

The logo for GradTalk, featuring the word "GradTalk" in a stylized, red, serif font with a white outline, set against a dark blue background.The logo for the FAU Graduate College, featuring the letters "FAU" in a large, blue, serif font, with a horizontal line below it. Below the line, the words "GRADUATE COLLEGE" are written in a smaller, blue, serif font, and "Florida Atlantic University" is written in a smaller, red, serif font below that.

GRADUATE COLLEGE NEWS AND EVENTS

JULY NEWSLETTER

Science Communications Fellows Program

The Miami Science Museum's new Science Communication Fellows Program will train early career scientists and graduate students on how to optimize communicating science in an informal education setting. Experienced museum experts will lead professional development sessions on how Fellows can disseminate science to the public in a more engaging and dynamic way. Students from the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science and HBOI are encouraged to apply! For more information and to access the application, visit the [Graduate College website here](#).

Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award

The Graduate College is very pleased to announce the selection of **Dr. Christine Williams** and **Dr. Jeanette Wyneken** as the 2013 recipients of the Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award.

Dr. Christine Williams is a Professor in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and Director of the Ph.D. in Nursing Program. During the past six years at FAU, Dr. Williams has mentored more than 35 students by serving on dissertation and comprehensive examination committees as well as advising research and teaching assistants. She has received many accolades for her work, and in 2010, was named the Ronald and Elizabeth Blake Distinguished Professor in Nursing. Her students credit her for being an essential part of their educational and professional careers. She sets high expectations for herself and encourages her students to do the same by mentoring them through their research, grant proposals and participation in conferences. Not only does she demonstrate leadership in nursing, but she also serves as the Vice Chair for the Institutional Review Board of the University. Dr. Williams demonstrates the true meaning of being a mentor.

Dr. Jeanette Wyneken is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. The faculty and students who have been influenced by Dr. Wyneken are quick to explain how her contributions have had a positive impact on their educational experiences and careers. Perhaps the most distinguishing proof of her advising abilities is that all of the masters and doctoral graduates in her program have found careers in their desired fields; as educators, natural resource managers, or researchers. The success of her students parallels the time and effort she dedicates to helping them succeed. Dr. Wyneken has co-authored 21 peer-reviewed publications with graduate students as the lead author. She has been published 50 times in peer-reviewed journals, and has received over \$71,000 in funding in 2013 alone. Dr. Wyneken tailors her support based on learner's needs and is crucial to the success of her students.

Please join the Graduate College in formally congratulating these professors for their outstanding efforts in graduate mentoring at FAU.

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Seminar

The Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute invites graduate students to attend the Regional Coastal Observing System (RCOOS) Seminar for the Southeast Region of the United States. Presented by Vembu Subramanian, this seminar will be on July 12, 2013 from noon- 1:00 p.m. in the Link Building (LE247) with videoconferencing to the Boca Campus and Sea Tech. To attend or for more information, contact Norma Gammons at [772-242-2313](tel:772-242-2313) or ngammons@fau.edu.

Betty Bell Scholarship

Families First is proud to announce they are currently accepting applications for the first Betty Bell Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled in a Masters of Social Work program at an accredited university in Florida. The individual must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and have intentions of seeking employment in Palm Beach County. The scholarship will be given away once a year at the annual Children's Day Awards Luncheon. This year's luncheon will be held on October 4th. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 6th. [To apply, visit the Family First website here.](#)

Fall 2013 Graduation Deadlines

Friday, September 13

Last day to submit Application for Degree to the Graduate College

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Last day to submit Form 9, Revision to Existing Plan of Study, to the Graduate College (if needed)

Tuesday, November 12

Last day to submit completed doctoral dissertation (printed on draft paper) to the Graduate College for approval. Signed signature page(s) printed on bond paper must be included with the dissertation.

Monday, November 18

Last day to submit completed master's thesis (printed on draft paper) to the Graduate College for approval. Signed signature page(s) printed on bond paper must be included with the thesis.

Tuesday, November 26

Last day to submit final manuscript package to the Graduate College

Tuesday, November 26

Last day to upload electronic thesis or dissertation (ETD) to the FAU library

The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) of FAU advocates for the interests of graduate and professional students University-wide and strives to enrich their experiences by providing academic support resources, social programming, professional development, conference travel, and networking opportunities. GPSA acts as a conduit for the resolution of the needs and concerns unique to FAU graduate and professional students by coordinating our efforts with the Graduate College, Student Government, University administration, and the external community.

The GPSA is looking for college representatives to be a part of the programming for the 2013-2014 school year. Representatives are needed for the following colleges: Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Business, Engineering and Computer Science, and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. If you are interested in being a college representative, please fill out an application here: <http://fau.edu/sg/branches/programs/university-wide/gpsa/FAU%20GPSA%20Rep%20Application.pdf>.

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