



Item: AS-A1

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HONORARY DOCTORATE FOR FRANK T. BROGAN '81**

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Requesting recommendation to approve the conferral of an Honorary Doctorate on Frank T. Brogan '81.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

University Policy 2.3 (Honorary Doctorates) specifies that those nominated for Honorary Doctorates be recommended to the FAU Board of Trustees by the University Faculty Senate Honors and Awards Committee, the Provost and the President. One candidate is being recommended at this time.

The Honorable Frank T. Brogan '81 is a treasured member of the Florida Atlantic University community, having led FAU as its fifth president from 2003 until his appointment as chancellor of the State University System of Florida in 2009. The institution underwent major transformations with his guidance, including the launch of FAU High School, the establishment of the then- Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science (now an independent LCME-accredited medical school), the acquisition of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, and the initiation of key partnerships with Scripps Florida and the Max Planck Florida Institute. His impact on the history of FAU is clearly immense.

Beyond his contributions to the university itself, Brogan is a nationally-recognized champion of education and lifelong learning. Confirmed by the United States Senate as Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, Brogan has served as a teacher, dean of students, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent of Martin County, as well as commissioner of education and lieutenant governor of the state of Florida. After serving as chancellor of the Florida SUS, Brogan continued on to serve as chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Given his profound influence and innovative leadership throughout various arenas of education, the FAU Office of the Provost requests that the Committee on Academic and

Student Affairs recommend approval of the conferral of an honorary doctorate on Frank T. Brogan '81.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

If approved, this Honorary Doctorate will be conferred at a future commencement ceremony.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A.

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**Supporting Documentation:** Nomination materials

**Presented by:** Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs


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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the President  
Office of the Provost

FROM: Dr. Valerie J. Bristor   
Dean and Professor

DATE: January 30, 2018

RE: Nomination for Honorary Doctorate Degree – Frank T. Brogan

It is my pleasure to nominate Frank T. Brogan for an honorary doctorate degree from Florida Atlantic University. Frank Brogan has outstanding achievements in public service and high distinction in educational policy.

Frank Brogan earned a bachelor's degree in education magna cum laude from the University of Cincinnati in 1976 and a masters degree in education from Florida Atlantic University in 1981. His early career (1978-1994) included being a teacher, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Principal, and elected Superintendent in Martin County, Florida.

Frank Brogan became Florida Education Commissioner (1995-1999) and oversaw all education activities in Florida. He spearheaded passage of a law to strengthen criminal background checks for all educators and led the effort to establish the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. As Lieutenant Governor (1999-2003), Mr. Brogan oversaw education policy and acted as legislative liaison for Governor Jeb Bush.

On January 31, 2003, Frank Brogan was named the fifth president of Florida Atlantic University. According to the FAU Libraries Office of the President Collection, "Throughout President Brogan's term, the university grew in ways both conventional and innovative. FAU High School, a dual enrollment program for students with exceptional academic abilities and strong self-motivation, opened in 2004. Two years later, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science was established to provide a home for FAU's medical education program. That was followed by creation of the Graduate College to provide a single resource center for all graduate programs university-wide. In 2008, FAU merged with the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution (HBOI) in Fort Pierce, a leader in marine science and related fields. As a unit of FAU, HBOI changed its name to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute." In addition, President Brogan placed special emphasis on creating partnerships between the University and leading research organizations such as The Scripps Research Institute, the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, the Max Planck Society, and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute.

Frank Brogan was named chancellor of the State University System of Florida in 2009. He led the development of a new strategic plan and Florida's efforts to develop a performance funding program that utilized key measures to reward universities for excellence and improved performance in areas that support both the institutions' unique missions and system-wide goals for improved quality, accessibility, and accountability. Next Mr. Brogan became the chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (2013-2017) where he worked with the Board of Governors to recommend and develop overall policies for the System.

Mr. Brogan is currently the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD) in the U.S. Department of Education. As the Presidential Nominee for Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education in the U.S. Department of Education, Mr. Brogan is undergoing confirmation hearings at the date of this memorandum.

Frank T. Brogan has sustained achievement of lasting significance, and I strongly recommend him for this honor. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments: Highlights, Curriculum Vitae (CV), White House Announcement

**Name:** Frank T. Brogan

**Position:** Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD), U.S. Department of Education

Presidential Nominee for Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education

**Education:** Earned a masters degree in education from Florida Atlantic University (1981); Earned a bachelor's degree in education magna cum laude from the University of Cincinnati (1976)

**Residence:** Washington, D.C.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Presidential Nominee for Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education (At the present)

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD), U.S. Department of Education (At the present)

Chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (2013 – 2017)

- As PASSHE's chancellor, Mr. Brogan served as the State System's chief executive officer, which operates 14 comprehensive universities with a combined enrollment of nearly 115,000 students.
- The chancellor works with the Board of Governors to recommend and develop overall policies for the System.

Chancellor of the State University System of Florida (2009 – 2013)

- Mr. Brogan was named chancellor of the State University System of Florida in 2009, and immediately went to work to successfully repair strained relationships between the System and the Florida Legislature. As the longest-serving chancellor since the creation of the Board of Governors in 2003, Mr. Brogan's tenure brought a welcome stability for the system.
- Mr. Brogan led the development of a new strategic plan that included 39 distinct benchmarks – an integral part of Florida's nationally recognized accountability framework that tracks progress of university and system goals.
- Mr. Brogan also led the Florida system's efforts to develop a performance funding program that utilized key measures to reward universities for excellence and improved performance in areas that support both the institutions' unique missions and system-wide goals for improved quality, accessibility, and accountability.

- The university system demonstrated significant progress in providing access to high-quality higher education. During Mr. Brogan's tenure, the system increased enrollment by 7 percent, increased degree production by 12 percent and saw record high attainment in academic standards, graduation rates, national rankings and research.
- During the 2013 legislative session in particular, the university system took several major steps toward further excellence. The board and Legislature worked together to implement a number of top priorities, including establishing a path for universities to reach preeminent status, creating the nation's first fully online institute operated by a public research university, and providing a platform for a performance-funding model that fosters the unique mission of each institution while advancing system goals

#### President of Florida Atlantic University (2003 – 2009)

- On January 31, 2003, by unanimous vote of the university's Board of Trustees, Frank T. Brogan - Florida's incumbent lieutenant governor and a 1981 graduate of FAU's master's degree program in educational administration - was named the fifth president of Florida Atlantic University.
- Throughout President Brogan's term, the university grew in ways both conventional and innovative. FAU High School, a dual enrollment program for students with exceptional academic abilities and strong self-motivation, opened in 2004. Two years later, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science was established to provide a home for FAU's medical education program. That was followed by creation of the Graduate College to provide a single resource center for all graduate programs university-wide. In 2008, FAU merged with the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution (HBOI) in Fort Pierce, a leader in marine science and related fields. As a unit of FAU, HBOI changed its name to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.
- Recognizing the region's strong potential to become a center of biomedical research, President Brogan placed special emphasis on creating partnerships between the University and leading research organizations such as The Scripps Research Institute, the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, the Max Planck Society and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute.
- President Brogan oversaw the largest physical development of the University's campuses as new facilities were built to serve FAU's undergraduate and graduate population, which surpassed 27,000 for the first time. He presided over the early planning stages of "Innovation Village" on the Boca Raton campus, which doubled the amount of on-campus housing while adding the wellness center, alumni center, football stadium, retail space and additional parking. The stadium and most of these features were developed and completed in the years after Mr. Brogan left FAU.

Lieutenant Governor of Florida (1999 – 2003)

- As Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Brogan oversaw education policy and acted as legislative liaison for Governor Jeb Bush.

Education Commissioner of Florida (1995 – 1999)

- Mr. Brogan oversaw all education activities in Florida and served as a member of the Florida Cabinet which oversaw various aspects of state government,.
- As commissioner, Mr. Brogan spearheaded passage of a law to strengthen criminal background checks for all educators and led the effort to establish the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

Superintendent of Schools, Martin County, Florida (1988 – 1994)

Principal, Murray Middle School, Martin County, Florida (1986 – 1988)

Assistant Principal, Murray Middle School, Martin County, Florida (1984 – 1986)

Dean of Students, Indiantown Middle School, Martin County, Florida (1983 – 1984)

Teacher, Port Salerno Elementary School, Martin County, Florida (1978 – 1983)



# FRANK T. BROGAN

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## Professional Experience

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- 2003-Present      **PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**  
Boca Raton, Florida
- 1999-03            **FLORIDA'S LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**
- 1995-99            **FLORIDA'S COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**
- 1988-94            **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Martin County, Florida
- 1986-88            **PRINCIPAL**  
Murray Middle School, Martin County, Florida
- 1984-86            **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
Murray Middle School, Martin County, Florida
- 1983-84            **DEAN OF STUDENTS**  
Indiantown Middle School, Martin County, Florida
- 1978-83            **TEACHER**  
Port Salerno Elementary School, Martin County, Florida
- 1976-1978        **CORPORATE INSURANCE AGENT**  
L.M. Reid, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida

## Education

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- 1998-2003        **FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CERTIFICATE**  
Florida Department of Education
- 1981                **FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**  
Boca Raton, Florida  
Master of Education in Administration/Supervision
- 1976                **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
*Magna cum laude*



## National Involvement

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### **PRESIDENT AND FOUNDING MEMBER**

- Education Leaders Council

### **MEMBER**

- American Association of School Administrators
- NCAA Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- NCAA Board of Appeals
- Sun Belt Conference Executive Committee - President

### **CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

- Testified before U.S. Congress while Florida's Commissioner of Education and Lieutenant Governor

## State of Florida Involvement

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### **CHAIR**

- Florida Blueprint Commission on the Transformation of Juvenile Justice
- Florida Dialogue on Cancer
- Florida Commission on the Homeless
- Florida Task Force on the Availability and Affordability of Long Term Health Care
- Florida "Classrooms First" Committee

### **MEMBER**

- Florida Board of Education
- Florida Board of Regents
- Florida Board of Community Colleges
- Workforce Development Board
- Florida Statewide Readiness Coalition
- Financial Task Force, Florida Board of Governors
- Florida Education Foundation
- Quantum Foundation
- Florida Council of 100
- Broward Workshop
- Florida Cancer Trials
- Holocaust Documentation and Education Center
- LeRoy Collins Institute
- Orange Bowl Committee
- Florida Association of School Superintendents
- Education Practices Commission
- Committee of Practitioners for Vocational Educators
- Florida Association of School Administrators
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Education Advisory Committee
- Superintendent's Mentoring Program
- South Florida Consortium of School Boards
- Enterprise Florida Board of Directors

## **Civic Involvement**

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### **MEMBER**

- Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Martin County Juvenile Justice Association
- District XV Juvenile Justice Board
- HRS District XV Children's Services Council
- Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce
- Martin County Education Foundation, Founder
- Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties
- District IX HRS Restructuring Committee

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

### **CAMPAIGN CHAIR**

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

- Martin County United Way

### **CHAIR**

- Martin County Children's Services Council
- Martin County Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- March of Dimes
- Leon County Relay for Life
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Statewide Honorary Chair
- Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign

## **Professional Accomplishments**

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- Major initiatives at Florida Atlantic University (2003-Present):
  - Elevated FAU's academic standards, resulting in stricter admissions criteria, higher retention rates and improved time-to-degree
  - Increased focus on research; FAU granted "High Research Activity" status by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
  - Established four-year medical education program
  - Opened Scripps Research Institute's Florida facility on the Jupiter campus to foster development of the bio-tech research sector in South Florida
  - Partnered with the Max Planck Society to establish its first U.S. research center on FAU's Jupiter campus
  - Took a leadership role in securing more than \$80 million to fully acquire the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and accomplish merger with FAU
  - Presided over the largest expansion of facilities in FAU history, with more than \$250 million in construction projects
  - Helped raise more than \$120 million through philanthropy and matching grants
  - Significantly enhanced campus life to promote student success

- Assisted with the development and implementation of Florida's A+ Education Reform Initiative (1994-02)
- Promoted the Governor's Mentoring Initiative (1999-03)
- Served as the Legislative Liaison for Florida Governor Jeb Bush (1999-03)
- Developed the first process to identify and improve low-performing public schools throughout Florida (1995)
- Streamlined and reorganized the Florida Department of Education (1994-98)
- Developed the Sunshine State Standards (1996)
- Led effort to establish the Bright Futures Scholarship Program (1995-96)
- Spearheaded passage of a law to strengthen criminal background checks of all educators (1994-98)
- Spearheaded passage of legislative language that clarifies the authority of the teacher to discipline in the classroom, on the campus and in school vehicles (1994-98)

## **Honorary Degrees**

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### **Barry University**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

### **South Florida Bible College**

Honorary Doctor of Divinity

### **Northwood University**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

### **Nova Southeastern University**

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

### **Flagler College**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

### **Florida Southern College**

Honorary Doctor of Public Service

## **Selected Awards**

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- Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award (November 2008)
- South Florida Business Journal Palm Beach Ultimate CEO Award (March 2008)
- Distinguished Alumnus, Moeller High School
- Distinguished Alumnus, University of Cincinnati
- Florida Atlantic University Alumni Hall of Fame
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars at Florida Atlantic University
- Independent Voices for Better Education's Education Excellence Award
- The U.S. Selective Service System's Honored Patriot Award
- Florida Student Association's Distinguished Service Award

- Take Stock in Children's Champion of Children Award
- Florida Commission on Human Relations Civil Rights Award in Education
- Children's Home Society's Child Advocate of the Year Award
- Florida School Board Association's Lifetime Achievement Award
- Florida Department of Education Nominee for American Association of School Administrators Superintendent of the Year Award
- Florida Association of Student Services Personnel Educator of the Year
- National Tech Prep Awards from the United States Department of Education and the American Association of Community Colleges

## **References**

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- Florida Governor Charlie Crist
- United States Senator Mel Martinez
- U.S. Congressman Ron Klein
- The Honorable Jeb Bush, former Governor of Florida
- Florida Senator Ken Pruitt
- Mike Adams, President, University of Georgia
- Dr. Willis Holcombe, Chancellor of the Florida Community College System
- J. David Armstrong, President, Broward College
- Dr. George Zoley, Chairman, CEO and Founder, The GEO Group

## **Personal**

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Marital Status:

Married to Courtney S. Brogan, an attorney

Children: Colby John Brogan

Hobbies:

Fishing, Jogging, Reading

# U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos Welcomes Frank Brogan as Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education

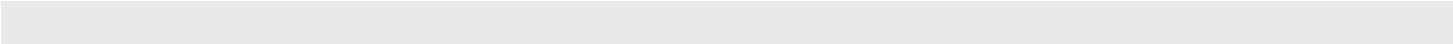
JUNE 26, 2018

**Contact:** Press Office, (202) 401-1576, [press@ed.gov](mailto:press@ed.gov)

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos congratulated Frank Brogan on being confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education.

"Frank has spent much of his career tirelessly working on behalf of America's students," said Secretary DeVos. "As a former public school teacher and administrator, I know he will be vital to our work here at the Department. I am delighted to finally have him on our team."

Brogan most recently served as the Chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. He was previously Chancellor of the State University System of Florida and President of Florida Atlantic University. He was elected to serve as the 15th Lieutenant Governor of Florida and served eight years in statewide office. He had previously served as Florida Commissioner of Education, overseeing the state's education system.



<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/president-donald-j-trump-announces-intent-nominate-personnel-key-administration-posts-6/>

# President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Personnel to Key Administration Posts

Issued on: December 11, 2017

President Donald J. Trump today announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key positions in his Administration:

**Frank T. Brogan of Pennsylvania to be the Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education.** Mr. Brogan most recently served as chancellor of Pennsylvania's public universities. He began his career as a fifth grade teacher in Martin County, Florida and later served as a dean of students, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent before being elected Florida's Commissioner of Education in 1994. Mr. Brogan continued his advocacy for public education when elected Lieutenant Governor of Florida in 1998 and 2002. After five years in that role, he was named president of Florida Atlantic University—a position he held until 2009, when he was selected to serve as chancellor of Florida's public universities. A native of Ohio, Mr. Brogan was the first member of his family to attend college—earning a bachelor's degree in education magna cum laude from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in education from Florida Atlantic University. He and his wife, Courtney, have a 12-year-old son, Colby John.