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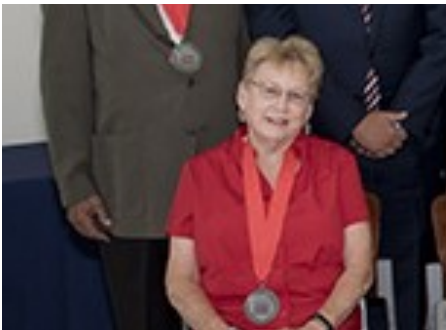


Pine Jog Fundraiser Registration Now Open

Register for the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center fundraiser, [Pine Jog @ Night](#), on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 6 p.m., 6301 Summit Blvd., WPB, Fla. Funds raised will benefit Pine Jog educational programs. See article below.

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COE Alumna Shares Findings on Teens with Autism



Johnathon DiFusco (left), a teenager in the study, practices at home using an iPad as Elisa Cruz-Torres, Ed.D., BCBA-D, (center), COE alumna and Visiting Instructor, Exceptional Student Education, and Susan Freeman, Johnathon's mother look on.

Researchers from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) College of Education (COE)'s Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and collaborators conducted a study, published on Oct. 8, 2019, in the [Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders](#), to examine whether an iPad could be effective in increasing parents' competence and confidence to use mobile devices to interact with their adolescent children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"Our findings show that video prompting interventions produced both immediate and lasting effects for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and that parents can be powerful delivery agents to increase independence in their children," said Elisa Cruz-Torres, Ed.D., BCBA-D, Visiting Instructor, ESE, who was the lead researcher of the study. She earned an Ed.D. in ESE in 2015 and M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction in 2009 from FAU's ESE and Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry, respectively.

Co-authors of the study are Mary Louise Duffy, Ph.D., a retired professor; Michael P. Brady, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, and Peggy Goldstein, Ed.D., Associate Professor, all within FAU's ESE; and Kyle D. Bennett, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Teaching and Learning, Florida International University. Goldstein earned an Ed.D. in FAU's ESE in 1994.... [Read more](#)



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Please consider sponsoring opportunities and purchasing tickets to [Pine Jog @ Night](#), the annual fundraising event that benefits Pine Jog environmental education programs. Many of them won awards this year.

By Josephine Elliott | JANUARY 31, 2020

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“We plan to use this recognition to continue to build E-STEM programs that focus on the interconnectedness between human and natural systems,” said Ray Coleman, Executive Director, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, who welcomed the opportunity to engage with participants and forge partnerships with other E-STEM leaders across the nation. “This support will allow us to grow our programs, which help people of all ages develop awareness and skillsets to create innovative environmental change solutions.”

Among the programs FAU Pine Jog offers the community are:

- *H2O to Go!*—A dual enrollment residential program where students work with research scientists to understand the interconnectedness and complexity of South Florida water systems and the environmental issues facing them.
- *Educational Connections to Ongoing Research Projects (ECORP)*—An E-STEM education program that introduces middle and high school aged students to scientific research via university research departments and grant funding.
- *Green Schools Recognition Program*—A recognition of ongoing “green” programs in public and private schools in Palm Beach and Martin counties that instill a culture of sustainability on their school campuses through projects and practices.
- *OrKids*—An in-class botany program where students grow endangered Florida orchids while conducting research in conjunction with Pine Jog’s propagation lab, helping to restore the native orchids to urban and natural areas.
- *Everglades Literacy*—Florida’s first curriculum for K-12 students created by Pine Jog in cooperation with the Everglades Foundation that engages students with hands-on activities to explore the everglades, its issues and ways to take action.
- *Afterschool Program*—A quality program for Pine Jog Elementary School students in the School District of Palm Beach County that teaches diversity and respect in order for them to become productive environmental citizens.

A unit of the College of Education at FAU, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center has also won the following awards in 2019:

- The National Green School Collaboration Awards from the United States Green Building Council and National Green School Network.
- Two national awards from the Garden Club of America for Pine Jog’s historical native orchid display created for the Garden Club of Palm Beach and presented at the Garden Club of America Flower Show held at the Four Arts Center in Palm Beach, Fla. They are the Ann Lyon Crammond Education Awards and the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award.
- The Public Engagement and Outreach Award from the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals Treasure Coast Chapter bestowed on Pine Jog’s OrKIDS Program.

For more information, please contact the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center at 561-686-6600 or visit www.pinejog.fau. To explore ways to give, contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., Director of Development, College of Education, at jameson2013@fau.edu.

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Jorene Jameson, Ph.D. Director of Development assigned to the College of Education (COE), met COE alumni from the Class of 1969, who attended the Majestic Owls Ceremony on Oct. 16 at the Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center at FAU Boca Raton. Among them was Patricia Eddinger (left). Henry Piszczewski was unable to attend the ceremony.

By Josephine Elliott | January 31, 2020

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Among the COE alumni who participated in the ceremony was Patricia Eddinger, who received a B.S. in Physical Education on March 21, 1969. She recalled that the COE offered a core set of four or five general

"We are proud of all that these alumni have accomplished in their lives, and very glad that they came home to be part of our fifth class of inductees into the Majestic Owls Society. Happy 50th Anniversary, Class of '69! Go Owls!"

— John Kelly, Ph.D.
President, Florida Atlantic
University

education courses called the Center of Discovery. She lived on campus in the Algonquin Hall that was recently demolished. "We called it dorm six," Patricia said. "We made our own fun. Not many people lived on campus." Today, FAU's Innovation Village and Parliament Hall bring the Boca Raton campus' total bed count to 4,100.

After graduation she joined her father in Bangkok, Vietnam for six months and spent a weekend in Ho Chi Minh, the former capital of South Vietnam, which was formerly known as Saigon until the end of the Vietnam War. When she returned to Florida, she became a substitute teacher and then worked at the Boca

Raton Community Center in Boca Raton, Fla. After getting married and having a child, who went to the Methodist Early Childhood Education (MECE) Preschool and Kindergarten at the First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, she taught three year-olds there and eventually became Assistant Director. Her advice to today's education majors, "There's a place for everyone; a niche you have to find. I was happy with the position I found in the preschool area."

Henry Piszczewski, who was born in a Nazi work camp in Poland where his parents were prisoners for five years after being captured by German soldiers during World War II, had planned to attend the ceremony, but unforeseen circumstances prevented him from being there. Having earned a B.S. in Physical Education from the College of Education on Aug. 22, 1969, Henry taught in Broward County for 37 years. He taught physical education courses. Then he became a high school track coach and taught earth science, environmental science and biology.

Henry credited his education courses and methods courses at FAU for preparing him. He also learned a lot during his student teaching at Pine Crest School, a private school in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Back then, FAU "did not have a sports program," he recalled. "I took a swim course at a motel pool." Today, the FAU Aquatic Center, located on the Boca Raton Campus, features an Olympic-sized meter pool and is home to FAU's men's and women's swimming and diving programs.

During the ceremony, the Class of 1969 was inducted into the Majestic Owls Society as FAU's fifth class of inductees. The Society was established in 2015 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of each graduating class from FAU, beginning with the first alumni from the Class of 1965.

For more information on degree programs offered by the COE, contact an advisor at the [Office for Academic and Student Services](#). To explore ways to give, contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., Director of Development, College of Education, at jjameson2013@fau.edu.

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FAU Horizon Society Member to Support COE Doctoral Students



Florida Atlantic University (FAU) honored members of the Horizon Society at its annual luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019 at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, Boca Raton, Fla. Although she did not attend the luncheon, Kathleen Ryan (left), is not only an alumna of FAU's College of Education, but also a member of the FAU Horizon Society. The FAU Foundation confers Horizon Society membership on those individuals who demonstrate outstanding philanthropy by remembering FAU students and programs with gifts from their estates.

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Her appreciation for the opportunity Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s College of Education (COE) gave her to pursue a doctorate and for the insights and knowledge she received, prompted Kathleen Ryan to make a planned gift from the assets of her estate and become a member of the FAU Horizon Society. "The experience itself and the other teachers and administrators I interacted with and the faculty who mentored me was tremendous," Kathy recounted.

"I do not think a lot of people realize that the average person of average means will have an estate when they die. When the house is sold, debts are paid and there is money in the bank, where will it go?"

— Kathleen Ryan

Florida Atlantic University
Horizon Society Member and
College of Education Alumna

Kathy, who was named the COE Alumni of the Year in 2009, earned an Ed.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision on Aug. 29, 1975 and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision on March 16, 1979 from FAU's COE. She retired from the Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) in 2000 after 30 years serving as a middle school counselor at Immokalee Middle School and teaching a variety of subjects at Immokalee High School. CCPS recognized her as its Social Studies Teacher of the Year in 1995.

While she never served in an administrative position, she drew on this knowledge and experience in her role as a teacher on special assignment and while serving on many committees. "I was not just focused on my own job, own classroom, own district," Kathy

declared. Travelling from the west coast to the east coast of Florida to take the externship and other courses, allowed her to learn about education at the statewide level. In fact, her dissertation was titled, "A Model for Public Progression and Compensatory Education Based on a Study of the Plans in Florida's 67 Counties."

She graduated at a time Florida had few residents and "not many women were given the opportunity to serve in educational leadership positions," Kathy revealed. Since she retired, CCPS grew from five high schools to 10 high schools. CCPS now has a woman superintendent and many of the principals are women. An active proponent of public education, Kathy presently is a member of the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women and the Coalition of Public Quality Education (C4QPE) Collier. She also volunteers in the public schools for scholar bowls, mock trials and debates.

Since she did not have anyone to leave her estate, she split it among the three colleges from which she received her degrees. "My original intent was to fund scholarships for doctoral students, depending on the value of the estate, that can be made perpetual in terms of a small stipend," she divulged. FAU honors Horizon Society members each year at a luncheon and invites them to exclusive forums and seminars. Charitable bequests are used to support the mission of the COE according to a donor's wishes. These future gifts may be designated for any school, department or program. Please consider making a difference for the next generation of educators, counselors, speech-language pathologist and educational leaders.

For ways to create a charitable request and become a member of the Horizon Society, contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., Director of Development assigned to the COE, at jjameson2013@fau.edu.

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