A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Florida Atlantic University’s 50th anniversary year will come to a memorable conclusion this semester as we gather in the tower of our new stadium on October 29 to celebrate all our University has been and all it is becoming. A one-of-a-kind gala themed “50 on the 50” will bring us together for a look back at some of the highlights of FAU’s half-century of service. This black-tie scholarship fundraiser will be historic in and of itself, and I hope to see many of the University’s Broward alumni and friends there. It will take place just two weeks after FAU football fans come to the stadium to cheer for the Owls as they go up against Western Kentucky in the first-ever game on our home turf.

As the fall semester got under way, a leadership change took place on the Broward Campuses. Dr. Joyanne Stephens retired in August after serving the University with distinction for 22 years, including two years as Vice President for Regional Campuses. Mr. Anthony Abbate has been named Associate Provost of the Broward Campuses, reporting to our new Provost, Dr. Brenda Claiborne. A Fort Lauderdale native, Mr. Abbate is an experienced member of FAU’s administrative team and an active participant in Broward’s civic life. He is well prepared to guide the continued growth of the Broward Campuses.

During this 50th anniversary year and every year, Florida Atlantic University is committed to providing access to educational opportunities throughout South Florida. As FAU begins its second half-century of service, the partnership support of our Broward friends is more important than ever.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Saunders, Ph.D.
President

Associate Provost Leads Broward Campuses

Anthony Abbate was recently named the Associate Provost of the Broward Campuses of Florida Atlantic University. His responsibilities include providing leadership and vision for campus-based services for the University’s three Broward campuses.

A native resident of Fort Lauderdale, Mr. Abbate joined FAU in 1996 as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the newly established School of Architecture. He has served on numerous boards including the Florida Department of Education Building Construction Advisory Committee, the Broward Cultural Council and the City of Fort Lauderdale Sustainability Committee.

Mr. Abbate served as the Director of the Broward Community Design Collaborative at the College for Design and Social Inquiry from 2006 to 2011, expanding cross-disciplinary funded research.

He received the professional degree of Master of Architecture from Washington University in St. Louis and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Catholic University of America. He holds nationally certified credentials to practice architecture and is accredited by the U.S. Green Building Council in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Davie West Building Receives Gold LEED Certification

FAU’s Davie West Building received the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. The facility achieved the prestigious designation through innovative use of sustainable principles, including providing dedicated parking for fuel-efficient vehicles, access to public transportation and the installation of efficient plumbing fixtures and water efficient landscaping. Additionally, tons of construction waste was diverted from landfills by recycling efforts during construction.

2011 HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE  OPPONENT  TIME
10/15 Western Kentucky  4 p.m.
10/22 Middle Tennessee  8 p.m.
11/05 Arkansas State (Homecoming)  4 p.m.
11/12 At FIU (Shula Bowl)  TBD
11/26 UAB  4 p.m.
12/03 ULM  4 p.m.

All home games will be played at FAU’s new on-campus stadium in Boca Raton.
For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.fausports.com or call 1-866-FAU-OWLS.

QUESTIONS? Please contact: Dr. Carolyn Stewart, Office of Community Relations - Broward at 954.762.5300.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
Michael and Morgan Walters ’09

Michael and Morgan Walters not only share their lives as a married couple, they also share the distinction of having earned their Master of Business Administration degrees together at FAU.

The couple met at an Ohio University alumni mixer in 2005 and moved to South Florida when Michael’s job brought him to Fort Lauderdale.

The Walters’ were interested in pursuing graduate degrees and enrolled together in FAU’s Executive MBA program in 2008. “We figured we could help each other to be disciplined and study,” Morgan said. “However, we purposely chose different schedules so that we would not be in the same classes.” Michael’s area of concentration was finance and Morgan’s was international business. Having graduated in 2009, both are established in their careers, which have grown due to hard work and earning their degrees at FAU.

Michael is the Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Retail Banking for PNC Bank and is active in community organizations including the Board of Directors for the Jack and Jill Children’s Center and the Board of Directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. He was also honored at the 2011 FAU Seaside Shindig as the Outstanding Alumnus of the 2000s.

“The FAU MBA program really challenged me to think differently,” he said. “I entered the program as a specialized manager and left the program as a well-rounded leader. FAU didn’t just unlock new doors for me, it taught me how to make the key and showed me how to open the door myself.”

Morgan is the Director of Client Services for EnvisionRx Options, a pharmacy benefit management company. She previously worked for the company as an account manager. Additionally, she is active in the Junior League of Fort Lauderdale.

“The two years I spent as a student in FAU’s Executive MBA program were filled with challenges and triumphs,” she said. “I gained a solid understanding of business concepts and strategies previously foreign to me. More importantly, upon graduation, I had a much clearer picture of who I wanted to be as a manager and how I wanted to lead.”

Michael and Morgan enjoy traveling and caught the international travel bug after taking an FAU-sponsored trip to China. They also have two dogs, a Yorkshire Terrier named Pixie and a Rhodesian Ridgeback named Capone.

Seaside Burrow Mixer at Chima

Broward Seaside Burrow alumni mingle at Chima Brazilian steakhouse in Fort Lauderdale on August 16, 2011.