A Message from the Vice President

The Spring semester is well underway and as always the Broward Campuses are abuzz with activity and excitement.

As we all face the challenges of our current economy I am so very grateful for the strong community support that the Broward Campuses enjoy. Now more than ever we rely on the generosity of our alumni, corporate partners and community leaders who continually step up to the plate to support the lifeblood of our University, our students, in good times and bad.

Now in its fourth year, the Seaside Shindig is an excellent example of the community coming together to support FAU in Broward. This year alone, we have been able to give more than 30 $500 scholarships to deserving students with funds raised at the Shindig.

One of these deserving students is Luis Rosario, pictured with me at a recent FAU function. Luis is an excellent student and active in Student Government. He and other scholarship recipients exemplify what it means to give back and they are the leaders of tomorrow. Your support is truly an investment in them.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Seaside Shindig on March 28 at John U. Lloyd State Park and want to simply say — thank you for all you do to support FAU.

Dr. Joyanne Stephens
Vice President, Broward Campuses

Seaside Shindig

Florida Atlantic University’s Broward alumni group, the Seaside Burrow, will host the fourth annual “Seaside Shindig” on Saturday, March 28 from 3 to 9 p.m. at John U. Lloyd State Park.

Known for its casual atmosphere and sumptuous menu, the Shindig is a catered, beachside event celebrating a commitment to higher education while recognizing the “Wave Makers” who have shown exceptional dedication to the University and its Broward campuses.

This year’s honorees are State Farm Insurance, as the corporate partner; the Fort Lauderdale Executives Association, as the community partner; and Neale Poller ’66, as the Outstanding Alumni honoree. Additionally, the “Pearl of Broward” is a special award presented each year to an individual who has shown leadership, advocacy and support of FAU. This year, Dr. Jennifer O’Flannery Anderson ’05, will receive the prestigious award. P.J. Rossi Jewelers is the official “Pearl of Broward” designer and four-time sponsor of the event.

Honorary chair Virginia “Ginny” Miller and event chair Kathy Molinet ’95, ’04 are pleased to host this event, which raises money for student scholarships as well as alumni initiatives at FAU.

The success of the event is due in large part to many returning sponsors, including M. Austin and Christine Forman, James B. Pirtle Construction Company, Broward College, Broward Health, Regent Bank, Holy Cross Hospital and Miller Construction. These individuals and companies are joined this year by Balfour Beatty Construction and State Farm Insurance.

Seaside Shindig Committee Members (back row, left to right): Karen Estevas, Pat Breman, Dr. Lee Phares, Ray Monteleone, Kathryn Glenewinkel, Dr. Carolyn Stewart, (front row, left to right): Seaside Burrow President Kathy Kohler, Seaside Shindig Chair Kathy Molinet, Martha Levy
Florida Public Archaeology Network

The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) is an innovative approach to stemming the rapid deterioration of the state’s buried and submerged past through education and action. The Southeast Regional Center is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale at FAU and serves Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. FPAN is a grant-funded organization that is part of the FAU Anthropology Department. The network offers experts that speak on topics including area archaeology, maritime heritage and shipwrecks, cultural diversity, Native American plant use and historic preservation. It also offers educational programs for schools, youth organizations, archaeological and historical societies, land managers, law enforcement personnel, and government planners/administrators. FPAN can assist state agencies to help discover known archaeological sites and areas that have never been surveyed. If you are interested in applying for historic preservation grants to restore that wonderful old downtown building or get a local landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places, FPAN can assist. For more information, contact Dr. Michele Williams at 954-762-5174 or mwilla167@fau.edu or Dr. Kira Kaufmann at 954-762-5183 or kufmann@fau.edu.

FAU, UF Celebrate Groundbreaking of Joint-Use Facility

Four UF and community leaders gathered on Jan. 21 to commemorate the groundbreaking of the new joint-use facility on the Davie’s campus. The 75,000-square-foot facility, designed to meet U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification, is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2010.

“This is a place where vitally important knowledge about the Everglades and the entirety of South Florida’s very sensitive and complex ecosystem will be discovered, analyzed, understood and passed along to future generations,” said FAU President Frank T. Brogan. “FAU is very proud to partner with the University of Florida in this far-reaching research and educational initiative, which holds tremendous promise for our state.”

Speaking at the event along with President Brogan were Dr. Joyanne Stephens, vice president of FAU’s Broward Campuses; Florida State Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff, Nancy Blosser, chair of FAU’s Board of Trustees; Dr. Joseph Joyce, UF senior executive associate vice president for agriculture and natural resources; and Craig van der Heiden, an FAU doctoral student. The ceremony included the raising of FAU’s flag at the building site.

Owls Win Motor City Bowl

The Owls have done it again, achieving another historic bowl victory to make it two in a row! In December, the team, fueled by sheer determination, won the Motor City Bowl by a score of 24-21. The Central Michigan Chippewas played a competitive game, but in the end the Owls prevailed, giving Head Football Coach Howard Schnellenberger a sixth consecutive bowl victory in his four-decade career. Go Owls!