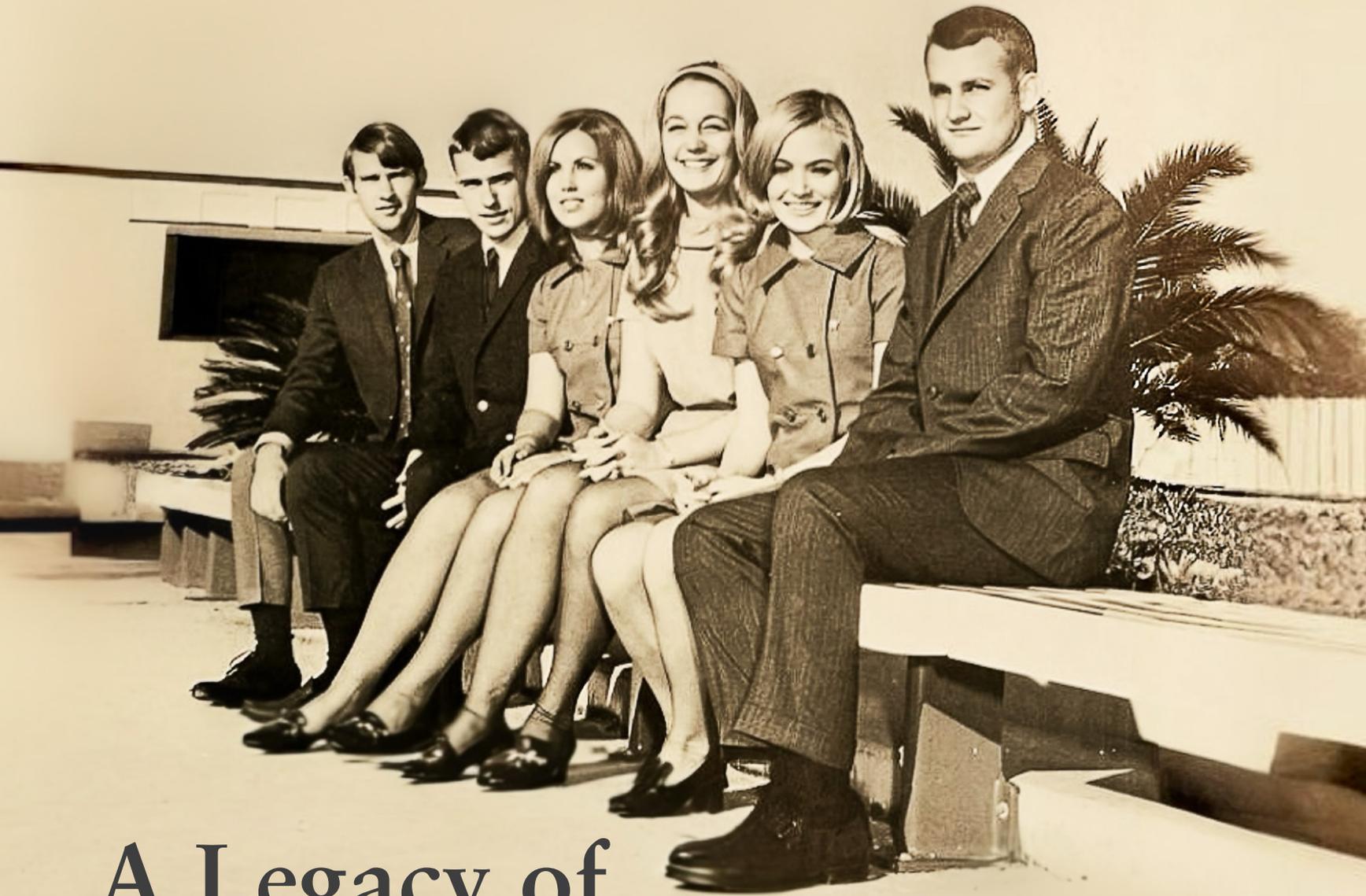


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“Our Cornerstone values call each of us to have integrity, show respect, care for others, and foster stewardship of the College’s legacy, principles that have long shaped our community.”

Now well into my second year as President of Florida Southern, I continue to be inspired by the shared sense of mission and clarity of purpose that define the College. Over the past year, we intentionally took time to refine and reaffirm the vision, mission, and Cornerstone values that guide us, ensuring that they succinctly articulate our highest ideals and honor the distinct heritage built over generations at Florida Southern.

Beginning last summer, we engaged trustees, faculty, staff, and student leaders in thoughtful conversations about how these foundational statements speak to us today and guide our future. The resulting refined language, unanimously approved by our Board of Trustees in October, reflects both continuity and forward momentum.

Our vision affirms our aspiration to be distinguished for the exceptional outcomes of our dynamic, engaged learning model, our enduring affiliation with The United Methodist Church, and our iconic Frank Lloyd Wright campus.

Our mission, “To equip students to lead lives of positive and consequential impact on society through dynamic, engaged learning in our iconic setting and beyond,” captures in 23 carefully chosen words the essence of Florida Southern. It encompasses every role across the College, from faculty in the classroom to those who maintain our beautiful campus.

These statements are more than words. They are a touchstone guiding our strategic focus, strengthening our community, and ensuring that Florida Southern continues to prepare graduates who lead with purpose and impact.

I invite you to take time to become familiar with these essential expressions that define Florida Southern’s ethos. As alumni, you embody our mission through your impact wherever life may take you after graduation. Your leadership, service, and accomplishments are the clearest evidence of the ideals to which we aspire at Florida Southern.

Go Mocs!

Jeremy P. Martin, Ph.D.
President

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Members of the Judicial Branch (now known as the Student Accountability Board) of Student Government Association, from left to right: Steve Thacker '70, Ben Warren '70, Joan Ewing Hudgens '70, Sarah Stormont Brett '70, Fran Mitchell Gompf '70, Richard Fulton '70, member of FSC Board of Trustees.

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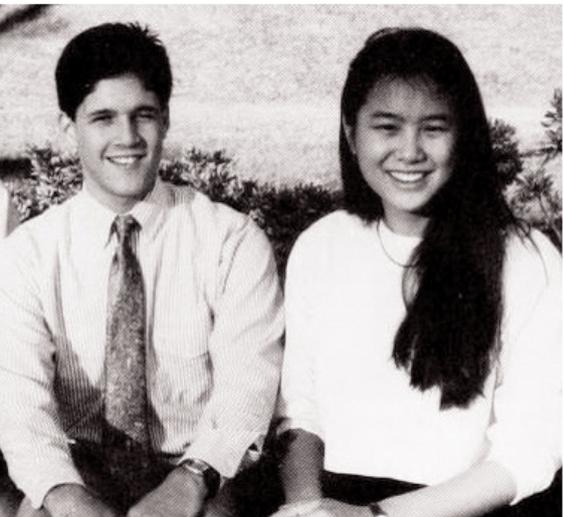
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A Legacy of Leadership

Celebrating the Voice of the Students

The college years live long after the last final exam is turned in. They are the years when friendships take root, confidence is tested, and young adults begin to understand who they are, and who they hope to become. It's a season defined by late-night conversations, shared traditions, and the exhilarating realization that your voice matters. At Florida Southern College, few organizations have shaped that formative journey more profoundly than the Student Government Association (SGA).

This year, SGA celebrates a remarkable milestone: 100 years of student leadership, advocacy, and engagement. For a full century, the organization has served as a powerful reminder that a well-rounded college education extends far beyond the classroom. Through leadership, service, and collaboration, generations of Mocs have discovered their voices, built confidence, and helped shape campus life, leaving a lasting imprint on Florida Southern that continues to be felt today.

"For 100 years, the Student Government Association has helped define what it means to be a Moc. It is a place where students learn confidence by using their voices, discover purpose through service, and build traditions that endure. As we celebrate a century of student leadership, we are also celebrating the next generation of Mocs who will lead with integrity, care deeply about the campus community, and leave Florida Southern stronger than they found it."

- Dr. Lauren Albaum, Vice President of Student Affairs at FSC

Beginnings: Early Class Representation and Student Leadership

When it was first established, Florida Southern had two separate student government organizations, each representing different segments of the campus community. The Women's Student Government Association focused on upholding community standards and handling judicial matters, with elected representatives from sororities and independent women. The Men's Student Government Organization was formed by the dean of men to set guidelines and advocate for male students. In these early years, student government primarily functioned as a leadership body for student organizations, promoting school spirit and student engagement through social and campus-wide activities.

In the 1940s, these two organizations began meeting jointly to discuss shared concerns and campus-wide issues while maintaining their separate identities. Student leaders during this era also played a key role in fostering campus life, hosting social events such as the 1948 "Co-op" dance. Students were even given opportunities to travel across Florida to attend collegiate student government conferences, broadening leadership development and intercollegiate collaboration.

Growth & Authority: Expanding and Shaping the Broader Student Experience

The 1950s marked a turning point in the authority of student government. In 1952, SGA formally assumed oversight of all campus clubs and organizations, with the exception of greek life. This decade saw student government take a more visible role in institutional traditions and governance, including overseeing student organization charters, participating in the selection of the Honor Walk student, and contributing more actively to Founders Week celebrations.

Meetings were open to all students, reinforcing SGA's role as a direct line of communication between the student body and college leadership. Throughout this period, SGA consistently worked to raise school spirit, promote engagement, and ensure student perspectives were heard at the institutional level.

Unification and Modernization

The 1960s represented a period of consolidation and modernization. During this decade, the previously separate men's and women's student governments were unified, and

SGA emerged as the overarching governing body for student representation at Florida Southern. This unification allowed student government to better reflect the voices and experiences of the entire campus community.

With this structural shift came increased organization and responsibility. Standing committees were established, senate legislation was introduced to organize student events, and a judicial branch was formed, laying the foundation for the modern SGA structure. In 1969, faculty-student forums were introduced, further strengthening dialogue and collaboration between students and administrators.

Student government during this era also demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement. One notable initiative was a campus tuberculosis (TB) drive in support of Polk County's public health campaign. The event combined service and school spirit, offering free X-rays alongside live music and a festive atmosphere, an early example of SGA blending advocacy with community-building.

Expanding Campus Life and Traditions

In the decades that followed, SGA's focus expanded beyond adjudication and policy enforcement into shaping the broader student experience. The creation of the student senate marked a pivotal shift, opening leadership opportunities to a wider segment of the student body and empowering students to take an active role in campus life.

SGA-sponsored initiatives enriched the Florida Southern experience in lasting ways. Leadership conferences encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones and develop skills that would serve them long after graduation. Signature traditions such as the Miss Southern pageants fostered school pride and community connection, while comprehensive first-year orientation programs helped new Mocs feel welcomed, supported, and prepared for their first days on campus.

Over time, SGA's advocacy also left a physical imprint on campus. From practical improvements like to-go boxes in the dining hall and dietary-restriction stations, to transportation initiatives such as the Moc Mover golf carts, many everyday aspects of student life trace their origins to SGA-led efforts to address student needs.



“SGA provided an amazing opportunity for me to build leadership, business, and communication skills outside of the classroom. From leading, I learned the value of preparation, collaboration, and service.”

**- Christine Franklin Ehlenbeck '07
81st SGA President**

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

**- Dr. Ashley Gibson Barnett '13
88th SGA President**

“What makes these traditions so meaningful isn't just the events themselves, it's the way they bring people together. Spaces like Tutu's or moments like Senior Splash give students a chance to pause, connect, and celebrate how far they've come. Student Government is about listening to what students need and turning those ideas into experiences that shape their time at Florida Southern. Knowing that something we help create today might still matter to students years from now is incredibly special.”

**- Lexi Lapore-Paternostro '26
100th SGA President**

From L to R: Current Student Government President Lexi Lapore-Paternostro '26 with former SGA Presidents: Christine Franklin Ehlenbeck '07, Dr. Ann Hansen '70, Dr. Ashley Gibson Barnett '13, and Kimberly Yang Elmhurst '90.

A Campus Shaped by Students

In 2007, SGA helped bring Tûtù's Cyber Café to life in the Roux Library, a space designed for students to study, relax, connect, and refuel between classes. The popularity of the café led to another SGA initiative to expand the space in 2012, and now, more than a decade later, it remains a place for students to find community as one of the most popular gathering spots on campus, a testament to student government's lasting influence.

Senior Splash

Another tradition established was the annual Senior Splash, which offers graduating seniors a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to swim in the iconic Water Dome, an experience reserved as a symbolic reward for years of dedication and hard work. The fountain's sparkling water is famously tempting on sweltering Florida days, yet access is strictly prohibited, with steep fines reinforcing its off-limits status.

This long-standing tradition transforms what is ordinarily forbidden into a moment of celebration, giving graduates a distinctive and memorable way to mark their accomplishments and close their chapter at the College.

Frank Lloyd Wright Day

A tradition tracing back to 2021 is Frank Lloyd Wright Day, a special event that transforms campus each spring semester. Classes are canceled, and activities pop up across every corner of campus, including food trucks, live music, and giveaways. This annual tradition encourages Mocs to socialize on campus and adds a bit of fun and relaxation to the stressful end-of-semester schedule.

Really Red Fridays

Other beloved traditions continue to define the Florida Southern experience. Really Red Fridays unite the campus in Moc pride, with SGA distributing prizes at Buck Stop for students wearing red. This tradition brings students together and spreads school spirit from the heart of campus.





Student Government Association Executive Board & Senators, Class of 1976



Student Government Association Executive Board, Class of 2026

Today's Student Government Association reflects both its history and evolution. The SGA Senate includes representatives from each class year, Greek life, athletics, the Honors Program, and commuter and residential students, ensuring broad and equitable representation. The President's Circle brings together leaders from all student organizations as a collaborative voting body. The Executive Board, comprised of roles such as president, executive vice president, and vice presidents of finance, communications, student activities, and inclusion, works to ensure student voices remain central to campus governance. Bodies like the Student Accountability Board continue to operate under SGA's umbrella, preserving the organization's longstanding commitment to responsibility.

For many at Florida Southern, the SGA centennial is more than an anniversary; it is a moment of reflection and pride. It connects today's student leaders with those who paved the way a century ago and highlights how deeply student leadership is woven into the identity of the College.

Each generation has brought fresh energy and new perspectives, building on the work of those before them. As SGA looks to the future, its mission remains clear: to empower students to lead with integrity, collaborate with purpose, and serve their communities. The advice passed down through generations of leaders is timeless: lean into every opportunity to lead and learn, and leave Florida Southern better than you found it.

After 100 years, SGA's legacy endures not only in traditions and landmarks, but in the countless students who discovered their voices and carried that leadership far beyond campus.

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PRESIDENT JEREMY P. MARTIN AND
 CURRENT SGA PRESIDENT **LEXI LAPORE-**
PATERNOSTRO '26



THE BLUEPRINT OF TOMORROW

AN UPDATE ON THE
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE'S
FIRST COHORT AT FSC

This academic year marked a significant milestone for Florida Southern College with the launch of the School of Architecture. Welcoming its first cohort of 42 students in August, the program builds on FSC's architectural legacy while advancing the College's commitment to professional, hands-on education.

For a campus long recognized for its architectural significance, the addition of a degree program dedicated to architecture represents a natural next step. Florida Southern's campus, home to the world's largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings, has long served as a point of pride for alumni. The new School of Architecture transforms that historic setting into an immersive academic environment where students study architecture within it.

"This is a fantastic location and campus with a very rich architectural history, so it makes sense that we not only honor that history, but build upon it," said Dr. Andrew Phillip Payne, founding dean and professor of the School of Architecture.

In its first year, the program reached a major early achievement by earning Candidate status in the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) process. After submitting a comprehensive application and hosting a site visit from NAAB board members in September, the School of Architecture was formally accepted into the five-year accreditation cycle, a required step toward full professional accreditation. Initial NAAB accreditation is targeted for spring 2031, with the first accredited BArch class expected to graduate in May 2030.

"We're being held to a high standard, and that's important for architecture," Payne said. "The accreditation process validates the quality of education we're building here."

Inside the design studios, students are already immersed in a curriculum centered on exploration, iteration, and making.

Early projects focus on form and materiality rather than buildings, encouraging students to think spatially and critically from the outset. One such project asks students to translate two-dimensional quilt patterns into three-dimensional forms, emphasizing process and precision over finished outcomes.

Professional engagement has also been a defining feature of the School of Architecture's first year. Students have connected with architects and designers through firm visits in the region, hosted studio reviews with practicing professionals, and spent time at the Florida State Capitol engaging with architects from across the state on issues impacting the profession. These experiences provide early exposure to architectural practice and reinforce the program's emphasis on learning beyond the classroom.

"Architecture isn't a passive exercise. A full commitment from each person is expected, and the students have embraced that responsibility. I'm seeing a high level of energy when students are cutting, building, and making in the studio. That designing, analyzing, rebuilding cycle will continue throughout the program."

- Dr. Andrew Phillip Payne, Founding Dean of the School of Architecture at Florida Southern College

For alumni, the School of Architecture reflects both continuity and progress—an academic program shaped by the campus they know and grounded in the values that have long defined Florida Southern College. In its first year, the School has already established a strong foundation, signaling a future that honors tradition while preparing students to shape the spaces and communities of tomorrow.



First-year Architecture students engage in hands-on learning.



The first cohort of FSC Architecture students pose in the courtyard of the Lucius B. Pond Ordway Building.



Students are involved in in-depth creative critiques with Dean Payne, professors, and architects-in-residence.



GET TO KNOW DR. ANDREW PHILLIP PAYNE, FOUNDING DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN

Payne brings with him a distinguished career in teaching and academic administration, with expertise spanning architecture, construction management, interior design, campus planning, universal design, graphic design, and art.

Students will benefit from a unique blend of academic rigor, hands-on experience, and a deep appreciation for architectural heritage. With Florida Southern being home to the world's largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, the campus will provide an unparalleled environment for immersive study, equipped with cutting-edge facilities, including design studios, fabrication labs, and a research center.

"The newly formed School of Architecture will embrace the masterfully designed campus as a teaching laboratory while also incorporating state-of-the-art technologies and practices. Together, the faculty and students will demonstrate the School's vision and identity as design leaders in the built environment," Payne added.

Payne most recently served as dean and professor of architecture at Kennesaw State University College of Architecture and Construction Management from 2020-2025. Until 2019, Payne led the Department of Built Environment at Indiana State University, serving as chair and professor. Prior to joining Indiana State University, Payne held the position of professor of architecture at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD).

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INTERVIEW WITH **DR. PAYNE.**



FALLINGWATER

AN ALUMNI & FRIENDS TOUR OF
FALLINGWATER AND BEYOND
JUNE 19-22, 2025

Florida Southern alumni and friends recently embarked on an unforgettable journey to Pennsylvania, immersing themselves in the legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright and his enduring influence on American architecture. The experience began in Pittsburgh with a warm alumni reception, where local alumni and friends gathered to reconnect and welcome President Jeremy Martin. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to hear firsthand about his vision for the College, while strengthening ties within the Florida Southern community.

The architectural adventure continued with visits to Kentuck Knob, a stunning example of Wright's Usonian design, particularly meaningful given Florida Southern's own Usonian house on campus, and Polymath Park, home to four historic

Wright-designed residences set amid the rolling Pennsylvania landscape. The highlight of the trip came the following day with guided tours of Fallingwater, widely regarded as Wright's crowning achievement in organic architecture. Surrounded by the harmony of stone, water, and forest, alumni and friends experienced the profound beauty of Wright's work while forging new friendships and rekindling old ones. The trip offered not only a deeper appreciation of architectural history, but also a meaningful reminder of the connections that extend far beyond Florida Southern's campus.





FSC alumni and friends gather for the closing dinner at the Omni William Penn in downtown Pittsburgh.



From L to R: Luisa Harrison, Director of Alumni Relations Becky Higgs Reese '08, Larry and Dana '70 Foerster, Jeff and Linda Baker, Howard '69 and Billie '68 Harvill



From L to R: Rosalie '73 and Jack '74 Sailstad, Bill Meek '72, Peggy Murphy '79, Nelia Miller '79, Barbara Meek '76, VP of Advancement Heather Pharris, and Diane Stahl '73



Dr. Ann '70 and Grant '70 Hansen

"Alumni everywhere remember our iconic Frank Lloyd Wright campus and how special it was and still is. The Alumni Board recognized an opportunity for a special journey to see Fallingwater, FLW's most famous and widely acclaimed work. In June, led by our own architect-in-residence, Jeff Baker, we spent the weekend immersed in understanding Wright's evolution of design and his philosophy of organic architecture and its connection to FSC. Fallingwater was completed in 1935 and he then started his twenty-year journey with FSC in 1938. Everyone had a great experience and is looking forward to our next adventure.....maybe Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona, Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home and architectural laboratory."

- Larry Stahl '70, Past President of the FSC Alumni Board and Current FSC Trustee

FSC WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

LEADERS BRING THEIR VOICES TO THE BOARD



Larry Stahl '70 earned his Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from Florida Southern College and has done postgraduate work at the University of Oklahoma, IBM Executive Development programs at the Harvard Business School, and international exchange programs at Boston University.

After his military service, Larry spent more than 30 years with the IBM Corporation. As a member of IBM's executive team, he held various sales, management, and executive positions including IBM Global Director for the Professional Services Industry. Mr. Stahl was also IBM's Global Solutions Sales Group leader for Cross Industry Risk and Compliance Solutions and Strategic Alliances. After his retirement from IBM, Mr. Stahl was a founding partner and sales and marketing leader for Alvarez & Marsal Technology Asset Management Services, LLC.



Rev. Alex A. Shanks '99 serves as assistant to the bishop of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and served as senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coral Springs from 2012-2016. He was a clergy delegate to the 2016 General Conference and a delegate to the 2012 Jurisdictional Conference. Rev. Shanks has served in several leadership positions, including chair of the Board of Camps and Retreat Ministries from 2008 to 2012, and secretary from 2004 to 2008; chair of the Southeast District Committee on Ordained Ministry from 2010 to 2013 (and a member of the DCOM from 2009 to present); a member of the Conference Table since 2008, and a member of the Southeast District Leadership Team from 2008 to 2013.



Sandra G. Sheets, an attorney with GrayRobinson, is the private client services deputy chair and Lakeland managing shareholder. She has appeared multiple times among Florida Trend magazine's Legal Elite and been named as one of Florida's top lawyers each year since 2009 by Super Lawyers, a rating service that mixes professional

achievement with peer recognition. She appeared on the Best Lawyers in America listing in 2015. Mrs. Sheets joined Holland & Knight's Lakeland office directly out of law school, initially handling mostly corporate matters. After 20 years with Holland & Knight, she joined GrayRobinson in 2007.



Christine Franklin Ehlenbeck '07 is a top-producing realtor and leader of The Next Step Home Team with Keller Williams Realty SMART in Lakeland, where she resides with her husband, Michael '08, and two daughters. She is a 2007 graduate of Florida Southern College, where she earned her undergraduate

degree in music and business administration, and also served as Student Government president and a sister of Alpha Delta Pi. She earned her MBA in marketing and management from the University of South Florida in 2010. Mrs. Ehlenbeck is passionate about serving our community and has participated in various leadership roles with organizations such as the United Way of Central Florida, Leadership Lakeland, the Lakeland Country Club, the Junior League of Greater Lakeland, and Lakeland Symphony Orchestra, in addition to being involved with the Spivey Society and serving as the current president of the Alumni Board at Florida Southern College.



Kimberly Yang Elmhorst '90

is an established leader in the Lakeland community, having served on numerous nonprofit boards, including Bonnet Springs Park, the Junior League of Greater Lakeland, Lakeland Regional Health Systems, and United Way of Central Florida (UWCF). Mrs. Elmhorst is the chair of the GiveWell

Community Foundation (GWCF) and held previous positions of vice chair, project coordinator of United Community Needs Assessment, Events Committee, Regional Council Chair, Grants Committee, and Nominating Committee. A graduate of the Leadership Lakeland Class XXVIII, Mrs. Elmhorst's awards include 2023 United Way of Central Florida Citizen of the

Year, 2020 United Way of Central Florida's George W. Jenkins Volunteer of the Year, Junior League of Greater Lakeland Spirit of the League, Junior League of Greater Lakeland co-Provisional of the Year, and AFP National Philanthropy Day Award Recipient. Mrs. Elmhorst earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Southern. As a student, she was active in her sorority, Kappa Delta, and served as the Student Government Association president.

"FSC showed me that I had a passion to serve and lead and, more importantly, gave me the confidence to do so. Serving on the FSC Board of Trustees is one of the greatest honors of my life and a full circle moment. I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the place that shaped me."

-Kimberly Yang Elmhorst '90

FLORIDA SOUTHERN ALUMNA AWARDED FULBRIGHT TO TEACH IN SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Florida Southern College alumna Emily Kujan '22 has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship and will spend the upcoming academic year teaching in the Slovak Republic.

Kujan, a graduate of Florida Southern's School of Education, is among the newest grantees of the U.S. government's flagship international education exchange program. Since 1946, the Fulbright Program has worked to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations, providing participants with scholarships and stipends to support their year abroad.

As a Fulbright recipient, Kujan will join the ranks of distinguished program alumni that include heads of state, judges, cabinet ministers, CEOs, ambassadors, and university presidents, along with leading artists, journalists, scientists, and teachers. Fulbright alumni include 62 Nobel laureates, 95 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 82 MacArthur Fellows.

Through the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program, Kujan will help Slovak students improve their language skills while immersing herself in the country's culture and serving as a cultural ambassador for the United States. She will assist local teachers in English language and conversation classes,

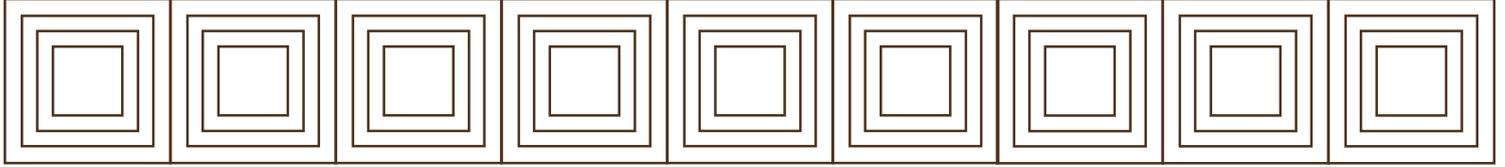


encourage cultural exchange, and build connections through language and community.

"Outside the classroom, I'll also have the chance to participate in community projects, conduct educational research, explore Slovak culture, and represent the U.S. as a cultural ambassador," Kujan said. "I'm so excited for the opportunity to learn, grow, and use my knowledge and experiences gained from Florida Southern in this journey."

With Kujan's accomplishment, Florida Southern College continues its tradition of global engagement and academic excellence as a leading producer of Fulbright recipients over the years. This achievement adds to FSC's distinguished history, as Kujan joins a legacy of students and faculty committed to learning, leadership, and service on a global scale.

ONCE A MOC



ALWAYS A MOC

FSC CELEBRATES LIFELONG MOCS

For some alumni, Florida Southern College is more than where their journey began, it's where their story continues. These graduates returned to FSC not only as alumni, but as dedicated professionals who have built long and meaningful careers in service to the College. In a new column in *SouthernNews*, we introduce readers to these Mocs whose paths reflect a deep connection to the institution that shaped them and a shared commitment to giving back to the community they once called home.



DR. CINDY HARDIN '82 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in journalism, public relations, and advertising. She was deeply involved on campus as Editor-in-Chief of *The Southern*, a member of the Vagabonds, performing in four musicals, and a member of the Society of Professional Journalists and Omicron Delta Kappa. Her FSC experience included Convocations with assigned seating, formal Sunday meals, handwritten class registration, and residence halls with house mothers. Traditions like the Christmas Gala, Dean Holiday, and December Commencement in Branscomb Auditorium remain close to her heart. Cindy loves FSC for its tight-knit community and faculty who genuinely invest in students, crediting the College with helping her discover her true path from journalism to law and ultimately back to FSC. She encourages students to engage, build relationships, and embrace every opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. Today, Dr. Hardin serves as the Business Administration Department Chair and Professor of Business Administration.

"I credit FSC with helping me find my true passion, one that led me to become an attorney and, ultimately, to return here, teaching, mentoring, and supporting students as they navigate their own paths to success."



DEAN SHARI SZABO '83, a graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast communication, was deeply engaged in campus life as a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, a Little Sister of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and a member of the TV production team. During her time at FSC, she experienced campus traditions that looked a bit different from today, including in-person registration, more limited dining options, Student Personnel offices located where Campus Safety now stands, and residence in campus homes that have since been replaced by new spaces serving today's students. One tradition that has always held a special place in her heart is Founders Day, and she still becomes emotional when singing the Alma Mater. What Dean Szabo loves most about FSC is its people and welcoming spirit, and she hopes students take time to pause, reflect, and truly appreciate an experience that passes far too quickly yet remains forever treasured. Today, Shari serves as the Dean of Student Solutions.

"I experienced many things that today's students still experience because while our buildings may have changed, at our core, we are still an incredible place where lifelong friendships and relationships are made as we discover our talents and develop our goals, to become the best version of ourselves."



BILL LANGSTON '91 was actively involved in campus life through varsity soccer, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Student Government Association, and Campus Ministries. FSC is also where his life partner, Kym (Kymberly Anne Maier Langston '91) Maier, became part of his story—though their connection began earlier when they met at the United Methodist Youth Camp in Leesburg the summer before her first year at FSC and his junior year of high school. When Bill enrolled at FSC two years later, he looked her up, and their first date on September 26, 1988 marked the beginning of a lifelong journey together. One FSC tradition Bill continues to cherish is the service of Lessons and Carols, a tradition he began as a student and has carried on throughout his 25-year career at the College. What he loves most about FSC is its genuine sense of community, where every student, faculty, and staff member is valued, and he encourages students to explore widely, embrace new opportunities, and make the most of a college experience that passes all too quickly. Today, Bill serves as the Director of Financial Aid.

"I love the fact that FSC is truly a community and that every individual, including students, faculty, and staff, is valued. Florida Southern offers a wide range of activities to choose from. College goes by quickly, so don't limit yourself!"



JEAN WHITEHEAD '94 spent 41 years at FSC as both a full-time employee and student, beginning as a temporary fill-in and eventually helping to form the College's first IT department during the campus-wide network implementation. FSC felt like family from her very first day, and over the decades she built lifelong friendships, including a close bond with Fred Nielson '94, her colleague and dear friend until his passing in 2023. She witnessed tremendous change on campus, from in-person registration lines, paper records, and mainframes to lightning-prone early networks and today's technology, while cherished traditions like Homecoming, the Christmas tree lighting, and a strong sense of community endured. To Jean, FSC is rich not only in history but in people, and she encourages students to engage deeply, explore beyond their majors, seek help when needed, offer kindness freely, and embrace the connections that make FSC a second home. Jean retired from her work at Florida Southern in February, 2026.

"FSC is rich in history; not just the structures, but the people that have called FSC home over the years. Every person on campus has a story and brings their history with them to campus. I love the kindness and support from all over campus."



REV. TIM WRIGHT '94 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in religion and was deeply involved in campus life through intramurals, Campus Ministries, Greek Life, and Omicron Delta Kappa. FSC is where Reverend Wright formed lifelong friendships with Mark Caldwell '94 and Chris Schmidt '94, relationships that have spanned decades of shared travel, graduate studies, weddings, ministry, and family life, including baptizing one another's children and serving together in a covenant group. His FSC experience included moments today's students will never know, from house moms and assigned Convocation seating to Sunday dress codes, and open houses held once or twice a semester. Among the traditions that still resonate most are Orientation and Move-In, which he believes showcase FSC's extraordinary sense of community from the very beginning. What he loves most about FSC is its close-knit environment and the genuine investment of faculty and staff in student success, and he encourages students to step outside their comfort zones, try new things, build meaningful connections, and seek mentors who can guide them toward their goals. Today, Reverend Wright serves as the Religion and Philosophy Department Chair and the recipient of the Riley P. and Claire M. Short Chaplaincy.

"I love the small and close-knit community the College offers, with so many ways to get involved and a faculty and staff who are also invested in students' success. Make connections with peers and mentors who can help guide you to achieve your goals."

SHAPING FUTURE EDUCATORS

FLORIDA SOUTHERN PARTNERS WITH LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL TO LAUNCH THE INAUGURAL EDUCATOR ACADEMY

Polk County Public Schools is excited to announce the launch of the Educator Academy, an innovative partnership between Lakeland High School and Florida Southern College that will inspire and prepare future educators. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently held to celebrate the launch of the inaugural Educator Academy, which serves 55 students in grades 9–12 and provides a unique, hands-on pathway into the teaching profession.

Under the SAIL (Serious About Innovative Learning) and CTE (Career and Technical Education) umbrella, students at Lakeland High School select the Educator Academy as their elective each spring. Students who live outside the School's attendance zone can apply during the School Choice Priority Window, which typically runs from January to February.

"This partnership between Lakeland High School and Florida Southern College will inspire our students and provide them

with a pathway to pursue a career within education," said Alain Douge '00, principal of Lakeland High School. "As a Florida Southern graduate, I can confirm that our students will receive a first-class opportunity to be career ready from both Polk County Public Schools and Florida Southern College. Our students are learning from exceptional educators while developing the skills and passion needed to make a lasting difference in their own communities."

From their first year in high school, Educator Academy students gain immersive classroom experiences through Florida Southern College's renowned School of Education. Their work includes time at The Roberts Academy, FSC's on-campus school for children with dyslexia, as well as placements in Polk County public schools.

Lakeland High School students pose with both Florida Southern and Lakeland High School staff at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.





Future Lakeland High School Educator Academy students pose with staff in front of the co-branded classroom sign.



Polk County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Fred Heid with Dr. Jeremy Martin address the crowd at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Dr. Fred Heid, Dr. William Allen, Crystal Abdon, Dr. Jeremy Martin, Dr. Lori Rakes, Dr. Tracey Tedder, and Alain Douge, principal of Lakeland High School, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Through a combination of articulated credit and dual enrollment opportunities, students can complete the equivalent of five college-level education courses by the time they graduate high school. Throughout the program, participants collaborate with Florida Southern faculty, complete authentic education coursework, and build the professional skills necessary to become classroom leaders.

“The Educator Academy at Lakeland High School exemplifies Florida Southern College’s commitment to innovative and collaborative approaches in teacher preparation,” says Dr. Tracey Tedder, provost and executive vice president of academic

affairs at Florida Southern College. “By connecting high school students with college faculty and real-world classroom experiences, the Academy fosters early development of confidence and a strong sense of purpose in pursuing a career in education.”

The Educator Academy marks an exciting new collaboration between Lakeland High School and Florida Southern College, one that provides students with an early, authentic introduction to the teaching profession while strengthening the pipeline of future educators in Polk County and beyond.



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME
CLASS OF 2026



MOCCASIN LEGENDS

SIX MOCS INDUCTED
INTO FSC ATHLETICS
2026 HALL OF FAME

The Florida Southern College Department of Athletics inducted six new members into the Florida Southern College Athletics Hall of Fame. The Class of 2026 includes athletes from baseball (2), women's basketball, men's golf, men's swimming, and men's tennis.

The announced class includes former student-athletes Mark Angelo '83 (Baseball, 1980-1983), Marc Becker '03 (Men's Tennis, 2000-2003), John Curley '96 (Men's Golf, 1993-1996), Mark Daly '76 (Baseball, 1973-1976), Jeb Halfacre '13 (Men's Swimming, 2009-2013), and Chelsea Johnson '11 (Women's Basketball, 2007-2011).

The six were honored in an induction ceremony held inside George W. Jenkins Field House on February 5, 2026. Nearly 20 current members of the Hall of Fame were in attendance to welcome the new class along with several current student-athletes, family, friends, and supporters of FSC Athletics.

"We're thrilled to recognize this outstanding group of student-athletes who have left a lasting impact on our athletics program. Their accomplishments, both on and off the field, represent the very best of what it means to be part of Florida Southern Athletics," said Director of Athletics and Dean of Wellness Drew Howard.

Together, these six inductees represent decades of championships, records, leadership, and competitive excellence. Their induction into the Florida Southern Athletics Hall of Fame not only honors their individual achievements but celebrates their enduring legacy that continues to shape Mocs Athletics today.

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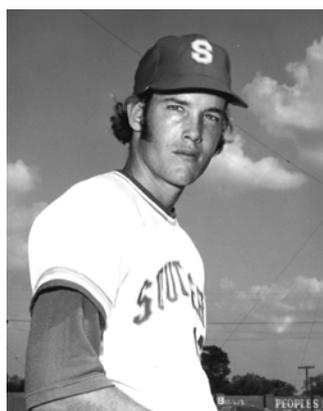
Few names are as synonymous with Florida Southern baseball excellence as Mark Angelo '83, whose career from 1980 to 1983 coincided with one of the most dominant stretches in program history. Drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 18th round of the 1983 MLB Draft, Angelo's legacy extended well beyond Lakeland. His

impact was later recognized with inductions into the FSC Baseball Hall of Fame and the Cape Cod League Hall of Fame. Angelo passed away in April 2020, but his legacy as one of the most influential players in program history remains intact.



In men's golf, John Curley '96 helped lead Florida Southern to back-to-back NCAA Division II National Championships in 1995 and 1996, cementing his place as one of the most accomplished golfers in program history. A three-time All-American and the 1996 SSC Male Athlete of the Year, Curley consistently set the standard

for excellence, leading the team in stroke average for three consecutive seasons. His collegiate success propelled him to a decade-long career on the PGA and Nationwide Tours, further reflecting his foundation built at FSC.



Joining Angelo is fellow baseball great Mark Daly '76, who helped power the Mocs to the 1975 NCAA National Championship. Daly's legendary postseason performance—an 11-strikeout, five-hit shutout to send FSC to the title game—remains one of the defining moments in program history. A First Team All-American in

1975, Daly finished his career with a 24–9 record, a 2.09 ERA, and 273 strikeouts, ranking among the program's all-time leaders in innings pitched.



From 2009 to 2013, Jeb Halfacre '13 became the most decorated swimmer the program has ever produced, earning an astounding 28 All-America honors, including 22 First Team selections. He made history as FSC's first individual national champion and captured three consecutive NCAA Division II titles in the

200 backstroke, two SSC Male Athlete of the Year honors and three SSC Swimmer of the Year awards.



On the courts, Marc Becker '03 established himself as one of the greatest men's tennis players ever to wear the Moccasin uniform. Competing from 2000 to 2003, Becker earned three First Team All-American honors and compiled 46 singles wins and 51 doubles victories. Becker's influence extended beyond wins and

records. He was named SSC Player of the Year in 2002 and received the ITA Arthur Ashe Award for Sportsmanship, underscoring his leadership and character.



Rounding out the class is Chelsea Johnson '11, one of the most prolific scorers in women's basketball history at Florida Southern. From 2007 to 2011, Johnson amassed 2,001 career points, second-most in program history, while becoming the Mocs' all-time leader in three-point field goals made and percentage.

A four-time First Team All-SSC selection, Johnson's name remains woven throughout the FSC record book, highlighted by multiple 35-plus point performances and an elite shooting résumé that set the standard for generations to follow.



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FSC ATHLETES GIVE BACK

HOW STUDENT ATHLETES IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

At Florida Southern College, competition doesn't stop when the final whistle blows. Across campus and throughout the Lakeland community, Moccasin student-athletes make a difference one service project at a time.

Florida Southern's athletic programs are deeply committed to giving back, embracing a mission that values character and community just as much as championships and records. Through the collective efforts of student-athletes, coaches, and staff, FSC Athletics dedicates thousands of hours each year to community service, reinforcing the belief that true success extends far beyond the field of play.

All student-athletes across Florida Southern's 26 intercollegiate athletic programs are encouraged to participate in volunteer initiatives throughout the academic year. These efforts support local schools, nonprofit organizations, and community events, while also providing student-athletes with meaningful opportunities to serve and connect.

The Moccasins' commitment to service is especially evident during times of need. In recent hurricane relief efforts, Florida Southern Athletics contributed nearly 800 hours of service, assisting senior communities with cleanup and recovery following storm damage. These large-scale initiatives reflect the department's readiness to step up and support the community when it matters most.

Individual teams also play a vital role in these outreach efforts, finding unique ways to serve throughout the year. The men's lacrosse team has volunteered with local nonprofit Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE), helping wash

cars and pack essential groceries for families, while the men's tennis team partnered with One More Child during the holiday season, packing meals and creating ornaments to spread cheer throughout the Lakeland community.

Florida Southern's dedication to service has not gone unnoticed. During the 2023–24 academic year, the Moccasins earned the highest ranking for total community service hours logged of any school in the Sunshine State Conference, and seventh nationally among NCAA Division II institutions. Several FSC teams also led their respective sports in service participation, further underscoring the depth of the department's commitment.

Through these efforts, Florida Southern Athletics continues to shape student-athletes who lead with integrity, empathy, and purpose. Whether competing at the highest level or lending a helping hand in the community, the Moccasins remain committed to making a lasting impact and proving that being a champion means giving back.

Captions from left to right

- FSC Men's Tennis players Onur Turgut, Hunter Nussbaum, Mario Antonio Morales, George Russell, Leon Bircanin, Bosko Boskovic, Tanner Simpson, joined by assistant coach Chris Fok Kow, and Head Coach Rhett Rollyson at KidsPack 2025.
- FSC Women's Volleyball athletes Adyla Kerley, Nicole Russell, Chloe Moreland, Drew Page, Elizabeth McDonald, and Nako Sasaki assist first-year students during Move-In weekend 2025.





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PGA BOUND

FSC GOLF ALUM GOES PRO

After years of steady progress and perseverance on professional golf's proving grounds, John VanDerLaan '18 is playing in golf's biggest tournament. VanDerLaan secured his PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season by finishing 17th on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. By placing inside the top 20, he earned one of the coveted PGA TOUR cards awarded at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour season.

VanDerLaan reached this milestone at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, where he closed the four-round championship with a total score of 292 (+4), finishing the week strong enough to lock in TOUR status and complete one of the most significant achievements of his professional career.

VanDerLaan's journey to the PGA TOUR has been defined by consistency and resilience. This season marked his fifth consecutive year competing on the Korn Ferry Tour, where he entered the final stretch ranked No. 52 on the points list with three events remaining. His breakthrough came at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, where he captured his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory. This win catapulted him into the top 20 and secured his card.

Long before reaching the professional ranks, VanDerLaan built one of the most decorated careers in Florida Southern men's golf history. A four-time All-American, he was named the 2018 Jack Nicklaus Award winner as NCAA Division II's top player. During his collegiate career, he recorded 11 individual victories and helped lead the Moccasins to the 2017 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Now officially TOUR bound, VanDerLaan's ascent stands as a testament to patience, perseverance, and the championship pedigree that has long defined Florida Southern golf. As he prepares to compete on golf's grandest stage in 2026, he does so carrying forward a legacy built in Lakeland and adding his name to an ever-growing list of Moccasins who have made their mark on the PGA.



Captions from top to bottom right

- FSC Men's Golf alum Jack VanDerLaan '18 at the Annual Pop Sikes Golf Day.
- VanDerLaan '18 posing with his PGA Membership Card, earned after making the top 20 in the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- VanDerLaan '18 with head men's golf coach Brian Richey '09 with gift presented to VanDerLaan on earning his PGA Membership Card, Nov. 3, 2025.



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CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK

Florida Southern Men's Cross Country and Track Continue to Shine at the Conference Level

The Florida Southern College men's cross country and track team has been a dominant force within the Sunshine State Conference since the league's formation. The men's cross country team holds 20 SSC Championships including claiming the last three league titles. The conference adopted track as a league sport in 2025 and the Moccasins captured the inaugural championship this past spring.

Seniors Christian Giller and Chris Colavita along with junior Cole Summers led the 2025 squad as they all finished inside the top-seven at the conference championship to earn First Team All-SSC honors. The team went on to earn a trip to the NCAA Championship with a second-place finish at the 2025 NCAA South Region Championship. The Moccasins placed all seven of their runners in the top-25, a feat never accomplished by a previous FSC squad.

The Moccasins went on to capture 19th place at the 2025 NCAA Championship, the second-best team finish in program history and best since 2005 when the Mocs placed 13th. Giller led the team as he completed the 10K championship course in 31:17.3, which ranks as the fourth-fastest 10K NCAA Championship time in program history.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Florida Southern Women's Soccer Excels Both On and Off the Field

The 2025 Florida Southern College women's soccer team cemented its place in program history with a season defined by defensive dominance, milestone performances, and meaningful success in the Sunshine State Conference.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Gerry Lucey, the Moccasins posted a 9-3-6 overall record, combining tactical discipline with resilience in one of the most successful campaigns the program has produced. From opening kickoff to the final whistle, FSC established a clear identity built on structure, composure, and an unyielding back line that consistently frustrated opponents.

While the campaign concluded without a conference championship, the progress made throughout the season was unmistakable. Florida Southern consistently competed at a high level within one of Division II's most challenging conferences, pairing defensive consistency with timely attacking contributions and a sense of confidence that only grew throughout the season.

Excellence extended beyond the field as well. Six Moccasins earned CSC Academic All-District honors, reflecting the program's continued commitment to developing well-rounded scholar-athletes who thrive both athletically and academically.

Captions from top right to bottom left

- FSC Women's Soccer goal celebration featuring Ava Hackworth, Isabella Payne, Sierra Spirk, Jamie Klein, Breena Harrigan, and Ellie Dossantos against Palm Beach Atlantic University on Oct. 4, 2025.
- Sunshine State Conference Champion Christian Giller competing at the NCAA National Championships in Kenosha, Wis. Giller finished 68th overall as the Mocs finished No. 19 in the nation. Photo credit: Joshua Beam.



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BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Beach Volleyball Goes Undefeated in Final Day of AVCA Small College Championships

On the sands of Gulf Shores, Alabama, Florida Southern College's Beach Volleyball team made history. With a surge of momentum when it mattered most, the Moccasins delivered a championship performance at the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Small College Beach Championships, going undefeated on the final day to claim the Silver Bracket Championship, the first postseason title in program history.

Florida Southern closed the national tournament with a 4–3 overall record, but the weekend was truly defined by the way the Mocs responded to adversity, regrouped, and finished with three decisive victories on Saturday to stand atop the Silver Bracket.

The tournament began with a split for FSC on Thursday, as the Mocs opened with a commanding 3–0 sweep of Southwest Baptist before falling by the same margin to Texas A&M University–Kingsville. That result pushed Florida Southern into the Challenge Round, where Friday brought stiff tests against some of the nation's best.

The Mocs dropped their first match of the day to Colorado Mesa, then battled Vanguard in a tightly contested showdown that ended in a narrow 3–2 loss. Florida Southern opened championship day with a 3–1 victory over Saint Leo, marking the third meeting between the two programs this season. Reagan Carlton and Zoe Lowe set the tone early at pair three with a dominant straight-set win. The clinching points came courtesy of gritty three-set victories from Hailey Carefoot and Isabella Muti at pair four and Ashli McKenny and Emma Winford at pair one, propelling the Mocs into the Silver Bracket semifinals.

Momentum carried into the afternoon as FSC continued its run with another 3–1 win, this time over Carson-Newman. McKenny and Winford once again delivered at the top flight, while Carlton and Lowe stayed perfect on the day. Mary Olivia Muti and Hayley St. Martin provided the decisive point, sending the Mocs into the championship match just one win away from history.



Captions from top, left to right

- Nicole Eden of the 2025 Beach Volleyball team hitting in the inaugural Sunshine State Conference Championship.
- Florida Southern College Beach Volleyball team at the inaugural Sunshine State Conference Championships in Saint Leo, FL.
- Sydney Melcher and Nicole Eden shake hands between serves.
- Reagan Carlton, Florida Southern College Beach Volleyball, digging a hit.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT & THE COLLEGE OF TOMORROW

EXPLORING THE INFLUENCE OF WRIGHT ON THE AGB MUSEUM OF ART'S ORIGINAL EXHIBITION



AGB Museum members gain a first look at the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibition before it opens to the public.

Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy at Florida Southern College is woven into the fabric of the campus, yet one exhibition invited visitors to look beyond what was built and explore the full scope of his visionary ideas.

Frank Lloyd Wright & the College of Tomorrow, one of the Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art (The AGB)'s longest-running and most successful exhibitions, was on view June 7 through November 16, 2025, offering a comprehensive look at Wright's visionary plans for a campus designed for the future. Featuring original renderings, plans, and archival materials, the exhibition brought a new dimension to a story many Mocs know well, revealing how Wright's ideas continue to resonate in the way we think about learning spaces today.

The exhibition grew out of work on the Getty Foundation-funded Campus Heritage Plan, a deep dive into the conception and evolution of Wright's twenty-year involvement with the College. That research revealed a powerful truth: Wright designed far more buildings for Florida Southern than were ever realized, and some of those unbuilt projects rank among his finest. For years, those ideas lived quietly in archives and drawings, largely unseen. An exhibition was the perfect vehicle to bring them into the light.

Visitors entering the galleries encountered Wright's campus in layers: past, present, and imagined. For the first time, many of Wright's original drawings for Florida Southern College were displayed publicly, joined by high-resolution renderings



Jeff Baker, architect-in-residence, gives an in-depth, exclusive tour to guests.



The exhibition featured large-scale 3-D printed models of structures on Florida Southern College's campus.

and plans from the Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library at Columbia University, which stewards the Wright archives. Alongside documentation of completed buildings, visitors saw large-scale 3D-printed models and digital reconstructions of projects, designed by Jeff Baker with Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, that never moved beyond the drafting table, giving tangible form to Wright's unbuilt ideas.

One of the exhibition's most striking elements was an extraordinary loan of Wright's most iconic renderings from across his career, made possible by the Art Bridges Foundation. Seeing these works in person proved revelatory. Their scale, color, and confidence underscored Wright's mastery as both architect and artist, and situated the Florida Southern College project within the broader arc of his life's work.

The exhibition also traced the evolution of Wright's innovative "textile block" system, the modular concrete method he used to create the College's buildings. Through large wall panels and interpretive graphics, visitors could follow Wright's experimentation with structure, ornament, and material, gaining insight into how aesthetic ambition and construction logic merged in his designs.

Bringing such a complex exhibition to life required a deeply collaborative effort. Florida Southern College provided essential support, from space and materials to staff and logistical assistance, including Trustee and former Alumni Board President Larry Stahl '70, while The AGB shaped the exhibition's narrative, design, and interpretive framework. The architecture firm behind the project produced the models, terrain bases, and interpretive content, translating archival research into physical form. Volunteers and contributors, from board members and construction teams to painters, cabinetmakers, and artists, played critical roles. Every step of the way was a collective achievement.

The exhibition's significance lay not only in what it showed, but in what it asked visitors to imagine. Wright's Florida Southern College is often celebrated as a masterpiece, yet it remains, as the exhibition suggested, an unfinished symphony. By revealing the scope of Wright's partnership with college president Dr. Ludd Spivey, the exhibition offered a glimpse of what might have been and why it still matters.

"Encountering the designs that only lived in Wright's mind is an eye-opening experience. This, coupled with seeing Wright's most iconic drawings, prepared throughout his long and storied career, will be stunning. I have lived with the knowledge of these drawings for my entire adult life, through books and other publications. Seeing them in person is an entirely different experience; one that, for those interested in Wright's work, will never be forgotten."

- Jeff Baker, architect-in-residence

For many, the greatest surprise was discovering how much of Wright's Florida Southern vision had remained unseen and how powerful it still feels. Encountering designs that once existed only in his imagination, alongside the most celebrated drawings of his career, was both humbling and exhilarating. The exhibition affirmed Wright's belief that his work at Florida Southern College belonged among his greatest achievements and reminded visitors that the lessons embedded in this campus may be more relevant now than ever as we continue to shape the future of learning and the built world.

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Alumni DISTINGUISHED



Reginald Holt MBA '98



The Honorable
Sara Roberts McCarley '93



Reverend Dr. W.
Waite Willis Jr. '70

Reginald Holt MBA '98

Reginald "Reggie" Holt began his Farm Credit career in 1982 as a branch manager at East Carolina Farm Credit in Swan Quarter, North Carolina. After transferring to the Farm Credit Bank of Columbia (AgFirst) in 1985, he held various credit administration and audit positions until joining Farm Credit of Central Florida as Area Vice President in 1992. He served as senior vice president and director of agribusiness lending from 1997 to 2007, before assuming his current role as President and CEO in early 2008.

Mr. Holt has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in banking and finance from East Carolina University, a Master of Business Administration degree from Florida Southern College, and is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. A graduate of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute at the University of Florida and the Harvard Business School Executive Education Corporate Governance program, Mr. Holt serves as a board member of the Florida State Fair Authority, and is a current member and past president of the Plant City Rotary Club.

The Honorable Sara Roberts McCarley '93

The Honorable Sara Roberts McCarley was born in Lakeland, raised in Davenport and graduated from Florida Southern College with a degree in mass communication. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Elected to the Lakeland City Commission in 2018 and as Lakeland City Mayor in 2025, McCarley has been dedicated to helping her community. Her current involvement includes work with the Harrison School for the Arts Philanthropy Committee and Parent Association, the Lakeland High School Parent Teacher Partnership, First United Methodist Church Nominations Committee and Alter Guild, Leadership Lakeland Class XXXVI Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, and the Leadership Polk Alumni Association.

Through her work with Best Buddies International, she developed a program that was implemented in high schools nationwide to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Most recently, her role as Executive Director at Polk Vision heightened her commitment locally while building public-private partnerships to serve the

community. After her first husband, Randy, passed away suddenly in 2009, in his honor, she created the Randy Roberts Foundation, which empowers young students to participate in government on the local, state and national level.

Rev. Dr. W. Waite Willis Jr. '70

Rev. Dr. Waite Willis Jr. served Florida Southern College for 47 years, shaping the lives of countless students with his wisdom, compassion and dedication to the Gospel. Having graduated from the institution himself in 1970, he went on to become the longest-serving professor at FSC at the time of his retirement, where he held the prestigious position of the Edward J. Pendergrass Chair in Theology and led the Department of Religion. Rev. Dr. Willis was instrumental in creating programs such as The Willis Lecture, establishing a chapter of the Theta Alpha Kappa honor society at FSC and is a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity.

Holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics, Rev. Dr. Willis also attained both a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy from Emory University. Beyond the classroom, he made a profound impact on the broader Florida Southern community as a professor, mentor and advisor, and was awarded Emeritus status from the Florida Southern College Board of Trustees in 2024. Rev. Dr. Willis' influence extended far beyond Lakeland, leaving a lasting legacy on The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, where he was named Theologian-in-Residence in 2024 and currently serves on the Scholarship Committee. Rev. Dr. Willis is married to Susan Marsh Willis '69, and they have three children and ten grandchildren, two of whom are current FSC students.



The Rev. Dr. W. Waite Willis '70, Reggie Holt, MBA '98, and The Hon. Sara Roberts McCarley '93 pose with Dr. Martin as they are recognized at Founders Day 2025.



Photo Captions

1 Golden Mocs return to Branscomb Auditorium to participate in the annual Founders Day Convocation.

2 Bea Wilson '74, Molly Carter Hancock '74, and Larry Stahl '70 reunite at the Golden Mocs Celebration at The AGB.

3 Larry Fogleman '75, Meg Sinclair Burkhart '74, Molly Carter Hancock '74, Debbie Sharp '75, and Barbara Pearsall Robinson '75 return to Branscomb Auditorium for Founders Day.

4 Golden Mocs graduating classes from 1974 and 1975 return to Branscomb Auditorium to throw their caps one more time.

5 Julie Stone '89 and Margaret Trohn embrace at the 2025 Inauguration Gala.

6 Bonnie Dennis Mayak Kurtz '74, Steve Williams, Diana Gray Fogleman '76, and Larry Fogleman '75 at the Golden Mocs Luncheon.

7 Caroline Lithgow King '74 and Wanda Spiers Smith '75 pose at The AGB.

8 Ted Kennedy, Beth Firestone '89, and Doug Firestone '89 enjoy dinner at the 2025 Inauguration Gala.





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9 FSC Vice President of Finance and Administration Terry Dennis MBA '94 converses with Trustee Evett L. Simmons, Esq. '79

10 Barbara Heart Cavanah '75 and Scott Cavanah '77 laugh as they enjoy the Golden Mocs Celebration.

11 Diana Gray Fogleman '76, Larry Fogleman '75, Bonnie Dennis Mayak Kurtz '74, and Barbara Compton Posey '75 join Mocsie at the Golden Mocs Breakfast.

12 Caroline Lithgow King '74, Kathy Karmazin-Calin '74, Wanda Spires Smith '75, and Maggie Snyder Roller '74 pose at the Golden Mocs Breakfast.

13 Jeffrey Hoch '74 and Luanne Klecka Hoch '75 enjoy refreshments at the Golden Mocs Celebration.

14 Diane Baum '72, and Dr. Robert Baum pose at the 2025 Inauguration Gala.

15 Barbara Heart Cavanah '75 and Bonnie Dennis Mayak Kurtz '74 reunite at the Golden Mocs Breakfast.

16 Ben Warren '70, Jeff and Linda Baker chat at the Inauguration Gala.

17 Karen Bemko Kemp '77 and Pamela Bemko Matheny '75 pose for a photo at the Golden Mocs Celebration.

18 Larry Cope '74, Debbie Sharp '75, and Larry Fogleman '75 get ready to process for Founders Day Convocation.

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FSC'S 2024-2025 EVENT SPOTLIGHTS



Tampa Bay Alumni Reception

- Christine Shiver Brown '94, Chris and Ashley Swink '96 and Amy Fisher Loupin '93 reunite at the Oxford Exchange in Tampa, FL.
- Alumni Board President Christine Franklin Ehlenbeck '07 welcomes attendees.
- Mark O'Brien '89, Steve Roberts '92, Brian Sefcik '92, Al Garcia '90 and Tom Odiorne '87 pose with Mike Moran '89, Director of Development for FSC.
- Wade Waybrant '08, Matt Joyce '06, Rick O'Dette, Robbie Shields '13, Arnaldo Abreu '07, Braxton Williams '08 & FSC President Dr. Jeremy Martin.



Spivey Society at the Sorosis Building

- Dr. Jeremy Martin catches up with Jeffrey Painter '79 and Jerry Gamel .
- FSC Director of Development for The AGB and the Arts Lesley Chambers and Jim Luffman engage in conversation.
- FSC Trustee and Chair of the Advancement Committee Nancy Cattarius '69 offers welcome comments.
- Dee and Dr. Alan Smith and Dr. Fred Leonard pose for a photo.
- Nan Lee, Trudie Kirkland '67, Brenda Boring Phillips '92, and Kerry Armour reunite in the Sorosis Building on Lake Morton in Lakeland, FL.



Mother's Day Luncheon 2025

- Dr. Jeremy Martin, Dr. Hal Roberts, guest speaker Tim Tebow, Dr. Marjorie Roberts, Julia Roberts '91 and Dr. Tracey Tedder in front of the Berend Sports Complex.
- Michael Ehlenbeck '08 poses with his mom, Leonette Ehlenbeck '77.
- Marjorie Roberts is presented with custom street signs from students from The Roberts Academy at Florida Southern College.
- Michele Sutton, Jessica Brown, Maggie Merryday '14, Becky Higgs Reese '08, Laura Putnam, Jenny Williams, Katherine Fitzwater, Dr. Ashley Gibson Barnett '13, Tia Martin, Dorothy Cheshire, Stacy Walsh '06, and Pal Powell celebrate the Mother's Day Luncheon.



Inauguration Gala 2025

- Chuck Foss '79, David and Mary Ellen Rogers '82 and Lisa Foss pose for a photo.
- Tom '87 and Kelly Odiorne, Julie '89 and Chris '88 Stone pose with Al '90 and Reina Garcia, Beth '93 and Mike '89 Moran.
- Board of Trustees Chairman Bob Fryer '70, Trustee Stan Little and Vice Chairman Rich Fulton '70 are all smiles at the Inauguration Gala and Fundraiser.
- Dr. Phyllis Finger '72 and Dr. Ellis Finger and FSC President Dr. Jeremy Martin and Tia Martin engage in conversation.





A NEW ALUMNI CHAPTER

CHRISTINE FRANKLIN EHLENBECK '07 NAMED
FSC'S NEWEST ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

Leadership has been woven into Christine Ehlenbeck's life for as long as she can remember, but it was on the sunlit campus of Florida Southern College that it truly began to take shape. As a student walking the paths around Lake Hollingsworth in the early 2000s, she was already learning how to bring people together, how to listen, and how to lead with purpose. Nearly two decades later, that same sense of connection and responsibility has brought her full circle, back to FSC, now as President of the Alumni Board.

Ehlenbeck attended Florida Southern from 2003 to 2007 as a music major with a business minor, and she credits her student experience with shaping not only her career, but her outlook on service. Scholarships played a pivotal role in her journey, opening doors that might otherwise have remained closed.

"The gift of scholarships has left a lasting impact on my life," she shared. "This financial support afforded me the freedom to fully experience all that FSC has to offer. I feel a deep sense of gratitude for this, as well as a responsibility to now pay it forward and support students in the same way."

That gratitude translated early into action. During her time at FSC, Ehlenbeck immersed herself in campus life, serving in the Student Government Association, joining Alpha Delta Pi, working at the Wellness Center, and welcoming new students through Orientation. Her election as SGA President became a defining chapter, one that still informs how she approaches leadership today.

After graduation, life moved quickly, but Florida Southern never drifted far from view. Ehlenbeck built a successful professional career as a Team Leader and Realtor with the Next Step Home Team at Keller Williams Realty SMART, earning industry designations, national recognition, and selling more than 530 properties totaling over \$150 million in career sales. Alongside her professional achievements, she and her husband, Michael '08, began building a family and a life rooted in the Lakeland community. She proudly counts her most meaningful titles as "Mom" to daughters Ansley and Adelyn, and wife, roles she balances alongside her professional and civic commitments. Running Lake Hollingsworth and spending time at Anna Maria Island offer moments of grounding amid a busy schedule.

Her connection to FSC evolved naturally through these milestones. As young alumni, Christine and Michael were invited to join the Spivey Society and the Sixth Man Club, experiences that deepened their bond with the college and with fellow alumni.

"We have enjoyed attending spirited games and fun events, while meeting alumni and friends of the college over the years," she said. "Our involvement continued to grow and change, but these experiences have enriched our lives and our alumni experience."

Serving on the Alumni Board felt like a natural return to familiar territory for Ehlenbeck, while stepping into the role of president marked a meaningful culmination of her journey with the college. Long committed to giving her time and energy to Florida Southern, she welcomed the opportunity to once again serve in a leadership capacity, viewing the role as a true full-circle moment. Reflecting on her first year as Alumni Board President, Ehlenbeck speaks most proudly about the people.

"I am honored to be serving alongside talented leaders across various generations," she said. "We all have such diverse and unique experiences from our time at FSC, yet share a passion and a common goal of supporting our alumni."

That intergenerational perspective has deepened her appreciation for the college's rich history and its future. Through her work on the board, she continues to learn more about the people, traditions, and forward momentum of Florida Southern, leaving her feeling proud to be a Moc and optimistic about what lies ahead.

Looking forward, Ehlenbeck's vision centers on connection. While honoring beloved traditions like Homecoming and alumni receptions, she is especially focused on strengthening engagement with young alumni. Her goal is to build relationships that begin before graduation and continue well beyond it, creating pathways for alumni to stay involved no matter where life takes them.

Her message to alumni is both welcoming and familiar, echoing the spirit that first drew her to Florida Southern as a student. "Whether near or far, I want our alumni to always feel connected to and valued by the college," she said.

From student leader to alumna, professional, mother, and now alumni board president, Christine Ehlenbeck's story is one of continuity, of giving back to the place that helped shape her, and of ensuring that future generations of Mocs feel the same enduring sense of belonging she has carried with her since her days as a student by the lake.

WHY I GIVE

Q & A INTERVIEWS WITH STEVE '97, MBA '01 & BECKY '98 WELDON,
AND DR. JONATHAN REVELS '08 & DR. ALANA BROWN '08



Becky Weldon '98 and Steve Weldon '97, MBA '01 met while attending Florida Southern College, where they began dating and later married in November 1999. Steve began his professional career as a certified public accountant in public accounting before joining the tax department of an Orlando-based resort

company. He later founded his own firm, and over the past two decades has built a successful CPA practice serving business owners while also holding CFO roles for small-cap, publicly traded companies. He is currently a partner with Florida CFO Group, where he provides fractional CFO services to start-up and growing companies. Becky's career began in children's ministry, where she directed programs and developed curriculum. She is now the founder and owner of the online boutique Conch Couture. Alongside her entrepreneurial work, Becky volunteers as a sewing instructor and remains actively engaged in philanthropic initiatives throughout Tampa Bay.

What inspired you to create the Weldon Scholarship in Accounting?

Our decision to create the Weldon Scholarship in Accounting was based on our shared belief that education improves lives and provides opportunities. Both of us benefited greatly from our time at Florida Southern College, and its impact has continued well beyond graduation. We were shaped not only by strong academics, but by professors who genuinely cared about us as individuals and helped prepare us for life and leadership after college. Coming from working-class families, our FSC experiences and degrees opened doors to a life that has been significantly better than what we could have otherwise expected.

Our appreciation for scholarships and endowed support comes directly from personal experience. Becky's education was made possible through scholarships and grant, providing an opportunity that would have otherwise been financially out-of-reach. Steve worked throughout his college years to fund his education after finding that his previous academics and financial situation either didn't fit, or were not competitive enough, for most scholarships. Since our funding paths differed, we saw firsthand the advantage that scholarships give when students can focus more on academics and less on financial restraints and burdens.

Because we highly value education and want to empower students who might not typically qualify for financial help, we established this endowed scholarship. Our scholarship recipients are accounting students, from the Polk County or Central Florida area, with preference given to students who have transferred to FSC, just as Steve did. Our hope is that our scholarship provides students with some financial relief that helps them better focus on succeeding academically.

Why is it important to you to support the future of the accounting field?

An accounting education can lead in many directions, from pursuing the CPA credential to advancing into senior leadership roles such as CFO, where professionals help shape strategy and guide organizations through growth and change.

While technology and AI continue to change how accounting work is done, they cannot replace sound judgment, experience, and the ability to wisely advise individuals, families, and business leaders.

Florida Southern College does an impressive job of preparing accounting graduates to leverage new technology while developing the skills needed to lead, inform, and ultimately strengthen the future of the accounting profession. We are honored to be alumni and are grateful we can contribute to FSC's excellent reputation for graduating exceptional students.



Jonathan Revels '08 hails from Winter Haven, Florida. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Biology, graduating cum laude from Florida Southern College in 2008. He went on to receive his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Vallejo, California, in 2012. He currently

serves as an Associate Professor and remote radiologist at NYU.

Alana Brown '08 is originally from Lakeland, Florida. She graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Florida Southern College in 2008. In 2012, she earned her Doctor of Optometry degree magna cum laude from the University of California, Berkeley. Alana spent several years practicing in both LASIK and primary care optometry before choosing to retire early from clinical work. She has since devoted herself to her creative pursuits, becoming an accomplished artist and crafter whose work has earned blue-ribbon recognition.

Why did you create The Dr. Brown and Dr. Revels Endowed Scholarship in Science?

We both came from families without traditional college paths and little money for college. We were only able to attend through the generosity of the financial aid department honoring Bright Futures and through both endowed and

non-endowed scholarships. We owe so much to individuals creating these scholarships, how could we not want to pay that forward? Our sincere hope is to help students thrive and achieve their goals as we have.

Why is it important to you to support the future of the sciences?

The sciences are absolutely vital to progress in society. Now more than ever, we need education and research to continue that progress and help humanity and the world at large. Even though we both chose medical fields, we want to support whatever path in the sciences students choose, because they are all important.

A special thank you to our donors who have established the following endowments since January 2025.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Karen T. Goldee '74 Endowed Scholarship

Dessie L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

The Paul and Effie Ambrose Family Endowed Scholarship in Business

Jennifer "J.P." Potts '98 Endowed Scholarship

Reginald T. Holt MBA '98 and Gaye Ann Endowed Horticulture, Land and Resource Management Scholarship

Herb '58 and Gerry '59 Livsey Annual Accounting Scholarship

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Farm Credit of Central Florida Endowed Horticulture, Land and Resource Management Scholarship



GREETINGS FROM FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT!

I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our Florida Southern alumni and have enjoyed seeing so many of you at recent events including this year's Homecoming, our Scholarship Gala, the Fallingwater trip, and our special Polk County Alumni Day at the AGB Museum of Art. Your presence reminds us how strong and enduring the Florida Southern bond truly is. As you read The SouthernNews, I hope you enjoy learning about the many exciting things happening on campus and throughout our College community. This year, we also proudly celebrate a milestone as our Student Government Association marks one hundred years of student leadership and service, a testament to the strength and spirit of our campus community. Lastly, we are expanding our regional alumni and friends events to bring Florida Southern to more of you! If you are interested in hosting a reception

or alumni meet up in your area, we would love to hear from you! Your time, talent, and treasure all make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and in the mission of the College, and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events as we continue building a bright future together.

Heather Pharris, Vice President of Advancement
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FSC'S NEWEST ENDOWED CHAIRS

MEET THE DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SHAPING THE FUTURE



JESSIE BALL DUPONT ENDOWED CHAIR IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Deborah Bromfield Lee

joined Florida Southern College in 2012 and serves as Department Chair and Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan. Her scholarly work focuses on green chemistry and chemical education,

with research published in leading journals such as Green Chemistry Letters and Review and the Journal of Chemical Education. Beyond her own research, Bromfield Lee has made a meaningful global impact through her curriculum development work with Beyond Benign, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing green chemistry education around the world. The Jessie Ball duPont Chair is supported by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, a charitable organization that promotes opportunity and inclusive spaces.



JOHN AND ELEANOR MILLER CHAIR IN COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Cara Mackie has been named the John and Eleanor Miller Chair in Communications in recognition of her lasting impact on Florida Southern College. Since joining the faculty in 2008, she has brought more than two decades of

teaching experience to the classroom, creating learning environments that encourage engagement, thoughtful dialogue, and personal growth. Dr. Mackie currently serves as Associate Professor of Communication and Department Chair. She also contributes across campus as an affiliate faculty member in the Women and Gender Studies Minor and the College Honors Program. Dr. Mackie's dedication to innovative teaching, scholarly excellence, and student mentorship embodies the mission of Florida Southern College.



WILHEMINA MACDONALD ENDOWED CHAIR IN MUSIC

Dr. Martha Placeres joined Florida Southern College in 2019 and has since played a vital role in strengthening the College's music program as chair of the music department and director of orchestra and string studies. Through her

leadership, she has expanded performance opportunities, elevated academic and artistic standards, and increased the visibility of Florida Southern's ensembles on an international stage. The endowed chair was established through the generosity of the Estate of Wilhelmina MacDonald, a music lover and longtime winter resident of the Lakeland area, who left significant support to the college's music program.



THE ANNE MACGREGOR JENKINS ENDOWED CHAIR IN PEDIATRIC NURSING

Dr. Sharlene Smith has been named the Anne MacGregor Jenkins Endowed Chair in Pediatric Nursing in recognition of her meaningful contributions to Florida Southern College and the School of Nursing and

Health Sciences. Since joining FSC as adjunct faculty in 2023 and becoming a full-time Associate Professor in 2024, she has played a key role in strengthening graduate nursing education and advancing the mission of the Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health. As Education Coordinator, Dr. Smith has expanded community outreach efforts that promote child health and improve learning outcomes. With extensive experience in pediatric primary and acute care, Dr. Smith brings real-world expertise into the classroom, enriching student learning across undergraduate and graduate programs.



DESIGNING *Success*

HOW LOLO ALBANO '13
TURNED CURIOSITY INTO
A CREATIVE CAREER

The secret to Lolo Albano's '13 success? Stepping out of her comfort zone. Since her time at Florida Southern College, Albano has received global recognition for a remarkable career in design, entrepreneurship, and creative leadership.

Albano credits her education as the spark that ignited her lifelong passion for visual communication and problem-solving. Her journey began during her first year with a design fundamentals course that revealed how psychology and design intersect to shape human response. From there, she quickly fell in love with design and found a home at Florida Southern in the Arts department.

"My passion took off when I moved into print design classes and my Senior Thesis," Albano said, "My professors at Florida Southern encouraged me to think not only about what looks good, but how our work can fit into a bigger picture. That is what hooked me for life!"

Since graduating from Florida Southern, Albano has left her mark across diverse industries, spanning hospitality, events, media, and beauty. Albano later moved on to lead

the consumer revenue design team at Condé Nast for Vogue, Architectural Digest, GQ, and Condé Nast Traveler. There, she directed creative campaigns to drive subscription growth, launched new revenue-generating memberships, and leaned into her passion for helping businesses succeed through impactful design. Currently, Albano is the Creative Services Director at Charlotte Tilbury Beauty, where she utilizes the skills she's learned throughout her education and career.

After working in many different roles, Albano shared, "Be confident that you can learn anything. Every time I've stepped into a new role or industry, I didn't have all the answers on day one. Stepping out of your comfort zone isn't about already being perfect for the job; it's about believing in your ability to learn, adapt, and rise to the challenge."

Albano's path demonstrates how curiosity, resilience and vision can turn creative passion into meaningful impact. Her journey serves as an inspiration for current students and a testament to the enduring influence of a strong foundation in design education.

FACULTY AND STAFF RETIREMENTS

FACULTY

Mrs. Diane Stahl '73
retired in Dec. 2025.

Dr. Malcolm Manners
retired in Aug. 2025.

Mr. Bruce Darby
retired in Aug. 2025.

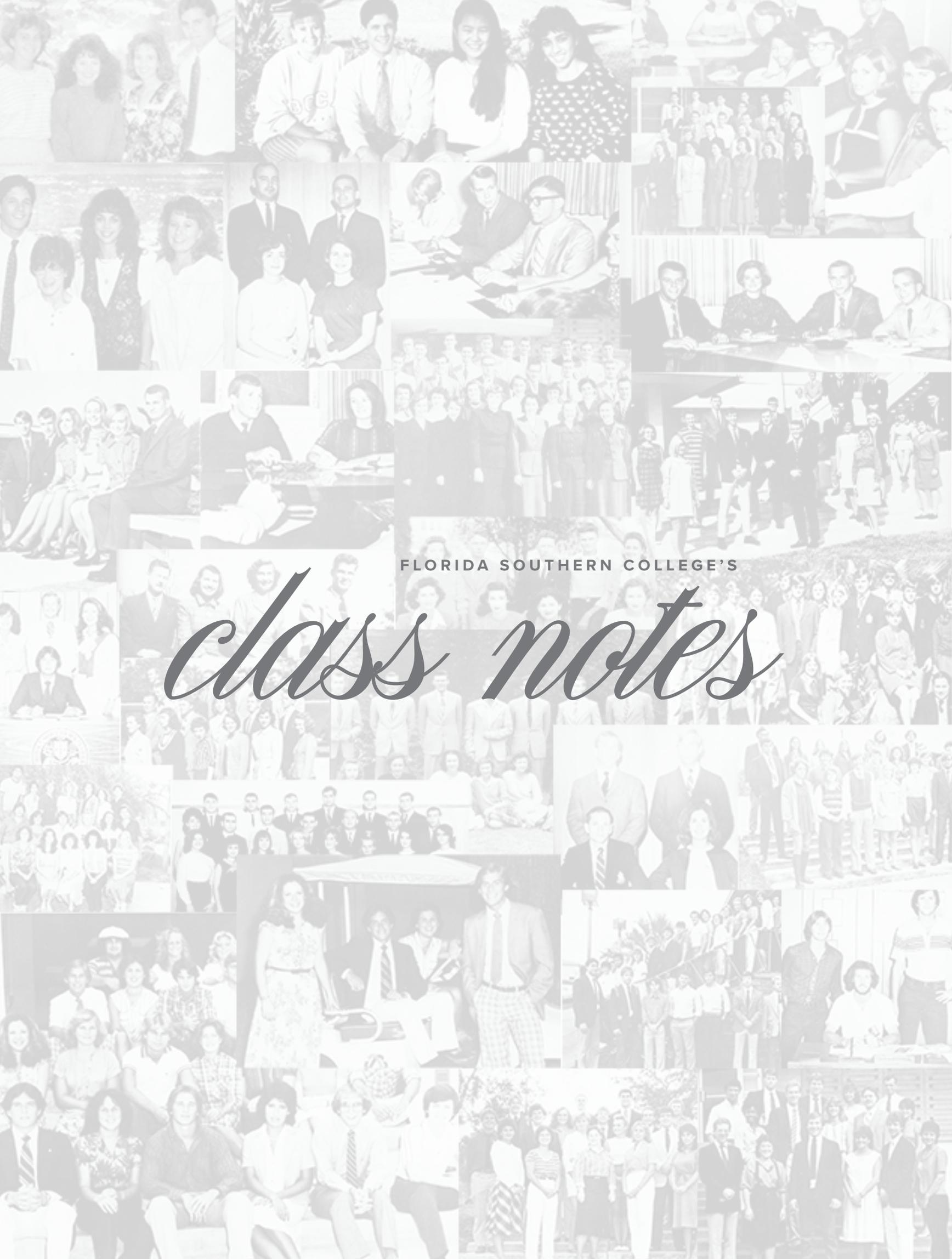
Dr. Carmen Gauthier
retired in Aug. 2025.

STAFF

Ms. Suzanne Aycock
retired in Mar. 2025.

Ms. Jean Whitehead
retired in Feb. 2026.

Mr. Albert Green
retired in Jul. 2025.



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1960s

Donald K. Brown '60 and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May 2025. They marked the occasion with their children and their 19 grandchildren. *(Photo 1)*

Joseph B. McCormick '64 received the Humanitarian Award from Florida Southern College in 2001 for his work on viral hemorrhagic fevers and HIV across many countries—especially in Africa—during his career at the CDC. He later published a memoir, *Level 4: Virus Hunters of the CDC*, and his work has since been cited in numerous books, including a recent memoir by Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Dennis J. Michael '64 turned 83 this year and continues to work full-time in his insurance business, helping clients “keep the insurance wolves from the door,” a role he has honed over

more than 40 years. He feels fortunate to still be working and contributing meaningfully rather than settling into a quiet retirement. He and his wife, Regina, will soon celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary—a milestone he's proud of and hopes younger generations can aspire to.

Carolyn Warren Price '64 was awarded an Ed.D. in Learning and Organizational Change from Baylor University in May 2025. *(Photo 2)*

Maxwell C. Elliott '65 is the owner of Elliott Vineyards in Pierson, Florida.

Phillip E. Koerper '67 earned his M.A. (1968) and Ph.D. (1971) in British History from the University of Georgia. He enjoyed a long academic career as a Professor of History at Jacksonville State University, retiring in August 2018 and receiving the title of Professor Emeritus the same year. Phillip was widowed

in 2018 and is the grandfather of four and great-grandfather of two.

Donald F. Sabatini '68 turned 80 and celebrated by taking 14 family members on a cruise honoring both his 80th birthday and his 20th anniversary.

Ann Scharfenberg Cowell White '69 earned her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy on May 5, 2025, at age 77 and is a member of multiple honor societies, including Delta Kappa, where she serves as Board Secretary. Since 2021, she has provided remote counseling for Teladoc Medical Group, P.A. *(Photo 3)*

Sara M. Robinson '69 recently released her latest poetry book, *Fraudulent Offerings*, marking her ninth publication, which includes a memoir and a book on the craft of poetry. Her earlier poetry collection, *Needville*—focused on the people and landscape of southwest

Virginia and the impact of coal mining—was adapted into an award-winning local play in 2024. In *Fraudulent Offerings*, Sara uses the art of fly-tying and angling as a metaphor to explore how relationships and contracts shape both people and the natural world.

1970s

John E. Denmark '71 retired from the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church after 44 years of service, including leadership as Director and Chair of the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. He is currently a chaplain with the United States Secret Service. Now retired to Auburn, IN, where he and his family operate a soybean, wheat, and corn farm, he is the father of three children. *(Photo 4)*

Nancy J. Georges '73 earned major wins at the World Association of Benchers and Dead Lifters World Championships. At

age 73, she set a world record by dead-lifting 210.5 pounds. *(Photo 5)*

Kathy Karmazin-Calin '74 has retired to the New Orleans area. Her career spanned several major industries and locations, including supporting submarine manufacturing at the shipyards in Groton, CT; contributing to the NASA Space Shuttle program at Kennedy Space Center, FL, and Johnson Space Center, TX; and later working on critical IT systems at a major hospital in Houston, TX. She is now enjoying life in the Big Easy while keeping the door open for some consulting.

Thomas S. Smith '74 and **Lorraine Coords Smith '74** relocated in 2023 to The Villages, FL, where they are enjoying the community's vibrant lifestyle.

Gary L. Meyer '75 was inducted into the Polk County Sports Hall of Fame on June 17, 2025. *(Photo 6)*



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Stan C. Bronson '76

co-founded and incubated the Alliance for a Climate Resilient Earth (ACRE) at the Stimson Center, which has since evolved into the Institute for Climate Innovation (ICI). Now headquartered at the University of Cambridge, ICI is the largest climate-focused organization in the world, with more than 280 member organizations across industry, academia, NGOs, and government.

Daniel A. Kaminsky '77

retired as an accounting professor from Cleveland State University after an 18-year tenure.

Scott R. Weiner '79 joined twenty fellow Pi Kappa Phi brothers from the classes of 1976–1984 for a gathering in Sarasota, FL. (Photo 7)

1980s

John B. Gill '80 retired on July 1, 2025 after 40 years of ministry as an elder in the Florida Conference of the UMC. John and his

wife, Terri, live in Ormond Beach, FL.

Eric Rupert '82 retired from the City of Coconut Creek after 41 years of service in municipal technology leadership.

Joe R. Baker, Jr. '85 retired in April 2025 after 35 years working in Florida's legislative and executive branches of government, including the last 15 years as Executive Director of the Florida Board of Nursing. (Photo 8)

Marcello N. Tedeschi '89

is an Independent Travel Advisor associated with FORA Travel in New York.

1990s

Dr. Jamelle Huff Connor '92 was named the first female and 15th president of Amarillo College in Amarillo, TX. She is believed to be Florida Southern College's first alumna to become a college president.

Dr. Michael T. Andreski, MBA '93 was recently named the 2025 Hartig

Distinguished Professor by the Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Des Moines, IA. (Photo 9)

Dawn Mura Kube '93

moved from New Jersey to Florida in August 2024 and began a position as an instructor at the Roberts Academy at Florida Southern College.

Cynthia Chastain Schofield '98 recently joined the staff of the Key Largo Library in Key Largo, FL, as a Library Associate.

Christopher B. Scofield '98 recently joined the faculty at Academic Charter School of Math and Science as a Math and Robotics Teacher.

2000s

Suzanne V. Wilson '00 was promoted to partner at the law firm Kelley Kaplan Delaney & Eller, PLLC in Aug. 2025.

Douglas A. Rouillard '01 has earned national recognition in the entertainment industry

and is now a four-time published author, with works ranging from inspirational books to screenplays and children's literature. He recently filmed a cameo for the upcoming season of Expedition Files, which aired on Nov. 12, 2025 on the Discovery Channel.

Terence J. Hannum '01

received a Maryland State Arts Council Professional Development Grant to attend an artist residency and develop his sculptures in their 3D Print Laboratory. His new speculative short-story collection, *New Faith*, was recently published by Anathemata Editions.

Stacy Naletko Gaudreau '02 was promoted to Senior Partner Solutions Manager for The Studio, the in-house marketing agency at Anywhere Real Estate. (Photo 10)

Michael H. Bua '04 recently joined Pinnacle Financial Partners as Senior Vice President and Office Leader, where they will lead the opening of

the firm's Chattanooga location. Pinnacle is currently ranked No. 11 on FORTUNE magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For®.

Amanda Morgan '05 and **Matthew Morgan '07** are local missionaries serving the Lakeland community and are dedicated to helping others learn to love like Jesus by creating "Jesus Circles" and using the Person of Jesus interactive study developed by Paul E. Miller. (Photo 11)

Ginamarie Gloe McCarty '05 began teaching Special Education in Kansas in 2018 while pursuing a graduate degree in High Incidence Special Education (K–12) through Wichita State University.

Stacy Walsh '06 was appointed as Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at Florida Southern College.

Jaime Guardino McComas '06 earned an MBA from Norwich University.



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Lacey M. Silvestri '08 married her husband, Tony, on June 20, 2025, in a beautiful ceremony set in historic Virginia City, Nevada. Lacey works in corporate events, and Tony is a chemist. The couple resides in Santa Cruz, CA. *(Photo 12)*

Megan S. McDonald '09 accepted a position teaching 3rd grade at the Roberts Academy at FSC.

2010s

Brittany J. Burke '12 was named a Microsoft MVP for Business Applications AI ERP in May 2024, an honor held by only 45 experts worldwide.

Michelle Maldonado '13 became the Creative Director at First United Methodist Church of Lakeland after ten years with United Methodist Communications in Nashville, TN. She is excited to reconnect with the Florida Annual Conference, Florida Southern College, and the Lakeland community.



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Stephen R. Bell '13 was selected as one of only seven major gift officers at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to participate in the Discipline of Frontline Fundraising Cohort and Certification Program, a nationally recognized initiative offered by Plus Delta Partners. *(Photo 13)*

Kristin Goerl Sanchez '13 is the Lifestyle & Entertainment Host of South Florida Live on NBC Miami, where she hosts, reports, and produces segments that highlight the best of South Florida. Over the past year, she has interviewed a wide range of notable figures across sports, entertainment, music, fashion, and television. Kristin was named "Best TV News Anchor - 2024" by Miami New Times, appeared on the cover of Miami Vibes Magazine, and was featured in Ocean Drive and Modern Luxury as one of Miami's top influencers.

Emily Tyre '14 started a new job as the Director of Marketing at Florida Southern College in February 2026.

Sara Pomponio '15 married fellow alumnus **Calaam Berry '13** on June 14, 2025, celebrating their reception in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room.

Victoria K. Lew '15 will marry her fiancée, Audrey Meacham, on June 20, 2026. Professionally, she continues to serve as the Director of the MSIO Graduate Program and the Faculty Athletics Representative at Florida Southern College. *(Photo 14)*

Steven B. Spoto '16 is starting as an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Florida College of Dentistry in the student oral surgery clinic. *(Photo 15)*

Cullen T. O'Donnell '16 fulfilled a lifelong goal by founding his own nonprofit organization, the Peace

by Piece Foundation, in 2024. The organization combines his passions for travel and service by supporting low-income youth in the Harrisburg, PA area and, now, in Ecuador. In June 2025, Cullen led a service trip to Ecuador with six adolescents from his nonprofit, returning to a country where he previously served as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Tracy L. Eilers, MSN '16 is currently enrolled in FSC's first Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program as a post-master's graduate student.

Anthony Woodside '16 has started law school at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Rachael Lord '17 published her third poetry collection, *The Astronaut and the Rose-Colored Helmet*, with Nymeria Publishing on January 13, 2026. Her debut collection, *Fragile Hearts Club* (2021), premiered at #1 on



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Amazon's New Releases for Poetry for Young Adults, and her second collection, *The Meaning of Stars*, was released in 2023. Since graduating from FSC with a BFA in Musical Theatre, she has worked professionally as an actor across Southwest Florida, performing with Broadway Palm Dinner Theater and TheatreZone.

Gabriella Scoleri Headley '17 graduated in May 2025 with her Master of Fine Arts in Acting from the University of Central Florida.

Jessica J. Finocchiaro '17 started as faculty in the Computer Science department at Boston College.

Ryan L. Parry '19 married his wife, Mariah, on November 2, 2025. He is currently an Account Executive at SportsEngine, focusing on baseball and soccer partnerships in Canada and New England. *(Photo 16)*



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2020s

Nicole L. Guittard '20

began a new position this year as a mental health therapist.

Samantha A. Ardis '20

completed her master's degree in Earth and Marine Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and now works for the nonprofit Clean Valley Council, teaching environmental education programs for all ages and promoting environmental stewardship. *(Photo 17)*

Anna B. Opalinski '20

was ordained as a United Methodist minister at the 2025 United Methodist Conference held at Florida Southern College. She became engaged on campus immediately following the service. Anna is currently serving as Associate Minister at Trinity United Methodist Church in Tallahassee.

Arjeet B. Tipirneni '20

completed an Advanced

Education in General Dentistry residency at Columbia in June 2025 and began working as a dentist in Manhattan in August 2025. *(Photo 18)*

Alexis P. Mace '20

completed her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of Florida after graduating from FSC. She went on to complete a Neurologic Physical Therapy Residency and passed the specialist certification to become a Board-Certified Neurologic Clinical Specialist.

Abigail McHenry Benyo '21 married **Connor Benyo '20** on December 29, 2024.

Zoe H. Perkins '21 was recently named a 2025-2027 Fulbright Alumni Ambassador and selected for the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network (TILN) fellowship, which culminates at the Brussels Forum in June. Zoe has also relocated to Boston, MA, to serve as the Community Engagement Manager for the

Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE). *(Photo 19)*

Maxwell J. Giard '21

accepted a promotion at Amazon to Senior Program Manager, becoming the youngest person to hold the role.

Aleena C. Hess '21 was married in September 2025. She met her now-husband, Elijah, in Lakeland in 2020, and the couple dated throughout her college years and beyond. He proposed underwater during a scuba-diving trip in July 2024, and they were married on the beach at Patrick Space Force Base, FL, in 2025. Aleena began working as a wildlife ecologist at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in 2023, where she continues to serve today.

Allyson M. Smith '22 earned an M.A. in Professional Writing through New England College.

Mollie M. Tew '22 married her husband, Evan, in May 2025.

Emily G. Pannell '22 was married on Halloween, October 31, 2025, in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel at Florida Southern College. *(Photo 20)*

Nicholas R. Picarella '22 has begun his third year at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine, marking the start of his hands-on clinical training.

Laura E. McKenna '22 performed in one of the professional regional premieres of Frozen the Musical, directed by Tony Award nominee John Tartaglia. *(Photo 21)*

Christian O. Castro '22, MBA '23 completing his final year (3L) at Barry University School of Law, with an expected graduation in 2026..

Kelsey Elmhurst Wesche '22 joined The Elmhurst Group at Allen & Company, Florida's oldest investment firm, in November 2025.

The Group is led by her father, Senior Vice President Kurt Elmhurst '90, MBA '01, a Certified Financial Planner who has been with the firm for 22 years. Together, they now serve clients by providing financial services to help families plan for financial freedom. *(Photo 22)*

Keith A. Ritter '23 is a Software Engineer at Eaton, overseeing manufacturing process control systems. He was recently promoted to Project Lead, now managing the project and his team.

Kevin A. Porth '23 adopted a dog named Abner, a Basenji-Chihuahua mix. He also recently passed the FTCE for Language Arts (6-12) and is preparing to begin his teaching career.

Brooke A. Myers '23 married Ryan Shaw on November 21, 2025, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakeland, FL.



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Amanda M. Townes '23 accepted a contract with Windish Entertainment as a Regional Soloist aboard the MS Zaandam with Holland America Line. She will perform solo shows—singing and playing guitar and ukulele—on board through April 2026. *(Photo 23)*

Annsley Pawling '23 married **Andrew Pawling '21** on Nov. 22, 2025 in Ft. Myers, FL. *(Photo 24)*

Juan I. Braun Simó '24 completed his master's degree in Management and Analytics at NYU in December and began a full-time role as an Associate Project Manager with Hitachi Energy in Raleigh, NC.



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Lauren Gunther '24 was promoted from Assistant Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations to Associate Director of Digital Content at FSC.

Kayla Jordan '24 began her MBA Program at FSC while working as the College's Marketing Coordinator. Her fiancé, **Austin Jarret '23**, also started a new role as the Greek Life Coordinator in the Student Life Department at FSC. *(Photo 25)*

Kathryn Wood '24 began working at the University of Georgia as the Student Recruitment and Events Coordinator for the College of Family & Consumer Sciences. *(Photo 26)*



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Jacob A. Knox '24 and his fiancée, Jennifer, welcomed their son, Sebastian Luca Knox, on July 18, 2025.

Felix O. Aakerberg '24 has been part of the growth journey at ELOS Thermal, a sports technology company specializing in performance-driven thermal innovation. During his time with the company, ELOS completed a successful seed funding round in the hundreds of thousands, reaching a multi-million-dollar valuation. The team established a full supply chain with overseas manufacturing and distribution, and this fall launched across retail, direct-to-consumer, and Amazon channels, with

Amazon going live on November 1. ELOS also released the second generation of its flagship high-performance heating insole for the winter season, marking a major milestone for both the company and Felix.

Mia L. Braun '25 began working as a Research Technician at Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium in Sarasota, FL., after graduation. She works in both the Coral Health and Disease and Seagrass departments and has been loving the experience. *(Photo 27)*

Sophi Brice '25 began her Master of Science in Marine Biology at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington.



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Elyssa Horwitz '25 started a new job as the Assistant Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations at Florida Southern College.

Jaclyn McFadden '25 got engaged to her fiancé **Phillip Rodriguez '22**. The two are getting married on May 8, 2026 in Polk City, FL.

IN MEMORIAM



E. Vane McClurg of Lakeland, Florida, passed away peacefully on April 21, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on November 4, 1941, in Lakeland, he was the son of the late Ernest Challen McClurg and Marjorie Fowler McClurg. A lifelong Floridian, Vane attended Lakeland High School and graduated from The Webb School in Tennessee before earning his Bachelor of Arts from Emory University in 1963. He initially worked in the family's banking business and then pursued a law degree at Stetson University College of Law, graduating in 1969 with a focus on business law, real property, and estate planning.

After law school, Vane practiced at his grandfather's firm and later held leadership roles including Chairman of the Board at Peoples Bank of Lakeland. He continued practicing law until his retirement in 2008, developing a reputation for kindness, generosity, and quiet leadership. A dedicated community member, Vane served on the boards of Publix Super Markets and the Florida Southern College Board of Trustees, among others. His involvement extended to the Boys' Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and United Way.

An avid golfer, sailor, fisherman, reader, and traveler, Vane treasured family time at his River House on the Manatee River. He was a devoted husband to his wife of 60 years, Virginia, and a loving father and grandfather.



George W. Rogers of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on May 28, 2025. Born on October 3, 1952, in Washington, D.C., he grew up in a close-knit family that ran the Sycamore Store along the Potomac River. The values of hard work and service he learned from his parents shaped his life and career. A cum laude graduate of the University of Maryland, George was passionate about the water and spent his youth fishing and boating, a love that continued throughout his life.

He began working at GEICO while still in high school, rising from the mailroom to senior vice president, where he led charitable initiatives and supported military recognition. After retiring in 2016, he dedicated himself to community leadership, serving on boards including the Florida Southern College Board of Trustees, where he delivered a commencement speech in 2010. George and his second wife,

Nancy Rose Rogers, built homes across the country during his career and later retired together in Bradenton, Florida. They established the Dr. John C. Rose Endowed Scholarship at Florida Southern College to help future pre-med students.

George cherished time with his family, especially boating outings and memorable trips with his granddaughters. After Nancy's death in 2023, he found love again with Margaret "Maggie" Loflin, who cared for him through his final battle with cancer. He is survived by his son, granddaughters, sisters, nieces, Maggie, and extended family.



Dr. Kevin F. Browne passed away peacefully at home on December 22, 2025, at the age of 73 after battling leukemia. Born on June 24, 1952, in New York City and raised in New Jersey, Kevin was devoted to education, earning a chemical engineering degree and medical degree from Rutgers University, followed by a Cardiology fellowship at Indiana University. Board-certified in four medical specialties, he dedicated over four decades to interventional cardiology and electrophysiology at Watson Clinic in Lakeland, Florida. Kevin was a pioneer in advancing angioplasty techniques, improving heart attack care, and he founded the Watson Clinic Center for Research. His passion for innovation extended beyond medicine, including establishing a medical device recycling company and co-founding the Good Samaritan Talbot House Medical Clinic for the homeless.

An avid traveler, Kevin explored all 50 states and numerous countries, earning the nickname "conciierge" for organizing adventures. He enjoyed sailing, golfing, skiing, and camping, but treasured family above all, delighting in playful moments with his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Maureen, three children, three grandsons, two sisters, and extended family. Kevin is remembered as a devoted father, loving husband, compassionate physician, and generous friend who touched countless lives. Kevin served on the Florida Southern College Board of Trustees and was deeply rooted in the College community.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE



Sally P. Verner, beloved longtime resident of Plant City, Florida, died peacefully at home on November 30, 2025—her 96th birthday. Born to Lew and Vaviel Prosser on November 30, 1929, she graduated as valedictorian from Plant City High School in 1947 and later attended Duke University. She shared a joyful

71-year marriage with her late husband, Dr. John Verner, and together they raised a family. Sally was deeply involved in her community, serving as president of the Lakeland Junior League, on the United Way executive committee, and on the board of the Needlework Guild Children's Services. She was a founding board member of Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine and supported the arts through Taproot Theater and the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra. She also received an honorary doctorate from Florida Southern College and participated in its President's and Fine Arts Councils. A devoted member and trustee of First United Methodist Church, she created and led lay care and bereavement ministries for many years. Sally is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her sons David '17, Robert '18, and James '20 Verner are avid supporters of the Annual Fund and the Vic Verner Endowed Scholarship.



Robert A.M. Stern, a celebrated American architect, educator, and author, died at age 86 on November 27, 2025, at his home in Manhattan after a brief pulmonary illness. Stern was the founding partner of the influential architectural firm Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA), established in 1969, and was widely known for blending historical and

traditional design with modern architectural practice. Stern designed the Christoverson Humanities Building (2010), the Barnett Residential Life Center (comprising Nicholas and Wesley Halls, 2009), the Becker Business Building (2015), and the Rinker Technology Center (2010) on Florida Southern College's campus. Stern also contributed to Florida's built environment, including Disney's Yacht and Beach Club Resorts in Orlando. He is remembered for his commitment to contextual design, architectural history, and mentorship. Stern is survived by his son, a brother, and three grandchildren.



Teresa Estep Hill '79 of Key West, Florida, passed away at age 66 from complications related to cancer. Born on September 3, 1958, in Charleston, West Virginia, she moved to Florida as a child and later graduated from Winter Park High School. Terri earned advanced degrees from Florida Southern College and

the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, after which she devoted over 40 years to serving as an ordained minister in the Florida United Methodist Church, with her final appointment at Key West United Methodist Church. In retirement, she remained active in the community, serving on multiple nonprofit boards and chairing the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of the Lower Keys. She also volunteered with the Metropolitan Community Church of Key West. Terri was preceded in death by her father, James Estep, and is survived by her husband of 46 years, John Hill; her three children, Amy, Stephanie, and Baxter; eight grandchildren; her mother, Phyllis Estep; sister Sandy Estep; and brothers Steve and David Estep.



Roger L. McFadden, born May 23, 1942, in Memphis, Tennessee, passed away on November 20, 2025. After his father's death, he was adopted by Leonard Harper McFadden and grew up in Kennett, Missouri, where he was active in sports and student government. He earned a BSE degree from Southeast Missouri State in 1964, where he also met his wife, Pat;

they shared 61 years of marriage. McFadden built a successful career in insurance, eventually joining Lanier Upshaw, Inc. in Lakeland, Florida, helping it become one of the state's largest agencies. He was known for his humor, storytelling, and leadership in the community. Roger was deeply involved in Kiwanis—serving as president of Citrus Center Kiwanis and Lt. Governor of the Florida District—and devoted years to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Polk County, including a term as president and being honored as Big Brother of the Year. He is survived by his wife Pat, his brother, and several sisters-in-law. Roger and Pat funded the Pat McFadden Athletic Scholarship at Florida Southern College.

1940s

LCDR Robert T. Caldwell '42
died on Aug 14, 2025.

Margaret Davis King '49
died on Apr 18, 2025.

Patricia Bryan '49
died on Aug 5, 2025.

1950s

Leslie G. Pickett '50
died on May 18, 2025.

James H. Cross Jr. '51
died on Sep 27, 2025.

Homer B. Hirt, Jr. '51
died on Dec 10, 2025.

Lee Pearson III '52
died on Jun 30, 2025.

Cynthia Bryant Cone '52
died on Aug 26, 2025.

Patricia Ross Dinkins '52
died on Nov 10, 2025.

**Mary Jean Wattwood
Thompson '53**
died on Mar 10, 2025.

Donald W. Schork '53
died on Jun 7, 2025.

Farley W. Snell '55
died on May 22 2025.

Richard B. Anderson '55
died on Jul 29 2025.

Theodore S. Harding '56
died on Jan 23, 2025.

David C. Crum, Sr. '56
died on Jul 26, 2025.

Alyce Gray Henderson '56
died on Oct 9 2025.

Royce M. Shelton '56
died on Oct 12 2025.

Dorothy E. Teter '56
died on Dec 21, 2025.

Thomas W. Zukow '57
died on Jan 15, 2025.

Irving W. Wheeler '57
died on Feb 6, 2025.

David R. Murray '57
died on Apr 13, 2025.

Naomi Pollack Fortenberry '57
died on Aug 11, 2025.

Donna Sarkison Lackland '57
died on Aug 26, 2025.

Sarah Troxler Chorak '57
died on Oct 4, 2025.

Lynn D. Horne '58
died on Jan 5, 2025.

Frederic K. Lindsay '58
died on Jan 10, 2025.

J. Milton Boring '58
died on Feb 4, 2025.

Gary W. Carnes '58
died on Aug 8, 2025.

Marilyn L. Hock '58
died on Aug 30, 2025.

Thomas W. Hamilton '59
died on Mar 27, 2025.

John F. Jageler III '59
died on Jul 21, 2025.

Dwight K. Brower '59
died on Aug 26, 2025.

1960s

Orlan H. Briant '60
died on Feb 3, 2025.

Carl M. Koch '60
died on Mar 14, 2025.

William R. Mercer '60
died on Jul 10, 2025.

Roger A. Parker '61
died on Jan 21, 2025.

Carole Smith Whitfield '61
died on Mar 29, 2025.

William F. Wyllie '61
died on Jun 6, 2025.

F. Nicholas Diehm '61
died on Jun 7, 2025.

David L. Vincent '61
died on Sep 4, 2025.

James A. Kerce, Jr. '61
died on Dec 18, 2025.

Gerald D. Barnes '62
died on Aug 31, 2025.

John M. Mullis '63
died on May 19, 2025.

James F. Stahl '63
died on Jun 3, 2025.

Betty Mercer '63
died on Jun 25, 2025.

John E. Wagner '64
died on Feb 25, 2025.

Sue Ellis '64
died on Mar 23, 2025.

David I. Shinkman '64
died on May 1, 2025.

James A. Hightower, Jr. '64
died on Oct 30, 2025.

Nadine Robbins '65
died on Mar 27, 2025.

Ella Bratton Messer '65
died on Apr 11, 2025.

David M. Thorne '65
died on Apr 26, 2025.

Penny Ritchie McCaleb '65
died on Jun 10, 2025.

Mary Ethel Matson '65
died on Jul 17, 2025.

Roy Van Ingen Harris '65
died on Sep 11, 2025.

Penny Beardsworth Chaboudy '66
died on Jan 4, 2025.

Thomas T. Remington '66
died on May 7, 2025.

Betty Lyon Daniel '66
died on May 16, 2025.

John E. Driggers '66
died on Sep 12, 2025.

William E. Evison Jr. '66
died on Sep 20 2025.

Elsie R. Wright '66
died on Oct 11, 2025.

Thomas F. Collins, Jr. '67
died on May 3, 2025.

Edwin A. Vetter '67
died on May 14, 2025.

Patricia Pontius McKee '67
died on Aug 10, 2025.

John R. Anderson '67
died on Nov 23, 2025.

Jane Durrance Billings '68
died on Oct 31, 2025.

Gwendolyn Wherrell Chandler '69
died on Jun 4, 2025.

Mabel Beers Stansbury '69
died on Dec 12, 2025.

1970s

John M. Schweisthal '70
died on Apr 2, 2025.

John R. Jordan '70
died on Apr 21, 2025.

Michael J. Sullivan '71
died on Jan 9, 2025.

Arthur G. Pollard '73
died on Jan 24, 2025.

Dorothy Smith Bender '73
died on Feb 28, 2025.

Samuel Stapleton, Jr. '73
died on Apr 7, 2025.

David A. Johnson '74
died on Jan 8, 2025.

Bobby P. Jones '74
died on Dec 13, 2025.

Timothy F. Jones '75
died on Apr 5, 2025.

Alan R. Reed '75
died on Aug 10, 2025.

Robert W. Paice '75
died on Sep 10, 2025.

Leon S. Triest '75
died on Sep 12, 2025.

Paul D. Partin '76
died on Aug 5, 2025.

Andrew V. Mackintosh '77
died on Apr 22, 2025.

Randy Dusenberry '77
died on Jul 18, 2025.

James C. Morgan '78
died on May 14, 2025.

Rick Nolte '78
died on Aug 19, 2025.

William H. Revels '78
died on Aug 24, 2025.

Mary F. Evans '79
died on Mar 1, 2025.

Allen M. Eberly, Jr. '79
died on Mar 1, 2025.

Mary Neiswander Cheatham '79
died on Jun 6, 2025.

Ernest L. Respress, Jr. '79
died on Jun 6, 2025.

Edward A. Piatnik '79
died on Jun 18, 2025.

1980s

Joe L. Caldwell '80
died on Feb 4, 2025.

David L. McDaniel '80
died on Mar 26, 2025.

Theodore H. Geltz, Jr. '80
died on May 24, 2025.

Helen M. Dunne '81
died on Jan 1, 2025.

Jack T. Williams '81
died on Feb 7, 2025.

Ina J. Hooper '81
died on Nov 29, 2025.

Mary L. West '83
died on Aug 2, 2025.

Barbara A. Truitt '83
died on Oct 21, 2025.

Karen M. Kladakis '84
died on Jun 7, 2025.

Sanford P. Artman '86
died on Jan 16, 2025.

Cynthia A. Price '87
died on May 10, 2025.

Pamela M. Willingham '88
died on Jun 20, 2025.

John R. Parrish '89
died on Jan 26, 2025.

1990s

Mark A. Dobersch '90
died on Jan 17, 2025.

Patricia L. McCarthy '90
died on May 4, 2025.

Kenneth R. Benton '91
died on Apr 24, 2025.

Miriam McGee '91
died on Jul 31, 2025.

Karin Petrey Hunt '92
died on Aug 29, 2025.

Erica Taxdal-Farmer '93
died on Oct 1, 2025.

Timothy M. Hardee '94
died on Feb 27, 2025.

Michael A. Rizzi '94
died on Dec 6, 2025.

Diane Guenin Petrie '97
died on Feb 9, 2025.

Jason B. DeVane '98
died on Jan 13, 2025.

2000s

Judith M. Kostowicz '03
died on Aug 3, 2025.

Jennifer Cannon Steer '06
died on Jun 29, 2025.

Faculty & Staff

Wayne E. Koehler '83
died on Jun 18, 2025.

Ann L. Rogers
died on Jan 30, 2025.

Hal Wissel
died on Feb 10, 2025.

Beverlee F. Genthner
died on Mar 2, 2025.

Cora Lee Wood
died on Mar 13, 2025.

Dr. Florence A. Babcock
died on Mar 16, 2025.

Barbara F. Brock
died on Mar 19, 2025.

Dr. Mossayeb Jamshid
died on Sep 10, 2025.



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