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a letter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Old Friends, New Friends, and Good News

Homecoming is always an exciting time at Florida Southern. The students, faculty, and staff especially look forward to seeing the alumni return to campus, some of them for the first time in many years. It's delightful to be able to hear their memories of their days at FSC and to show them what's new on campus. We're very grateful that so many of you care about Florida Southern just as you did when you were students.

There are important traditions observed during Homecoming. The Founders Day Convocation honors faculty and students who have achieved standards of excellence. It is also the occasion when FSC continues a long tradition of investing as honorary chancellor men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the world and embody the mission of the College.

This year, we were honored to name Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter as the College's 78th Honorary Chancellor. Ambassador McElveen-Hunter – founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pace Communications, Inc., an international leader in the custom-publishing business – is one of the most successful businesswomen in America. She served our country as its ambassador to the Republic of Finland under President George W. Bush. She is also recognized as an outstanding civic leader, and she is the first woman named chairman of the board of the American Red Cross.

It was a privilege to introduce Ambassador McElveen-Hunter to our impressive Florida Southern College community of students, alumni, and special friends. The Ambassador is internationally renowned for her leadership to eradicate child trafficking and promote philanthropic support for education, improving the quality of life for individuals around the world, and for her dynamic chairmanship of the American Red Cross. She is a brilliant woman with stellar communication skills who has contributed immeasurably to improving circumstances for those suffering around the world, as well as serving our nation in a key diplomatic role. I enjoyed visiting with her and look forward to her continuing association with our College.

Just before Homecoming, we received the fabulous news that the Frank Lloyd Wright campus at FSC was designated by the U.S. National Park Service as a National Historic Landmark, one of just 13 sites nationwide this year to receive that distinction. We are most excited about this development. It will greatly enhance the campus' visibility as a tourist destination and boost our ability to raise funds for the restoration and preservation of these priceless buildings. Please read the article on page 2 that will give more details about this wonderful news.

As you receive this edition of the *Southernnews*, we have concluded another successful academic year. I know the faculty shares my view that preparing young men and women to make positive contributions to the world, in their professional and personal lives, is the most gratifying work imaginable.

Whether you were with us for Homecoming or not, I hope the pages in this edition of the *Southernnews* will give you a picture of the wonderful events that took place on campus. We look forward to next year's Homecoming and hope to see you on campus soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Anne Kerr".

Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.
President



CoverStory

Homecoming Weekend Filled with Fun and Fond Memories



FSC Trustee Dr. Sarah D. McKay (left), Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, and FSC President Anne Kerr gather in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room for a luncheon following the Founders Day Convocation at which Ambassador McElveen-Hunter was invested as Honorary Chancellor.



Pat '62 and Chuck '62 Harriman don their robes and golden stoles, signifying their membership in the Golden Mocs Club. The Class of 1962 celebrated their 50th anniversary reunion at Homecoming in March.

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Honorary Chancellor Bonnie McElveen-Hunter (Photo by Joe Photo)

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Frank Lloyd Wright Campus Designated National Historic Landmark

Florida Southern's internationally renowned Frank Lloyd Wright campus has been designated a National Historic Landmark District by the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Florida Southern College Landmark District encompasses Wright's "Child of the Sun" Campus, the world's largest single-site collection of the work of iconic American architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

The College was one of just 13 sites nationwide to receive the designation on March 5. It joins 42 other sites in Florida previously designated National Historic Landmarks, including Bok Tower Sanctuary near Lake Wales. National Historic Landmarks are "nationally significant historic places that possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States," according to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

"Today, nearly 75 years after Wright began work on his educational masterpiece, the west campus at Florida Southern College continues to provide a marvelous educational environment for our students and faculty and has become one of the nation's most significant and most visited cultural tourist destinations," said President Anne Kerr at a press conference. "In fact, it is our goal to establish our Frank Lloyd Wright campus as one of the top 10 cultural tourist sites in the United States. The important designation of Wright's campus as a National Historic Landmark is another important step in this journey. What we see around us at Florida Southern is worthy of sharing with the world."

Dr. Kerr outlined future steps the College plans to take to promote and preserve the Child of the Sun campus. Among those steps are:

- Opening the Wright-designed Usonian House, which will serve as a tourism center and the GEICO gift shop in an adjacent craftsman-style house;
- Developing an International Board of Advisors for the Frank Lloyd Wright Campus;
- Conducting a national search for an executive director of Tourism and Education;
- Establishing a visiting scholars program in architecture and art;
- Hosting a field school with the World Monuments Fund for textile block initiatives;
- Hosting international symposia on Frank Lloyd Wright;
- Eventually opening an architecture school at FSC.



Jeff Baker of the firm of Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, who has collaborated with FSC on restoring Wright's designs, including the Water Dome fountain in 2008, said the Landmark status was appropriate for Wright's brilliant achievement.

"This recognition brings with it an acknowledgement that Wright's creation at Florida Southern College ranks among the most significant architectural achievements of our culture. Dr. Ludd Spivey's dream of a 'great education temple' was in and of itself an education for us all, and it is gratifying to know that this designation will help to ensure that it will continue to educate and inspire for generations to come," he said.

In 1975, the Child of the Sun collection was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the nation's places deemed worthy of preservation, by the National Park Service. The designation as a National Historic Landmark District means that the Frank Lloyd Wright campus joins a much smaller list of about 2,500 sites that are judged by the National Park Service to be of particular importance to the history and culture of the United States.

"Each of these landmarks teaches us about the history of our land, our people, and our nation – from pictographs dating back two millennia to a World War II warship," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar in a statement.

Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter Invested As Florida Southern's 78th Honorary Chancellor



Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter draws a laugh from FSC Provost Kyle Fedler and FSC President Anne Kerr during her Founders Day Convocation address. She was invested as the College's 78th Honorary Chancellor during the Convocation.



President Anne Kerr and her husband, Roy Kerr (right), hosted a dinner party in their home in honor of Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter the evening before the Founders Day Convocation. At left is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, **Dr. Robert L. Fryer Jr. '70.**

The heights she has reached as a leader in public and private life, Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter said, are due to lessons she learned from her mother. "Among her pearls of wisdom were, mediocrity is the greatest sin. Work is the greatest privilege. And 'can't' is a word that does not exist," she said.

Ambassador McElveen-Hunter, founder and CEO of Pace Communications, Inc., of Greensboro, N.C., chairman of the board of the American Red Cross, and a former U.S. Ambassador to Finland, was invested as FSC's 78th Honorary Chancellor at the Founders Day Convocation on March 16.

She was also awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. A proclamation read by Florida Southern President Anne B. Kerr recognized some of her many accomplishments as a businesswoman, diplomat and leader in humanitarian causes.

Ambassador McElveen-Hunter has organized and led Women's Business Leaders Summits in Europe and the Middle East, and she was U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Finland from 2001 to 2003. She has served on the boards of the United Way, an initiative to stop child trafficking, the National Museum of Women in The Arts, and Habitat for Humanity International. She was the first woman elected to serve as chair of the board of The American Red Cross.

Ambassador McElveen-Hunter has received numerous honors, including the Commander Grand Cross of the Order of the Lion from the government of Finland, Woman Entrepreneur of the Year from the National Foundation for Women Legislatures, National Athena Award for business and civic contributions from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the United Way's National Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award for her leadership and exemplary service to her community, and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

In her address to the Convocation, Ambassador McElveen-Hunter challenged Florida Southern College students to find ways of defining success beyond material gain.

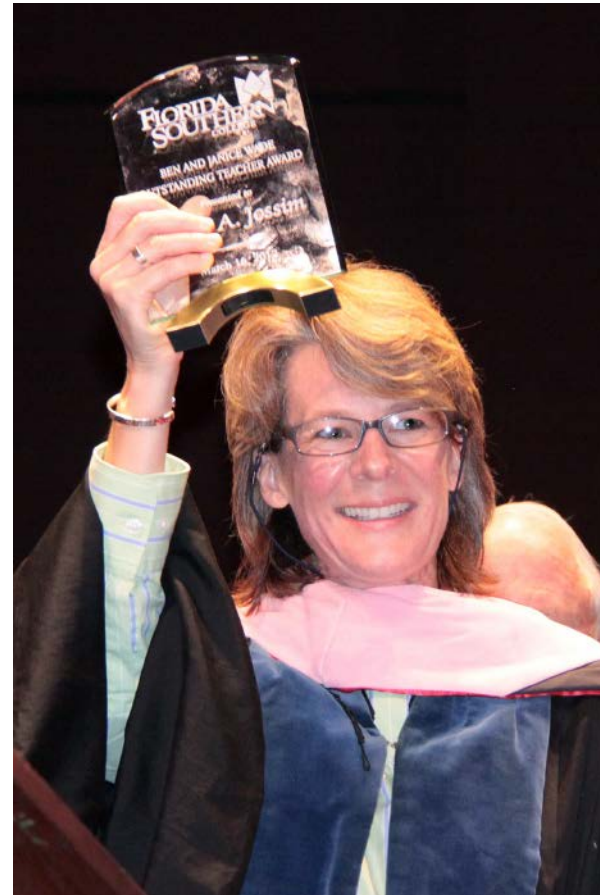
"Steve Jobs said, 'Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter.' ... You will have to decide what kind of person you will be. How will you define success?" she said.

She pointed to Pace's philosophy of devoting 15 percent of its profits to community and charitable causes, a practice she continued even during a time of potential financial crisis for her company.

"All we really keep is what we give away," she said.



Eveff Simmons '79 (pictured above reading her poetry at the Vagabonds Reunion Cabaret during Homecoming 2012) has been named one of 13 recipients of the 2012 Multicultural Leadership Award by the Florida Diversity Council. She is a shareholder and Chief Diversity Officer for Greenspoon Marder Attorneys at Law in Port St. Lucie, Fla.



Dr. Jo Jossim, Professor of Music and Director of Bands at FSC, received the 2012 Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award at the Founders Day Convocation on March 16. The award is conferred annually upon the classroom teacher who has demonstrated outstanding teaching performance. In announcing the award, FSC Provost Kyle Fedler said, "Upon arriving at the college, Dr. Jossim took the reins of a growing program and – with energy and insight – took it to unprecedented levels of excellence within a few years, firmly establishing the regional, state, and national reputation of the college and her department."



Stephanie Meyers Named 2012 Honor Walk Student

Stephanie Meyers was named FSC's 2012 Honor Walk recipient at the Founders Day Convocation on March 16. It is the highest individual honor bestowed on a student by the College.

A senior biochemistry and molecular biology major, she has earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for her career at FSC, holds several prestigious scholarships, belongs to several honor societies, and was vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. She also was elected to a seat in the Student Government Association senate. Upon graduation from FSC in April, she plans to enter the Morsani College of Medicine at the University of South Florida and pursue a career in medical research.

Meyers was selected from 17 nominees. A stone engraved with Meyers' name will be placed in FSC's Honor Walk alongside those of previous recipients in the planned campus Green.

Distinguished Alumni Honored At Founders Day Convocation



DR. KEITH BEREND '92 is a world-renowned orthopedic physician based at the New Albany Surgical Hospital in Central Ohio.

Dr. Berend earned his Bachelor of Science in biology with honors. He was

a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and other honor societies, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and a member of the water ski team.

He earned his medical degree and orthopedic residency from Duke University and completed a Fellowship in Adult Reconstruction of the Hip and Knee. His specialties include minimally invasive surgery and partial knee replacement. He is board certified and a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. He is also a member of The Knee Society and The Hip Society, the highest honors bestowed on a surgeon with those respective specialties.

Every year, Dr. Berend donates countless hours to Operation Walk, a charitable organization that provides medical education and free surgical treatment for patients in developing countries. Also, he and a colleague founded Operation Joint Implant, a local program that provides access to life-improving care for arthritis and other debilitating bone conditions affecting the knee and hip.

Dr. Berend is a car enthusiast, fisherman and an active cyclist. He and his wife, Cindy, have two teenage children, Taylor and Molly.

“It is amazing to see how much things are the same and how much they have changed. Florida Southern laid the groundwork for me to go on and be successful. My sense of giving back was something I learned from my community, my parents, and at Florida Southern,” he said.



SHELLY BRADY SCHAFFER '85 is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Support.com, which provides remote cloud-based technology services and software for consumers and small businesses.

Ms. Schaffer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Economics and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She earned an MBA from the University of South Florida.

Ms. Schaffer held senior finance roles spanning over a decade with The Coca Cola Company and Nestle Beverage Company. At Coca Cola, she was director of business and strategic analysis for a \$2 billion division of the company.

Moving from traditional production businesses into the world of Internet technology, Ms. Schaffer became vice president for finance and treasurer for Cosine Communications, where she had direct management of finance, accounting, and budgeting, and she was an executive at Mercury Interactive in a number of finance roles.

Ms. Schaffer also was vice president of corporate operations finance for Yahoo! Inc., a company known as a pioneer in Internet communications. At Yahoo! she was responsible for global planning and forecasting, and international consolidation and analytics, among other duties.

Ms. Schaffer is married and lives in San Mateo, Calif.

In her remarks, she thanked Dr. Carl Brown, the William F. Chatlos Professor of Business and Economics at FSC.

“I took every class he had. I can’t tell you what he meant to me. He treated you like what you were going to be, even if you hadn’t grown into it yet,” she said.



G. BARRY SKITSKO '73 is founder and Managing Partner of East Bay Capital Mortgage in Jacksonville, Fla. He has more than 30 years of combined experience in the energy, construction, and real estate industries.

Mr. Skitsko was previously founder and president of Southeastern Mechanical Services and SMS Global, a leader in specialty construction services to the U.S. and European energy sectors. In 2008, he sold SMS Global and started East Bay Capital Mortgage the following year. Additionally, Mr. Skitsko founded Riverview Investment Properties, a real estate investment and development firm.

Mr. Skitsko earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at FSC.

Mr. Skitsko is a member of the FSC Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Paula, are supporters of Greenscape of Jacksonville, the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, the Jacksonville Library Foundation and other charities.

The Skitskos have two daughters, Catherine and Virginia. Mr. Skitsko enjoys hunting and fishing.

“My days at Florida Southern were a wonderful time in my life, and I’ll always be grateful for the time I spent here. I credit Florida Southern with equipping me with the necessary skills to succeed. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for FSC,” he said.



Florida Chief Justice Charles Canady

Florida Chief Justice Charles Canady Gives His Views on the Rule of Law

The Hon. Charles T. Canady, chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court, addressed the first session of a new lecture series at Florida Southern College, explaining the work of the Supreme Court and giving his views on the rule of law.

Canady spoke to a group of about 60 students, faculty and members of the community, including many from the legal profession. He told the audience the role of appellate judges is to abide by the texts of the federal and state constitutions and of legal statutes.

Canady is a former U.S. Representative. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2008 by Gov. Charlie Crist.

The luncheon and lecture series, Legally Speaking, was organized by Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law fraternity at FSC, to bring together members of the legal community, professionals, students and the public for meaningful discussions about timely legal issues facing society.

August Busch III Shares Wisdom On The Future Of Free Enterprise

By Bill Rhey

Dean, Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise

It is a mark of the increasing visibility of the Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise that we are able to attract some of the best business minds in the world to share their experiences with our students and faculty.

On Feb. 2, we were hosts to one of America's most distinguished businessmen. Former Anheuser Busch President and Chairman August Busch III was our special guest for a luncheon, after which he led a two-hour discussion with select faculty and students on "The Future of Free Enterprise in the United States."

Mr. Busch demonstrated a wealth of knowledge on topics relating to the international competitiveness of the United States in the global marketplace and on the economic problems facing the country. He also proved to be a charming guest as he made everyone in the group comfortable, from college juniors to senior faculty members and FSC administrators.

The first of our 2011-2012 Florida Business Symposia Series on Oct. 21, "Commercial Real Estate: Crisis or Confidence," drew about 50 people to hear perspectives from experts in the fields of finance, banking, and the law. The featured speaker was Dana Rowan, managing director of Paradigm-Exeter Advisors of Boston.

The Barnett School's CEO Leadership Seminar for upper level students invited six local chief executives to present case studies from their businesses. Students conduct a brief competitive analysis and then prepare a paper which addresses the problem. The CEOs who participated were Jeff Cox, formerly of Linder Machinery; Fred Johnson of Fred's Southern Kitchen; Nancy Rabenold of Xcira, Inc.; Paul Norris of Bank of Central Florida; Dr. Joseph Laurino of Periodic Products; and Lisa Hickey of Douglas Screen Printing.



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Guest Speakers Address Senior Criminology Seminar

Dr. Risdon Slate, Professor of Criminology, arranged for several guest speakers, some of whom are FSC alumni who work in all parts of the criminal justice system, to speak to his senior seminar in the fall semester.

One of the guest speakers was James Bain, whose case received national attention after he was found innocent of a crime for which he served 35 years in prison, longer than anyone else on record. Among other guest

speakers in the seminar were Nancy Cobb '03, an investigator with the Polk County Public Defender's Office; Justin Bachand '03, a probation officer for the Florida Department of Corrections; Lizz Mendenhall '06, a criminal intelligence analyst with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; Circuit Court Judge John Radabaugh; and Lakeland Police Department Chief Lisa Womack.

Alumni Among Guest Speakers In Pre-Law Program

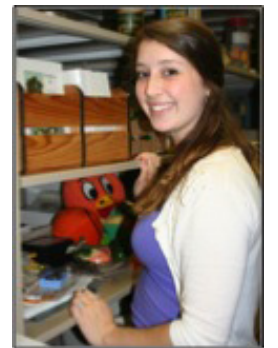
A course that's required for students in FSC's pre-law program is Law and the Courts, taught by Dr. Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Political Science and Pre-Law Advisor. Dr. Anderson makes a point of inviting guest speakers from the legal profession to address the class, and many of them are FSC alumni or friends of the College.

Among the speakers this year have been attorney Dennis Durkin '70 of Baker Hostetler in Orlando, attorney Mark Clements '76 of Lakeland, Hillsborough County Assistant State Attorney Christine Brown '94, and FSC Trustee Bob Puterbaugh, an attorney with Peterson and Myers in Lakeland.

Another speaker was Senior Judge Aymer "Buck" Curtin of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Gainesville. Judge Curtin is married to Sue Halfacre, mother of FSC star swimmer Jeb Halfacre.

Florida Citrus Hall of Fame Fellowship Receives Donation

The family of Frank Bouis has donated \$50,000 to the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame Fellowship Program at Florida Southern College. The donation was made Nov. 7, 2011, the day before Mr. Bouis died at his home in Yalaha, Fla. Mr. Bouis was elected to the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame in 2000.



The fellowship program will help catalog, preserve, and digitize collections for the State of Florida Citrus Archives. The current database includes 1,300 items of information and images of Florida citrus crate labels. The fellowship program is in the process of creating projects that include a searchable database of the Florida Citrus Archives and an oral history project with taped and transcribed interviews from Florida Citrus Hall of Fame members.

The donation was made by Mr. Bouis' wife, Cathye, and their children: Stephanie Bouis, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Martha Bouis Peterson, of Southwest Ranches, Fla.; Patricia Bouis Thompson, of Mount Plymouth, Fla.; and Henry J. S. Bouis of Yalaha, Fla.



Students Give Back to Community in Record Fashion During Week of Impact



Seven FSC students accompanied by two FSC staff members traveled to the Panhandle to participate in a week-long Alternative Spring Break, Feb. 27 to March 2. Altogether, the students gave a total of 130 service hours working with two state agencies on environmental projects. The students worked with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to plant and propagate sea grass along the Gulf Coastline. They also bagged fossilized oyster shells, which are used to create oyster reefs along the coast, and removed invasive Popcorn Trees for the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance. Seen here sitting on top of the oyster shell bags that they created are (left to right): Mariko Aburai (back), Laurel Milburn, Janine Kennedy, Luis Mendez, Brianna Davis, Megan Hurley, Chelsea Dix, and Casey Hickman (FSC staff).



Florida Southern students turned out in record numbers to serve the Lakeland community during the Student Government Association-sponsored Week of Impact, Jan. 30 to Feb. 4.

During the ninth annual event, students devoted almost 1,000 hours of service to at least eight charitable organizations. That nearly tripled the number of hours previously logged, said Ashley Gibson, SGA Vice President of Community Service and Public Relations.

“The Student Government Association feels that it is important for the student body of Florida Southern to practice service and to give back to our community,” she said. “We worked really hard on publicizing the week.”

Highlights of the week included gleaning about 7,000 pounds of citrus from a private grove, which was donated to local charities; donating bottles of water and Gatorade to the Sandwich Ministry of the FSC Chaplain’s Office, which delivers free food and drinks to the homeless; and writing about 2,000 Valentine’s Day cards for residents of the Florida Presbyterian Homes and patients at Lakeland Regional Hospital.

The week concluded with a project at Campfire USA’s local headquarters, cleaning, painting and sorting items for an upcoming yard sale.



Under a partnership agreement announced in January with All Saints’ Academy and FSC, NuVu Studio of Cambridge, Mass., will conduct a four-week enhanced-learning program on the FSC campus from June 11 to July 6 for Polk County middle and high school students. Florida Southern College will provide state-of-the-art facilities for the program, and the College’s faculty will assist in mentoring students. The program employs a “design studio” educational model, in which students work in teams with a coach and use a multi-disciplinary approach to problem-solving. President Anne Kerr (right) is seen here with Carolyn Baldwin, Head of School at All Saints, and Dr. Saeed Arida, “Chief Excitement Officer” at NuVu Studio.



Lt. Gen. Donald L. Kerrick '71 Delivers Winter Commencement Address

Florida Southern College conferred degrees on 150 graduates at the winter commencement ceremony on Dec. 17, 2011 in Branscomb Auditorium. The graduating class included 118 undergraduates from the college's traditional day program and the evening college. Thirty-two students received their master's degrees.

Former U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Donald L. Kerrick '71, a member of FSC's Board of Trustees, delivered the commencement address. He told the graduates, "Find someone to love, find something to love, find something in which to believe, and anchor yourselves on these."

Kerrick's exceptional career has included appointments as deputy national security advisor under President Bill Clinton, assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, director for operations for the Defense Intelligence Agency, and director of European affairs for the National Security Council. He is a decorated veteran, having served in Southeast Asia and Desert Storm.

Today, he serves on the Board of Advisors of The Truman National Security Project, and the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's National Security Advisory Council.

As an FSC alumnus, Kerrick said, "The circumstances of your life may change, but the moral and intellectual discipline you have learned at FSC will last you a lifetime."



Lt. Gen. Donald L. Kerrick '71

Danielle Carr of Bensalem, Penn., who graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in biology and with minors in Spanish and chemistry, was awarded the prestigious President's Scholar Medal for outstanding commitment to scholarship and student engagement.

Commencement's Senior Speaker was Tonda Wooten, a biology major and honors student from Panama City, Fla.

FSC Awarded Collection of Science and Religion Texts

Thanks to a collaborative effort from several faculty and staff, Florida Southern received a set of 250 books about the interdisciplinary field of science and religion from the International Society for Science and Religion at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

The books, which are part of the College's Roux Library collection, represent foundational texts in the field as compiled by the Society. They encompass many faith traditions and will provide a comprehensive foundation for study, teaching and research in science and religion for students and faculty.

The award was the result of an application to a competition held by the Society. Biology Professor Nancy



Morvillo and religion Professor Sara Fletcher Harding, who co-direct the Florida Center for Science and Religion at Florida Southern, prepared the application with assistance from Randall MacDonald, Director of the Roux Library; Dr. Kyle Fedler, FSC Provost; and Dr. James Byrd, Dean of Arts and Sciences at FSC. Florida Southern is one of just 150 institutions which the Society selected to receive the collection.

The books include works on evolution, cosmology, environmental ethics and perspectives on science from such religious traditions as Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Buddhism.

Florida Center for Science and Religion



All Roads Lead To FSC For Homecoming 2012



Allured by the theme “All Roads Lead Home,” more than 250 alumni returned to the FSC campus for Homecoming 2012 on March 15-17, many for the first time in decades. The Homecoming weekend featured a busy slate of activities, including the Founders Day Convocation and plenty of occasions for food, socializing, and reminiscing.

The weekend began with a welcome breakfast for the Class of 1962, which observed its 50th anniversary. The class was recognized as part of the Golden Moc Club at a dinner hosted by President Anne Kerr.

At the Convocation, the College welcomed its 78th Honorary Chancellor, Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, chief executive of Pace Communications, Inc., chairman of the board of the American Red Cross, and former U.S. Ambassador to Finland. FSC alumni G. Barry Skitsko '73, Shelly Brady Schaffer '85, and Dr. Keith Berend '92 were recognized with Distinguished Alumni Awards.

A shrimp boil, a garden party luncheon, a performance by the political satire troupe The Capitol Steps, a reception for the Spivey Society, and a Homecoming Party were among the many activities in a fun-filled weekend.

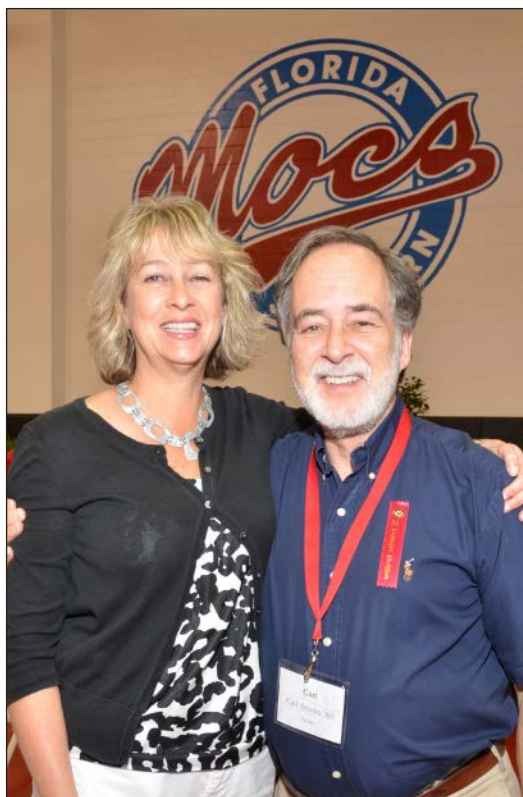
Carolyn Lee Thomas '70 (right) and Bob Pohlada have their picture taken in the Water Dome by **Clayton Hollis '80** as part of Homecoming festivities.



These Zeta Tau Alphas socialized at the shrimp boil near the Water Dome on Friday evening during Homecoming.



Alumni and families enjoy the food at the shrimp boil during Homecoming.



Distinguished Alumna **Shelly Brady Schaffer '85** (left) and Dr. Carl Brown, Professor of Economics, get reacquainted at the Homecoming Luncheon. Dr. Brown was her favorite professor at FSC.

A Word From The National Alumni Board

At the annual Homecoming Luncheon, National Alumni Board President Ed McMullen '58 shared some welcoming remarks with the large crowd of alumni and faculty:

For many of us, Florida Southern's campus has undergone significant transformations since our student days, and I hope you are as pleased as I am with the many wonderful additions that today's students enjoy. We may almost need a map to find our way around, but what I have found is that the spirit of excitement on campus and the joys of learning among our students are the same as we experienced during our years in school here. Perhaps next year's Homecoming theme should be "Florida Southern: Yesterday, Today, and Forever."



Ed McMullen '58



Young Alumni Gathering, standing from left: **Sarah Corbett '00**; **Casey Hickman '07**; **Amanda Dunivan '00**, Director of Student Involvement; Mocsie; **Katy Ciempa '05**, Director of Development for the Spivey Society; **Adam Miller '09 ('11 MBA)** Coordinator of the Annual Fund and Athletic Giving; **Andrew Grutka '10 (MBA '11)**; and **Sarah McNabb** (current FSC student). Seated **Mike Miller '08** and **Shawn Britton '07**.



The brothers of Kappa Alpha hosted a cookout for visiting alums.



Cover Story Homecoming



The Class of 1962 marked their golden anniversary reunion at a dinner hosted by President Anne Kerr.



Bill Jones '62 (right) was master of ceremonies for the Class of 1962 dinner. He and all the Golden Mocs received certificates from President Anne Kerr.



Doug Trudeau '84 performs during the Vagabonds Cabaret, which brought together current and former members of the Vagabonds theatrical troupe for an evening of song and sketches.



On Saturday of Homecoming weekend, alumni gathered for a luncheon with a garden party theme and were given an update from President Anne Kerr about the College's plans for the future. **Bill '79** and **Pat '79 Marine** (center and right) enjoy the luncheon with Bill's mother, Lucy Marine.



At Saturday's garden party luncheon, Dr. Robert H. Tate, Vice President for External Relations at FSC (center), was given a certificate marking his membership in the 30-Year Club as part of the College's faculty and staff. He is seen here with National Alumni Board of Directors President **Ed McMullen '58** and President Anne Kerr.





A reception was held in the lobby of the Christoverson Humanities Building on Friday evening following a performance by The Capitol Steps. Seen here from left are Lakeland businessman Sal Campisi and his wife, Sandra, and George and Rosemary Hudson.



FSC Trustee Dr. Marcene H. Christoverson arrives in the lobby of the Christoverson Humanities Building for the post-performance reception, escorted by Chairman of the Board of Trustees **Dr. Robert L. Fryer Jr. '70**, and President Anne Kerr.



Fraternalities and sororities on campus welcomed alumni brothers and sisters during Homecoming. Ladies from Delta Zeta gathered in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room in Joseph-Reynolds Hall.



Enjoying the all-alumni dance are FSC Trustee Art Rowbotham (right) and his wife, Bonnie.



Dr. Jose Garcia, Associate Professor of Spanish, talks during a panel discussion following a screening of his documentary, *Voices from Mariel*, during Homecoming weekend. The documentary recounts Dr. Garcia's personal journey as a refugee from Cuba during the Mariel boatlift and his recent return to seek out family and friends.



FULL CIRCLE: Richard Weaver '61 Reflects on Lessons Learned and Shared

As a kid in Canton, Ohio, Richard Weaver '61 would pretend to be a disc jockey, talking into an old tape machine. It was an early indicator of what would become a successful career in broadcast journalism, marketing and public relations.

“I was very lucky to know early on what I wanted to do,” he says.

Now retired and living in Naples, Fla., Weaver says he received a helpful boost in the right direction from Frank Szabo, who was for many years dean of men at Florida Southern and a commanding figure who “had our attention,” Weaver says with a smile.

Weaver had followed a good friend to FSC. He studied journalism and credits the late Prof. Hal Waters '53 with encouraging him to think

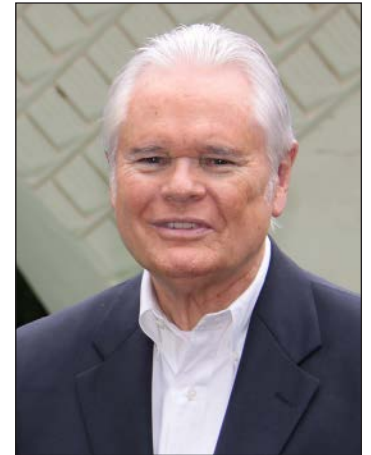
seriously about TV news. But it was Szabo who helped him learn about being a pitch man.

Weaver had a part-time job in Lakeland as a DJ on radio station WYSE. Szabo had heard his show and offered to help him get a summer job as an announcer for the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show, a barnstorming auto stunt show that was very popular in the 1950s and '60s. It was a job Szabo had when he was in college (Szabo also was a driver in the Thrill Show).

Weaver got the job and was given a car with a big logo on the side. He drove around the country, pitching the show to radio and TV stations before it came to town.

“I made some terrific contacts that I still have to this day. I've been forever grateful for that experience,” he says.

After he graduated from FSC, Weaver worked as a journalist at TV stations in North Carolina and Orlando. He covered the civil rights movement and the burgeoning space program at Cape Canaveral.



One day in 1973 he interviewed the president of SeaWorld, which had announced it would open a park in Orlando. Weaver was soon hired to lead the public relations effort for the park, and later he led its international marketing program, promoting SeaWorld overseas as a tourist attraction in more than 20 countries. Other marketing jobs would follow, with a South Florida visitors' bureau, a cruise line and Amtrak.

Weaver kept up his interest in FSC through his daughter, Melinda Dornan '96, and last year he participated in the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1961, reuniting with Robert Sharp '61, his roommate at FSC. Sharp, who is the lead donor for the Robert Sharp Family Tourism and Education Center under construction at FSC, asked Weaver for some advice on how the Center could be effectively marketed.

Weaver notes he is still putting into practice the lessons he learned at FSC.

“I'm sitting in a meeting at Florida Southern with my old roommate, talking about the same things I was talking about with Frank Szabo. Things have come full circle,” he says.



Richard Weaver '61 next to his publicity car for the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show.

HIGHER LEARNING: Dr. Gwendolyn High '70

By Elizabeth Baxa

Dr. Gwendolyn Gibson High '70 has been a pioneer of racial integration on more than one occasion, but the first black residential student at FSC almost transferred to another school.

At the end of her sophomore year, after two years of being the only black student on campus,



High longed for the companionship of others like her. She applied to Florida State University and prepared to transfer. But the dean of the College told her that more black students would be enrolled at FSC the following year.

High decided to stay and be a mentor to the new black students. It was the turning point in her college career, she says. Her perseverance paved the way for the diversity that the College now actively promotes.

High is now Vice President of Community Relations at ARAMARK, a global professional services company that is a world leader in food services, facilities management, and uniform and career apparel, in Charlotte, N.C. Her work is focused on K-12 education, and she built her department from the ground up.

“Everything I am,” she said, “is a function of all the experiences that I’ve had.”

A native of The Bahamas, High grew up in Miami and was the first black student at Palmetto Senior High School. When considering college, she didn’t want to stray too far from her family. Florida Southern’s small size and religious affiliation appealed to her. She wanted to attend a racially integrated college, and a member of her local

church told her that there were black students at FSC. But upon settling into her dorm, High couldn’t help noticing the lack of other black students.

“I remember joking to myself, ‘OK, they’re late,’” she said. Soon, however, it was clear that not only was High the only black student in her class; she was the only black student boarding at the College.

She remembers the moment of revelation clearly – shock followed quickly by a burst of good-humored determination.

“I think I’m it!” she said to herself, and then, “Well, I’m here now.”

While she generally got along well with her fellow students, racial integration was still in its infancy in the 1960s, and High had to overcome cultural barriers.

“Weekends were lonely times,” she recalled.

But High went on to thrive at FSC. She was active in student government, modeled in student-produced fashion shows and learned to play golf. She met her future husband during her junior year, and as a senior, she was voted Miss Southern.

After receiving her B.S. in Elementary Education, High worked for philanthropies and in educational administration at South Florida colleges and universities. Along the way, she earned M.Ed. and Ed.S. degrees from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. from the University of Miami.

At ARAMARK, High’s department helps managerial teams partner with the school systems



Dr. Gwendolyn Gibson High '70 was named Miss Southern in 1970.

and communities they work in, encouraging them to implement student programs such as guest reading, mentoring, tutoring and scholarship awards.

“I get to use all of my skill sets, ask questions, listen, learn and problem solve,” she said.

Dr. High remains a role model, now for young people of all races. Asked to share some advice for current students, she quotes motivational speaker Les Brown.

“Leap, and grow your wings on the way down.’ Do not be afraid,” she said with the conviction of a woman who clearly has made a habit of conquering her own fears.



A BRIGHT FUTURE: Cindy Price '87 Helps TECO's Role in Economic Development



As a native of Polk County, Cindy Price '87 has a deep desire to see the Central Florida region flourish, and she credits Florida Southern College with contributing not just to the growth of the area but her personal growth as well.

“Economic development opportunities improve our community, and education is so closely tied to that,” says Price, regional manager for community relations for TECO, the utility company that supplies electricity and natural gas to several counties in the area.

Price should know. She worked her way up through the ranks at TECO,

boosted in part thanks to her degree in business administration from FSC, which she earned through the College's evening program.

A native of Auburndale, Price started working in the home economics department at TECO when she was still in high school. After graduating, she took a full-time job in customer service and moved into community relations about 12 years ago. TECO is the only company she has ever worked for.

“It's a great company to work for. It afforded me the opportunity to do better and move up the ranks as a professional,” she says.

FSC's evening program was a perfect fit for Price as she was able to negotiate her classes, her duties at TECO and her family. And she and her fellow nontraditional students bonded, forming a study group that met on Sunday afternoons. Price finished her degree in five years.

As a community relations manager, Price works with local elected officials, economic development boards and nonprofits to ensure that TECO plays an appropriate role in the betterment of the region. She sits on the executive board of the Central Florida Development Council and is a charter member of the Winter Haven Economic Development Council.

She also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Polk Museum of Art and currently chairs the Development Committee. In 2010, she was Chair of the Polk Community College Foundation (now Polk State College).

Price and her husband, George, have two sons, Chris and Alex, who are college students. They enjoy traveling to national parks, snow skiing, cooking, and fine dining.

Price sees a bright future ahead for Central Florida, with Florida Southern playing an important role.

“What's most impressive is Dr. Anne Kerr's efforts to promote the school's Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and the value that has to all of us in the community. Everyone takes pride in that. And the other development plans the College has for new buildings, it makes me very proud to be an alumna of Florida Southern,” she said.



ON THE FAST TRACK: FSC Provost Kyle Fedler

Florida Southern's new provost, Dr. Kyle Fedler, is nothing if not ambitious. Halfway through his first full academic year, he has a lofty goal for FSC. "My ultimate goal is to be the best private college in the state. People roll their eyes at that, but I say why not? We have everything it takes," he said in a recent interview.

As provost, Fedler is the College's chief academic officer. He says that FSC has several things going for it to make it a top destination school.

"We have a faculty that is way ahead of the curve on engaged learning – which is not a fad," he said, referring to FSC's new curriculum that requires students to apply what they learn in the classroom. "We have an incredible alumni base that is deeply committed to this institution and has a new sense of pride in it. Our campus is second to none. We have great athletics. And we have a president who's going to accept nothing less than the best. Within five to 10 years, I don't see what could stop us."

Fedler already sees signs that the school is on its way.

"Our students are getting better and better. Our entering students' ACT scores have gone up by a full point," he said.

Fedler's drive may be best exemplified by an avocation he pursued till recently – extreme endurance sports. Mere triathlons were not enough. He competed in double triathlons – that's a 220-mile bike ride, a five-mile swim and a 52-mile run. In 2007, he won a national meet.

"It's not sedentary or cerebral. Those events are very primal. It's just you and your body and how far you can push yourself," he said.

Fedler came to FSC in June 2011 from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., where he was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. He became interested in administration after serving as president of the faculty senate at Ashland (Ohio) University, where he was a professor for eight years.

"I discovered that I like working with a variety of faculty members to make their visions come to fruition," he said.

Fedler considered a career in the ministry but felt called to teach instead. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, he passed up a narrowly focused position at Columbia Theological Seminary in favor of the post at Ashland, where he taught Bible, ethics and theology. The broad approach to teaching across disciplines is one Fedler wants to encourage at FSC.

"It made me a better teacher. When I'm hiring faculty members, I ask them, 'How do you connect your field with others?'" he said.

Dr. W. Waite Willis Jr., chair of the Humanities Division, said Fedler has been a great addition to the campus.



"Kyle is a bright, balanced, and caring leader, who has already begun making important decisions for the faculty and the school. He has both an expectation for excellence and a fine sense of humor. We are fortunate that he is here," he said.

Fedler has some immediate goals for the College. Among them are improving an already-rising retention rate; increasing the four-year graduation rate; and emphasizing scholarship and publishing among the faculty.

FSC President Anne Kerr said Fedler already has made an impact on the College.

"Dr. Fedler has brought vigor and a clear vision of the future to Florida Southern. Under his leadership our faculty and students will pursue a dedication to excellence," she said.



Hal and Marjorie Roberts are joined by the fifth graders outside The Roberts Academy.

UP WE GROW! The Roberts Academy Adds a Grade

Marjorie Roberts may have never had more birthday cards than she got this year. In March, she and her husband, Hal, visited the school at Florida Southern that bears their name, and Mrs. Roberts was not only serenaded twice with “Happy Birthday”; she received cards from all of the 64 students at the Roberts Academy.

It was a small gesture of gratitude from the students, many of whom have had their young lives transformed. The Roberts Academy was funded through a generous gift from the Robertses and opened in 2010 with 24 students in grades 1-4 as an elementary school for gifted children with dyslexia, a learning difference that makes reading difficult. The goal is to give students the skills they need to succeed when they return to mainstream schools. The classes are small, and teachers are trained in the Orton-Gillingham method of instruction, which has proven effective for children with dyslexia.

The Roberts Academy added a fifth grade this year, and enrollment zoomed from the original 24 students to about 64 for the 2011-2012 school year. There were discussions about adding a sixth-grade class someday, but Dr. Tracey Tedder, Dean of the School of Education at FSC and Head of School at the Academy, figured that day was a few years off.

Then in January, thanks to the Roberts’ further generosity, Tedder announced to parents that the Roberts Academy would expand, adding a sixth grade next fall. That means the fifth-grade class will be able to move up and spend an additional year at the Academy.

The Robertses said that they were moved to help add a sixth grade because the fifth-grade students otherwise would only have one year at the Academy. “It really takes two to three years to get a good foundation. With older children, it takes longer,” said Marjorie Roberts.

Hal Roberts added that the school has been a tremendous success.

“To see the joy in the children is overwhelmingly positive feedback. People are so profuse in their appreciation. We receive letters from families speaking about the impact it’s had. You can’t read those with just one tissue,” he said.

Tedder has seen those success stories. Children who have come to the school painfully timid or frustrated are transformed into eager and outgoing students.

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IN SEARCH OF HOPE: Family Moves From Arizona to Enroll Son in Roberts Academy



Debbie Addair (right) and her son, Kyle

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“You see that change in self-esteem develop so quickly. Once they can feel successful, it makes all the difference in the world in their confidence,” she said.

When the expansion is complete, the Academy will have a maximum enrollment of 120. In order to make room for the students, the second floor of the main building will be refurbished.

In addition to benefitting its students, the Academy is also a place where FSC students can practice teaching and FSC faculty can try new techniques to enhance learning. For example, Dr. Jennifer King, assistant professor of education, has brought students from her educational technology class to the Academy to use interactive games they devised to teach vocabulary lessons.

“It has been a reciprocal benefit for the College and the Roberts Academy students,” Tedder said.

Desperation drove Debbie Addair 2,100 miles with her son, Kyle, beside her. They came from Scottsdale, Ariz., to Lakeland, hoping that at the end of their journey, the Roberts Academy would be able to help Kyle overcome the frustrations his dyslexia caused him in school.

“He was falling behind, he was angry, he wouldn’t do his homework. We struggled,” Debbie said simply.

Debbie and her husband, Steven, found that although the public schools in Scottsdale were aware of Kyle’s condition and placed him in a Title I reading program, it lacked resources. Steven’s sister, who lives near Lakeland, knew about the Roberts Academy through an acquaintance with Marjorie Roberts, who helped fund the school with her husband, Hal. At her sister-in-law’s urging, Debbie came to Lakeland for an open house.

“I was so impressed with Dr. Tracey Tedder and the teachers. You could see they cared,” she said.

Kyle, 10, was tested and judged a good candidate for the Academy, and he was accepted for one of two openings in the fourth grade in the fall of 2011. Steven stayed behind in Scottsdale to run his technology business, and Debbie and Kyle moved into a home near Steven’s sister. He comes to Florida once a month for several days.

Were the Addairs’ hopes fulfilled?

“Kyle has improved in every category. He comes home and tells us what he learned. He never did that before. He hated school. It was a fight, getting him up and ready. Now he does his homework and I don’t have to ask,” Debbie said.

And with an improvement in learning has come a change in personality.

“His self-esteem has skyrocketed. My husband could see it when he came to visit. He’s like a different child,” Debbie said. “It’s like a miracle. People thought we were crazy for moving, but it’s been well worth it.”

THE  **ROBERTS ACADEMY**
AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Career Center Helps Students Prepare For Work, School, Life

College life can be carefree, but never far from a student's mind is the prospect of finding a job or admission to graduate study.

Florida Southern's Career Center understands that preparation is the key to relieving students' anxieties about the future. Each semester, the Center offers a range of programs to encourage students seeking career guidance, internships, part-time or full-time jobs. Among those programs are job expos, seminars on resume writing, practice interview sessions, and opportunities for networking.

Internships are particularly important for getting needed experience, and one of the promises made to all incoming FSC students is that they are guaranteed an internship. The Career Center works closely with students and employers to see that promise is fulfilled. FSC students have landed high-profile internships with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna, Austria, and Goldman Sachs in London.

This year, Chelsea Walsh, a senior music management major, landed a prize internship with the prestigious Kennedy Center in Washington through the DeVos Institute, the Center's Arts Management educational program. She works in the Production Department of the Washington National Opera where she prepares contracts and information packages, helps coordinate auditions and archives production data.

"Not only do we have our internship, but we also have seminars throughout our time here with DeVos members, fellows, and directors of different departments in The Kennedy Center," Walsh said. "It gives us glimpses into the many facets of the arts management field."

The Career Spotlight is a well-received initiative that relies heavily on FSC alumni in the Lakeland area and helps students understand what their chosen career is actually like. In February, the Center hosted a Spotlight on the medical field. Six medical professionals, including Dr. Matt Agnini '97, a Lakeland dentist, spoke to about two dozen students.

"We started the Career Spotlight three years ago. We kept meeting alumni in the community who said, 'I wish someone had told me what my career field was really like.' We had the idea to bring them in and talk about their career path," said Xuchitl Coso, Director of the Career Center.

Another well-attended program is Moc Interview Day, which brings in representatives from local employers to let students practice their interview skills. In February, more than 80 students showed up in their most professional attire to speak with representatives of 15 companies or organizations.

Krystal Brindley, a recruiter from GEICO in Lakeland who was one of the interviewers, said her advice to students is usually about how to handle hard questions and giving effective responses. She said it is a worthwhile event for GEICO.

"It's great to be involved in an event such as this, where we can assist students with their career development as well as help the Career Center. We have used the Career Center to recruit talented students to the GEICO family," Brindley said.



The Career Center also brings students together with employers and graduate schools. During Homecoming in March, a Career Connections event brought students in contact with alumni from 26 businesses and organizations. And in November, more than 200 students attended a Career, Internship and Graduate School Expo on campus. There were 30 employers represented, from GEICO to Welldyne RX to the U.S. Department of State. Eleven graduate schools also sent representatives.

"The recruiters said it was one of their favorite expos because our students are respectful, enthusiastic, and well prepared. They also felt we have a very organized and smooth process," Coso said.



During Homecoming, Florida Southern College alumni representing 26 businesses and organizations were present for Career Connections, making contact with FSC students looking for employment opportunities, internships, or career advice.

What's New At The Roux? Library Expands Digitally, Offers Courses

Libraries have been around since ancient times, but they are facing a new challenge with the dawn of the digital era. What does a library do when the e-books are all the rage?

The Roux Library at Florida Southern is meeting that challenge with some innovative strategies, and it is finding that students are more interested than ever in what the Library has to offer, said Randall MacDonald, Director of the Library.

“It’s not what people expect from us. We’ve gone back to teaching courses, and we’re moving more toward engaged learning. We’re trying to reshape the program so what students are learning in the classroom is reflected in what we’re doing,” MacDonald said.

The staffs of the library and the McKay Archives Center have offered courses this year on library science and research for the first time in more than 20 years. The students use “netbooks,” small laptop computers, recently purchased by the library to better teach them techniques, MacDonald said.

“There are two strategies in using the netbooks. One is how to find resources, so students can write papers and so on. The other is for upper division students to search specialized databases,” he said. “It’s something we’ve been working toward the last couple of years. We’re doing our best to be responsive to the engaged learning curriculum, not just telling students how something works, but showing them, guiding them, enabling them to do it.”

Several new wireless access points were added recently in the library and vicinity, improving students’ ability to work online.

Technology has also changed the nature of the collections at the library, which is making much more use of electronic versions of books and journals. MacDonald noted that several years ago the library had subscriptions to about 650 journals. Today it has access to about 40,000 journals through the Internet. In addition, it has about 100,000 e-books available.

And no longer is the library a place where absolute silence is the rule. It is much more of a gathering place for students.



Lisa LaPointe, reference and instruction librarian, and Randall MacDonald, director of the library, with a cart full of netbooks which students may check out for library use.

“The library has changed so much over the years,” MacDonald said. “There are great crowds of people. It’s packed every night. A lot of students value the space.”

Students expressed a desire to have a larger study lounge and later hours, so there are plans to modify the first floor of the library, essentially expanding TûTû’s Cyber Café.

“One of the students’ main concerns was the library doesn’t have enough electrical outlets or comfortable seats,” said Student Government Association President M.G. Matarazzo. “TûTû’s is a very used space. On weekends and nights, it’s crazy. So we said, ‘Why not expand TûTû’s?’”

SGA is donating \$100,000 toward the expansion, which will not only add seating and electrical outlets but also create rooms for study groups and presentations. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the fall semester.



Artist's rendering of the expansion to TûTû's Cyber Café.



Jeb Halfacre reacts after winning his third consecutive NCAA Championship.

Halfacre Wins Third Straight NCAA Title, Relay Teams Add Two More Titles

The Mocs' Jeb Halfacre won his third consecutive national championship in the 200-yard backstroke and led the team to a third-place finish at the NCAA Division II Swimming Championship in Mansfield, Texas in March.

Halfacre won this year's event in an NCAA-record time of 1:43.41. In addition to the individual title, Halfacre earlier in the week swam on two national champion relay teams that set NCAA records. He started the 400-yard medley relay team that won in 3:12.43 and led off the 800-yard freestyle relay team that won in 6:27.73. His teammates on the 400-yard medley relay team were Miguel Ferreira, Bruce Janzen and Stephen Swan. His teammates on the 800-yard freestyle relay team were Luis Rojas, Allan Gutierrez and Swan.

The third-place finish was the Moccasins' best ever.



McIntyre Honored with Elite 89 Award

At the pre-championship banquet at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships in March, the Moccasins' Anna McIntyre received the NCAA's prestigious Elite 89 Award. The Award honors the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The award goes to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average participating at the finals site for each of the 89 NCAA championships.

A junior from Kansas City who is majoring in biology, McIntyre has a perfect 4.00 grade point average. This was her third trip to the Division II Championship, and she earned All-America recognition as a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay team each of the two previous appearances.

She is the second Moccasin student-athlete to be recognized for this honor. Women's golfer Marianne Andersson '11 received the award at the 2011 Division II Women's Golf Championship.



Morgan Takes Top NCWSA Honor

Florida Southern's Lauren Morgan was named the National Collegiate Water Ski Association Female Athlete of the Year. The freshman from Odessa, Fla., helped lead the FSC women to a first-place finish at the NCWSA Championship in October, placing third in the women's overall point totals. She was the individual winner in the jump competition, was fifth in the tricks and ninth in the slalom. The combined FSC men's and women's team placed third overall at the NCWSA Championship.



The men's basketball team celebrates winning the program's 20th Sunshine State Conference postseason tournament championship.



The women's basketball team accepts the SSC regular season championship trophy from Conference Commissioner Jay Jones (far right).

Men's And Women's Teams Win SSC Titles, Fall In NCAA Tournament

The FSC Mocs men's basketball team overcame a fifth seed and won the Sunshine State Conference Tournament, earning their fifth straight berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament. The Mocs lost 85-74 to Christian Brothers in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Moccasins finished the season 20-10.

Seth Evans, a junior transfer, was named the SSC tournament's Most Outstanding Player and was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate Brett Bailey. Evans also was an All-SSC first team selection, and Kevin Capers was chosen SSC Freshman of the Year.

The Mocs' women's basketball team won the Sunshine State Conference regular season title and advanced to the NCAA Division II Regional semifinals before losing to Valdosta State 67-63. They finished the season 24-7.

The team was led by senior Michaela Hawley, who finished her career as one of the best women players in FSC history. Her career totals for scoring and rebounding are both in the school's top 10 of all time. Hawley led the SSC in scoring, was SSC Player of the Year and earned Honorable Mention All-America honors.



The FSC men's basketball team celebrates winning the NCAA Division II national championship game (which was televised on ESPN with color commentary by Dick Vitale). The 1981 team was honored by the FABC.

FSC's 1981 Champs And Two Former Mocs Honored

The 1981 national champion men's basketball team and two former Moccasins were honored by the Florida Association of Basketball Coaches. The Moccasins joined the FABC's Court of Legends Hall of Fame and were recognized at a banquet Nov. 20, 2011, at The Lakeland Center.

Also honored were Ed Kershner '64 of Oviedo High School, who played for FSC in 1960-63 and is Florida's winningest boys' high school coach with nearly 800 wins in 41 seasons. Danny Wright of St. Petersburg Lakewood, who played at FSC in 1975 and 1976, has nearly 700 wins in 34 years.



Former players from the 1957 to 1967 FSC basketball teams. From left: Tommy Greene (son of former coach Tom Greene); Bobby Bowman, Dale Collins, Hank Andringa, Ricky Duncan, Dick Gensler, Ron Gielow, Ralph Freeman, Bill Holt, Mike Huber, Jim Hayes, Gary McGriff, President Anne Kerr, John Jurecko, Ed Kershner, Tom Conner, Jim Jarrett, John Lasch, Fred Lewis, John Mack (partially hidden), Bruce Newell, Scott Fitzgerald, Jerry Presley, Frank Scuderi, Sam Schwartz, Dick Whalley, Bob Sharp, Len Wozniak, Jim Lee, Dave Shinkman, John Wells, Don Tobin, and Frank Wheat.

THE START OF SOMETHING BIG: Mocs from 1950s & 1960s Reunite

It was a joyful gathering prompted by a somber event. About 35 former Florida Southern basketball players from 1957 to 1967 attended a reunion on Jan. 27-28.

There were many good-natured handshakes and embraces as the former players and teammates, many of whom had not seen each other for 40 years, gathered at a reception. The weekend activities included a tour of the campus and athletic facilities and a dinner. The former Mocs also were recognized at halftime of the FSC-Rollins game at Jenkins Field House, receiving a commemorative medal from FSC President Anne Kerr.

The reunion was organized by Jim Lee '67 and Dave Shinkman '64. Shinkman suggested a reunion after he and three other former players attended the funeral of Tim Eisnagle '65, a standout player for the Mocs.

Among the former players in attendance were Pinellas County Judge Hank Andringa '64; Bobby Bowman '67, a hall of fame coach; Ed Kershner '64, the winningest high school coach in Florida history; John "Buzz" Lasch '60, who was awarded the Silver Star for service in the Vietnam War; FSC Trustee Bob Sharp '61; and Don Tobin '58, FSC's first All-American player.

Most of the former Mocs played for the late Coach Tom Greene, who began to build the FSC basketball program to the success it has enjoyed since.

"He was a good coach, and a better man than a coach. We respected and liked him and did our best for him," Shinkman said.



Don Tobin '58 was the first FSC men's basketball player to be named an All-American.

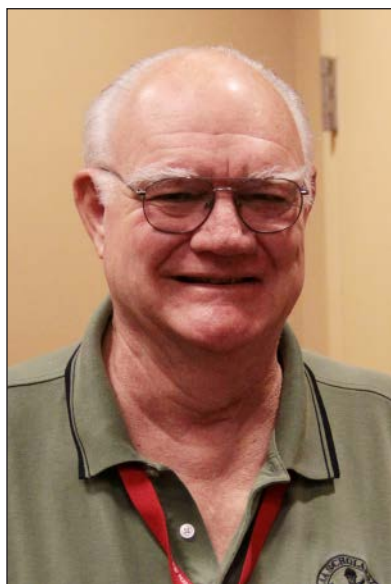


Dick Gensler '68 scored the first points in the George W. Jenkins Field House.



FSC Trustee **Bob Sharpe, '61**, lines up a shot during a Saturday morning shoot-around.

JOHN “BUZZ” LASCH ’60: Duty And Honor



Like many young men who entered the military after college, John “Buzz” Lasch ’60 didn’t know that blood, sweat and tears would lie along his career path. But his courage under fire was honored, and he went on to have a successful career.

Lasch was recruited by FSC Coach Tom Greene to transfer from Niagra College, and he played three seasons for the Mocs. He worked at the College pool, joined ROTC and graduated with a degree in business administration. He was

commissioned in the army soon after.

Lasch served two tours of duty in Vietnam. In March 1968, he flew a transport helicopter repeatedly into a landing zone that was under enemy machine gun fire to evacuate troops. For his actions, he was awarded the Silver Star, the second-highest military honor. Lasch received several other medals for his service, including the Bronze Star and three Legion of Merit awards.

Lasch went on to hold several posts in the army, commanding a combat maneuver division at the Pentagon and the Training and Doctrine Command. Retiring with the rank of colonel, he then went to work for defense contractor Northrop Grumman, where he became director of the company’s Army operations division before retiring in 2004.

Today, Lasch and his wife, Kim, live in Lakeridge, Va. They have four children and eight grandchildren, one of whom just returned from duty with the 101st Airborne in Afghanistan.

“I had an all-around enjoyable time at Florida Southern. I still stay in touch with my roommate,” Lasch said. “Nothing that happened in my life would have happened if I hadn’t come to Florida Southern. The College gave me the tools I needed to succeed.”

BOBBY BOWMAN ’67: He Shoots, He Scores!

Good players do not always make good coaches, but Bobby Bowman ’67 proved the exception to the rule.

At FSC, Bowman was a scoring machine, setting a school record for points scored that still ranks third all-time. His record for field goals made in a game, 18, remains the top mark in FSC history.

After graduating, Bowman spent more than 40 years in education and athletics, from the high school to the professional and international levels. He coached at Kathleen High School in Lakeland and then moved on to coach basketball at three colleges, including the University of South Florida, and in the professional minor-league Continental Basketball Association.

For the past 20 years of his career, he was the athletic director and head basketball coach at Pasco-Hernando Community College in New Port Richey.

Bowman has been inducted into the Kathleen High School Hall of Fame, the FSC Sports Hall of Fame, and the Florida Community College Activities Association Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. He recently retired.

Bowman and his wife, Linda, have four children.

“I have many memories of Florida Southern, the fondest being playing for Coach Tom Greene,” Bowman said. “Under him, I grew as a person, and he helped me to be successful as a coach.”





FSC senior **Brittany Archer** was the first-place winner in After Dinner Speaking at the varsity Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Forensic Tournament in Kansas City, March 17-18. In addition to her first-place win, Archer was a quarter-finalist in Oral Interpretation and received an Excellence Award for being in the top 30 percent of competitors in Impromptu Speaking.

The previous week, freshman **Amy Scroggin** took an individual first-place prize in Poetry Interpretation at the Novice National Championship at Lafayette College in Easton, Penn., and helped the FSC novice team to a fifth-place finish.



FSC students **Katherine Randolph, Francisco Ortiz** and **Francisco Costa** joined **Michael McElveen**, Associate Director of Wellness Programs, and **Alicia Rossow**, Assistant Director of Wellness Programs, at the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association annual convention in Tampa in March. Randolph and McElveen presented an educational session, "Nutritional Programming in Campus Recreation without a Registered Dietitian on Staff," identifying state laws that regulate dietitians and nutritionists, and discussing how to comply with state regulations to provide safe, legal and effective systems for delivering nutrition information.

Ortiz, Costa, McElveen and Rossow gave a poster presentation, "Assessing the Inter-rater Reliability of Intramural Supervisors on Official Evaluations," which provided a template for other recreational sports programs to determine the reliability of their evaluation tool.



The Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise hosted its first intercollegiate case competition March 30-31. Student teams from Eckerd College, FSC, Florida Institute of Technology and Stetson University acted as business consultants and were judged on presentations they made in response to a case problem. The Florida Citrus Commission, represented by Executive Director Doug Ackerman, was the client for the competition and supplied the case information for the teams.



Jason Montgomery, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at FSC, and a student, **Jeanine Yacoub**, were co-authors of an academic paper published in March 2011 in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry C*, a respected journal that focuses on nanoscale, or extremely small-scale, physical chemistry.

The paper, "Optimization of Nanopost Plasmonic Crystals for Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering," was the result of a 10-week collaborative research project Montgomery organized in the summer of 2010 between the Florida Southern research group and Dr. Alfred Baca of the U.S. Navy Research and Intelligence Department. At the time, Yacoub was a freshman.



FSC Political Science students presented their original and collaborative research at the 34th annual Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics March 1-2 at The Citadel military college in Charleston, S.C. The Citadel Symposium is a national biennial conference on Southern politics attended by scholars from all over the United States and several foreign countries.

Under the guidance of Associate Professor of Political Science **R. Bruce Anderson**, 12 FSC students were the only undergraduates to have papers accepted for the conference this year. The students and the subjects of their papers were: **Kelly Dorian, Melissa George, Taylor Langston** and **Robert Gruber** on Hispanic political development in Texas and Florida; **Hunter Kaiser, Annalise LaRoche** and **Cynthia Padilla** on the partisan effects of retiree in-migration in Florida; **Nicole C. Connors** and **Carlene Fogle-Miller** on changing Southern strategy in national elections; and **Courtney Ball, Alex Oommen** and **Jim Denham** on the correlation between evangelical voters and the tea party.



Joshua Mazur (center)

Christopher Kline, Joshua Mazur and **Adam Davidson** had supporting roles in the Imperial Symphony Orchestra's performance of Rossini's comic opera, *The Barber of Seville*, at Branscomb Auditorium. Kline sang the part of Fiorello, a servant of Count Almaviva, and Mazur sang the part of a police captain. They appeared on stage alongside noted professional opera stars Vale Rideout, Dan Kempson and Priti Gandhi. The orchestra was conducted by James Caraher, renowned music director of the Indianapolis

Opera, and the stage director for the opera was FSC **Prof. John Thomasson**, who directs the opera program in the Department of Music. Kline, Mazur and Davidson are students in Thomasson's program.

Mazur and Kline also took first place awards at the annual competition of the Tampa Bay chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing in February. Kline won in the Junior College Men division, and Mazur won the Senior College Men division and also took the Most Promising Male Singer prize.



The FSC Athletic Training Education Program has developed a working relationship with the Lakeland Fire Department and the Lakeland Police Department that is providing mutual benefit to the first responders in those departments and FSC students.

Matt Brown, Lakeland Fire Department Medic and adjunct FSC instructor, has arranged for students to present symposia to the Fire and Police departments on topics such as concussions, nutrition, strength training and stress management.

In order to get a better feel for the challenges of the work, students have ridden with the Fire Department on EMS calls. And the program also works with the Lakeland Police SWAT team. Students have evaluated injuries and recommended treatment and rehab programs to team members.



Florida Southern College students and faculty presented research and won awards at the 81st Annual Florida Communication Association convention held October 14-15, 2011, in Orlando. Public Relations major **Mary Renee Beals** won awards for Outstanding Undergraduate Poster and Best Poster Session Presentation for her work on reality television.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Cara Mackie**, eleven communication students presented papers on intercultural and interpersonal communication. Their research ranged from discussions of mediated depictions of cultural artifacts to analysis of relational communication.

Dr. Mackie and faculty members **Dr. Chris Fenner, Dr. Alex Ortiz** and **Dr. Patrick Smith** also presented on a panel that analyzed the media's influence on social norms. Dr. Ortiz presented a second paper on his findings from a health communication study.





Faculty

Professor of Economics **Dr. Carl Brown** gave his analysis of trends in the local economy to two government bodies. He spoke at the annual retreat of the Polk County Commission on March 9 and at the Lakeland City Commission Strategic Planning Workshop on March 23. He also gave a presentation at the Regional Economic Symposium hosted by the Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise on April 13.



Dr. James M. Denham, Professor of History, accepted the Great Floridian award from the Florida Department of State on behalf of 19th-century businessman Hamilton Disston (1844-1896) at a ceremony in Tallahassee in March. The Center for Florida History, which Dr. Denham directs, nominated

Disston, the heir to a Philadelphia saw manufacturing company, for his efforts to purchase and reclaim enormous tracts of land in South Florida, paving the way for the railroads later built by Henry Flagler and Henry B. Plant. The plaque commemorating Disston as a Great Floridian will reside at the Center for Florida History.

Dr. Catherine Eskin, Associate Professor of English, gave a presentation at CPS Investments in Lakeland for its "Lunch and Learn" series on business communication and writing formats. The workshop received an enthusiastic response from the participants, including Chas Smith, founder and owner of CPS. Dr. Eskin also gave a presentation on early printing for the middle and high school students at Lakeland Montessori School.

Dr. William Rhey, Dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business & Free Enterprise, was quoted in an article in U.S. News & World Report about the importance of MBA students studying politics.

Dr. Rebecca Saulsbury, Associate Professor of English, presented a paper, "The New Recovery Project: Chick Lit and the Politics of Women's Writing," at the annual meeting of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association in Albuquerque, N.M., in February.



Dr. John Welton, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Florida Southern College, has been named the recipient of the 2012 Nurse Researcher Award from the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) Foundation for Nursing Leadership Research and

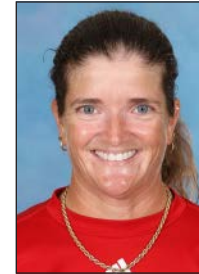
Education. The award recognizes a nurse researcher who has made significant contributions to nursing research and is recognized by the broader nursing community as an outstanding nurse researcher. Dr. Welton was honored at an award presentation during the AONE 45th annual meeting in Boston on March 24, 2012, where he delivered the annual AONE Foundation Lecture, Value-Based Nursing. In November, Dr. Welton was the keynote speaker at Value of Caring, the annual Nursing Research Seminar at Winter Haven Hospital.

Dr. Nancy Cummings, Physical Education Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Physical Education at FSC, will travel to London this summer as a select member of the athletic training and medical staff for the USA Gymnastics (USAG) national team. In that role, she will serve some of the nation's top athletes.



Cummings provides training and medical support specifically for the men's and women's trampoline and tumbling teams, two of the five gymnastic disciplines. She will provide ongoing training, conditioning, and medical services for the national team, as well as for team members who will not compete at the Olympics.

Staff



Women's tennis coach **Trish Riddell** was chosen to be the captain of the U.S. women's 35 team in the Suzanne Lenglen Cup. The team played in the 32nd ITF Seniors World Team Championships in San Diego Feb. 5-11 and finished third, upsetting second-seed Spain. Riddell also competed in the Barbara Cooper Cup in November in Winter Park. Riddell won three matches in the women's age 35 singles division, giving up just five games.



Al Green, Associate Athletic Director and Head Athletic Trainer, received the Lifetime Career Achievement Award from the University Of Michigan School of Kinesiology. This award is presented to an alumnus who exhibits outstanding leadership, professional and personal achievement throughout their career. Green was recognized at a banquet in Ann Arbor during the 2011 homecoming weekend.

Trustees



Ray L. Sandhagen retired in February as Chairman of the Board of SunTrust Bank's Central Florida division. He joined SunTrust predecessor Trust Company Bank in Atlanta in 1971 as a commercial banking trainee and held various managerial positions. He was named Chairman, President and CEO of SunTrust Bank, Central Florida in Orlando in 2005.

M. Clayton Hollis '80 is a trustee of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation. He is Vice President for Public Affairs at Publix Super Markets in Lakeland.

Former Faculty

Col. George Simon III retired Sept. 30 after 24 years of active duty in the United States Army. He was professor of military science at Florida Southern College and commander of the ROTC battalion from July 2002 to July 2004. Simon retired as the deputy chief of staff, Engineering, for the United States Army Pacific.

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'52

Bill Dennis is running for his sixth term on the Dade City Commission. He was first elected in 1982.

'53



Kathryn Marone Harrison is president of the United Women's Club of Lakeland, which marked its 100th anniversary in March. A clarinet ensemble from FSC performed during the anniversary celebration. The club helped establish the Lakeland Public Library and Explorations V Children's Museum and works with local schools and charities.

'54

Jo Anne (Gruber) Hagen retired in 2011 as Music Minister and Choir Director at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto, Fla. Jo and her husband of 50 years were founding members of the church. She directed the choir since 1994.

'65

University of Nebraska Executive Vice President and Provost **Linda Ray Pratt** will step down June 30, 2012, to return to teaching in the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Department of English. Pratt will have served as the school's highest academic officer for six years. She joined the faculty in the university's Department of English in 1968. From 1995 to 2005, she served as chair of the department and she also was interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences from 2000 to 2001. Pratt said she is looking forward to teaching again in her areas of expertise – Victorian and early modern poetry – and pursuing her research interests.

'66

Dr. J. Larry Durrence became Interim President of College of the Mainland in Texas on January 3. This is his fourth interim assignment since retirement as President of Polk State College in 2006. Larry is also a former FSC history professor.

Claudia K. Miller is living in Jacksonville and writes that she is enjoying retirement and trying to keep up with the birthdays of her nine grandchildren: "I serve on the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Board of Duval County as Treasurer, sing with The Heritage Singers of Jacksonville and help at my son's business once a week. Last school year I was a Tale Teller for Pre-K children."

'69



Topeka (Kan.) City Councilman **Bob Archer** plans to run for a seat on the Shawnee County Commission. He was elected in April 2009 to represent the council's District 7 in southwest Topeka. He is a certified public accountant and a retired U.S. Coast Guard employee.



George Sheldon is Acting Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He was named to the post in June 2011. A former member of the Florida House of Representatives, he also served as Deputy Attorney General for Central Florida and Secretary for the Florida Department of Children and Families.

'71

Alan C. Fisk was profiled in the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* in November. He is a partner with the public accounting firm Crowe Horwath LLP.

The Artist Haven Gallery in Fort Lauderdale exhibited some of the oil paintings of **Julia Stevens** during November.

'72

Donald Parsons retired in December as news design editor at *The New York Times*. In three separate stints, he worked for the *Times* for almost 30 years.

'75

Dr. Larry Lake is a trustee of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation. He is Executive Director and CEO of St. Johns Welfare Federation, a not-for-profit healthcare organization in St. Augustine.

'76

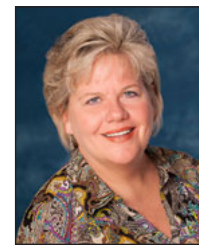
Pete Pullen coached the Dayton, Ohio, Dunbar High School boys' basketball team to the Division II state championship. It was his fourth state title in eight years at Dunbar.

Ruth Wetherby-Lowell Schilling retired in August 2011 from the Polk County School Board where she worked since 2003. She has been vice president of Sunshine Kids Inc., a not-for-profit public charity for those with special needs and disabilities, since 2010.

'77

Gaye Brownie is the owner of Butterfly Babies Boutique (www.butterflybabiesboutique.com), an online store offering boutique children's clothing. She reports, "I love my two grandchildren, spending time with family, gardening, being on the water, working sudoku puzzles, and naps."

'79



Vanessa Draper is beginning her 12th year as director of the Knoxville (Tenn.) Orthopaedic Clinic. She oversees more than 30 physicians at the clinic's four locations.



Bill Meek '72 was recently awarded the Service to the Arts Award by the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Loretto, Pa. The award was presented for his support and advocacy for the arts and for his promotion of an understanding of American art. Bill is owner of the Harmon-Meek Gallery in Naples, Fla. Also, Bill's wife and business partner, **Barbara Hanson Meek '76**, has had her portrait painted by one of the most famous American artists of the past century, Will Barnet. The painting (left), on which the artist began work when he was 100, is a tribute to Bill, who is Barnet's art dealer in Naples. Bill is guest curator for Barnet's 100th birthday retrospective of nearly seventy works from the 1930s to the present at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, which opened in March.



Dale Hightower reports the Class of 1979 held a TKE Reunion in Miami Beach. The rowdy bunch stayed at the Marriott and got together for great food and great conversation at Morton's Steak House.

'80

Dr. H. Danny Weaver, president and CEO of Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, was designated a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) at the College's annual convention in March. The honorary designation recognizes dedication and contributions to the profession of osteopathic family medicine.

'82

Jennifer J. Bruce is Ticket and Advertising Sales Manager for The Venice Symphony in Venice, Fla. She is active in the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce and enjoys the "island life," living three blocks from the beach.

Kathleen C. Joaquin has been promoted to Chief Industry Operations Officer at the Investment Company Institute (ICI), a trade industry group in Washington. She joined ICI in 1989, and at the time of her promotion she was director of operations and distribution.

'83

Marsha Faux is seeking a fourth term as Polk County Property Appraiser. She was first elected to the post in 2000.

Paul Puckett's book, "Investiphobia: Overcome Your Deepest Investment Fears," is now available in paperback. It is available via Amazon.com.

Dr. Ron A. Rhoades, assistant professor in the Business Department of Alfred State University in New York, was recently interviewed by *FiduciaryNews*, an online publication, about ERISA, U.S. Dept. of Labor rulemaking, and the fiduciary duties of plan sponsors.

'84

Maureen Nicolace marked the 10th anniversary in January of her company, Nicolace Marketing Inc., in Vero Beach. She is a member of the board of directors of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce.

'85



Scott Reinmund (right) celebrated his 50th birthday with friends **Hank Gibson '85** (left) and **Scott Hutchison '85** (center). Scott has been director of tennis at the Ocean Club of Florida in Ocean Ridge for the past 11 years. He also is the tennis director at the Dunes Club in Narragansett, R.I., during the summer months. He lives in Boynton Beach with his wife, Kathy.

Stacy Wagner has joined ZVRS, a Clearwater, Fla., technology company, as its chief financial officer.

'86

Richard Campana owns Dimples BBQ Sauce, a family business, in Raleigh, N.C. Dimples was named one of the top 100 barbecue sauces in the world by the website BBQSuperStars.com.

'88

Mike Dickman is now general manager of BoatQuest.com, a marketing company that specializes in advertising the buying and selling of all kinds of watercraft. He lives in Lighthouse Point, Fla.



Joseph J. Bivona '87 recently visited Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where he climbed Mount Nyiragongo, one of the world's most active volcanoes, and tracked the rare mountain gorillas. An avid traveler, Bivona has visited over 35 countries on five continents, including some pretty adventurous places, such as Everest Base Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro, the Taj Mahal, Iguacu Falls and Angkor Wat.

The 2012 Ed Paul Award for Leadership in Transitional Ministry from the Metropolitan Community Churches was given to the **Rev. Lisa Heilig**, who has served churches in Chattanooga, Tenn., Sarasota, and now in Orlando. The award states: "Lisa defines and models what it means to be an Intentional Interim. She ministers with knowledge, instinct, drive, tenacity, humor and grace."

Jesse Ritter recently joined Coldwell Banker Commercial Saunders Ralston Dantzler Realty, LLC, of Lakeland, as Realtor and sales associate. He specializes in general commercial real estate.

'91

In January, **Glen R. Fagan** became a partner in the law firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP. Glen works in the firm's Atlanta office, and he has been with Constangy since 2001.

BB&T has promoted **Scott M. Windsor** to assistant vice president at its operation in The Villages, Fla. Windsor, who joined the bank in 2010, was previously an advisor in BB&T's Private Financial Services Department.

'93

Sara (Rust) Roberts has been named executive director of Polk Vision in Lakeland, a community-based partnership of businesses, government and other organizations that focuses on education, economic development, infrastructure, and quality of life issues.

In December, **Brian Walsh** was named Builder of the Year by the Polk County Builders Association. He is vice president of operations for Highland Homes.

Walker Wilkerson (MBA) has been elected chairman of the board of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce. He is a partner with the CliftonLarsonAllen accounting firm.



'94

Matthew Brown is an adjunct instructor at FSC. He teaches first aid and emergency medical response in the Physical Education and Health and Safety departments. He is married to **Lorie D. Gleason '94**, and his mother is **Donnie Greenway Brown '67**.

Matthew Shane Englett is managing partner of the Kauffman, Englett and Lynd PLLC law firm in Orlando. He regularly appears in the media to provide legal analysis, including CNBC's *The Kudlow Report*. He has his own radio show, *Under Oath*, which airs at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays on 540 AM WFLA.

Jimmy Johnson won his 300th career game as a high school basketball coach on Jan. 6. He is the boys' basketball coach at Atlantic High School in Port Orange, Fla. He played basketball at FSC.

Chris Rakos has been promoted to president and Chief Operating Officer of Colonial Roofing Inc., in Fort Myers. He joined the company in 2003. He is the immediate past president of the Southwest Florida Roofing Contractors Association.



'95

Brian Cone and his Contagious team finished second in the Islamorada Sailfish Tournament Dec. 4. Cone is a former Florida Southern baseball player who runs a fishing guide charter company on Key Islamorada.

Missy Meyer was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale in January. She was a three-sport star at Cardinal Gibbons and a standout volleyball player for FSC.

Castle Rock Investment Company in Castle Rock, Colo., has hired **Molly Vogt Noyes** as a consultant. She was formerly vice president and regional retirement director for Columbia Management Distributors Inc.

'96

Kipp G. Kimberley has started a new job at Odessa College in Odessa, Texas, as the Housing Coordinator in charge of programming, retention, and day-to-day residential life operations.

Former FSC volleyball team member **Noelle (Hagenburger) Rooke** has been named volleyball

coach at the University of Illinois-Springfield. She was previously coach at Mercer University.

'99

Mark Brown has been promoted to major in the Florida Highway Patrol, and assigned as Commander of the FHP Training Academy. He graduated from the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute's Executive Future Studies Program in 2010.

In November, **Matthew Gailey** was named music director of PHAME Academy in Portland, Ore., a fine and performing arts organization serving adults with developmental disabilities. He also performs with the Bureau of Standards Big Band, the Matthew Gailey Band and other groups.

Erin Burton Holbrook reports, "My husband Ken and I have three daughters, Lindsay (age 6), Samantha (age 4) and Courtney (age 4 months), and we are living in Massachusetts, where I am the Director of Rooms Operations at the Boston Burlington Marriott Hotel."

Glen LaRue is now the pastor of Marshall Community Fellowship on the campus of Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., and also the director of Revolution, a campus outreach ministry.

'01

Resource Consulting Group of Orlando recently announced that **Nicole Rutledge** became a shareholder in the firm. Rutledge, who joined the firm in 2002, is currently a lead advisor at Resource Consulting Group and is a Certified Financial Planner.



'02

Melissa (Maccarelli) Slawsky recently completed a Ph.D. in music education at the University of South Florida. She has presented her dissertation research



Thirty alumnae from AOPi enjoyed a cruise trip on Nov. 3-5, 2011, to the Bahamas. **Cathy Walker Hamilton '88** was instrumental in gathering a large crowd from all years and from all over for this second annual trip. It was a fun time for all.



at the 2010 GP3 Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy conference, 2011 Florida Music Educators Association Clinic-Conference, and 2011 National Conference for Keyboard Pedagogy. She currently teaches piano in her home studio in Southern New Jersey where she resides with her husband and young son.

Jeremy Ward writes, "I have been married for six years to Erin Winthrop Ward and we have three children together – Avery, Cameron and Molly – as well as Tyler, and we're currently awaiting the birth of our fourth child. In my free time, I enjoy coaching and teaching kids the game of baseball and spending a lot of quality time with my family." He lives in North Kingstown, R.I.

'03

Kris Keprios has been selected as the new Tourism Sales and Marketing Manager at the Central Florida Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB) in Polk County. He has been with the organization for nine years, most recently as Communications Specialist.



Tenneal Lee Cline graduated from D'Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y., with a master's degree in occupational therapy.

Jeremy Schiller is the new boys' basketball coach at Lakewood Ranch High School near Sarasota.

'04

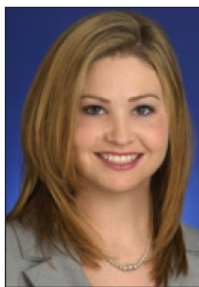
Todd North Parrish announces he and a partner, Laurie Thrower Miles, have formed a new law firm, Miles & Parrish, P.A., in Lakeland. The firm will practice in the areas of workers' compensation, personal injury, Social Security disability, and employment law. Todd and Laurie were previously with the firm of Smith Feddeler Smith & Miles.

Michelle (Lamb) Wendel reports that in April 2011 she became an academic program specialist at Florida State University, and in October she married Bryan Wendel. The couple lives in Tallahassee. Also, in December 2010, while at Western Carolina University, Michelle was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa as an honorary staff member.

'05

Pamela Feggans has been inducted into the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame for her accomplishments on the FSC women's golf team. She was a three-time Division II All-American and national co-Player of the Year in 2005. She now plays on the European women's tour.

Lindsey McKnight was recently promoted to Senior Regional Sales Representative with DWS Investments/Deutsche Bank in Chicago.



'06

Amy V. Gaskins reports that she has completed an M.A. in international commerce at the George Mason University School of Public Policy and has been accepted for the Class of 2013 at the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School.

'07

Jack Z. Sanders III completed his Masters of Science in education with a specialization in K-6 reading and mathematics in January 2012. He is a resource teacher in Charleston County (S.C.) Schools.

'08

Ryan Payne an athletic trainer for the University of Georgia baseball team, was featured recently in a video produced by the NCAA. Ryan is helping coordinate the care and rehabilitation of Johnathan Taylor, a Georgia baseball player who was paralyzed in a collision in the outfield last year. Ryan was interviewed in the video, and it is currently on the NCAA website, www.ncaa.com/video.

'09

Dan Bennett was recently named "Rookie of the Year" for the Greater New York Group, an award given to the top Advisor with less than five years of experience, by the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Dan is a Financial Advisor-College Unit Director for Northwestern's Bennett Group in Syracuse, NY. He travels regularly to Florida to meet with clients.



David Dill was named to the fall semester dean's list at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Mo. He's a second-year student.

Loriann A. Toppin recently published her first book of poetry, "Poetic Simplicity: 16° of Emotion." It is currently available on Amazon, Amazon Kindle and the Barnes & Nobles website.

Heather (Burgner) Wall has been named coach of the men's and women's golf teams at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Heather helped the Moccasins win the NCAA Division II national title in 2009 and finished as the national title runner-up in her junior season. She played for two years on the Futures and SunCoast Tours and was club professional at the RidgePointe Country Club in Jonesboro, Ark.

'10

Scott Mackley won the Jacksonville Marathon on Dec. 18. He was a member of the FSC cross country team and a distance runner on the track team, and he has won a half-marathon and the Gasparilla 5K twice.

'11

Terry Jenkins, who was a guard on the Mocs basketball team, was hired March 19 as the boys' basketball coach at McKeel Academy in Lakeland. Jenkins, who was previously an assistant coach for the girls' basketball team at McKeel, was an honorable mention selection on the Sunshine State Conference's All-SSC team during his senior season at FSC.



Dr. Allison Greenstein '04

recently received two awards. She was one of four Outstanding Residents of the Year named by the American Osteopathic Foundation. She is seen here receiving the award from Dr. Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, Dean of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, and representatives

of Merck & Co., at DisneyWorld's Epcot ShowPlace. She also was given the Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award by the American College of Osteopathic Internists, given to a resident in recognition of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care and excellence in clinical teaching. Dr. Greenstein is currently finishing her residency in internal medicine at Bluefield (W. Va.) Regional Medical Center.



Weddings & Families



Dawn Galpin Siefker '97 and **Brandon Siefker** were married Oct. 29, 2011 at the Walt Disney World Swan Resort in Orlando. Pictured, from left, are: **Christopher Holloway '96**, **Elizabeth Holloway '96**, **Steve Rajavich '96**, **Renee Gainey Rajavich '96**, **Darren Rauer '97**, **Sabrina Barry Campbell, '97**, **Heather Vandiver McKnight '95**, Dawn Galpin Siefker, Brandon Siefker, **Melanie Genevics Denson '97**, **Darryl Denson '93**, and in front, **Bob McKnight '00**.



Amanda Kroll '08 and **Blake Elmer '05** were married July 30, 2011 in Houston, Texas. Amanda, a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, and Blake, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, met at Sorority Fall Bid Day in 2005. Members of their wedding party included Alpha Delta Pi sisters **Katie Koch '08**, **Sarah House '08**, and **Diane Lokey '08**, and Lambda Chi Alpha brothers **Michael Sharp '06** and **Zach Mangureira '06**. The couple resides in Houston, where Amanda works as a first grade teacher and Blake is a Harris County Police Officer.



Tim Cheney '94 and his wife, Rachel, adopted Gunner Cheney, age 18 months, on Dec. 19, 2011.



Kerry Levesque McKenney '00 and her husband, Ben, had a baby girl, Hannah Paxtan McKenney, on Dec. 16, 2011. Hannah weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 20.5 inches. The McKenneys live in Portland, Maine.



Aubrey Galletta '05 and Eric Levesque were married in Barkhamsted, Conn., on Oct. 15, 2011. Pictured, from left, are: **Hope (Taylor) Bogel '06**, Tim Levesque, Kathy Levesque, Mark Seymour, Eleisha LeMay, Jeff LeMay, Kelly Liebman, Matt Dean, Aubrey and Eric, **Jamie Hall '05**, Chris Seymour, Shannon Rose, Kevin Kenney, Sarah Morin, Johnny Morin, Michelle Golino, and Steven Q. Moulton. Aubrey, Hope and Jamie were members of Alpha Chi Omega.



Amber Davis White '07, a member of Alpha Delta Pi, and Andrew Timothy White were married in Avon Park, Fla., on May 14, 2011. They met on the Avon Park high school swim team in August 2000. Andrew and Amber began dating in May 2009 after Andrew returned home from a 15-month deployment to Iraq. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and now call Longwood, Fla., home.



Former FSC student **Thelma Kells** of Lakeland celebrated her 102nd birthday on January 30. Mrs. Kells studied music at FSC and has been a generous supporter of the College over the years, giving a music scholarship and sponsoring concerts in the Festival of Fine Arts. She has maintained an active life in her retirement years and took up ballroom dancing when she was 83, winning awards over much younger contestants in ballroom dance competitions.



Chris Katsoulis '04 and **Patricia (Beck) Katsoulis '02** welcomed their second child, Noelle Jean Katsoulis, on Dec. 11, 2011. She was 8 lbs., 8 oz., at birth. Noelle is pictured here with big sister Juliette Dee Katsoulis. Chris is a detective with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, and Patricia continues to teach fifth grade at Eagle Lake Elementary School.

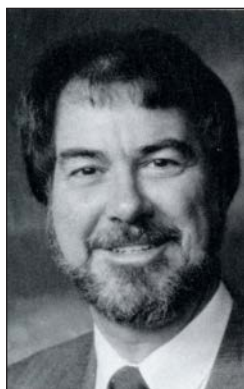


In Memoriam

Master Teacher And Considerate Colleague: Wesley Ryals

By Dr. Mary Pharr, Professor of English Emeritus

Associate Professor of English Emeritus Wesley Ryals died in Lakeland on Nov. 21, 2011. He was a member of the English Department faculty from 1964 to 1999.



Originally from Alabama, Wesley received his degrees from Samford and Duke, then taught at Fairmont State College before joining the Florida Southern faculty. A dedicated, caring educator both within and beyond the classroom, he was a vital part of the FSC community for more than 35 years.

His colleagues remember him with not just respect but also admiration and affection.

Dr. John Santosuosso, Professor of Political Science Emeritus, first met him in 1970 and was immediately struck by his concern for students. He was, according to Dr. Santosuosso, "a master teacher," praised by many students over the years.

Wesley also contributed to the College at large. Noting that he edited significant parts of a SACS accreditation self-study that several FSC committees put together some 15 years ago, Dr. Joan Buccino recalls that he performed this arduous task "without recognition and fanfare, but with grace and professional skill." Professor Ryals also served for a time as Dean of the May Option program in England, where fellow Prof. Katherine Straw recalls him as "a kind, considerate colleague who became a good friend to many."

Within the English Department, Wesley Ryals was not only a friend but also a mentor and a leader. Dr. Claudia Slate remembers him as a department chair who was "loyal and constant, always sensitive to our needs and an unfailing advocate." In tribute, the department named its annual creative writing competition in his honor.

Wesley is survived by Peggy Ryals, his wife of 57 years; two daughters, Sandra R. Allwood of Cheshire, England, and Susan R. Fuller of Lakeland; a son, Douglas W. Ryals of Irvine, Calif.; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Wesley Ryals survives as well in our fond memories and in the legacy of service and humanity that he left to Florida Southern.

Remembering Sam Luce, FSC's Guru Of Physical Education

By Dr. Richard Burnette Jr., Director of Psychological Testing

Samuel Woodrow Luce '41, Associate Professor of Physical Education Emeritus, died in Lakeland on Feb. 28, 2012. He was 98.



Sam and I walked around Lake Hollingsworth every night for 30 years. He took no medication, he ate cheeseburgers, and he exercised. He was a physical education guru.

Sam started teaching at Florida Southern College in 1941 and, except for military service during World War II, when he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he was a dominant presence on the campus for 42 years. He taught gymnastics and physical education and served as Chairman of the Physical Education Department, but he is best remembered for the many activities he developed for students, faculty, and staff.

Sam started a circus on campus with acts that are pictured in the Interlachen yearbooks in the 1950s.

He purchased canoes and began a tradition of monthly canoe trips. The canoe trips were open to students, faculty, and staff with the promise of a different creek each month. Extra trips were hastily arranged after a big rain when white water was available.

One feature of the canoe trips was a midnight alligator photo hunt. On one of these hunts, someone put a baby alligator in Sam's duffel bag, and on returning to campus the alligator somehow got into President Robert Davis's fish pond and ate all of his prize fish.

Sam organized a group of faculty and staff who met with students at the south end of Ingraham Avenue at night and walked around Lake Hollingsworth. Dubbed the Wong Way Wunners, they hiked the lake from right to left and bragged about passing even the swiftest lake runners.

There were hikes on the Appalachian Trail, deep sea fishing trips on the Miss Bardal, bicycle trips on Saturday morning for breakfast at Buddy Freddy's in Plant City, and camping trips at Juniper Springs.

No one did more to promote interaction between students, faculty, and staff. Sam's contagious enthusiasm made every activity an adventure. We miss him.

Editor's note: Mr. Luce was preceded in death by his first wife, Josephine Sherertz Luce, and his second wife, Eleanor Matthews Luce. He is survived by five children, Jan Luce of New Jersey, Jon Luce of Lakeland, Carol Marsh of Lakeland, David Matthews of Ithaca, N.Y., and Jean Luce of Sebring, Fla.; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



Sam Luce started a circus on campus with acts that are pictured in the *Interlachen* yearbooks in the 1950s.



In Memoriam

1940s

Mabel Peper Easton '40 died Dec. 25, 2011, in St. Petersburg. At FSC, she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. For many years, she was co-owner and operator with her husband, James B. Turner, of Turner Plantation Dairies in Tampa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Easton. She is survived by a stepdaughter, Sally E. Simpson; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Rev. John E. Rice '40 died Nov. 1, 2011, in Atlanta. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, in which he served as a chaplain. He was a United Methodist minister who served churches in Florida until his retirement. A charter member of the Southern Order of Storytellers, Rev. Rice was the author of five books. He is survived by his wife, Mary Barclay Rice; three daughters, Erin Hart, Pamela Lanza and Lynn Eddy; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Claranell Scott Newlon '41 of Richmond, Va., died Feb. 16, 2012. At FSC, she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She earned a master's degree in library science from Peabody College and worked until her retirement for the Richmond Public Library system. She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Ladd Newlon, and four sisters. She is survived by three sons, Thornton Newlon of Powhatan, Va., Benjamin Royall Newlon of Charles Town, W.Va., and David Newlon of Columbia, S.C.; a daughter, Ruth Taylor of Louisville, Ky.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister.

Mabel Chapman Thomas '43 died Feb. 17, 2012, in Sanford, Fla. She earned a master's degree in religious education from Scarritt College and served as a missionary in the Appalachians. After a bout with polio, she returned to her hometown and taught in the Seminole County School District for many years. She is survived by three sisters, Helen Hoyt of Sarasota, Olive Bower of Brookville, Penn., and Virginia Anza of Sanford; a brother, W.P. Chapman Jr., of Punta Gorda; a stepson, Robert Thomas of Orlando; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Frances Ellis Hill '44 of Spring Hill, Fla., died on Nov. 17, 2011. She worked for many years as a social worker for the State Division of Family Services. She is survived by her husband, Robert R. Hill; a daughter, Christie Anne Hill; two sons, Robert and David Hill; a grandson; two sisters and a brother.

Betty Amanda Lawrence Dyal '47 died March 9, 2012 in Montgomery, Ala. At FSC, she was chapter president of Alpha Chi Omega. She taught elementary school in Dade County, Florida, schools until her retirement. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Claud Dyal '49**, who died on Jan. 10, 2012. She is survived by two sons, Claud William Dyal III of Plantation, Fla., and Allen Dyal of Montgomery.

Mary Harrington Steele '47 died Feb. 10, 2012, in Due West, S.C. She earned degrees from Elon College and FSC. She taught school in North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee.

Olga Goubatzi Walden '47 of Plant City, Fla., died Nov. 7, 2011. A native of Russia, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education at FSC. She belonged to the Kappa Delta Pi honor society. Mrs. Walden taught with the Hillsborough County School System for 40 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.V. Walden Sr.; and her son, J.V. Walden Jr. She is survived by her son, Dan Walden; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond Arthur Esthus '48 died Jan. 2, 2012, in Sarasota. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Medical Corps during World War II. He earned a Ph.D. from Duke University and taught at Brevard (N.C.) College, the University of Houston and Tulane University in New Orleans, where he was Professor of Far Eastern and American Diplomatic History. Dr. Esthus served as national president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations and was founder of Tulane's Asian Studies Program. He was the author of four books. He was preceded in death by daughters Julie Roseanne and Amy Eileen Esthus. Survivors include two daughters, Kathryn Jo Ellis of Atlanta and Jan Esthus Schluter of New Orleans; a companion, Sara Folse; a brother; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Harry Talton Kemp Sr. '48 died Jan. 5, 2012, in Augusta, Ga. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and received a battlefield commission and several medals for heroism during World War II. He worked for the Bibb Juice Company in Lakeland and as a teacher and counselor in Gwinnett and Richmond counties in Georgia. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Kemp. He is survived by two sons, Harry Kemp Jr., of Cumming, Ga., and Richard Kemp of Brentwood, Tenn.; and three grandchildren.

Claud William Dyal Jr. '49 died Jan. 10, 2012, in Montgomery, Ala. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. At FSC, he was president of Lambda Chi Alpha. He was a physical education teacher in Dade County, Florida, until his retirement. His wife, **Betty Lawrence Dyal '47** died on March 9, 2012. He is survived by two sons, Claud William Dyal III of Plantation, Fla., and Allen Dyal of Montgomery.

Charles C. Heath '49 died March 2, 2012, in Wauchula, Fla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the South Pacific and Atlantic during World War II where he received several combat medals. He was preceded in death by five brothers. He is survived by his wife, Florence; his daughter, Tracey Heath; his brother, **Foster Heath '49**; and his sister, Frances Heath Jones of Ashville, N.C.

1950s

William Alfred Bakewell '50 died Feb. 26, 2012, in Largo, Fla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a counter-intelligence officer during World War II and the Korean War. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service, earned his master's degree in education from the University of South Florida, and started a second career with Pinellas County Schools, where he taught for 20 years before retiring. He was preceded in death by his infant son, Michael; and his first wife, Beverly Hicks Bakewell. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Hastings Bell Bakewell; daughters Marlise Bushman and Cristianne; sons Kevin and George; three stepdaughters; five grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; a brother and a sister.

Frank C. Decker '50 of Orlando died Nov. 14, 2011. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps. He owned the Frank C. Decker Construction Co., and built the original Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland. Mr. Decker was a former owner of the Lakeland Tigers baseball club and was inducted to the Florida State League Hall of Fame in 2010. He was past president of the Polk County Builders Association. Mr. Decker is survived by his wife, Joy; two sons, James E. Decker and Scott Brown; three daughters, Margaret M. Decker, Norma K. Hanley, and Kristi Peters; a sister and a brother; and 14 grandchildren.

Georgia Bowen Kline '50 died Feb. 26, 2012, in Bainbridge, Ga. She taught elementary school in the Decatur County School System for more than 30 years. Survivors include her son, Robert P. Kline Jr., of Bainbridge; four granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

Sarah E. Koestline '50 died Dec. 29, 2011, in Bradenton, Fla. She entered the Navy in 1944 and was discharged after World War II. After graduating from FSC, she taught high school. In 1953, she accepted a naval commission and served in several posts until her retirement in 1975 with the rank of captain. In 1972, she was honored by the City of Norfolk, Va., as Military Woman of the Year. She is survived by a sister, Dolly Griffin; and five nieces and nephews.

Grace Williams Sherertz '51 died Jan. 12, 2012, in Lakeland. She taught at Kathleen Junior and Senior High schools for more than thirty years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace B. Sherertz, and a son, Perry Sherertz Pinkston. She is survived by a granddaughter, Karen E. Pinkston of Morrow, Ga.; two grandsons, Alan K. Pinkston of Hampton, Ga., and Shawn Pinkston of Sherwood, Ohio; and two great-grandchildren.

Willard Clayton Smith '51 died on March 6, 2011, in Norfolk, Va. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean War. He retired as a sonar systems engineer from Ford Aerospace and Communication International in 1985. He is survived by his wife, Janet Ruth Smith; his children, Douglas J. Smith, Pamela Carlson and Donald C. Smith; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and a brother.

Charles Robert "Skip" Brown '52 died in Orlando on March 13, 2012. He worked in the automobile and insurance industries. He was preceded in death by his wife, Estelle LaVon ("Jill") Brown. He is survived by two daughters, Linda Cugini of Jacksonville and Joyce Sanderson of Orlando; two sons, Robert Brown of Fort Myers and Craig Brown of Orlando; and nine grandchildren.

Leslie Collier '52 of Waco, Texas, died Oct. 20, 2011. She was an educator for many years. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Marion Stallings and Gorman Collier, and a son, Michael Collier. She is survived by three sons, David Collier of Florida, Christian Collier of Cedar Park, Texas, and Gordon Collier of Waco; four daughters, Linda McFarlane of Garland, Texas, Janet Wilder of Cedar Park, Judith Mayne of Kerrville, Texas, and Holly Mullins of New Braunfels, Texas; and 19 grandchildren.

David Mitchell Yeager '52 died March 31, 2011, in New Orleans, La. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Launey Yeager; two daughters, Becky Y. Windmann and Julie Y. Campo; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Joan Burr Creese '53 of Lake Worth died December 17, 2011. She earned a master's degree in media sciences from the University of South Florida. She was an elementary school librarian at Thonotosassa Elementary School in Tampa until her retirement in 1992. She is survived by a daughter, Carol Howell; and two granddaughters.

George Russell Bryan '55 died Dec. 26, 2011, in Umatilla, Fla. He had citrus, grove caretaking and fern growing businesses. He served on the Umatilla City Council and the Lake County Planning and Zoning Board. He is survived by three sons, Paul W. Bryan II, John Russell Bryan and Thomas Lee Bryan; a daughter, Jennifer Sue Bryan; and eight grandchildren.

Barbara Lee "Bobbie" Hooks '55 died Dec. 17, 2011, in Zephyrhills, Fla. She was a diaconal minister in the United Methodist Church, directing music and Christian education programs at churches in Plant City and Zephyrhills. She was the founder of an interdenominational youth choir, the Warren Willis Singers, which performed in churches around the South. Survivors include her husband, Robert G. Hooks; two children, Allison and Lance; a stepdaughter; and three grandchildren.

Mary "Kim" Scott Howard '55 of Honolulu died Nov. 15, 2011. She was a real estate agent and, after an illness left her paralyzed, an artist who painted by mouth. She is survived by four children, Laura Howard Curley, of Charleston, S.C.; Debra Howard Sorenson of Tangier, Va.; Scott Howard of Nokomis, Fla.; and Forrest Howard of Houston, Texas; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Burton Austin Selfridge Jr. '55 died Jan. 31, 2012, in Overland Park, Kan. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He sang professionally, performing in supper clubs in New York with the Fred Waring and Victor Borge

ensembles. Mr. Selfridge worked for the Aetna Life Insurance Company and owned and operated Fortune and Company Risk Management Consultants. He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters Heather Warnica, Lisa Selfridge, and Robin Huyett; a son, Clayton Selfridge; and four grandchildren.

Stanley B. Kendrick '56 of Lakeland died Jan. 25, 2012. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he participated in the assault on Iwo Jima in World War II. He taught at Zephyrhills High School for 28 years until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; a son, Roland; daughters Mary Sall and Brenda Downie; and three grandsons.

Suzanne D. Stolberg Anderson '57 died Feb. 28, 2012, in Cape Coral, Fla. She was a teacher for the Edina, Minn., School District, retiring in 1994. She is survived by her husband, Edward Anderson; three sons, Carl Anderson of Minneapolis, Scott Anderson of Roscoe, Ill., and David Anderson of Champlin, Minn.; a daughter, Karen Esch of Andover, Minn.; and eight grandchildren.

The Rev. Arthur E. Beam '58 died in Martinsville, Va., on Aug. 14, 2011. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he was a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary. Rev. Beam was a minister in the Christian Church and served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Virginia. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Douglas Beam. He is survived by his wife, Jean Beam; a daughter, Sherri McDonald of Ridgeway, Va.; two sons, Alan Montgomery of North Port, Fla., and Jack Montgomery of Alpharetta, Ga.; a stepdaughter; three stepsons; a sister; three brothers; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jack D. Ingram '58 died Oct. 26, 2011, in Jacksonville, Fla. He earned a B.S. in business administration from FSC. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ella Ingram '59; a son, Douglas; a daughter, Linda; and two grandchildren.

William E. Kesler '58 died March 30, 2011, in Chino Valley, Ariz. He earned a B.S. in mathematics from FSC.

Oscar J. Michael '58 of Decatur, Ill., died on Sept. 4, 2011. He earned a degree in social studies from FSC.

Robert "Bob" Stansmore Vivian Jr. '58 of Lakeland died Jan. 27, 2012. He was a pharmaceutical representative for Syntex Laboratories. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two sons, Robert "Stan" Vivian III of Chicago and Cameron Vivian of Augusta, Ga.; a daughter, Valerie Vivian Miles of Augusta, Ga.; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; a sister and a niece.

1960s

Robert "Hoppy" Attree Hopkins '61 died Feb. 3, 2012, in Reston, Va. At FSC, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was an agent for John Hancock Insurance Company. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen A. Hopkins; three children, R. Scot Hopkins, Bret R. Hopkins

and Brooke E. Gilliam; two stepchildren, Andrew Waskow and Mark Waskow; his first wife, Margaret Weed; a sister; and 11 grandchildren.

Bedford A. Keen '61 of Winter Haven died Feb. 24, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked for Peoples Bank and Huntington Bank until his retirement. He is survived by his brother, William B. Keen of Hayesville, N.C.; five nieces and two nephews.

Nancy Ellen Reinking '62 of Mount Dora, Fla., died Dec. 29, 2011. She earned advanced degrees in interior design and fine arts and taught interior design at Bauder College and the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. She is survived by her husband, **Jim Reinking '62**; a daughter, Lisa; a son, Jeff; and four grandchildren.

Lt. Col. Eugene William Shier '63 died March 19, 2012 in Amarillo, Texas. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years and was a veteran of World War II, serving as a navigator on B-24's. In retirement he became a certified gemologist, repairing and designing jewelry. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anita Shier, and a daughter, Judy Shier. He is survived by his wife, Teresa "Tessie" Shier of Amarillo; daughters Susan Wayland of Albuquerque, and Suzanne Patterson of Colorado Springs; a son, Bill Shier of Austin, Texas; three stepchildren; a brother; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Hoyte A. Coleman '67 died Feb. 18, 2012, in Longwood, Fla. He served for 25 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of chief master sergeant. He earned an M.S. in Management from the University of Southern California. After retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Coleman was Director of Special Programs for Valencia Community College. He is survived by his wife, Juanita; a son, Mark; two grandchildren; two brothers and a sister.

William James Deupree III '67 of Park Hills, Ky., died on March 17, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, which he served for 30 years, retiring at the rank of colonel. He was an attorney with the firm of Ziegler & Schneider, specializing in residential and commercial real estate. He served as the Deputy Master Commissioner for Kenton County, Kentucky, for 27 years and was a member and Chairman of the Kenton County Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission. He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy. He is survived by two sons, Will Deupree IV and Carter Deupree, both of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; his mother, Charlotte Deupree of Fort Wright, Ky.; and a nephew.

Thomas L. Jerkins '69 died Oct. 15, 2011, in Alexandria, Va. He earned a degree in accounting from FSC.

Richard Best Roberts II '69 of Marshalls Creek, Penn., died March 2, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served as a combat correspondent in the Vietnam War. Mr. Roberts was an avid writer and photographer and worked for more than 30 years in corporate public relations. He is survived by his wife, Carol Roberts; a son, Scott Roberts of York, Penn.; a daughter, Laura Morrison of Salem, Mass; a sister, and a granddaughter.



In Memoriam

Stanley Edward Yandre '69 died Jan. 27, 2012, in Merritt Island, Fla. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served in the Vietnam War. He owned a home improvement business and also worked for The Home Depot. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rebecca, and a son, Raymond. He is survived by his mother, Mary Jane Kany of Palm Bay; and two sons, Thomas Yandre of Houston, Texas, and Michael Yandre of Gainesville, Fla.

1970s

Kurt Edward Warner '70 died in Sparta, N.J., on Jan. 18, 2012. He worked in the transportation industry for 41 years and was owner/operator of GVA Enterprises, a trucking firm. He is survived by his wife, **Gail Rowan Warner '70**; two daughters, Valerie Warner Lanham of Washington and Adrienne Warner Lopez of Denver, Colo.; and two sisters.

Martha A. Chapman '71 died in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 10, 2011. She was employed by American Osment Company. She is survived by her husband, Jim; a daughter, Lynn Jacobsen; two sons, Jim and Andy Chapman; her mother; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Raymond S. Freeman '75 of Orlando died Feb. 24, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a graduate of the University of Florida and earned a bachelor of science in biology at FSC. He worked as an engineer at Honeywell and at Martin Marietta. He is survived by four sons, Bill McAlpin, Bob Freeman, Ray Freeman, and Michael Freeman; a daughter, Betty Freeman; 10 grandchildren; a brother and a sister.

DeWitt T. Keller '78 died Feb. 1, 2012, in Orlando. He was a pilot for more than 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He earned numerous decorations and commendations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. After retiring in 1974, he completed his degree at FSC, graduating with honors. He is survived by his wife, Rose Katherine; three sons, Richard, Donald and Phillip; a daughter, Colleen Keller Parker; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Sarah P. Starks '78 died Dec. 7, 2011, in Colonial Heights, Va. She was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. A brother preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Herman Starks Jr.; four stepchildren, Jeaneta Starks of New Orleans, La., Sherika Clair of New Orleans, Herman Starks, III of New Orleans, and Trey Starks of Chester, Va.; and eight grandchildren.

1980s

Ruth Cotton Hicks '83 of Jacksonville died Nov. 21, 2011. She was a registered nurse certified in hospice care and worked in community nursing as a diabetes educator at Shands Hospital until her retirement in 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris Hicks. Mrs. Hicks is survived by her children, Jacquelyn Bevel, Ivan, Ivor, and Ira Hicks; three stepsons; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother and three sisters.

Elizabeth G. Means '83 of Jacksonville died Jan. 27, 2011. She earned a degree in nursing from FSC.

Odessa Shafer Miller '87 of Bellows Falls, Vt., died on Feb. 6, 2012. She and her husband were owners of the Shopper and News Review in Bellows Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband, Max, four brothers and a sister. She is survived by two sons, Thomas Miller of Bellows Falls, and Robert Miller of Warren, Vt.; a daughter, Marilyn Frost of Newton, Mass.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Notices

Grace McCall Sweat '28 of Jacksonville died May 3, 2008. She was a teacher.

Virginia Meek Staley '44 died Feb. 9, 2009, in Lawrenceville, Ga. She was a longtime resident of Oviedo, Fla., where she taught home economics.

The Rev. James Earl Ulmer '55 died Aug. 21, 2010, in Apopka, Fla. He served as a United Methodist pastor for 35 years in Florida.

Peter J. Murphy '63 of Lakeland died May 2, 2006. He was a member of the golf team at FSC. He was co-owner and operator of Murphy Chevrolet in Bartow and former director of finance for the Polk County Clerk of the Court.

James Edward Allen '75 died in Tallahassee July 25, 2009. He was a retired auditor with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Craig Leroy Ketcham '94 died Sept. 21, 2010, in Orlando.

Faculty

Dr. John B. Funderburg Jr., of Raleigh, N.C., who taught biology at FSC from 1960 to 1970, died August 9, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II and Korea. He earned a B.S. in science from East Carolina Teachers College and master's and doctoral degrees from North Carolina State University. In addition to FSC, he taught at Duke University and Randolph-Macon College, where he was chairman of the Biology Department. In 1974, he was appointed director of the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences, where he served until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and a daughter, Susan F. Poirier. He is survived by two daughters, Christina F. Thomas of Raleigh and Mary F. Moore of Apex, N.C.; two granddaughters; a sister and a brother.

The Rev. Edward N. Hallman, a former adjunct instructor, died Dec. 10, 2011, in Daytona Beach. A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, he became an ordained Presbyterian pastor after the war. Between 1958 and 1963, he taught classes in Bible and church history at FSC. He later taught botany, biology and photomicroscopy at Daytona Beach Community College. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; a daughter, Elizabeth Gaines; a son, Matthew; and a brother.

Staff

Esther Whitmore Gill '38 of Lake Placid died Feb. 19, 2012. She was valedictorian of her class at FSC. She later earned a master's degree in Library Arts from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., and served as an assistant librarian at Florida Southern and the Lakeland Municipal Public Library. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. John B. Gill Jr. She is survived by three daughters, Esther M. Gill of Lake Placid, Sara Gill Wunderlich of Davie, Fla., and Mary Gill Isaac of Lakeland; a son, John B. Gill III of Ormand Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Frances Doris Purcell Heath '39, former assistant librarian, died in Lakeland on Jan. 5, 2012. She earned a degree in English and was a member of Delta Zeta sorority at FSC. She taught high school and served in the Florida Department of Education before becoming assistant librarian at FSC in 1947. She later returned to the public schools as a teacher and media specialist until her retirement in 1985. She is survived by her husband, **Foster Heath '49**; a daughter, Caroline Heath Schichtel of Lakeland; a son, F. Eugene Heath of New Paltz, N.Y.; and four grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to the Leslie Harper Purcell Scholarship Fund at Florida Southern.

Margaret A. Sumner of Lakeland died Feb. 10, 2012. She was a former employee of the Food Services Department. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Dean Sumner, and a son, Carl Wayne Sumner. She is survived by two sons, Richard David Sumner of Auburndale, and John Grayson Sumner of Lakeland; a brother; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Chimes Of Florida Southern

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

Annie Pfeiffer Chapel stands silent these days, but when it was built, it had a carillon or set of chimes in the tower that was played from the organ console. The chimes were amplified and could be heard all over the city.

The chimes – or at other times a bugler – were used to keep the “orders of the day,” that is, to signal the start of the day, class changes, and the end of the day. One of the first students to have the job of playing the chimes was Rachel Albaugh Spilman, who attended FSC in 1942-43.

“The Chapel was very new and very special. It was in the middle of an orange grove,” she said.



Rachel Albaugh Spilman is seen seated at the organ console in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, in 1942 or 1943.

Mrs. Spilman recently shared an old newspaper clipping showing her seated at the keyboard in the chapel during her freshman year. The small carillon keyboard can be seen below and to the right of the main organ console.



Walter Spilman '47 (back row, far right), a pre-med student at FSC, is seen in this 1942 photo of his laboratory study group. Dr. Maurice Mulvania, professor of biology, is seated in the center. Others in the photo are unidentified.

“I loved the idea of playing the chimes, but I soon found out it was very taxing,” she recalled.

Altogether, Mrs. Spilman played about 10 times a day, usually a song or a hymn. Every day, she rose early to play at 7 a.m. She had to leave each class early to play for the class changes and arrived late to her next class. At night, she had to walk across the unlit campus and unlock the pitch-black Chapel to play the final order of the day at 9:30 p.m.

Her boyfriend and future husband, Walter Spilman '47, was concerned for her safety. Since male and female students were not supposed to be together unsupervised after dark, he obtained special permission from FSC President Ludd Spivey to accompany her to the Chapel at night.

“Walter was from Maryland. The very first thing he ever said to me was, ‘Play ‘Yankee Doodle’ on the chimes.’ I said I couldn’t because it was too fast. So he asked me to play ‘Maryland, My Maryland,’” Mrs. Spilman said.

The Spilmans were married in April 1943. They had five children, two of whom attended FSC. Their granddaughter, Melissa Marie Spilman, is a senior at FSC. Mr. Spilman died in 2000, and Mrs. Spilman lives in her hometown of Tarpon Springs.

The chimes of Annie Pfeiffer Chapel were played for at least eight years. A March 1948 article in *The Southern* campus newspaper stated there were three women students, the “Belles of the bells,” who played them. An article the following spring mentions “morning chimes.”

It is not clear when the playing of the chimes stopped or when they were removed, but apparently the practice was halted because neighbors complained they were too loud. However, they live on in the Alma Mater: “Orange groves o’er spread her campus, / Chimes her hymns intone...”

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