholarship

In his senior year at FSC, Jack Stewart '57 was working in the cafeteria when his friend Bob Fannin '58 called his attention to an attractive freshman from Atlanta, Martha Ann Kendrick. Jack asked her to a Christmas dance, and six months later, after he graduated, they became engaged.

The Stewarts marked their 55th anniversary in July 2012, and soon after they began making arrangements to create a lasting legacy to benefit future FSC students.

In November, at the Board of Trustees meeting, they presented to FSC President Anne Kerr the first installment of what will be the Jack L. Stewart '57 and Martha A. Stewart '60 Scholarship. Their gifts will become an endowed scholarship funded through a \$250,000 bequest, and the Stewarts stipulated that the scholarship will be given to students with demonstrated financial need.

"It is so scary to me when I read about students going into debt. It's a shame to have that over their heads," said Jack Stewart, a retired executive.

The Stewarts speak fondly of their time at FSC. Jack was president of the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, and Martha was a founding member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. The family now includes three generations of FSC alumni.

The Stewarts' son, Jack Stewart, Jr. '82, daughter-in-law, Holly Stewart '82, and a grandson, Jack Stewart III '07, also graduated from FSC, and the Stewarts expressed a sense of gratitude toward the College that brought them and their son's family together.

"Florida Southern means a lot to our family," said Jack Stewart. "We're in a position to help, and we thought about helping someone who couldn't attend otherwise."

In receiving the gift, FSC President Anne Kerr said, "We are so appreciative of your efforts to assist students at Florida Southern. It is a marvelous gift, and we thank you for making it possible for other students to have the same positive college experience that you did."



Martha and Jack Stewart meet **Sharla Dyess '14**, one of the first recipients of the scholarship they are funding, at the Scholarship Appreciation Dinner in February at FSC.



Jonathan Romero '14 expresses thanks to donors at the annual Scholarship Appreciation Dinner in February. At the dinner, new scholarships are announced and the generosity of those who have funded scholarships is honored. Jonathan, a junior economics major, is the recipient of the Hollis Family Scholarship.



Fannin Campus Ministries Center Dedicated

With hymns, Scripture, and prayers, an important place in the spiritual life of Florida Southern College was given new life on February 15 as the renovated Bishop Robert E. '58 and Faye '59 Fannin Campus Ministries Center was dedicated.

The dedication ceremony formally opened the center—formerly the Jackson Building—which has been refurbished and expanded, providing a warm and inviting place for the eight student-led campus ministries at FSC. Thanks to generous donations from friends and former parishioners, the building was named in honor of FSC's Bishop-in-Residence, Bob Fannin, a former campus minister, pastor, and bishop of the North Alabama Conference in the United Methodist Church.

At the dedication ceremony, FSC President Anne Kerr said the College emphasizes the spiritual, as well as intellectual, development of students. Renaming the center is a gesture of love and appreciation for the Fannins, she said.

“Bob and Faye have exemplified in their lives the blessings and power of a Christ-centered life,” she said.

Bishop Kenneth H. Carter of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church offered the prayer of dedication, asking God's blessings upon the ministries carried out at the center.

“Bless those who lead ministries here, and bless the students who seek fellowship with You and one another in this sacred space,” he prayed.

Bishop Fannin thanked those present and said he and his wife were “honored and humbled.”

“We are grateful that the faculty and administration of this college support the idea that a good education includes a spiritual foundation,” he said.



The interior of the Fannin Campus Ministries Center features tiled floors and comfortable seating for students.



From left, Bishop Robert '58 and Faye '59 Fannin stand outside the newly rededicated Fannin Campus Ministries Center with their friends Patricia and the Hon. Robert Stokes '59, who chaired the fundraising campaign for the center.

Bishop Robert Fannin '58: A Life of Service

- Raised in Brooksville, son of a railroad worker
- Recruited to come to FSC by President Ludd Spivey
- Married Faye Thomas '59 in 1956. Three children: Stephanie, Allison, and Robb; and seven grandchildren
- Served in the U.S. Army
- Earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Sacred Theology degrees from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta
- Pastor of United Methodist congregations in Lake Alfred, Gainesville, Stuart, and Lakeland. While pastor of University United Methodist Church in Gainesville, Fannin guided 32 college students into the ministry.
- Superintendent of the Miami District of the Florida Conference, 1986–1991
- Elected bishop and presided over the North Alabama Conference, 1992–2004
- Bishop-in-Residence at FSC, 2004 to present
- Elected to a five-year term as chairman of the World Methodist Council's Division of World Evangelism at the World Methodist Conference, 2006

Anne Kerr Inducted into Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame

Florida Southern College President **Anne Kerr** has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to Lakeland and the surrounding region as a new honoree in the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame.

Dr. Kerr was one of four 2013 inductees into the Hall of Fame, created by the Florida Council of Economic Education to recognize individuals who “have made significant contributions to the community through their business and civic achievements, and by serving as lifelong role models of integrity and high ideals.”

She takes her place alongside other noted inductees, including Barney Barnett '65, Ben Hill Griffin III, George Jenkins, David Lyons, Joe P. Ruthven, and Lester Wishnatzki.

Her nomination letter praised Dr. Kerr for masterminding “a renaissance at Florida Southern



Dr. Anne Kerr

that has brought unprecedented national and international recognition to the institution, catapulting FSC to the ranks of our nation’s best small private colleges.”

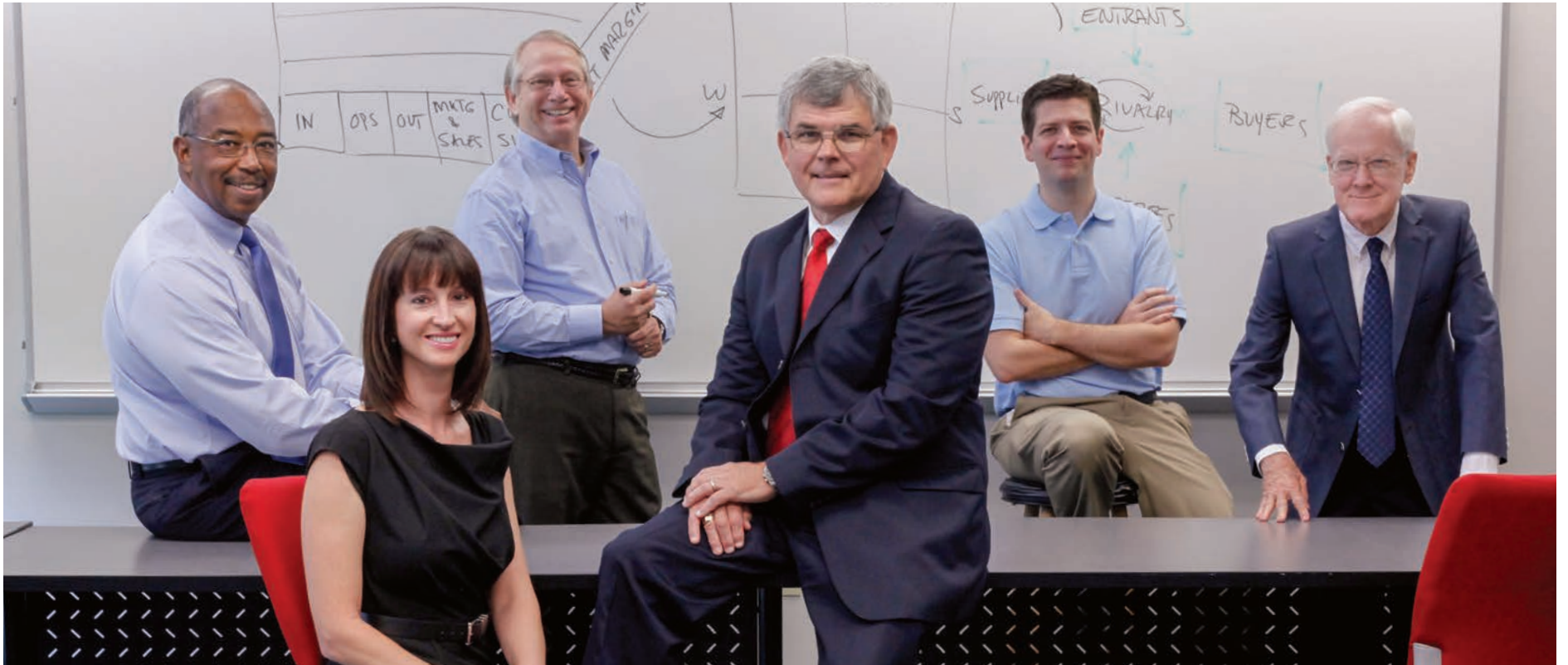


Florida Southern President **Dr. Anne Kerr**, left, recently accepted a gift for the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise from SunTrust Central Florida Chairman, President, and CEO David Fuller, second from left, and his colleagues.

Hoping to glean information, ideas, and inspiration, 14 business men and women from three African nations visited Florida Southern College in October as part of a training program intended to help boost businesses and economies in Africa. The whirlwind 12-day program exposed the visitors from Nigeria, Zambia, and Malawi to American politics and business methods. Some of the business leaders, seen here, visit with Dean **Bill Rhey** of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, fourth from left, who organized the program with the help of FSC Trustee **Robert Scharar**.



FSC's Entrepreneurs



Go for It! Florida Southern Encourages the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs

The ambition to create something new and control your own destiny runs deep in the American soul. Florida Southern has produced its fair share of highly successful entrepreneurs over the years. A small sample of some of them can be seen in the following pages.

If there are common threads running among them, they are preparation and opportunity. Entrepreneurs are men and women who have honed their skills and know when to seize an opportunity.

Dean Bill Rhey of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise says FSC has produced its entrepreneurs naturally, through solid coursework and an environment that permits students to experiment and discover their strengths.

“Our climate encourages risk-takers, and risk-taking is the single most important criterion that defines entrepreneurship,” he said.

Dr. Larry Ross, the Anne and Bill France Professor of Business Administration, recalls that when

smart phone technology was new, a student started a business that used the phone’s photo and video capabilities to record “mystery shopper” evaluations of fast food businesses.

“Many people want to start businesses but don’t know what to start. Some know what they want to do but struggle with the how,” Dr. Ross said. “A college like Florida Southern can answer both of those questions.”

Entrepreneurship is a hot topic in higher education these days, and like other college programs, the Barnett School is developing curriculum that not only teaches the basics of business administration, but also encourages a spirit of entrepreneurship. The school has had a course on entrepreneurship for years, but

The faculty of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise is developing curriculum that not only teaches the basics of business administration, but also encourages a spirit of entrepreneurship. Among the faculty members seen here are, from left, **H. Bernard Davis**, executive in residence; **Dr. Jennifer Dapko**, visiting assistant professor of marketing; **Dr. Larry Ross**, the Anne and Bill France Professor of Business Administration; **Dr. Bill Rhey**, dean of the Barnett School; **Dr. Jim Farrell**, assistant professor of finance and economics; and instructor **Radney Redd**.

a new emphasis will be on understanding the free enterprise system and how it offers opportunities.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools, there was a lot of discussion among graduate school deans across disciplines about entrepreneurship, said Dr. Rhey.

“Most entrepreneurial ideas come out of the sciences. There are a lot of cool ideas in science and technology, but the sciences are begging for help. Business schools understand financing, debt and equity, and how to put a business model together. The schools that are going to be the most successful in promoting entrepreneurs are going to be the ones that bring both sides together,” he said.



Doc Dockery '61 recently sold his insurance business and now spends his time on his farm near Lakeland.

Failure Is Not an Option for “Doc” Dockery '61

C.C. “Doc” Dockery '61 wrote in his autobiography, *Country Boy*, that after leaving behind his humble boyhood on a farm in North Carolina, he just wanted to earn enough money to live comfortably.

“I have to admit that I never had a grand career plan,” he wrote.

Even before he graduated from FSC, Dockery worked full-time as an executive director for a trade association, and he yearned to start his own business. On the side, he dabbled in a couple of ventures. Then the trade association’s board compelled Dockery—against his wishes—to

revive and administer their depleted worker’s compensation self-insurance fund. Within three years, he had it rehabilitated and running debt-free.

Using his new expertise, Dockery gathered capital from a second mortgage and investments from a few close friends, left the association in 1977, and created his own company, Summit

Consulting, Inc. It became a provider of worker’s compensation insurance in several states, and eventually the company had about \$1 billion in premiums written. He sold Summit after six years but later returned as a member of its board of directors and helped the company go public. He is now retired.

These days, Dockery laughs when he reflects on how a business he knew and cared little about turned out to be his ticket to success.

“Maybe ignorance is bliss,” he says.

But behind the “aw shucks” modesty lies the tenacity of a bulldog, says Dockery’s former business partner, Tom Petcoff '70.

“Failure is never an option. When he sets his sights on something, he doesn’t let go,” according to Petcoff.

Tony Coleman '75: Listen to Everyone

Most entrepreneurs starting a business look for a niche, but as **Tony Coleman '75** tells it, “My niche found me.”

Coleman was a veteran of sales and management at Xerox and had helped start a computer products leasing company. With \$24,000 in savings, Coleman started AaSys (pronounced “aces”), headquartered just outside Tampa in 1994 as a general information technology network support and consulting business, with businesses of all kinds as his clients. Then one day a client, a bank officer, told him that he had such a grasp of bank finance he should concentrate on that.

“I had no clue I had as much knowledge of finance as I did. I rewrote our business plan to focus on banks and weaned us off our other clients,” he says.

Coleman saw a further opportunity to help new bank startups and created a bank operations consulting group within AaSys that offers “bank in a box” turnkey services, including contract negotiations and facilities management as well as IT infrastructure. AaSys has captured about 60 percent of the market share in Florida and has expanded into 11 other states, Coleman says, doing about \$6 million in annual sales. A spinoff auditing business to help banks with regulations compliance, started in 2011, is doing about \$1 million in sales.



In a fast-moving technology and business environment, Coleman stresses the need for flexibility. But mindful of the remark by his former client, he also offers this advice to entrepreneurs: “Listen to everyone around you. Your niche may not be as obvious to you as it is to others.”

Tony Coleman '75 runs AaSys, an information technology and banking services company, from his office near Tampa.

FSC's Entrepreneurs

John Giglio '96: No Longer Swabbing the Deck

When **John Giglio '96** took a job as operations manager of Freedom Boat Club in Venice, Fla., about 10 years ago, he didn't set out to be the owner. He oversaw the dock staff and boat maintenance for Freedom's nine locations. Then in 2011, Giglio and a business partner found financing and bought the company.

Freedom owns and maintains a fleet of 186 boats and charges its members an entry fee and monthly dues. In return, they have use of any one of the boats. Freedom also has 60 franchise locations from Miami to Michigan, employs about 500 people and has gross sales of about \$30 million annually.

Giglio bought out his partner in 2012, and today he is the president and CEO of Freedom Boat Club. "It was just a series of steps, being in the right place in the right time, having the opportunity and taking the plunge," he said. "It was a little scary when I realized there was no one else to look to, that I was in charge. But I made a fairly educated decision based on what I knew about the industry. I had worked virtually every position in the company, from scrubbing the boats to accounting."



John Giglio '96, right, shows off one of the boats available through his business, Freedom Boat Club. His former partner, Bob Daley, is at left.

Ed Myrick '61 Brings It Fresh from the Farm



"I've always been a little ambitious," said FSC trustee Ed Myrick '61. "I would take a position on 10,000 boxes of cucumbers with the idea that I was going to sell 'em."

Dealing in fresh produce is a risky business, but determination and hard work have paid off for Myrick, who has been the owner of Edward L. Myrick Produce, Inc., since starting the company more than 40 years ago. After graduating from FSC and a two-year stint in the army, Myrick joined his father's trucking firm. Eventually, using money he had saved, Myrick struck out on his own.

"I never borrowed any money. I never advertised. I did it strictly on performance. I always tried to treat people right and do the right thing," he said.

Myrick is a broker, buying and warehousing fresh fruits and vegetables from growers and then selling to clients, mostly wholesalers and chain stores. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from FSC in 2011 for his outstanding achievements in his profession and community.

Headquartered in Pompano Beach, the company has distribution centers in three states and about 250 clients. The work demands full attention from Myrick and his 30 employees.

"You have to be a little intense. You can't be out playing golf," he said.

The Secret for Victoria Villalba '87? Passion and Opportunity

Victoria Villalba '87 fell in love with her profession even before she entered Florida Southern.

As a high school student in Miami, she worked in the human resources department at Eastern Airlines. "I loved working with people, finding them jobs. That's what led me to major in personnel management," she says.

Villalba returned to work for Eastern after graduating and had no intention of opening her own business. But Eastern closed, and she went to work for a national staffing firm. When they offered her a position in Atlanta, Villalba decided to stay in Miami and strike out on her own.

She went to her firm's largest client, Royal Caribbean International cruise line, and made a unique pitch—to be an on-premise vendor, working independently in the offices of Royal Caribbean to help with their staffing issues. That was 21 years ago, and although Villalba still maintains an office at the cruise line, her company, Victoria & Associates Career Services, Inc., has expanded into three divisions: temporary placement, temporary-to-hire, and direct hiring and executive search.

Villalba estimates that her firm has helped more than 42,000 people find employment, and she says she is still in love with her work.

"In college, I wasn't thinking of being an entrepreneur. I saw an opportunity, and I was so passionate about

what I was doing," she says. "I'm like a matchmaker. I find it extremely rewarding. It does not feel like work. The people you meet touch your life, and it's really beautiful."

Victoria Villalba '87 found a niche as an on-premise staffing company for Royal Caribbean cruise line.



Cyber-Defender: Steve Woda '90

Unpleasant personal experiences in cyberspace provided **Steve Woda '90** with the ideas and the motivation to create consumer products to protect people's most precious possessions: their money and their kids.

Woda worked in commercial insurance after graduating from FSC. Then while studying for his MBA at the Wharton School of Business, he got burned in an online auction on eBay. That experience prompted him and some business partners to raise \$30 million in venture capital to start buySAFE, an e-commerce financial safety company. Woda eventually sold part of his interest in the company, and due to an incident involving a nephew, turned his attention to online and mobile protection for kids.

"I had been working on cyber-security for a decade. I thought, which is more important, making things safe for shoppers or making things safe for kids?" Woda says.

In 2009, he created uKnow.com, which offers a product for parents, uKnowKids, that helps protect children against digital danger, including sexual predators, sexting, and cyber-bullying. It also provides family safety measures for other companies and organizations, including Comcast. Woda says the company has grown 40 percent month-over-month within the last year, and he expects revenues to reach "seven figures" this year.

One lesson Woda learned at FSC that helped as an entrepreneur came from his days on the Mocs golf team under then-Coach Charley Matlock.

"He didn't put up with a lot of guff. You executed or you were out. That stuck with me," he said.



Steve Woda '90 brought his personal experiences to his internet security companies.



Flexibility and Hard Work Pay Off for Domingo Moreira '67

Like many people who run successful businesses, Domingo Moreira '67 built upon a foundation laid by his family. His father owned restaurants in Cuba, but concerned about the Castro regime in the early 1960s, he moved to Florida and began shrimp fishing and poultry raising businesses based in Central America.

Moreira's first job after graduating from FSC was as a salesman in his father's company, selling shrimp and seafood to clients in the Miami area. Eventually he learned about all aspects of the business, overseeing the company's fishing and processing operations in Nicaragua and Guatemala, before moving into a senior management role. Under Moreira's guidance, the business adapted to new technologies and looked for new markets.

"There were new discoveries about feeding. And when we began there were only two markets, Europe and the U.S. Now, they are only 25 percent of the worldwide market," he says.

The business has grown well beyond what his father began, with about \$250 million in annual sales, the result of ambition and hard work.

"Am I surprised? Not really. That was the goal all the time. We hope to grow even larger in the next few years," he says.

"The main thing is you have to be willing to do whatever it takes, even if it's working 20 hours a day. You can't play around. You have to be willing to sacrifice."

— Domingo Moreira

Trust in Times of Grief: Sonji Coney-Williams '01



Sonji Coney-Williams

It may seem unusual for a young woman to want to start her own funeral home, but Sonji Coney-Williams '01 got an early start.

Growing up, she helped her father with his burial vault business, so she was familiar with the work of funeral directors and became interested in starting her own company.

Shortly after high school, she earned a degree in mortuary science from the College of Boca Raton, obtained a license, and in 1987, opened what would become Coney Funeral Home in Lakeland. Starting with very little, Coney-Williams procured a location and the equipment she needed through persuasion and a promise to pay.

Twenty-six years later, Coney Funeral Home is one of the most respected funeral homes in Polk County, and Coney-Williams has opened a second home in

Tampa. The key to success is treating clients well, she says. Funerals are one-time events, and Coney-Williams insists on getting them right. "It's all about service. Once I've served a family well, they continue to use me from one generation to the next. It's about relationship with these families. Some have been with me from day one, and they bring me invitations to their weddings, their graduations, and their baby showers," she says.

Coney-Williams, who is married to retired army Lt. Col. Andrew Williams and has a son, Almonté Ford, was a nontraditional student at FSC, earning a degree in psychology and sociology. She uses what she learned on a daily basis.

"You're serving families at the worst time in their lives. I do a lot of counseling with families in my business," she says. "I've been able to build trust, and trust means everything."



Tom Petcoff

Imagination and Persistence: Tom Petcoff '70

Tom Petcoff '70 says a lesson that has proved valuable in his business career came from FSC adjunct instructor Nis Nissen, who owns a local advertising company and gave Petcoff his first job.

“He taught me to think outside the box. A lot of people discourage that, but he gave me the confidence to think differently about things,” Petcoff says.

For several years, Petcoff was a business partner with fellow FSC alum C.C. “Doc” Dockery '61 (see page 13) in Summit Consulting, a worker's compensation insurance firm. He also founded the Lakeland Air Center, a private aircraft services business. Then, on a whim, Petcoff and his wife, Sally, and some friends decided to try their hand at rehabbing and managing residential properties.

Their first venture was a roach-infested old house that “resembled a horror movie,” Petcoff says, but it was the basis for their family business, Baron Realty in Lakeland. Petcoff left other business

ventures to join Baron full-time in 2003, about the time that their son, Cory Petcoff, joined the firm. The Petcoffs eventually changed the focus of the business from residential to commercial real estate, which requires less “hand-holding” of clients and offers a better return on investment.

For his success and his service to the community, Tom Petcoff was given the Alumni Achievement Award from FSC in 2006. He says that there is no magic to starting a business, but persistence and treating customers well are keys to success.

“Make sure you can accept failure, because you're going to fail at some point. And conduct yourself and your business so you leave a positive impression with the public,” Petcoff says.

Enactus Club Combines Entrepreneurship with Social Action

Through the campus chapter of Enactus, an international nonprofit organization for college students, Florida Southern students are making a difference in Polk County and won a regional competition.

Enactus, formerly known as SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), has more than 500 chapters in the United States and promotes social responsibility in business. Students use entrepreneurial concepts to develop community outreach projects.

Created last fall as a flagship business club, the FSC Enactus team organized six projects in the Lakeland community. One FSC team won a \$2,000 grant from Lowe's to create a vegetable garden at a middle school in Bartow, which will be used as an educational tool to promote healthier eating.

Each year, Enactus conducts a series of competitions that provide a showcase for teams to present the results of their projects. In April, the FSC Enactus team won the Regional Competition in Dallas and also was named Rookie of the Year chapter. The team competed at the Enactus National Exposition in Kansas City in May and won a national Rookie of the Year award.



The FSC Enactus team in Dallas after winning the Enactus Regional Competition that sent them to the National Exposition. Left to right: **Brandon Freedman**, FSC Enactus president; **Alex Charwin**; **Dan Deikneite**, vice president of finance; **Dr. Jennifer Dapko**, faculty advisor; **Lexi Gauslow**; **Julie Gladish**; and **Alexandra Boelke**.



Record Crowd Returns to FSC for Homecoming 2013

A record number of alumni and guests flocked to Florida Southern College for three fun-filled days of Homecoming activities February 15–17. More than 600 people attended Homecoming 2013, by far the largest number on record. Cool weather didn't slow down the events, which ranged from the dedication of several new sites to Greek reunions to an afternoon concert by the legendary Marshall Tucker Band.

Among the new facilities and sites celebrated were the Robert E. '58 and Faye '59 Fannin Campus Ministries Center, the Jenkins Baseball Clubhouse, the Honor Walk, and the Evett L. Simmons Center for Multicultural Appreciation. (See stories in the following pages.)

An All-Alumni meeting and a shrimp boil luncheon gave alums a chance to reconnect with new developments on campus and with one another. New officers of the National Alumni Board of Directors, including incoming President Laurie Alter '80, were introduced at the luncheon and at a Saturday evening reception for members of the Spivey Society.



The National Alumni Board of Directors announced a transition in its leadership at the Spivey Society reception during Homecoming. Seen here, from left, are **Ed McMullen '58**, immediate past president; **Nancy Cattarius '69**, former president; **Laurie Alter '80**, president; and **Larry Stahl '70**, president-elect.



Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity held a reception during Homecoming. These Pikes are from the Class of '58.



Alumni from the Class of '03 marked their 10th reunion. Some of them gathered for a celebration near campus. From left: **Zan Frett**, **Amanda Atun '10 MBA '12**, **Kat Church '11**, **Parker Willis '09**, and **Kyle Carmack '09**.



Although this year's Shrimp Boil Luncheon had to be moved inside due to cool weather, it didn't dampen the spirits of alumni who enjoyed good food and listened to the Country Fingers band. Seated, from left, are **Robin Harrington Sullivan '89**, **Ruth Harden Yost '87** and her daughter, **Jessica Yost '13**. Standing are **Judy Killam Campbell '87** and **Diane Rees Mikolon '89**.

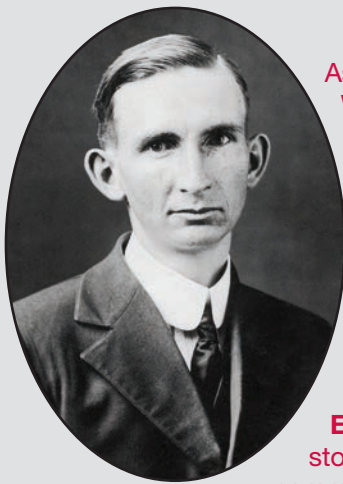


Mr. George's Green was also the site of a Saturday afternoon concert by the classic Southern rockers, the Marshall Tucker Band. Several hundred fans lounged on the green to listen as the band played their hits, including "Can't You See," "Take the Highway," and "Heard It in a Love Song." Band members good-naturedly pulled a couple of the alums up on stage to sing along. Left, **Judy Dunn Jecko '88** gets a turn playing tambourine.



Runners brave a chilly morning during the 5K Campus Fun Run. From left, they are **Clayton Hollis '80**, **John Ehlenbeck '76**, and **Tiffany and Mark '94 Caldwell**.

Man of Honor: The Rev. Garfield Evans 1911



As the surviving Honor Walk recipients and the families of those who have died gathered for the rededication of the Honor Walk during Homecoming 2013, **Adriana Evans-Zapata '82** and **Alejandra Evans Cooper '86** stood by the stone commemorating their

adoptive father, the man who saved them from a life under tyranny in Cuba. The stone reads: **Garfield Evans 1911**.

After graduating from FSC, the Rev. Garfield Evans did post-graduate work at Vanderbilt and Columbia and taught school before accepting a call from the Methodist Church in 1924 to work as a missionary in Cuba. Except for three years when he studied at Duke, receiving B.D. and M.A. degrees, he spent more than 30 years in Cuba as a pastor, district superintendent, and school administrator.

Evans directed a vocational school for young men and women to teach agricultural, industrial, and domestic skills. Among the students at the vocational school was Adriana's and Alejandra's mother, Bella Carralero.

"They were all poor farmers' kids. He gave them skills to have their own businesses. My mother became a teacher," Adriana says.

Evans retired from mission work in 1957 and spent four years as an advisor to foreign students at FSC. He stayed in touch with many of his former students in Cuba and arranged for 30 or more to come to the United States after Fidel Castro took power in 1959.

In the early 1970s, Bella wrote to Evans, asking for help leaving the island. The widowed Evans—then in his 80s—offered to marry Bella and adopt her teenage daughters. Since Evans was not allowed into Cuba, the marriage was carried out by proxy.

Bella, Adriana, and Alejandra were allowed to emigrate to Spain and then to Florida. They settled in Hudson, where Evans had retired. Within a few years Evans died, but not before Adriana had enrolled at his alma mater. Alejandra followed a few years later and went on to serve in the U.S. Army.

Today Adriana and Alejandra live in Kearney, N.J., where they both work for pharmaceutical companies. Bella continues to live in Hudson, in the home left to her by Garfield Evans. Remembering her father, Adriana says, "He was a very dedicated Christian. He was all about helping people."



From left, **Adriana Evans-Zapata '82** and **Alejandra Evans Cooper '86** stand by the stone honoring their adoptive father, the Rev. Garfield Evans, at the newly rededicated Honor Walk on Mr. George's Green during Homecoming 2013.



Evett L. Simmons '79 Center for Multicultural Appreciation Celebrated

A joyous celebration during Homecoming 2013 inaugurated the **Evett L. Simmons '79 Center for Multicultural Appreciation** at Florida Southern and honored Ms. Simmons, a member of the FSC Board of Trustees and an attorney recognized nationally for her advocacy for diversity.

Ms. Simmons gave a generous donation to name the center, which will house FSC's Multicultural Student Council, offer a place for various minority groups on campus to gather, and encourage awareness of diversity at FSC. The center will be located in an office building on Callahan Court until a new one can be built.

Ms. Simmons is a past president of the National Bar Association and a former member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors and the State of Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission. She is also the author of a series of children's books featuring the character Professor Bunny Wise. She received the Outstanding Alumni Achievement award from FSC in 2001.

The celebration, held in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, featured gospel hymns, one of Ms. Simmons' poems, and an interpretive dance, among other presentations. FSC President Anne Kerr praised the determination, faith, and character that have carried Ms. Simmons from a humble childhood to one of the most respected African-American women in the country.

"She is a revered alumna, a beloved trustee, an inspiration to all of us, and a dear personal friend," Dr. Kerr said.

Ms. Simmons thanked friends and relatives who came to the celebration. Afterward she said she hoped the center would be a place for minority students to express their cultures.

"This will be a focal point for students of different cultures. We taught them the importance of unity. This will give them self-confidence that they are just as good as anybody else," she said.



The Gospel Choir Alumni sing at the Inaugural Event of the Evett L. Simmons '79 Center for Multicultural Appreciation.



Evett Simmons '79 reads one of her poems during the inaugural celebration of the Evett L. Simmons '79 Center for Multicultural Appreciation at Homecoming 2013.

Rededication of the Honor Walk

A highlight of Homecoming 2013 weekend was the rededication of the new Honor Walk, which recognizes FSC's top honor students from every year dating back to 1887. The engraved stones with the students' names now line the walkway around the beautiful Mr. George's Green at the heart of the campus. About 15 Honor Walk recipients or their family members were present for the ceremony, including the adopted daughters of the Rev. Garfield Evans, a 1911 graduate (see accompanying story, page 19).

Seen here are the last four Honor Walk recipients, standing next to their stones. From left, they are **Stephanie Joan Meyers '12**, **Jennifer Bruno '11**, **Megan Beddow '10**, and **Christina Mary Martin '09**.



Spivey Society Reception



A reception for the members of the Spivey Society, who donate annually \$1,000 or more to FSC, was held at the Lakeland Yacht & Country Club. Seen here are, from left, **Bob Cochonour '63**, **Andy '78** and **Jill '80 McGaffigan**, and **Denny Alter '80**.



Sisters **Mary Ellen Schron '72** and **Beverly Hollis '79** with **Lisa McKinney**.



FSC President **Anne Kerr** with **Lynda Buck**, wife of Trustee **Steve Buck**



Lu Nissen, **George** and **Rosemary Hudson**, and **Bob '51** and **Nancy '55 Stanley**.



Golden Moc 50th Reunion Dinner

An annual tradition at Homecoming is the Golden Moc 50th Reunion Class Dinner for alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. This year the Class of 1963 was welcomed into the Golden Moc Club. Seated, from left, are **Marilyn Kelley Groves '69**, the **Rev. Dave Groves '48**, the **Rev. Henry Schmidt '52**, **Barbara Mosley Mitchell '48**, and **Julia Elswick Parnell '63**. Standing are **Jim Churchwell '63**, left, and **Gene Parnell '63**.

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Art and Business Go Together for Bill '72 and Barbara '76 Meek

The genesis of his career, **Bill Meek '72** says, could go back to his childhood, when his family lived in Europe. "My parents dragged me through every museum in Italy and France," he says.

So at Florida Southern, Bill chose an unusual combination of studies: economics and art. His advisors thought he was crazy, but it turned out to be perfect for his career as a gallery owner and art dealer. "It didn't make sense to anyone. I liked art, but I had no idea I would work in a gallery. I was just interested in the creative act," he says.

It was a combination that intrigued Foster Harmon, who owned a fine art gallery in Naples, Fla., and knew Bill's parents. Bill was still a junior when Harmon gave him a job. It would be the only job he has ever had, although today he and his wife, Barbara Hanson Meek '76, are the owners. They bought the business from Harmon in 1978 and renamed it the Harmon-Meek Gallery in 1982.

This year marks the gallery's 50th season, and the Meeks have continued Harmon's tradition of representing noted 20th-century American artists or their estates. The gallery's reputation is such that the Meeks can afford to be selective. They represent only artists whose works are in the collections of at least 25 museums, and they specialize in artists who were active from the 1920s and 1930s onward, including Jon Corbino, Darrel Austin, Byron Browne, Balcomb Greene, and Eliot O'Hara.

One artist with whom they had a long relationship was Will Barnet, who included Bill in one of his paintings, "The Artist and His Dealer," and also painted Barbara's portrait last year, shortly before his death at age 101.

Over the years, the Meeks have loaned about 300 exhibitions to museums around the country, including the Melvin Gallery at FSC and the

Tampa Museum of Art. They also have built three permanent collections in Naples: the Naples Museum of Art, The von Liebig Arts Center, and the Children's Museum of Naples. Bill is particularly proud of the Children's Museum.

"It was the first [children's museum] to have a permanent art collection. It consists of 40 works, mostly of animals and children, donated by artists and their estates. People think it's a really spectacular collection," he says.



Bill Meek is seen with the renowned artist Will Barnet, whom the Harmon-Meek Gallery has represented for years. Barnet included Meek in his painting, "The Artist and His Dealer," seen in the background.

Now the Harmon-Meek Gallery is passing to a third generation. The Meeks' daughters, Kristine and Juliana, who used to toddle around the gallery as children, have joined their parents in running the business, including establishing an Internet presence. But Bill Meek says he has no interest in retiring.

"The nice thing about what we do is there's no limit to how long we can do this sort of thing," he says.



Barbara '76 and Bill '72 Meek, front left and right, are seen here in their gallery in Fort Myers with their daughters, Juliana, left, and Kristine. The Harmon-Meek Gallery marks its 50th season this year.

Up, Up, and Away with Bill Manuel '74



Seen here in his home in Winter Park, **Bill Manuel '74** reflects on his adventures piloting a gas balloon in the Gordon Bennett Coupe Aéronautique race.

It was a feat harkening back to the daring days of early aviation, competing in a balloon race across Europe. For **Bill Manuel '74**, it was the event of a lifetime, a dangerous and grueling experience in which he and his co-pilot won third place in the oldest and most prestigious aeronautic event in the world, the Gordon Bennett Coupe Aéronautique.

Manuel recently retired as the head of his own citrus firm, The Manuel Company, but he has been a balloonist for years. He is one of less than two dozen active gas balloon pilots in the United States, and he spent five years training for last year's race. Manuel explained that gas balloon racing is a very different experience from the leisurely two-hour hot-air balloon rides you find at amusement parks.

Gas balloons are fully enclosed and filled with highly flammable hydrogen. They soar as much as 15,000 feet high where they are carried by upper-level winds and the pilots are exposed to extremes of temperature and thin air.

“With balloons, you don't know where you're going to go, where you're going to end up, or what the weather will be like. Whatever is thrown at you, you have to deal with it,” he said.

The taciturn Manuel, comfortably seated in his Winter Park home, seems an unlikely adventurer. But his choice of careers suggests a restless spirit and an eagerness to tackle a challenge. In high school, he frequented the citrus groves of a family friend and was drawn to the business.

“I knew it had to be something different every day. I did not want to sit at a desk. I went to Florida Southern specifically to study citrus. In that business, every day, every season, every crop is different,” he said.

Manuel recalls that Professors Tom Mack and Rubert Prevatt were especially helpful in his citrus studies, becoming like a second family. His affinity for strenuous activities was satisfied by rowing on the FSC crew team.

After graduating, Manuel managed groves and production for Minute Maid and for a firm in Haines City before starting his own company. He bought small groves and worked his way up, eventually owning groves in three counties.

Early in his career, Manuel got a license to pilot airplanes, but he says he found that kind of flying

“boring.” In 1999, he began flying hot-air balloons and eventually graduated to gas balloons. He spent a year designing his own balloon. “Once I got into it, it became a compulsion,” Manuel said.

Last year, Manuel's balloon, *Beyond*, qualified for the Gordon Bennett Coupe Aéronautique, which was begun in 1906. The objective is simple— whoever travels farthest, wins.

Manuel and his co-pilot, Andy Cayton, competed against 16 other teams from the U.S., Europe, and Russia. On September 1, occupying an open 3½-by-5-foot wicker gondola, they took off from the Toggenburg Valley in Switzerland, spent 43 hours in the air and traveled 885 miles (about 1,425 kilometers), landing in an olive grove in Southeastern Spain.

Along the way, they lost communication with their ground crew, found themselves covered with ice, narrowly missed crashing into a 10,400-foot peak in the Pyrenees, got caught in a 1,200-foot-per-minute downdraft on the other side of the mountain, and had to navigate power lines, hills, and a 45-mph surface wind to hit a rough landing. But they emerged unharmed and were astonished to find they had finished third. “We did way better than I would have expected,” Manuel said.

Next year's race will be held in France, but Manuel will not compete. He plans to spend his retirement relaxing more with his wife, Becky, their two adult children, Elizabeth Waraksa '02 and Kathryn Halterman '04, and their three grandchildren.

Looking back on his accomplishment, he said, “It was a wonderful but very difficult experience. I'm glad I did it.”



Manuel, left, and his co-pilot **Andy Cayton**, just before the start of the Gordon Bennett race.



The men's basketball team celebrates after winning the Division II South Regional tournament with a 90–88 victory over the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Head Coach **Linc Darner** stands at far right with his wife and children. FSC President **Anne Kerr** is kneeling at right.

FSC Basketball Team Wins South Regional, Reaches “Elite Eight”

The FSC men's basketball team had its most successful season in more than a dozen years, winning the South Regional tournament to become one of the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

The team's season came to an end in the national championship quarterfinals, losing to defending national champion Western Washington University 96–82 at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

The Mocs finished the year 27–6 and made their first Elite Eight since 2000, their ninth overall. They were the Sunshine State Conference Tournament Champions and co-holders of the SSC regular season title with a 12–4 record. The team won eight of its last nine games.

The Mocs were ranked No. 8 nationally and were the top seed in the South Regional tournament, hosted by FSC at Jenkins Field House. They won the tournament by beating the University of Alabama-

Huntsville 90–88 on two free throws by junior guard Dominic Lane with 2.4 seconds left.

Senior guard Seth Evans was the Mocs' leading scorer for the season, averaging 16.6 points per game, and was named Most Outstanding Player of the South Regional and SSC tournaments.

Evans and sophomore guard Kevin Capers were named to the South Regional All-Tournament Team.

Coach Linc Darner was named 2012–2013 SSC Coach of the Year, his fourth such award in the past six years.



Seth Evans



Tim Crouch Wins Division II National Golf Title

Tim Crouch became the seventh Moccasin golfer to win an individual national title at the 2013 NCAA Division II Championship in May. He defeated USC Aiken's Matt Akins and Western Washington's Jake Webb in a two-hole sudden death playoff to take home medalist honors.

On the final day of stroke play, Crouch, a junior, shot a two-under 69 to tie Akins and Webb, and the Mocs made up 15 shots on second-round leader Barry University. The Mocs finished with lowest team score after 54 holes of stroke play, giving them the No. 1 seed going into the match play phase of the tournament, which determines the team champion. In the quarterfinals, the Mocs were edged out by Western Washington.

Crouch and FSC senior Case Gard, who finished sixth, were named All-Americans. Crouch also was named to the All-Sunshine State Conference First Team. In June, Crouch was named the Sunshine State Conference Male Athlete of the Year.

Jenkins Clubhouse Is New Home of the Mocs Baseball Team



At the ceremonial opening of the Jenkins Clubhouse at Henley Field, FSC Athletic Director **Pete Meyer** addresses the alumni and well-wishers on hand. Seated from left are FSC President **Anne Kerr**, **David Jenkins**, and FSC baseball coach **Lance Niekro**.

The Jenkins Clubhouse, home of the Mocs baseball team at historic Henley Field, was unveiled at an open house on Saturday during Homecoming 2013. More than 100 people enjoyed a barbecue dinner and toured the dazzling new facility.

The handsomely appointed clubhouse will be used by the varsity baseball team for its practices and home games. The 3,500-square-foot facility includes a locker room, training room, coaches' offices, laundry, equipment room, and kitchen.

The project became possible through generous support from Lakeland native David Jenkins, an executive member of the ownership group of the San Francisco Giants.

Just prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally open the clubhouse, FSC President Anne Kerr thanked Jenkins for his "vision and dedication."

"Florida Southern has a unique place in athletics and higher education. We have made wonderful progress, and now we have stepped forward into a new era," she said.

FSC baseball coach Lance Niekro praised the new facility and the effect it would have on the Moccasins baseball program.

"I've been in many minor-league locker rooms, and this is better than 95 percent of them. This is going to help us tremendously, especially in recruiting," he said.

The Mocs have won nine NCAA Division II national baseball championships.



David Jenkins, the lead donor for the clubhouse, is seen here inside the facility.



Mocs Swimmers Have Record Finishes at the National Championships



Susan and Chas P. Smith stand in front of the trophy case in the newly redesigned lobby named for them at Jenkins Fieldhouse. The Smiths funded the expansion and redesign of the lobby.

The Florida Southern Mocs men's and women's swimming teams each had their highest finishes ever at the 2013 NCAA National Championships in March. The men's team finished as national

runner-up behind Drury University, led by the Mocs' 200-yard medley relay team, which won the national title in that event. Jeb Halfacre, Miguel Ferreira, Allan Gutierrez, and Robbie Swan won in national record time.

The women's team, led by freshman Alli Crenshaw, finished sixth in the team standings. Crenshaw won two national titles, the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 1,650-yard freestyle, and four All-American awards at the championships.



Jeb Halfacre

For the third year in a row, Halfacre was chosen Sunshine State Conference Men's Swimmer of the Year. Crenshaw took the Sunshine State Conference Women's Swimmer of the Year award and shared the Freshman of the Year award.

FSC's Duncan Sherrard was voted the SSC Men's Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Women's golfer Megan Kiley (left) and men's swimmer Robbie Swan are the 2013 Pat McFadden Award winners, given annually to Florida Southern's top male and female scholar-athletes.



Alli Crenshaw



Coach Duncan Sherrard



FACULTY:



■ **Dr. Bill Rhey** (left), dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, was elected to serve an eight-year term on the Board of the Southern Business Administration Association, a regional association of college and university business programs in 14 southeastern states.



■ **Dr. Dan Jelsovsky** (left), associate professor of mathematics, received the State of Florida Mathematical Association of America distinguished service to mathematics award in February at the state chapter's regional meeting in Tampa. Dr. Jelsovsky is seen here receiving the award from Daniela Genova, president of the Florida Section of the MAA.



■ **Dr. Carmen Gauthier** (left), Jessie Ball duPont Professor of Chemistry and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, and two professors in the department gave presentations at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in April in New Orleans. Dr. Gauthier co-presented a paper and was also the national program co-chair for the Division of Chemical Education.

Dr. An-Phong Le, assistant professor of chemistry, presented a poster, organized a symposium, and presented a paper. **Dr. Deborah Bromfield Lee**, assistant professor of chemistry, presented a paper.



■ **Dr. Richard R. Burnette** (above), professor of psychology, was honored at the College's annual Service Award ceremony for 50 years of service. He is seen here with his plaque, presented by FSC President **Anne Kerr**.

■ **Dr. Sharon K. Masters** (right, shown left), professor of sociology, and **Dr. Gwendolyn Walton**, the Charles and Mildred Jenkins Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, retired at the conclusion of the spring semester. Dr. Masters joined the faculty in 1987, and Dr. Walton was on the faculty from 2002 to 2005, returning in 2006.

■ **Dr. Erica Bernheim**, assistant professor of English, gave a reading from her poetry collection, *The Mimic Sea*, at Prairie Lights Books in Iowa City, Iowa, in April. She is an alumna of the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop.



■ **Dr. Risdon Slate**, professor of criminology, spoke at a meeting of the Volusia County League of Women Voters in January on the topic "The Need for Considering Alternatives to Incarceration."

■ **Dr. W. Alan Smith**, professor of religion, presented a paper at a conference, *Theatrical Theology: Conversations on Performing the Faith*, at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland in August.

STUDENTS:

■ The Epsilon Xi chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity won its sixth Grand High Alpha award, given by the national fraternity organization to recognize a chapter that has maintained superior operations and a fraternal spirit for a minimum of three consecutive years. Lambda Chi Alpha brother **Mike Crawford '86**, FSC director of church relations and assistant dean of student development, and chapter President Evan Roberts were interviewed about the accomplishment in an article in the November issue of *Cross and Crescent*, the fraternity's online newsletter.

STAFF:

■ Men's Lacrosse Head Coach **Marty Ward** was featured in an article in the *Cherokee Phoenix* in February. A Cherokee Nation, Iroquois citizen, he will be a goalie for the Iroquois National team at the World Lacrosse Championships in 2014, a position he played for the team at the 2006 championships.

TRUSTEES:

■ **Steve Buck** and his wife, Lynda, of Lakeland received the Harrison-Hooks Lifetime Achievement Award from the Polk Museum of Art during a banquet at the Lakeland Yacht & Country Club on October 18. Steve Buck is a former president of the Museum's Board of Governors and Board of Trustees. Lynda Buck is a current member of the Museum's Board of Trustees.

■ **M. Clayton Hollis, Jr., '80** retired in December from Publix Super Markets Inc., marking the end of a 40-year career. At the time of his retirement, he was vice president of public affairs, a position to which he was promoted by Publix's founder, George Jenkins, in 1986.



Marty Ward



M. Clayton Hollis, Jr.

Florida Southern's Dr. Jennifer King Named One of the Top Education Professors in America



Dr. Jennifer King, associate professor of education and assistant dean of academic instruction and technology, was selected by the resource website Online Schools Florida for inclusion in its list of the Top 22 Education Professors in Florida.

She was one of just two professors from private colleges on the list. The website noted Dr. King's outstanding reputation as an innovator in the use of technology in the classroom.



Engaged learning: student & faculty activities



These members of the FSC Varsity Forensic Team display their awards following their performances at the Pi Kappa Delta National Championship at Webster University in St. Louis. They are, from left, junior **Alex Watson**, a Superior award and third-place ranking in After Dinner Speaking; sophomore **Amy Scroggin**, an Excellence award in Poetry Interpretation; senior **Erin Ferguson**, an Excellence award in Persuasive Speaking; and junior **Katie Luecht**, an Excellence award in Persuasive Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, and After Dinner Speaking.



Five students in Dr. Curt Peterson's Landscape Design class recently carried out a service learning project to benefit the Lakeland Family YMCA. The students designed an attractive landscape for the front entrance of the building and placed the plants. Seen here are, left to right, **Jeb Halfacre**, **Adam Caple**, **Jillian Plyler**, and **Justin Fox**. Not pictured is **Connor Yi**.



Senior Nursing student **Ali Cahalan** received the Compassionate Care Award from the Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland. The award is given to a student gaining clinical experience while working in the Homes' skilled nursing facility who demonstrates the ability to serve the elderly with compassion.

■ FSC students won eight first-place awards at the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing's Tampa Bay Regional Singing Competition hosted by FSC in February. They were: **Joshua Mazur**, Most Promising Male Singer and Advanced Men Classical; **Mae Puttre**, Advanced Women Musical Theater; **Alyssa Hunek**, Senior Women Musical Theater, and also second place, Senior Women Classical; **Christopher Kline**, Senior Men Classical; **Derek Wallace**, Junior Men Classical; **Alyna Solgado**, Freshmen Women Musical Theater, and also second place, Freshmen Women Classical; and **Isaac Willnow**, Freshmen Men Musical Theater. **Kristian Singleton** and **Lauren Williams** tied for second place, Junior Women Classical. Hunek also won the Sun Fiesta Idol Vocal Competition in Venice, Fla., in October, which included a \$1,000 scholarship.

■ Nine students from the Department of English attended the Gulf Coast Shakespeare Festival in November in Fort Myers where they gave a lecture and performance, entitled "Learning a Part: Bottom as Amateur Actor on the Elizabethan Stage."

■ As a service learning project for their marketing strategy course, the MBA 2013 Cohort helped market, organize, and run the Lakeland Kidney Walk at Lake Hollingsworth in November. The walk raised \$27,800 to fight kidney disease and fund the programs for the National Kidney Foundation of Florida, which was \$10,000 above the goal.

■ Nine students from the Department of Chemistry and Physics, accompanied by their professors, gave presentations at the American Chemical Society national meeting in April in New Orleans. They were: **Ryan K. Petit**, **Jennifer**

Yudichak, **Nicholas Traversa**, **Grace Beggs**, **Julie McCabe**, **Trey Iakovidis**, **Rubens Petit Homme**, **Amber Prather**, and **Liana Derringer**.

■ **Derrien Bonney '03 MBA '12** attended the

annual Ph.D. Project Conference in Chicago in November. The Ph.D. Project was created in 1994 to address the severe under-representation of African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans and Native Americans in management

by diversifying business school faculties. Derrien would like to teach business strategy at the collegiate level.



Seven Florida Southern music students were chosen for the All-State Collegiate Band at the 2013 Florida Music Educators' Association Professional Development Conference in January in Tampa. They are, from left, **Alex Belliveau**, **Kasey Skoll**, **Tyler Pate**, **Kaylea (Buggy) Bowden**, **Danielle Brooks**, **Paula Tagalos**, and **Katelyn Stilling**. Pate, Brooks, and Belliveau were first chairs in their sections.



'55

These classmates got together recently for lunch in Asheville, N.C. From left, Brad Burris, **Farley Snell '55**, **Carolee Cornelius Burris '55**, **Ann Clarke Snell '56**, **Asden Wolfe Johnson '55**, and Ted Johnson. The Snells and Burris live in Asheville, and the Johnsons live in Gainesville, Ga.



'56

Frank "Bud" Blair '56 and **Patty (Cobb) Blair '57** recently celebrated their 56th anniversary. Last fall, they had their picture taken at the same spot on campus where a picture had been taken when they were dating. Frank was a career navy pilot and taught high school. The Blairs owned a successful business, the largest selection of reference books on antiques in the Southeast. They are both retired and are world travelers. They have three children, including Brett Blair '81 and Wendy Blair McClure '83, six grandchildren, and a great-grandson. They live in Mount Dora, Fla.

1956



2012

They retired several years ago from the Oregon County R-4 Schools in Alton, Mo., where Joseph taught junior and senior high social studies and Marion taught in grades K-6. Their three daughters and families honored them in 2005 on their 50th anniversary with a celebration.

'58

Netha Westbrook Durrell '58 turned 100 on March 1. She lives in St. Augustine, Fla.

John E. Gibson '58 was named the 2012 Layperson of the Year by the Hendersonville, N.C., Kiwanis Club. The award is given annually to a member who has evidenced outstanding service to church and community. He is retired after 39 years as a chemist at IMC-Global. He and wife, Ruth Anne, have three children and seven grandchildren.

'61

Sam Boyd '61, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-1 staff officer for youth, was named the Florida Boating Educator of the Year by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in April. Sam's team teaches water safety to elementary school children, and the award commended him for keeping the course interesting for youth. He lives in Fernandina, Fla.

'62

These Pi Kappa Phi and spouses reunited at the fraternity's banquet on campus in April. They are, from left to right, **Marlin '62** and **Marian Simon**, **Donna** and **Bill '65 Dicks**, **Sheryl '93** and **Ernie '69 Cooper**, **Sue** and **John '64 Davis**.



Dr. Gary R. Shiplett '62 has published his fifth book, *A Life Pressing On: A Ukrainian Story of Survival*. It recounts the story of a man who lived his early years under the tyranny of both the Stalinists and the Nazis and escaped from them.

'67

Norm Wolfinger '67 recently retired after 28 years as state attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit of Florida, which covers Brevard and Seminole counties.

'68

Brig. Gen. Dan Cherry '68 has published a book, *My Enemy, My Friend*, that recounts how he met and was reconciled with the North Vietnamese fighter pilot he shot down during a dogfight in 1972 in the Vietnam War. Dan retired from the U.S. Air Force after a 29-year career.

'69

Ed DeVos '69 has published *The Stain*, the first in a series of five novels about men who face a crisis in conscience. Ed is retired from the U.S. Army and a career in financial planning. He and his wife, Susan, have two children and four grandchildren and live in McCormick, S.C.

'70

Craig Brenner '70 is a two-time recipient of the Indiana Arts Commission Individual Artist Program and leads the jazz band Craig and the Crawdads. He lives in Bloomington, Ind.



'74

Thomas Smith '74 writes that after he retired from a 31-year career at Engineered Wood Components in 2007, he went to work for Lowe's Home Improvement in Jacksonville as a commercial service associate. He earned a Certification in Accounting Technology Management from Florida State College in 2010, and in October was promoted to pro sales specialist with Lowe's.



'76

Carol Phillips '76 is celebrating her 10th year teaching marketing in the MBA and undergraduate programs at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. She was recently named one of the Top 100 Web-Savvy Professors of 2012. Carol is also president of the market research and brand strategy consulting firm Brand Amplitude LLC. Last year, Carol and her partner self-published a book, *The Brand Strategy Toolkit*. Carol lives in Stevensville, Mich., with her husband, Ron Phillips.

'77

Dr. Linda Abbott '77 has been appointed director of the Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She will be responsible for ensuring that major regulatory actions of the department are supported by sound risk assessments and cost-benefit analyses. She has worked for the USDA since 1991.

George W. Mann '77 was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. He is a retired business development manager with Treatt USA and lives in Polk City, Fla.



Joanne Simone '77 retired in June 2012 from teaching after 35 years of service. In November, she was elected as a Commissioner for the City of Margate, Fla.



'78

Jonathan R. Beard '78 is president-elect of the National Association of Social Workers-Washington State Chapter and will begin a two-year term as president on July 1, 2013. He continues to work at the University of Washington providing technical assistance, training and consultation to public sector mental health providers.

Debbie Bowe '78 is the new public information officer for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. She worked for the sheriff's office for 35 years as a patrol officer, detective, and information technology specialist. She came out of retirement to take the public information officer position.

'79

Lisa Kaiser Hickey '79 MBA '95 will become president of The International Alliance of Women in October and preside over the organization's annual Global Forum. The alliance is a network of organizations representing more than 35,000 business and professional women. Lisa was also named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Lakeland Rotary Club for international service work in Costa Rica. She continues as CEO of Douglass Screen Printers in Lakeland.



'80

Brian Butterfield '80 was recently named as the third base coach on newly hired manager John Farrell's Boston Red Sox staff. He was a member of the Moccasins 1978 National Championship team.

'81



BB&T Insurance Services has promoted **Ray Faubion, Jr., '81** to vice president in BB&T's Personal Lines department in Naples. In January, the Bonita Springs Community Fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation named Ray the recipient of the 2013 Love of Bonita Award, given to those who use their time, energy and/or financial resources to make a difference in the lives of people living within the Bonita Springs community.

Gov. Rick Scott has reappointed **Vernon C. Hollingsworth '81** to the Florida Citrus Commission. Vernon is manager of VCH Management Inc., in Arcadia, Fla.

'82

Bobby Kramig '82 has been soccer coach at Miami (Ohio) University since 1983, 16 years with the men's team and the last 15 years with the women's team. His women's teams have won three MAC Tournament titles, back-to-back appearances in the second round of the NCAA Tournament and a MAC regular-season championship.

'83

Renee Kelly '83 has been promoted to vice president of information systems—application development at Publix Super Markets, Inc. Renee began her career with Publix in 1983.

'84

Stacy Butterfield '84 MBA '94 was elected Polk County Clerk of Court in November. She has worked for the county clerk's office for more than 20 years. She and her husband, Rick, live in Lakeland.

Barb Scherer '84, the former president of Engauge Marketing's Florida office, recently joined Fifth Third Bank as the marketing director for the Florida Region. In her new role, Scherer serves on the bank's regional executive leadership team and oversees marketing initiatives throughout the bank's three affiliates in the state—Central and North Florida, Tampa Bay and South Florida.



'86

Michael Bradley '86, chief of police and emergency management coordinator for Long Beach Island Township in New Jersey, led the first responders and rescue efforts in an area that was very hard hit by Hurricane Sandy. FSC President Anne Kerr sent Michael a letter recently, thanking him for his service.

'87

Paul Rybinski '87 recently earned his third master's degree, an M.Ed. in Teaching English as Second Language, from The College of New Jersey. Paul also holds an M.A. in English from Florida State University and an M.B.A. from Rider University. He is currently a senior assessment specialist at Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., where he is part of an initiative to measure student learning outcomes at the college level.

'88



Douglas Clark '88 won a 2012 Suncoast Emmy® Award for *Out of Darkness, Into Light*, a documentary produced by WLRN in Miami, where he has worked for 24 years. The documentary tells the story of adult survivors of child sexual abuse and their continuing efforts to make this crime something people aren't afraid to report and talk about. The documentary has been broadcast across the country. Douglas and his wife, Lianne (top left), recently adopted 2-year-old Nayan from China.



Kelsie Packard, daughter of the Mocs' three-time All-American softball pitcher **Dori (Stankewitz) Packard '88**, is following in her mother's footsteps. Kelsie, a sophomore at Turner High School in Beloit, Wis., has thrown three consecutive no-hitters this spring.

Steve Wellslager '88 has been promoted to vice president of information systems—architecture and security at Publix Super Markets, Inc. He has been with Publix since 1988.

'89



U.S. Army Col. **Richard Root '89** recently completed a 19-month deployment to Afghanistan. He served on the staff of General John R. Allen, commander of the International Security Assistance Force, as director of legislative affairs. His duties included informing and educating congressional leaders, including Sens. John McCain, Carl Levin, and John Kerry, on the mission in Afghanistan. Col. Root (right) receives the Defense Superior Service Medal from Gen. Allen for his service.

Richard S. Shepard '89 writes that he was recently appointed director of EMS Programs at Fortis College in Mulberry, Fla. He and his wife **Michelle (Pierce) '87** and their family will be relocating to Polk County soon.

'90

Jon Sielsky '90, who played men's golf for the Mocs, is now a mental management coach working with golfers on the mental side of the game. His clients include U.S. Junior Amateur champion Andy Shim. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

'91

Geoffrey Freebern '91 has been elected president of the Florida Association of School Psychologists. Geoff will serve as president-elect (2012—2013), president (2013—2014), and immediate past president (2014—2015). He is employed by the Polk County School Board as a school psychologist and lives in Tampa.



Paul Taglieri '91 has been promoted to senior director of Florida operations for the New York Mets and continues as general manager of the St. Lucie Mets. He will continue to oversee the business operations in Port St. Lucie and the Mets' complex in the Dominican Republic. He also will manage the business operations of the Mets' Appalachian League affiliate in Kingsport, Tenn.

'93

Parish Parker '93 has been named regional vice president for CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc., a full-service retirement plan solutions company. He serves the states of North and South Carolina, as well as southern Virginia. Parish and his family live in Cary, N.C.

'94

Jessica Schneider '94 was honored by the Collier Building Industry Association with its prestigious Associate of the Year award in December. She recently joined the senior management team at Robb & Stucky International, an interior design studio and furniture gallery in Naples, Fla., as director of business development.

'95

Craig Pinder '95 has joined the sales team of Damianos Sotheby's International Realty in Nassau, The Bahamas. Previously he was a sales executive for the renowned golf course community of Ocean Club Estates on Paradise Island.



'97

Rick Raymer '97, who played on the Mocs' 1995 National Championship Baseball team, is the owner of Extra Innings, a baseball and softball training facility in Fort Myers that opened in March. He was pitching coach at Barron Collier High School in Naples for the past 12 seasons, in addition to being a physical education teacher at Pelican Marsh Elementary School.

'98

Mario Beckles '98 has been promoted to chief financial officer and member of the board of directors of First Liberty Power Corp., of Las Vegas, Nev., an exploration and mining company.

Congratulations to **Joe Dawson '98**, who coached Grandview Prep of Boca Raton to its first boys' basketball state championship in February. Joe has been coach at Grandview for nine years. He previously won a state title in 1996 while coaching at Miami Pace High School. Joe played on the Mocs basketball team.

'99

Todd Gulluscio '99 has been named director of athletics, physical education, health, wellness and personnel for the Sag Harbor (N.Y.) School District. He was previously director of athletics at Greenport (N.Y.) School District.

Rebekah (Wills) Stephens '99 teaches agriculture at Sebring (Fla.) High School. She was featured recently in an article in *Highlands Today*. She and her husband, **Win '98**, have two sons, 10-year-old Jake and 8-year-old Andrew.

'00

Jamie Doran '00, a former softball player for the Mocs, has set powerlifting records in both the 114- and 123-pound divisions. She has recorded a bench press of 135 pounds, a squat of 220 and a dead lift of 350 pounds. She was featured in an article in *The (Lakeland) Ledger*.

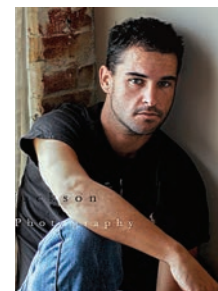
Ruby Hypes '00 has been admitted to the New York State Bar and is now GEICO's newest staff counsel trial attorney in Brooklyn.

'01

Terence Hannum's '01 art work appeared in exhibitions in Baltimore and Chicago and at Allegra La Viola in New York City. His book, *AYPS*, is being published by Kiddiepunk and will document three years of drawings, collages, and texts, with an interview. See his website, www.terencehannum.com.

'02

Teacher, coach, and model/actor **Ryan Alvarez '02** will appear in an episode of the upcoming reality series on Discovery Channel, *I Survived Evil*. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at FSC and was an assistant coach for the women's soccer team from 2003—2005. He won Polk County's Coach of the Year in 2006. Ryan is in his 11th year of teaching in North Port, Fla., and is the boys' varsity soccer coach at Imagine North Port. He models and acts when his schedule allows.



Ryan Miller '02 recently received his Ph.D. in Public Administration from Florida State University. He now resides in Statesboro, Ga., where he is teaching at Georgia Southern University.



Renae Cicchinelli '02 was a runner in the Boston Marathon on April 15 at which two bombs exploded. She finished an hour before the explosions, and she and her husband, **Chris '02**, and their two children were a safe distance away. Renae and Chris live in Bristol, R.I., and teach high school physical education.

'04

In 2007, **Zach '03** and **Sarah '04 Schlobohm** started a company in Lakeland, The Schlobohm Group, that helps investors improve performance and works with home buyers and home sellers to accomplish their real estate goals.

Lawrence "Larry" E. Coonfare, Jr. '04 recently started a new job as the assistant director of public safety for compliance at Goucher College in Towson, Md. Also, Larry became a trustee for the Sinfonia Educational Foundation in June 2012.

Jessica M. (Fletcher) Miller '04 was nominated for Polk County Teacher of the Year in February. Her husband, **Christopher Miller '06**, and **Emma Murrell '05** also were nominated. Jessica and Emma were Kappa Deltas and Christopher was a Kappa Alpha at FSC. Jessica has been teaching in Polk County for nine years.



Tiffany (Winget) Oxford '04 and her husband, former student Derek Oxford, attended the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame ceremony at which President Anne Kerr was inducted. Derek is a portfolio trader with CPS Investments in Lakeland. They have two children, 3-year-old Cullen (seen here with Mocsie at an FSC basketball game) and 1-year-old Kinsley.



Michelle (Lamb) Wendel '04 was inducted into the Western Carolina University chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa in 2010. She married Bryan P. Wendel on Oct. 22, 2011. Her son, Jonathan Patrick Wendel, was born July 11, 2012. And she became associate registrar at Thomas University in January. She and her family live in Tallahassee.



'05



Josh Berman '05 is senior research officer for Dignitas International, a nonprofit organization based in Toronto, Ontario, whose objective is to create sustainable improvements in public health throughout Southern Africa, primarily in Malawi.

Former NCAA Division II Men's Golf National Champion **Stephen Sokol '05** has been named the golf coach at Post University in Waterbury, Conn. He is also an active touring golf professional and teaching professional at nearby Orange Hills Country Club.

'06

Melissa Cofta '06 has joined Priority Marketing in Fort Myers as marketing and public relations account manager. She will provide account services to a variety of clients and work with the firm's creative team to develop strategies to achieve their marketing goals. Most recently, she was director of development for PACE Center for Girls of Lee County.

Cookie Guadalupe '06 landed a job as athletic trainer on the set of the movie, *42*, about Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball. Now director of sports medicine at Ave Maria University, near Naples, Fla., Guadalupe says of her experience, "It was great, definitely a lot of fun."



Christine M. (Segura) Kinder '06 has a new job as product development manager at PSCU in Tampa, a provider of traditional and online financial services to credit unions.

'07

Jamie D. (Yates) Burrow '07 reports that she will graduate with a master's degree from Colorado State University this year. She was married in November 2011.

Steven Felix '07 is completing a Ph.D. at the University of Wales in theological aesthetics. He held an exhibition of a series of his paintings, "trans(form+figure)," at The Loft Gallery in Lakeland in June. Steven also works as a youth pastor at

Beymer United Methodist Church in Winter Haven and as an adjunct professor at Southeastern University in Lakeland.

Isaac Galindo '07, a former member of the Mocs men's tennis team, was featured in a TV show in his native Spain. The show, *Spanish People Around the World*, featured Isaac and his brother, Gerard, who run the Galindo Tennis International Academy in Lakeland.

Jessica Leupold '07 has returned to her hometown of Deming, N.M., where she is an athletic trainer at Deming High School.



John Willard A. Utuk '07 (center, with his family) recently performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, where he was one of the winners of the American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music 2012. Also, he was chosen as one of 12 semifinalists to compete in the 15th Biennial International Beethoven Piano Sonata Competition in May. He lives in Fort Myers, where he teaches beginning piano students at Southwest Florida Creative Arts Academy and is a substitute music teacher in the Lee County School District.

Brad West '07 was named Teacher of the Year at McKeel Academy School of Technology in Lakeland. Brad is in his fifth year teaching chemistry. He is also the head coach of the boys' soccer team and an advisor for the drama club.

'08

Former Moc golfer and four-time All-American **Lindsey Bergeon '08** is one of 12 men and women golf professionals competing in *Big Break Mexico*. The 19th season of the reality series on the Golf Channel premiered on May 13. Bergeon is competing on the CN Canadian Women's Tour in 2013. She has played on the Symetra Tour.

'09

Luke Beevor MAT '09 teaches math and coaches cross-country at Plant City High School. He was featured in a TBO.com article in October.

Phil Bracken '09 completed a Master of Music with dual concentrations in Performance and Theory at West Virginia University. He is now an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University and freelances in the South Florida area. He resides in Hollywood, Fla., with partner **Scott Tripp '10**, who completed a Master of Music at Florida International University and now teaches at Florida International University and New World School of the Arts.

Jason Campbell '09 recently was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army. He has returned from a three-year tour in Germany and served one year in Afghanistan. He is currently attending the Field Artillery Captain's Career Course at Fort Sill in Oklahoma as well as working toward an MBA degree from Webster University.



Emer Foley '09 joined the women's basketball staff at Barry University as the lead assistant coach.

Jesse Larson '09 has a new job as art producer at Publix Super Markets corporate offices in Lakeland. He works with photographers, video production companies, and advertising agencies on projects for broadcast commercials, web videos, and print photography.

Mark Meadows '09 has been named vice president of operations at Taylor College in Belleview, Fla. His responsibilities include establishing college policies and procedures, focusing on business development and enhancing services the institution provides.

'10

Tammy Schafrath '10 has accepted an accounting job with the Bureau of Public Debt in the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Senka Softic '10 is working at the investment bank Goldman Sachs in London.

Alison L. Tamasi '10 writes, "I'm pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Missouri and conducting research for my thesis at Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico. I study nuclear forensics and received a Nuclear Forensics Graduate Fellowship, sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Defense and Homeland Security."

La'Quita Washington '10 has taken a counseling position at Northside Mental Health in Tampa. She is helping individuals in the residential program transition to independent living.

'12

Kristen (Pendley) Frack '12 is employed as assistant director of student ministries at First United Methodist Church in Winter Park, Fla. She married Ryan Frack in September.

Kayla Goff '12 has been named The Lakeland Center's new group sales coordinator. She will assist with marketing and public relations efforts for The Lakeland Center.



Michael '08 and Christine '07 Ehlenbeck Believe in Giving Back

Michael '08 and Christine '07 Ehlenbeck freely admit that they owe Florida Southern a lot, not least of which is their marriage. At FSC, they had known each other casually, but during a May option study abroad trip to Spain, they became good friends. They were married two years ago.

“We took a lot from our time at Florida Southern, and we’re thankful for that. We still feel a part of the school,” Christine says.

The Ehlenbecks settled in Lakeland. Michael is a senior resource development manager for the United Way, helping to coordinate the annual campaigns conducted by local companies. Christine is a residential sales agent with Keller Williams Realty.

Michael studied finance at FSC and says that the individualized attention he received from the faculty helped him through.

“I had a good relationship with my professors. I could speak to them whenever

I needed to, and you won’t get that at larger schools. I needed the smaller size of Florida Southern,” he says.

Christine majored in music with a minor in business, and an internship with GEICO—something guaranteed to all FSC students—led to a job with that company.

The Ehlenbecks are strong believers in involvement and service. Christine was a student senator for two years before her election as Student Government Association president her junior year. They have kept up their spirit of service. Michael belongs to the Kiwanis Club. He also sits on the board of directors of the FSC’s Sixth Man Club, which supports the

Mocs basketball team. In spite of just starting their careers, they are members of the Spivey Society for leadership donors to the College’s Annual Fund.

“I see our age group as being more accustomed to giving back,” Michael says. “Christine and I felt like we had great experiences at FSC. It makes us feel good to give back.”



Michael '08 and Christine '07 Ehlenbeck

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Weddings & families

Jackie Barenborg '08 is engaged to Travis Stoelting. Jackie, who played on the women's golf team for the Mocs, is a professional golfer on the Symetra Tour. Travis is an assistant golf professional with Fairwinds Golf Course. The couple, who both live in Vero Beach, plans to marry May 4, 2013.

James D'Loughy '88 and his wife, Anne Louise, welcomed a son, Maximilian Fredrik Wilhelm Konrad D'Loughy, on November 19, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 21 inches. Maximilian joins sisters Fredericka and Wilhelmina. The D'Loughys live in Palm Beach Gardens.

Jill Finnerty Ricardo '90 and her husband, Jason, welcomed their son Rhys James on February 25, 2013. Rhys joined his brothers, Roman, Rhett and Reagan, and sister, Rio, at their new home in Dade City, Fla. Jill is an authorized Disney vacation planner for Blue Sky Journeys. She also homeschools her children and is an alumna of and remains involved with Up with People.

Disney Weaver '01 and his wife, the Rev. Malinda Jowers Weaver, welcomed a daughter, Rose Elise Weaver, on March 16, 2011. The Weavers live in Ashland, Ala.



Trey Bellotto has joined the family of **Chanel (Dedes) Bellotto '00**, FSC Assistant Softball Coach **Al Bellotto**, and big brother, Jackson. Chanel is president of Lakeland Skate World, Inc.



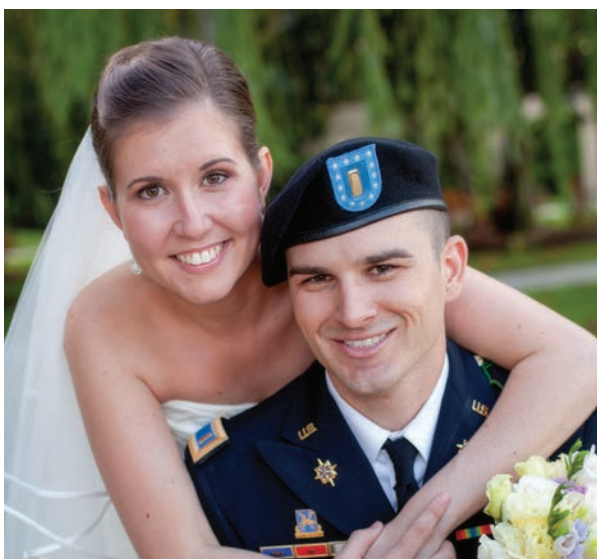
On March 16, **Stephanie (Vartanian) Hipp '05** and Stuart Hipp welcomed their second child, Abigail Grace Hipp, 6 pounds, 13 ounces and 19½ inches. Abigail Grace joins big brother Nathan, who is 3 years old.



Malena Frett '07 and Michael Patrick Allison were married Aug. 4, 2012. FSC friends in the wedding party included bridesmaids **Randi (McCrea) Williams '04**, **Amanda Klein '06**, and **Debbie Gallagher '07**; and greeters **Casey Renner '09**, **Sarah (Price) Dolyak '09**, and **Kristi Hewitt '09**. Zan Frett was a groomsman and also sang at the wedding. **Barbara Dague '06** was a candle lighter, and former student Elaine Yeung was a reader. Malena is working on a graduate degree in statistics and teaching at USF and Hillsborough Community College, and Michael is a family medicine resident. The couple will be moving from Tampa to Chicago this summer.



Jessica Gutowski '09 and **Derek "Jake" Slaydon '09** were married Sept. 29, 2012, in Jessica's hometown, Grand Rapids, Mich. Jake is the assistant superintendent at Marriott's Grande Pines Golf Club in Orlando. Jessica is the "SocialMedia Butterfly" at Lorrie Walker Communications, Inc. They live in Lakeland. Other FSC friends in the wedding were best man **Walt Gutowski III '11**, **Sean Thomas '10**, **Pete Fair '10**, and Jessie Bowman.



Amanda J. Glickman '11 married Lt. **Jeffery Browne '11** on Sept. 28, 2012. The wedding party included FSC alumni **Sarah Mitchell '12**, **Devyn Lyons '10**, **David Bollen '11**, **Brent Willobee '12**, and **Corey Self '10**. The ceremony was officiated by the **Rev. Tim Wright '94**, FSC Chaplain.

Send Us Your Baby Photos—With You in Them, Please

We love to see photos of new additions to the FSC family, and baby pictures are hard to resist. But we like it even better when we can see you together with your baby. To help your classmates put a name with a face, please be sure when you send us your baby pictures that at least one alumni parent is in the photo.



1920s

Lamar Louise Curry '27 died Dec. 3, 2012 in Coral Gables, Fla. Curry was the oldest living alumna at the time of her death.

1930s

Kathleen Elizabeth Loudy Cook '39 died Jan. 28, 2013, in Eustis, Fla.

Ruth Robles Meares '39 died Feb. 13, 2006, in Tampa.

Daniel O'Haver Price '39 died Nov. 26, 2012, in Jacksonville.

1940s

Nona Johnson Jones Rawls '40 died Feb. 7, 2013, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Betty Jean Grimes '42 died Jan. 4, 2013, in Rock Island, Ill.

Dr. Albert David "Bert" Rood '43 died Sept. 11, 2012, in Jacksonville.

Frances Pauline Knarr Williford '43 died Dec. 10, 2012, in Melbourne, Fla.

Mary Alma Stevenson '44 of Clearwater, Fla., died Dec. 28, 2010.

Ruth Carolyn Clegg Townsend '45 of Bunnell, Fla., died Feb. 7, 2013.

Hilda Bevis Chamberlain '46 died Aug. 23, 2012, in Bartow.

Walter Eugene Clements '46 of Maitland, Fla., died Dec. 30, 2012.

Maria Sinharinha Tomé da Silva Lawver '47 died Jan. 11, 2013 in Bigfork, Mont.

Maruxa Salgues Cargill '47 died April 16, 2011, in Long Beach, Calif.

Leon C. Mills '48 of Auburndale died April 25, 2013.

Annie Laurie Summers Proctor '48 died July 22, 2012, in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Robert Emmitt Howell '49 died Nov. 5, 2012, in Lakeland.

Elizabeth "Betty" Trask Kantor '49 of Lakeland died Feb. 7, 2013.

James Lawrence Kirk II '49 of Moultrie, Ga., died Dec. 17, 2012.

Martha Tarbett Lyons '49 of Homestead, Fla., died Dec. 9, 2012.

Claude W. Thompson, Jr., '49 of Lakeland died Feb. 12, 2013.

1950s

The Rev. Robert E. Brown '50 died Mar. 29, 2011, in Lake Junaluska, N.C.

Jo Ann Simmons DeBarry '50 of Tampa died Oct. 11, 2012.

Faye Morris Kirkland '50 of Auburndale died April 30, 2013.

John D. Schmidt II '50 of Miami Shores, Fla., died Jan. 9, 2013.

William Edgar Strakosch '50 of Cheshire, Conn., died Jan. 18, 2013.

Dr. Charles W. Stum '50 of Lakeland died March 1, 2013.

Joseph Zovath '50 died Aug. 7, 2012, in Sarasota, Fla.

Christine Machold '51 died Dec. 9, 2012, in Lakeland.

Dr. C. Victor Romano '51 of New Smyrna Beach died on April 22, 2013.

William Murphy Cogan '52 of Farmingdale, N.J., and West Palm Beach, Fla., died Nov. 4, 2012.

William McKinley Fraser, Jr., '52 of Lakeland died Feb. 17, 2013.

Earl G. Gillman '52 of Mountainside, N.J., died Nov. 5, 2012.

Edwin John Heidig '52 of San Diego, Calif., died Nov. 28, 2012

Franklin Noyce Shupp '52 died Feb. 7, 2011, in Ocala, Fla.

James H. Vickers '52 of Winter Park, Fla., died Dec. 31, 2012.

Kenneth Leo Zulick '52 of Thomasville, Ga., died Sept. 16, 2012.

Dr. Arthur C. Chandler, Jr., '53 of Durham, N.C., died Dec. 25, 2011.

Brig. Gen. E. Ann Hoefly '53 died Aug. 3, 2003.

William Marvin Terry '53 died Oct. 24, 2012, in Pensacola.

Robert Peter "Bob" Glatz '54 of Palmetto, Fla., died Oct. 10, 2012.

William Jackson "Jack" Lester '54 died Sept. 22, 2012 in Birmingham, Ala.

Jack Phillips Smith '54 died Aug. 18, 2012, in Dallas, Texas.

Roland H. Anderson '56 died Sept. 3, 2006 in Eatonton, Ga.

Lt. Col. Earl M. "Sam" Greene '56 died Nov. 20, 2011, in Chicago.

Dale E. Garber '57 of Bringhurst, Ind., died Feb. 13, 2013.

Daniel Ford Keane '58 of Gainesville, Fla., died July 18, 2012.

Robert Leroy Nesbit '58 died Sept. 9, 2012, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Alan John Schwind '58 of Flat Rock, N.C., died April 10, 2013.

Andrew Charles "Andy" Scaturro '58 of Acworth, Ga., died on April 22, 2013.

Nancy G. Peddie Shelly '58 of Normal, Ill., died Dec. 16, 2012.

Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Edwards '59 died Sept. 23, 2012, in Lakeland.

Barbara Jane Clifford Keller '59 of Indialantic, Fla., died March 6, 2013.

Charles H. Williams '59 died April 17, 2011, in Titusville, Fla.

1960s

Joseph "Joe" Clark, Sr., '60 of Holderness, N.H., died Oct. 9, 2012.

Donald Lee Mayfield '60 of Columbiana, Ala., died Jan. 13, 2013. He was a charter member of the Sixth Man Club at FSC and served as its president for more than six terms.

James Dennis McNab '60 of Pompano Beach died March 4, 2013.

John T. Minor, Jr., '60 died June 18, 2012, in Clermont, Fla.

Stuart B. Polito '60 died July 6, 2012, in North Palm Beach.



Glenda Grace Dreadin Spangler '60 died Oct. 25, 2012, in St. Petersburg.

Allen Arthur Edwards '62 of Vero Beach, Fla., died Jan. 15, 2013.

Richard J. Hazen '62 of Sarasota died March 6, 2013.

David Lamar Brown '63 of Mount Dora died on Oct. 30, 2012.

Royce Beasley '66 of Winter Haven died Jan. 31, 2013.

William James "Jim" Lee '67 of Lakeland died April 23, 2013.

Imogene "Jean" Reaves '67 of Lakeland died Nov. 29, 2012.

Gregory Arthur Costan '68 of Charlottesville, Va., died Feb. 6, 2013.

Kay Chellman Millet '69 of Santa Monica, Calif., died May 3, 2012.

John Keller Rau '69 of Nashville, Tenn., died Nov. 26, 2012.

1970s

Robert Alonza "Al" Glover '71 of Cocoa, Fla., former president of the Florida Southern Alumni Association, died Oct. 24, 2012.

The Rev. Thomas E. Pittard '71 died on Oct. 3, 2012, in Sarasota.

Richard C. "Dick" Literaty '72 of Seminole, Fla., died Nov. 5, 2012.

Lt. Col. Elbert Lee Hull '74 died Aug. 2, 2010, in Atlanta, Ga.

Thomas Cullison Norris '76 of Orlando died July 18, 2012.

Stephen Sutton '76 of Plainfield, N.J., died Jan. 2, 2013.

Susan Simpson Johnson '77 of Alpharetta, Ga., died Feb. 7, 2013.

James Michael Privett '78 of Ormond Beach, Fla., died Oct. 28, 2012.

Doris Jo Bowman Cason '79 died Aug. 26, 2011, in Tampa.

Linda Fields Hurst '79 died Dec. 25, 2012, in Lakeland.

Margaret Branson "Penny" Simpson '79 died Dec. 3, 2012, in Winter Haven.

1980s

Carol A. Osgood '81 of Bartow died Jan. 17, 2013.

Judith L. Dobler Dunn '82 of Riverview, Fla., died October 14, 2012.

Duane Stephen Nonamaker '83 died Feb. 15, 1986.

Eileen Margaret Wagner '83 of Kissimmee died July 8, 2010.

Jeannie A. Milavec Stefanik '84 died Feb. 11, 2013 in Winter Park, Fla.

David Allan McGinty '86 of Kissimmee died Jan. 13, 2012.

James Mack Rigterink MBA '87 died Dec. 12, 2012 in Lakeland.

David M. Lemelin '88 died April 11, 2007.

Dianna Lang "Mickey" Sykes '88 of Orlando died July 5, 2009.

Virginia Joan Kempton '88 died Dec. 21, 2012, in Post Falls, Idaho.

1990s

Carol Ann Werner '93 died June 23, 2011, in Lake Alfred, Fla.

Cheryl Mundy Fennelly '94 of Lakeland died Feb. 4, 2013.

Gary Thomas Lawrence, MBA '94 of Lakeland died Oct. 14, 2012.

Mark Andrew Achord '96 of Altamonte Springs, Fla., died Sept. 26, 2012.

2000s

Susan M. Medlock '01 died Nov. 18, 2011, in Farmington, Minn.

Former Students and Friends

Neva Jane Langley Fickling, who attended FSC before she was crowned Miss America in 1953, died Nov. 18, 2012, in Macon, Ga.

Marie M. Miller of Lakeland died Feb. 11, 2013. Mrs. Miller and her late husband, **Truman Miller**, were the College's Honorary Chancellors in 1994. She was a pioneer in aviation and was inducted into the Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame in 1990.

Robert Gordon Penny of Lakeland died Jan. 26, 2013. He was married to FSC Director of Testing **Sara Penny '82**.

Patricia Bredeken Redig died March 29, 2013, in Tallahassee. Survivors include a grandson, **Christopher Philip Redig '01**, and a granddaughter, **Jacquelyn Nicole Redig '05**.

Harold A. "Streamline" Sale of Lakeland died April 2, 2013. He was a founding member of the FSC Sixth Man Club.

Lester Wishnatzki of Lakeland died on May 19, 2013. He and his wife, Selma, were generous donors to FSC over the years, and in 2007, the Lester and Selma Wishnatzki Endowed Scholarship in Business was created by friends of the Wishnatzkis to honor them.

Faculty

William George "Bill" Albrecht, Jr., died Aug. 22, 2012, in Lake Charles, La. He was Associate Professor of Mathematics at FSC from 1996 to 2001.

Dr. Gary C. English '62 of Nashville, Tenn., died Feb. 9, 2013. He taught in the Department of Communications at FSC.

Former adjunct instructor **Justine P. LeBaron** died June 13, 2012, in Tampa. She taught French horn at FSC.

Staff

Ouida Salter Cooke died Oct. 30, 2012, in Newberg, Ore. She was a secretary at FSC. Her husband was the late **Wesley C. Salter, Jr. '52**.

Annalisa "Lisa" Stokely Mims Cope of Dandridge, Tenn., died Feb. 3, 2013. She was the coach of the water ski team at FSC.

Francis Earl "Frank" Foland '60 died Dec. 11, 2012, in Lakeland. For many years, he was director of admissions and director of alumni relations at FSC.

Jerelen Hinton died Dec. 7, 2012, in Lakeland. She was employed for 59 years in custodial services and as hostess of the Visitors Center. She is believed to be FSC's longest-serving employee.

Robert B. Palmer of Plant City died March 9, 2013. He was Dean of Enrollment at FSC.

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



The Play's the Thing for the Vagabonds

It is the oldest student organization at Florida Southern, which says something about the enduring magic of the theater.

The Vagabonds, the College's theater club, have charmed the imaginations of audiences at FSC since 1927, when it was organized by Mary Marguerite Wills, professor of speech. The 1927 *Interlachen* shows 25 members of The Southern Vagabonds.

Among them: Corning F. Tolle '27, later FSC's business manager; and a freshman named Eleanor Searle '30, for whom the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room in Joseph-Reynolds Hall is named.

The plays in those early years were a mixture of popular comedies and mysteries, along with classical and semi-classical works. The Vagabonds kept up a hectic pace. *The Southern* reported that in Wills' first eight years as director, the club performed 25 one-act plays and 24 longer plays. The Vagabonds also toured outside Lakeland, taking a play on the road each year to raise money for the program. The plays were performed in the gymnasium on campus or in the Lakeland City Auditorium. The Fletcher Theatre in the Ordway Building was completed in 1952 and became the Vagabonds' home until the Lora Lee Buckner Theater opened in 1970.

Miss Wills (later Mrs. Callahan) would be the advisor, director, theater teacher, and costume designer for the Vagabonds for more than 15 years,



A scene from the Vagabonds' production of *The Flower Shop* in its first season, 1927.

leaving in 1942 but returning during the early 1950s. In 1960, Prof. Mel Wooton '48 arrived and was the guiding force for the Vagabonds for 24 years. Alumni who studied and performed under Wooton speak of him with awe.

"He seemed a little goofy, like a crazy professor," said SallyAnn Rogers '75. "But he knew how to get a performance out of you."

Among the productions undertaken during the 1970s were *Tartuffe*, *The Lion in Winter*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Flower Drum Song*.

Steve Rogers '74, who met his wife SallyAnn as a Vagabond, says in the midst of a strait-laced campus, where students were still not allowed to wear jeans, the Vagabonds were like "a little Bohemia."

"We were a little different than the rest of the student body," he said.

Over the years, the Vagabonds have produced several professional actors. In the late 1940s, army veteran Vic Morrow '52 enrolled, planning to study pre-law, but he took part in some Vagabonds productions, dropped out, and turned up in one of the most memorable TV roles of the 1950s: Sgt. Chip Saunders in the gritty World War II series *Combat!*

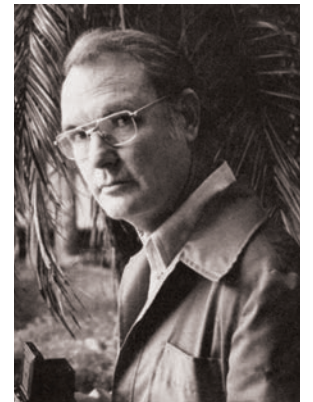
Other Vagabonds who went on to acting careers are Tom Hallick '63, who has had a long career in supporting roles in movies and TV series; Bill Phillips '83, who currently has a part in the Netflix dramatic series *House of Cards* opposite Kevin Spacey; and Tony Senzamici '84, who has had roles in TV shows including *Burn Notice*, *The Glades*, and *Homeland*.



A scene from the Vagabonds' production of *The Crucible*, about 1973. On the floor, left to right, are **Cindy Powers**, **Debbie Putnam**, and **Denise Ede**. Standing or seated, left to right, are **Drew Parson**, **Jack Warren**, **Charlie Boggs**, **Glenn Ellis**, **Carol Powella**, and **Steve Rogers**.



Mary Marguerite Wills



Mel Wooton '48

FSC created its Department of Theatre Arts in 1978, and it has expanded ever since. In the fall of 2013, it will offer a new major in musical theater. But the Vagabonds continue to exist as a club for students of all majors who love live theater.

In an interview with *The Southern* in 1934, Miss Wills said that theatrical performance enhances a student's "poise and self-confidence." Former members of the Vagabonds agree that being part of the troupe did even more—it shaped their lives for good.

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