



## **A \$10,000 FOUR-YEAR DEGREE?**

### **HOW ABOUT A \$0 FOUR-YEAR DEGREE?**

**December 3rd, 2012 (Jupiter, FL)**—The high cost of attending college has recently been receiving a great deal of attention. As part of the ongoing discussion about how best to deal with the financial pressures that many families are increasingly under, Governor Rick Scott of Florida has challenged academic leaders in the State to see if they could develop a four-year degree that would cost students no more than \$10,000. But at the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University, they have gone one step further: Students can apply for several opportunities to receive a degree in four years that ends up costing them *absolutely nothing*. The Wilkes Honors College calls it the **\$0 Four-Year Degree**.

That opportunity is possible in a number of incredible programs, all available to incoming freshmen.

1. The **Henry Morrison Flagler Scholarship**, for Florida residents only, pays up to \$7,500 per semester (fall and spring) for room and board as well as tuition and fees not covered by Bright Futures. The program also covers the cost of four summer enrichment programs, including two internships and a study abroad experience. The Flagler Scholarship thus totals more than \$72,000 over four years, providing students with an outstanding educational experience and leaving them with an excellent résumé when they apply to graduate school, professional school, or the world of business. More information is available at [http://www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/financial\\_flagler.htm](http://www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/financial_flagler.htm)
2. The **George D. Cornell Honors Scholarship**, also for Florida residents only, pays up to \$7,500 per semester (fall and spring) for room and board as well as tuition and fees not covered by Bright Futures, a total that can reach \$60,000 over four years.
3. The **Harriet L. Wilkes Arts and Humanities Scholarship**, for both Florida and out-of-state students, similarly pays for room and board as well as tuition and fees of up to \$7,500 per semester for fall and spring (a total that can reach \$60,000 over four years). In order to be

considered for this highly competitive scholarship, students must declare and pursue a concentration in the fine arts or humanities at the Wilkes Honors College.

4. The **Harriet L. Wilkes Social Sciences Scholarship**, for both Florida and out-of-state students, also pays for room and board as well as tuition and fees of up to \$7,500 per semester for fall and spring (a total that can reach \$60,000 over four years). The Harriet L. Wilkes Social Sciences Scholarship is only open to students who declare and pursue a concentration in history or the social sciences at the Wilkes Honors College.

What all four of these scholarship programs mean is that a Florida resident, if eligible for Bright Futures and selected for one of these opportunities, can take fifteen credits of coursework per semester in the fall and spring, live and eat on the beautiful John D. MacArthur campus in Jupiter, and graduate in four years *having paid little or nothing for the degree*. Even for out-of-state students, the two Harriet L. Wilkes Scholarships are great opportunities. Many of the students who receive the Wilkes Scholarship may also qualify for out-of-state tuition waivers. But, even if they don't, the generosity of these scholarships means that their degree will cost them relatively little.

The priority deadline for all of these scholarships is **December 15, 2012**, so FAU's Wilkes Honors College urges any student who is at all interested in one of these programs to apply immediately at [http://www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/admissions/how\\_to\\_apply.htm](http://www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/admissions/how_to_apply.htm)  
For more information visit <http://www.honorscollege.edu>

#### **About Florida Atlantic University:**

*Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU's world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU's existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit [www.fau.edu](http://www.fau.edu)*