FAU Seaside Burrow

OCTOBER 28
Talon Awards
FAU Boca Raton – Marleen & Harold Forkas Alumni Center, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22
Meeting
FAU Fort Lauderdale – Board of Trustees Room, 11th floor, 6:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 2
Holiday Gathering
FAU Boca Raton – Marleen & Harold Forkas Alumni Center, 5:15 p.m.

JANUARY 24
Meeting
FAU Fort Lauderdale – Board of Trustees Room, 11th floor, 6:15 p.m.

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FAU Colleges – Moving Forward

FAU’s Board of Trustees recently approved renaming the Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

“The renaming of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine is another exciting step toward redefining FAU as an innovative medical institution,” said Dr. Michael Friedland, Dean of the College. “We give thanks to the Schmidt family for their commitment to FAU and to the College.”

In May, Governor Charlie Crist signed legislation authorizing the establishment of the University’s independent medical education program based at FAU’s Boca Raton campus. In addition to offering the M.D. degree, FAU proposes to offer a dual M.D./Ph.D. option in partnership with Scripps Institute Kellogg School of Science and Technology, which would confer a doctorate degree.

FAU has also renamed the College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs the College for Design and Social Inquiry.

As a unique configuration of professional programs addressing social justice, human services, design and public policy in and for communities, the College and its faculty develop solutions through the collaboration of these diverse disciplines.

“Our new name reflects what we do rather than emphasizing who we are,” said Dr. Rosalyn Carter, Dean of the College. “We will continue to provide the highest quality of teaching, research and public service to address urban problems in South Florida and the nation.”

COET Named National Center

Dr. Karl Stevens (center, holding award), Dean, FAU College of Engineering and Computer Science, accepts the “Academic Pioneer Award" from EnergyOcean International on behalf of FAU’s Center for Ocean Energy Technology (COET). Dr. Stevens is pictured with Susan Skemp (front row, white suit), Executive Director of the COET, and engineers, scientists and staff of the center.

FAU’s Center for Ocean Energy Technology (COET), located at SeaTech (FAU Dania Beach), was recently designated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center (SNMREC). SNMREC, a national center for ocean energy research and development, joins centers in the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii that also work to advance the operational readiness of ocean energy technologies. DOE will fund the SNMREC to undertake research and development of technologies capable of generating renewable energy from ocean currents and ocean thermal energy.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SAUNDERS

What a pleasure it is for me to offer greetings to the friends and supporters of Florida Atlantic University’s rapidly developing regional campuses, which are doing so much to provide access to top-quality higher education across our very large service area. From Dania Beach to the Treasure Coast, our regional campuses are opening up whole worlds of opportunity to students of all ages.

When I was in the process of being interviewed for the presidency of FAU, I was taken on a whirlwind tour of the regional campuses, and I was most favorably impressed by the people I met and the facilities I visited. Since arriving in Florida in early June, I’ve made it a point to revisit all of the FAU campuses and learn about their unique history. I am working with Vice President Joyanne Stephens and other leaders to make sure that they all continue to grow as centers of education, research and community engagement. Partner campuses play an absolutely vital role in helping the University fulfill its multifaceted mission. As FAU’s president, I am committed to their ongoing development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable support of FAU’s Broward campuses, and I look forward to meeting you at a University event. Thank you for being on the team that is working hard to take Florida Atlantic University to the next level of excellence.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Saunders
President

QUESTIONS? Please contact: Dr. Carolyn Stewart, Office of Community Relations - Broward at 954.762.5300.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Lisa Aronson ‘79

Throughout her professional career, Coconut Creek Mayor Lisa Aronson gained vast experience working with municipal, county, state and federal governments, as well as several educational institutions.

Elected to the Coconut Creek city commission in May 2008 during a special election, Aronson quickly adapted to her role and was appointed to the Broward League of Cities’ Board of Directors and to the Broward Water Resources Task Force. After winning re-election to a four-year term on the city commission in March 2009, Aronson was selected by her colleagues to serve as Vice Mayor for the 2009–10 year; she currently serves as Mayor for 2010–11.

She is self-employed as President of Liron Enterprises, a promotional products agency. Aronson is active with the American Cancer Society’s Coconut Creek/Margate Relay For Life committee and mentors a group of 30 high school girls at Atlantic Technical High School each month for the Women of Tomorrow organization.

Aronson earned her Master of Public Administration degree from FAU in 1979, with a specialization in Environmental/Growth Management.

“My coursework and professors at FAU were instrumental in inspiring me to take an interest in all branches of government and make a lifelong commitment to the betterment of our community,” she said.

Aronson also served on the FAU National Alumni Association Board in the 1980s.

Prior to her election to the city commission, Aronson was Director of Government Relations for the Office of the Chancellor’s Department of Community Relations and Student Advancement at Kesser University in Fort Lauderdale. She often met with elected officials and governmental staff in Washington, D.C., Tallahassee and throughout the state, in order to discuss appropriations and legislation impacting college students and issues affecting higher education.

In 2003, she served for six months as Interim Town Manager for the Town of Golden Beach in Miami-Dade County. From 2000 to 2003, Aronson served as Executive Director of the Broward County Charter Review Commission, a position also held from 1994 to 1995; and Executive Director of the Broward County Management and Efficiency Study Committee from 1998 to 2000.

Originally from Wisconsin, Aronson has been a resident of Broward County since 1964 and has lived in the City of Coconut Creek for eight years with her husband, Ron.