Welcome to the summer semester at FAU! Take advantage of the summer pace to do some planning for your graduate career at FAU. For beginning students, this is an ideal time to map out your coursework and lay the foundation for completing your Plan of Study. Information about the Plan of Study can be found on the Graduate College website and by talking with your academic advisor.

There are various student organizations at FAU that exist to support and enhance the graduate experience. The Graduate Student Association (GSA) works hard to present opportunities for intellectual and professional development for FAU’s graduate students. Student Involvement and Leadership is another organization to check out — see page 8.

If you will be a teaching assistant, take the time to prepare yourself for the classroom. Map out the course, decide on key topics, and plan your class sessions. Dr. Ridener, the Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education, has tips for Graduate Teaching Assistants in her article, Plan, Engage, and Communicate for Success. To view the article, see Volume I, Issue I of the Graduate College newsletter (available on the Graduate College website). Article continues on page 6.

Dean Rosson named VP of Research

Dr. Barry Rosson, who began serving as Interim Vice President for Research last October, has been named to the position on a permanent basis. He will also continue to serve as Dean of the Graduate College, thus facilitating closer interaction between FAU’s graduate students and the Division of Research.

Dr. Rosson joined FAU in 2007 as Dean of Graduate Admissions and Graduate Studies, which subsequently became the Graduate College. He came to FAU from the University of Nebraska, where he was Director of Graduate Studies in the College of Engineering and Associate Dean of the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. During his four years at FAU, he has worked to create a synergistic relationship between the Graduate College and the University’s research activities. That initiative will derive great benefits from his joint appointment as Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate College. Dr. Rosson also holds the rank of Professor of Civil Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. in structural engineering from Auburn University.

“Dr. Rosson is an experienced, well-respected researcher and higher education administrator. We are extremely fortunate that he is continuing in the capacity of vice president for research at a time when Florida Atlantic University is earning a reputation as a top research institution,” said FAU President Mary Jane Saunders. “Dr. Rosson will certainly help us continue to excel in all areas of research, from biomedicine and biotechnology to ocean engineering and the arts and humanities.”

FAU has been designated a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. In addition to the work that is taking place in the university’s 38 research centers and institutes, FAU has established local collaborative research and education relationships with Scripps Florida, the Max Planck Florida Institute and the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies.
The Graduate Student Association (GSA) recently held its second annual Graduate Student Research Day. Over 80 graduate students from FAU’s academic colleges presented their research to FAU faculty, colleagues, and peers. Student posters and presentations were evaluated by a judging panel and awards were distributed in eight different categories. Yuejin Li from the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine was recognized for the best overall poster/presentation. For a complete list of the awardees and categories, please turn to page 3.
2011 Research Day Award Recipients

Please join the Graduate Student Association, Division of Research, and the Graduate College in congratulating the following students for their winning research at Graduate Student Research Day:

**BASIC SCIENCES**
Yuejin Li, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

**BEHAVIORAL, EDUCATIONAL, and SOCIAL SCIENCES**
Lisa Rios, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

**BUSINESS, MARKETING, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, and FINANCE**
Alexandru Roman, College for Design and Social Inquiry

**CIVIL ENGINEERING, GEOSCIENCE, and URBAN PLANNING**
Shivangi Prasad, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

**COMPUTER, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, and OCEAN ENGINEERING**
Timur Tavtikov, College of Engineering and Computer Science

**ENVIRONMENTAL, ECOLOGICAL, and MARINE SCIENCES**
Monique Salazar, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

**MATHEMATICS and PHYSICS**
Gerardo Estrada, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

**MUSIC, LITERATURE, THEATRE, and HISTORY**
Andrea Panayiotou, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Yuejin Li, winner of the Basic Sciences category and best overall award. Yuejin is a doctoral student in the Integrative Biology program.

A new feature of this year’s Graduate Student Research Day will be digital archiving of student posters. In support of student scholarship and in collaboration with the GSA, FAU’s Digital Library will preserve and provide access to abstracts and posters to be presented in a new digital collection for Student Research. Student scholarship digitized by FAU Libraries is a tangible measure of the intellectual output and growth of student research at FAU. FAU’s Digital Library looks forward to participating in this annual event and in developing this online collection as a showcase of FAU student achievements in the area of research.

To view the student posters from the 2011 Graduate Student Research Day, please visit the following link: http://purl.fcla.edu/fau/
The Graduate Student Association (GSA) extends heartfelt thanks to the following individuals for their dedication and hard work in the development and implementation of another successful Graduate Student Research Day event:

Kristine Killip, Assistant Director, Graduate College
Gisele Galoustian, Director, Communications and Community Relations, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine
Juan Barreneche, Director, GSA
Amber Sobel, Associate Director, GSA
Latasha Lee, Vice-Chair, GSA Advisory Board
Ramon Garcia Areas, College of Medicine Representative, GSA Advisory Board
Carlo Parker, College of Nursing Representative, GSA; Advisory Board Director, Novice Nurse Leadership Institute, FAU
Rachel McCray, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Representative, GSA Advisory Board
Joann Parandjuk, Digital Initiatives FAU Librarian

The GSA would also like to thank President MJ Saunders for her support of Research Day.

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year’s Graduate Student Research Day: Friday, April 6, 2012. If you would like to be involved with the planning of this event, please contact the GSA by email at gsa@fau.edu.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is a multi-faceted organization, dedicated to enriching the lives of FAU’s graduate students. The GSA actively promotes the interests of graduate students by providing academic support resources, social programming, and networking opportunities. Additionally, the GSA acts as a conduit for the resolution of graduate concerns by working in conjunction with the Graduate College and student government, as well as with the university administration, faculty, and the local community. Funding for graduate student activities, events, and travel is also allocated and managed through the GSA.
2011 Research Day Judges

Special thanks to this year’s judges for their assistance with Research Day:

Dr. William Brooks, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science; Dr. Anni Vuorenkoski Dalgleish, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute; Dr. Arlene Fradkin, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters; Dr. Diane Green, College for Design and Social Inquiry; Dr. Tanja Godenschwege, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science; Dr. Esther Guzman, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute; Dr. Howard Hanson, Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center; Dr. Paul Hart, College of Business; Dr. Mohammad Ilyas, College of Engineering and Computer Science; Dr. Theodora Leventouri, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science; Dr. Patricia Liehr, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing; Dr. Ruth McCaffrey, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Dr. Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine; Dr. Eion Ramcharan, Max Planck Florida Institute; Dr. Charles Roberts, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science; Glenn Thomas, College of Education; and Seth Thompson, Jaffe Center for Book Arts.
Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run, Inc. is an international nonprofit organization whose goal is to teach girls between the ages of 8 and 13 how to run, while at the same time teaching them about healthy living and positive body image. The organization was founded in Charlotte, NC in 1998 and has grown from 3 chapters and 200 participants to 70,000+ participants in 43 states and Canada. The organization is now looking to expand to Palm Beach County.

Whitney Paige Cherner, a master of social work student at FAU, recently began volunteering as a coach for the newly established Palm Beach County chapter. Whitney, an aspiring ultra-marathon runner, is a mother of four (her three oldest are girls) and was looking for a way to model her physical lifestyle habits for her children and share her passion for running. She learned about Girls on the Run when she participated in a local race and was excited to have the opportunity to get involved with the organization as a running coach. “Running is pretty much my coping mechanism and therapy! I try to run 40 – 50 miles each week.” Whitney did not start running until she was in her 20s. Through her involvement with Girls on the Run, she hopes to get her daughters (ages 8, 6, and 4) exposed to running now.

Girls on the Run is planning a 5K race just for girls in October and is in the process of forming teams in northern, central, and southern Palm Beach County this summer. To get involved or learn more, visit www.girlsontherun.org or www.bringgottopalmbeach.com.

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If you have not yet attended the Graduate College’s Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Workshop, register for the fall session, scheduled for August 16 and 17. Email kkillip@fau.edu for details and to register.

Take some time this summer to fine tune your research activities. Pick some conferences to attend and create a research poster that can be presented. Start by viewing some of the winning posters from FAU’s Graduate Student Research Day at: http://purl.fcla.edu/fau/gradresearchday Maybe you’d prefer to write an article and gain experience submitting a research article to a journal. And if you need help researching, visit the library for assistance – they have numerous resources and databases available to students.

The Career Development Center is offering several workshops in July for graduate students – see page 12 of GradTalk for more details. The Graduate College also offers writing and professional development workshops for students. Check your FAU email and the Graduate College tab on MyFAU for upcoming workshops.

Make your summer a fun and productive one!
Last fall, the FAU library stopped cataloging hard copies of graduate theses and dissertations. Instead, the library is now archiving all thesis and dissertation manuscripts electronically. As a result, the number of printed copies required by graduate degree programs has changed. In addition, many colleges and programs decided not to require printed manuscripts from their thesis and dissertation students. The following chart clarifies the printed (paper) copy requirements for graduate degree programs at FAU.

Please note that paper manuscript copies become the property of FAU. For additional printed copies of a thesis or dissertation, graduate students will need to make their own arrangements for printing and binding. Manuscript binding services can easily be found through a quick Google search. In addition, the Graduate College maintains a list of binderies used by the FAU library and former FAU graduate students. Please contact the Graduate College if you have additional questions about thesis or dissertation binding requirements.

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The Club House

The Club House is a part of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and is a centrally located resource center that supports organizational development and the promotional needs of all recognized student organizations at Florida Atlantic University. The Club House provides services to assist in marketing organizational events and activities. In addition, it provides access to leadership books and resources, as well as the opportunity for one-on-one guidance and consulting from staff and fellow students. The Club House can also provide your organization with the following, if needed: up to 500 free copies, use of balloons and helium tanks, use of button making machine, and promotional design materials such as poster board, markers, and glue.

Hours of operation for the Club House are:

- Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about Student Involvement and Leadership, the Club House, or student organization services, please contact Gina Lavagna - Graduate Assistant for Student Involvement and Leadership. Gina can be reached by email: glavagna@fau.edu or telephone: 561-297-2934.

Council of Student Organizations

Attention Student Leaders,

The Council of Student Organizations (COSO) is the body that governs the 200+ clubs and organizations at FAU. COSO is responsible for overseeing and coordinating activities, programming, leadership development, and the allocation of funding for the betterment of all student organizations at FAU. Within COSO there are six councils: Academic, Graduate, Greek, Multicultural, Special Interest, and Sports. Each of these councils has a student chair who represents their council by sitting on the COSO executive board and casting their vote on organization budgets and additional funding—just one of many opportunities for students to take on leadership roles at the University. COSO also hosts Club Fest, which occurs at the beginning of every semester to give students an opportunity to learn about the clubs and organizations here on campus, and the Student Organization Awards and Recognition Banquet (S.O.A.R) held at the end of the academic year.

Student involvement is at an all time high here at FAU and I look forward to seeing what you can do to make the best of your college career.

Go OWLS!
Robert Huffman
Boca Campus, COSO Director
561-297-3771
fau.bocacoso@fau.edu
A lot of people have anxiety about going to the dentist. Following the dental care recommendations below can put you on the right path to good oral health and help avoid future dental problems. Specific questions about care for healthy teeth and gums can be answered by Michele Alex, D.D.S, Board Certified Dentist at FAU Student Health Services. Appointments for a dental exam and consultation are $27.25 for registered students. Dental cleanings, x-rays, bondings, fillings, and take-home teeth whitening kits are available. Please call 561-297-2276 or check our webpage for more information about dental services available for FAU students: http://www.fau.edu/shs/clinic/boca/boca-dental_clinic.php.

Our dentist and dental hygienists are experts who can guide you toward healthy oral habits and assist in prevention of dental diseases. See your professional dental team at FAU Student Health Services’ Dental Clinic soon – call today for an appointment!

WHAT YOUR FAU DENTIST WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Regular dental cleanings and check-ups are extremely important:
Yearly dental check-ups include oral cancer screenings. Oral cancer is a serious disease that may affect your mouth, lips or throat but is often highly curable if diagnosed and treated early.

Regular dental x-rays are one of the most important factors in maintaining oral health:
Early detection of small cavities and treatment consisting of fillings will prevent oral pain, bad breath, abscesses and the need for root canals. Dental problems do not get better without treatment.

Periodontal (Gum) disease affects your overall health:
Your oral cavity is an important part of your body and is often a mirror of your overall health. Gum disease has been linked to heart disease and strokes and can be prevented with regular dental cleanings and effective oral hygiene.

Practice good oral hygiene:
Remember to brush your teeth with a soft bristled toothbrush at least twice per day using an antimicrobial toothpaste containing fluoride. Floss at least once per day to remove dental plaque.

What else affects oral health?
Habits like smoking, teeth grinding, or biting your lip, cheek or tongue when stressed can negatively affect your teeth and gums. Eating a well-balanced diet gives your gum tissues and teeth the important nutrients and minerals they need to stay strong and resist infections. Limit soft, sticky foods containing sugar and starch that tend to remain between teeth, producing more plaque.
Stadium Brick Campaign

The FAU Student Alumni Association (SAA) is offering you a way to be a part of the excitement surrounding FAU’s new stadium! The SAA Stadium Brick Campaign provides an opportunity to purchase a personalized brick in the walkways leading into the new stadium. The bricks can be engraved with your name or special message, and you may also choose to include the FAU logo. The bricks are available in two sizes: 4” x 8” ($75) and 8” x 8” ($125).

Order your brick online anytime at fauf.fau.edu/brickcampaign. Be sure to complete your order by June 1, 2011 to have your brick in place prior to the opening of the new stadium.

Want to learn more? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888-FAU-ALUM (328-2586) or alumni.affairs@fau.edu.

Congratulations to Public Administration

School of Public Administration Earns Ranking from U.S. News

FAU earned the No. 80 spot in the category of “Public Affairs” for the School of Public Administration in the 2012 edition of Best Graduate Schools by U.S. News Media Group. The School of Public Administration is housed within the College for Design and Social Inquiry and offers masters degrees in both public administration (MPA) and nonprofit management (MNM), as well as a doctorate degree in public administration. For more information about the Best Graduate Schools, visit www.usnews.com/grad.
Matthew Magoc, comes to Florida Atlantic University as a native of St. Louis, Missouri. Upon completing high school, Matthew enrolled at Saint Louis University studying Elementary Education. After graduating cum laude in December of 2007 with a Bachelor’s degree, Matthew chose to stay and work in his native city. The next year and a half found Matthew teaching second grade and first grade at a local elementary school.

Matthew moved to Florida this past August to pursue a master’s degree in Environmental Education, after being offered a Provost Fellowship by the College of Education. Provost Fellowships are recruiting tools used to attract outstanding Masters or Doctoral students to FAU. In addition to his fellowship, Matthew received an assistantship from the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, of FAU’s College of Education. Pine Jog is a 135 acre nature preserve located in West Palm Beach. Although surrounded by urban development, the Pine Jog is an unspoiled wilderness and home to numerous species of birds, animals, and aquatic life. As a graduate assistant, Matthew works a full work week at the Environmental Education Center teaching, leading elementary school field trips, and providing assistance to Pine Jog staff. This busy schedule, coupled with full-time graduate studies, would be overwhelming to many, but Matthew says it has been a perfect fit for him. Matthew credits his assistantship and fellowship for providing the opportunity to obtain a Master’s degree in a field that suits his interests entirely. "Environmental Education appeals to me because I can answer a calling for the greater good,” says Matthew. “Increased environmental awareness benefits societies as a whole and creates positive environmental change.”

FAU was the only university Matthew considered for his masters studies and is very pleased with his decision. “I am challenged academically and find my professors to be very knowledgeable and excited about the subject matter they teach.” During his first semester at FAU, he helped implement the first Learn Green: a Green Schools Summit, part of the Green Schools Recognition program for Palm Beach County. The summit targeted Palm Beach county teachers and taught techniques for creating “greener” schools and classrooms. Additionally, he has written grants, helped write curriculum, managed a mini-grant program for the Green Schools Recognition Program and is Chair of Inquiry Programs at Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. These positive experiences in his first semester of study make Matthew eager to see what else FAU will offer in the coming semesters.

So far Matthew has made a smooth transition to life in Florida but admits the heat was a bit of an adjustment. While he misses the seasonal changes he experienced up north, Matthew has been enjoying the easy access to the beach and the opportunity to be outdoors on a year-round basis. When not working or studying, Matthew spends his free time visiting the ocean, kayaking, fishing, and enjoying the natural Florida landscape.

Post graduation, Matthew hopes to return to the classroom to enhance elementary students’ understanding about the importance of protecting and restoring the environment. The skills and experiences Matthew is obtaining through the Environmental Education program will give him plenty to reflect upon and share with his future students. From taking airboats through the Everglades to guiding children on late night hikes through Pine Jog’s woods, Matthew is continually provided with opportunities to share the benefits of interacting with nature and being environmentally conscious. While classroom education is Matthew’s first career choice, he would also consider opportunities to promote environmental responsibility and help implement sustainable techniques at the corporate level. “As long as I can continue communicating environmental awareness, I can help improve the quality of life for all of us.”
Save the Date

Following is a listing of upcoming events and deadlines of interest to graduate students. For complete information on events and deadlines, please visit the Graduate College website, www.fau.edu/graduate or the Graduate College tab on MyFAU.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
Resume Writing Workshop
Friday, June 3, 2:00 p.m.
Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

JULY
Curriculum Vitae (CV) Writing Workshop
Monday, July 11, 4:00 p.m.
Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

Components of the Academic Job Search Workshop
Tuesday, July 12, 4:00 p.m.
Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

Navigating the Academic Job Search Workshop
Wednesday, July 13, 4:00 p.m.
Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

Navigating the Non-Academic Job Search Workshop
Thursday, July 14, 4:00 p.m.
Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

AUGUST
Graduate College Commencement Reception
Tuesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
AND
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Graduate College Lobby, Student Support Services Building, Room 101

Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop
Session One: Tuesday, August 16, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Session Two: Wednesday, August 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
East Engineering Building (EE 96), Room 106

New Graduate Student Orientation
Wednesday, August 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
College of Business (BU 86)

Graduate Student Mixer
Friday, August 19
Location to be Determined

SEPTEMBER
FAU’s Fall Career Day & Technical Fair
Thursday, September 22
FAU Boca Raton Campus Arena

SAVE THE DATE:
Graduate Student OWL Awards — Friday, November 18
Graduate Student Research Day — Friday, April 6, 2012

DEADLINES

The deadlines listed below are for students planning to graduate in the summer 2011 semester:

MAY 6, 2011: Students planning to graduate in summer or fall 2011 were required to have an approved Plan of Study on file with the Graduate College by this date.

JUNE 3, 2011: Last day to submit Application for Degree form to the Graduate College for summer 2011 graduation.

JUNE 3, 2011: Last day to submit Form 9, Revision to Existing Plan of Study, (if needed) to the Graduate College for summer 2011 graduation.

JULY 11, 2011: Last day to submit doctoral dissertation for approval (with signed signature page(s)), to the Graduate College.

JULY 18, 2011: Last day to submit master’s thesis for approval (with signed signature page(s)), to the Graduate College.

JULY 26, 2011: Last day to submit final dissertation or thesis package to the Graduate College.

JULY 26, 2011: Last day to upload Electronic Thesis or Dissertation (ETD) to the FAU library.

Please visit the Graduate College website or the Graduate College tab on MyFAU to view key dates for graduation in subsequent semesters.