



2000-2001

HIGHLIGHTS



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ACCESS

Fall 2000 saw a record number of more than 3,000 freshmen and a record-high overall enrollment exceeding 21,000 students. These numbers included dramatic increases in enrollment of African-American students and Hispanic students, reflecting the diversity of the dynamic region we serve.

Four new graduate degree programs at FAU were launched this year. These important new programs are the Ph.D. degree program in chemistry and master's degree programs in nonprofit management, social work and international business. The Ph.D. in chemistry is the University's 16th doctoral program and is considered a key element in FAU's implementation of its proposed medical education partnership with the University of Miami School of Medicine.

A new initiative by FAU's Open University and Continuing Education, smartCommunities is the first Web site in the nation to marry e-commerce technology and e-learning opportunities. The home site for the innovative new community is www.smartFAU.org.

The A.D. Henderson University School earned straight A's on the elementary and middle school Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Henderson was the only one of Florida's four university system lab schools to achieve straight A's in the 2000 rankings. The school also received STAR (Schools Taking Action for Reform) recognition from the Florida Committee on Elementary and Middle Schools of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College saw its second-year enrollment more than double. As the Honors College prepares to enter its third year, the University is completing construction of a second residence hall.



RECOGNITION

FAU's College of Business was named one of the Top 50 Business Schools for Entrepreneurs by *SUCCESS* magazine. A first-time selection to the annual ranking that includes some of the nation's premier collegiate business programs, FAU was the only Florida school selected for this honor.

Hispanic Outlook in Education magazine named FAU as one of the top 100 schools in the nation for Hispanics in three categories, according to a national study conducted by the magazine.

The Broward County Urban League recognized President Anthony James Catanese with its Diversity Champion Award and FAU's writer-in-residence Kitty Oliver with the Margaret Roach Humanitarian Award.

Dr. Sharon Schlossberg, director of Pre-Collegiate Programs in the College of Engineering, was selected from leaders from 40 universities as the Outstanding University SECME Director.

James Murley, director of the Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems, received the first Strategic Environmental Achievement Award from the Florida Ocean Alliance.

TEACHING

Acclaimed dancer and arts educator Edward Vilella, the founding artistic director of the Miami City Ballet, was named the Dorothy F. Schmidt Distinguished Artist-in-Residence in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. He will teach master's level classes and stage a performance of the Miami Ballet at FAU's University Theater.

Dr. Niara Sudarkasa joined the College of Liberal Arts faculty as a distinguished visiting scholar. Dr. Sudarkasa, a Broward County native, was the first woman president of Lincoln University, the nation's oldest historically black university. In her work at FAU, she is helping to establish the FAU Research Center in the African-American Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Dr. Nahum M. Sarna, an internationally recognized scholar in biblical and Judaic studies, was named the first occupant of the Herbert and Elaine Gimelstob Eminent Scholar Chair in Judaic Studies at Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Robert Arnold, associate professor in the Department of Communication, had his film "The Morphology of Desire" screened during the Director's Fortnight at the Cannes Film Festival.

Dr. Natalie King-Pedroso, assistant professor in the Department of English, was awarded the prestigious one-year Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship for Minorities. Dr. King-Pedroso is working at the University of the West Indies, in Jamaica, where she will continue her analytical studies of Derek Walcott's "Omeros," a Nobel Prize-winning autobiographical odyssey.



RESEARCH

The Florida Atlantic Research and Development Park will expand from its filled-to-capacity location in Boca Raton to a 15-acre site in Deerfield Beach. The R&D Park provides opportunities for businesses to collaborate with University researchers and to employ students in their enterprises.

FAU's NASA Space Communications Technology Center (SCTC) and BellSouth showcased a major in-kind gift from BellSouth that has enhanced the SCTC's breakthrough research using fiber optic cable as a medium for carrying high definition television images to improve the field of telemedicine.

The Elder Mobility Project in FAU's Safe Communities Lifelong Mobility Center in Boca Raton tests senior drivers' road skills, physical conditions and vehicles to show them how to drive more safely. The project, headed by Dr. Mary Russell in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, has been funded by a \$127,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to help identify driving issues in a non-threatening way. The program was featured on CBS national news.

One of Ocean Engineering's Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) was selected to participate in NATO tests at Supreme Allied Command Atlantic's Undersea Research Center in Italy. Two other AUVs from the college participated in the U.S. Navy's fleet battle experiments off Panama City, Florida.

ChemBond, an innovative strategy for teaching college chemistry principles, earned a \$100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. Developed by a partnership between the Department of Chemistry and the College of Education, ChemBond showed dramatic results in decreasing the students' failure rate in introductory chemistry—down from 47.5 percent to 20 percent.

In addition to offering a computerized catalogue for access to all State University System libraries, the FAU University libraries have vastly increased the number of full-text data bases, dramatically increasing resources available for study and research.

PARTNERSHIPS

FAU was a key player in a state-wide Education Summit, a partnership among FAU, Broward Community College, the Broward County School System and Nova Southeastern University, to address the imminent shortage of K-12 teachers with new recruitment and retention strategies. The campaign to devise innovative solutions to the imminent teacher shortage is supported by the Annenberg Challenge and Apple Computer, Inc. FAU has created the Teaching and Learning Center on the Davie Campus and named Broward County education leader Dr. Robert D. Parks as acting director.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation donated \$2 million to establish The Abacoa Project, a partnership between Jupiter's Abacoa development and FAU's Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems, to study and promote "New Urbanism."

FAU sponsored its inaugural Continuing Medical Education Grand Rounds to bring together FAU's research scientists and area physicians in a program that integrates research and clinical material. Sponsored by FAU's Department of Biomedical Sciences, the Florida Medical Association and Boca Raton Community Hospital, the continuing education program is part of the development of FAU's Partnership for Quality Medical Education with the University of Miami School of Medicine.

FAU and the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) are teaming up to provide opportunities for graduate students to conduct applied research to help enhance the administrative, support and law enforcement operations of the sheriff's office, and to create an internship team of undergraduate students to work with BSO.

FAU became a leading partner in the Downtown Technology Partnership, which earned a \$500,000 three-year grant from the Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education to provide programming and information technology to underserved communities in Fort Lauderdale. The partnership is designed to help bridge the "digital divide" in access and use of computing technology.



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Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a 600-bed, five-story residence hall to accommodate the growing freshman population on FAU's Boca Raton Campus. The new suite-style residence hall will feature state-of-the-art technology and modern security systems.

The Education and Science Building on the University's Davie Campus was renamed the Senator James A. Scott Education and Science Building to honor FAU proponent Florida Senator James Scott. More than 5,000 upper division and graduate students take classes on the Davie Campus.

Construction was completed on University Commons, a 165,709-square-foot commercial complex on Glades Road, just west of FAU's campus in Boca Raton. Built on land owned by the University, the center includes commercial development of special interest to FAU's student population, including Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Whole Foods Market and Organized Living, retailer of storage products.

Construction is well under way for the \$21 million joint-use facility with Indian River Community College in Port St. Lucie. The facility will be used for classrooms, expanded library facilities, faculty, student services and administrative offices.

PUBLIC SERVICE

As one of the nation's Universities of Promise, FAU was host to Secretary of State Colin Powell and a special forum for young people. The program, sponsored by the local affiliate of Powell's America's Promise organization, attracted more than 2,200 participants to the University Center and included addresses by Powell and Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and FAU Distinguished Visiting Professor Betty Williams led some 300 Palm Beach County high school students in the first-ever South Florida PeaceJam Youth Conference. Titled "Community-Based Solutions to the Problem of Violence," the conference gave teenage participants, representing 18 high schools countywide, the chance to work side-by-side with the 1976 Nobel laureate to hone peacemaking, conflict resolution and community healing skills to take back to their homes, schools and neighborhoods.



The University hosted 250 children through the National Youth Sports Program, sponsored by the NCAA. The five-week camp, featuring athletic and team-building activities, was offered to children from low-income families.

Barry Gregory, alcohol and drug counselor and program coordinator of FAU's Counseling Center, released "The College Alcohol and Life Skills Workbook." Adopted by the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the workbook provides an alternative to traditional prevention strategies and assistance in developing social and academic skills necessary to work through the challenges of college life.

The Holocaust Outreach Center of Florida Atlantic University was among 15 centers nationwide selected for inclusion in the Holocaust Centers of Excellence Program sponsored by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR). Program selection was based on the high level of ongoing teacher training that the FAU Center provides to middle and high school social studies and English teachers.

ATHLETICS

The Tom Oxley Athletic Center opened to provide men's and women's athletics a new central home on the Boca Raton Campus, as well as serving as a resource for the entire University community. The first co-ed facility of its kind, the nearly 60,000-square-foot Oxley Center includes locker rooms, strength and training rooms, offices, a recreational area, a media room, nine classrooms and an academic auditorium.

Coach Howard Schnellenberger and the FAU football program completed a very successful second recruiting season, signing 31 new recruits on National Letter of Intent Day. The Owls will open their inaugural season at Pro Player Stadium on September 1, 2001, against Slippery Rock University.

FAU's Jeff Cowans has been named Atlantic Sun Conference Freshman of the Year in men's basketball, becoming the first player in FAU history to receive this honor. Cowans led the Owls with 14.0 points per game and 61 three-pointers, setting FAU freshman records for points and three-pointers. He also set a single-game record with nine three-pointers.

Eight FAU baseball players were elected in the Spring 2000 professional draft. Head Coach Kevin Cooney crossed a milestone, earning his 600th victory and head women's softball Coach Joan Joyce earned her 300th win in college coaching.

Nate Hooks joined FAU as head cross country coach and to develop the new women's track team, which began its first season in January. Before coming to FAU, Hooks served as the speed coach for Lawrence Johnson, a two-time Olympic trials pole vault champion and NCAA record holder; and Tim Mack, a former NCAA pole vault champion and Olympic trials qualifier.

Mike Wheelen, head coach for men's tennis, was named Atlantic Sun Conference's Coach of the Year for tennis.

Former FAU women's basketball starter Yolanda Griffith was top rebounder for the United States women's basketball team in their gold medal victory in the 2001 Olympics, in Sydney, Australia.

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DEGREES AWARDED BY COLLEGE

1998-99 through 2000-01

	Bachelor's			Master's			Doctoral		
	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Architecture, Urban & Public Affairs	274	273	277	58	32	56	6	2	6
Arts & Letters	481	504	569	49	72	69	0	1	0
Business	878	994	957	181	166	200	3	4	5
Education	478	526	440	265	228	224	13	19	5
Engineering	149	197	206	99	107	106	9	11	12
Liberal Arts	210	184	226	2	13	9	0	0	0
Nursing	120	154	152	30	47	38	0	0	0
Science	370	366	366	47	62	74	7	6	6
Total	2,960	3,198	3,193	731	727	776	38	43	34

SOURCE: FAU Fact Book

HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

FALL TERMS 1998 through 2000

	1998	1999	2000
Architecture, Urban & Public Affairs	1,185	1,208	1,399
Arts & Letters	3,787	4,148	3,536
Business	5,186	5,466	5,704
Education	3,933	3,904	3,709
Engineering	1,641	1,749	1,832
Honors College	—	74	151
Liberal Arts	799	773	899
Nursing	745	853	940
Science	2,390	2,406	2,439
Undecided	0	0	857
Total	19,666	20,581	21,466

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