

FAU Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary Year

Forty years ago, on September 14, 1964, Florida Atlantic University opened its doors to a charter class of 867 students. The University's official dedication ceremony was held one month later, with President Lyndon B. Johnson delivering the keynote address. For a sitting U.S. chief executive to officiate at the dedication of a new university was most unusual – but then, FAU was no ordinary institution of higher learning. From its very inception, FAU was envisioned as one of a new breed of American universities that would invent new and better ways of making higher education available to those who sought it.

Over the course of four decades, FAU has delivered on that promise, becoming a major center of teaching, research and public service activities. Today, more than 26,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate degree programs on the University's seven strategically located campuses, and almost 90,000 men and women hold FAU degrees in a broad array of academic disciplines, including the arts and humanities, the sciences, business, education, engineering, architecture, nursing, public administration and urban planning. FAU's economic impact in its seven-county service area exceeds \$1 billion annually.

Now under the leadership of its fifth president, FAU alumnus Frank T. Brogan, Florida Atlantic University looks toward a future of continued growth and development in the service of the people of South Florida.