Scripps Research leaders were joined by Florida Governor Charlie Crist, Palm Beach County commissioners and FAU faculty and staff including President Frank T. Brogan on Feb. 26, 2009, to cut the ribbon officially opening Scripps Florida, the institute’s 350,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art biomedical research facility on FAU’s campus in Jupiter.

Scripps Research President Richard A. Lerner and Lead Trustee John J. Moores, Gov. Crist, Palm Beach County Commission Chairman Jeff Koons, and Commissioner Karen Marcus addressed some 800 Scripps Florida faculty, staff, supporters and friends who gathered in front of the three new laboratory and administrative buildings that currently house close to 300 employees.

“This event marks a very significant milestone in the history and growth of the Scripps Research Institute,” said Lerner. “The road has been long and sometimes bumpy, but today we all join together to celebrate the completion of this magnificent campus. We dedicate it to expanding biomedical research, educating and training future scientists and, ultimately, improving human health.”

The ceremonies were held underneath a large white tent in an area that, until just a few months ago, was filled with construction trailers. In another month, construction on an adjacent site will begin for the Max Planck Society’s new facilities.

“Today we celebrate the advent of a whole new era in South Florida,” said President Brogan. “Our region is emerging very rapidly as an important center of scientific discovery and an engine of economic growth. FAU is proud to be the home of Scripps Florida and privileged to partner with this remarkable organization on the cutting-edge research that will take place within these walls.”

To date, total investment in Scripps Florida from the state and from Palm Beach County has been nearly $500 million, which is going toward construction of the new campus, recruitment of top scientists from around the world and start-up costs, plus salaries, benefits and equipment through 2013.

In 2005, the first laboratory building to temporarily house Scripps Florida researchers opened at FAU Jupiter, with a second building added in 2006. Construction of the new Scripps Florida campus, adjacent to the temporary quarters, got under way in 2006. A three-month move-in process was completed in early 2009. The total cost of construction was $187 million, with the three state-of-the-art buildings completed on time and on budget.

The two laboratory buildings vacated by Scripps Florida will now be used to house Max Planck Society scientists while their permanent facilities are under construction. FAU science faculty will also use the buildings for research and classroom laboratories.

FAU Students Participate in Alternative Spring Break

Students from Florida Atlantic University spent the first half of their Spring Break working in Indiantown, West Palm Beach and Stuart as part of the 2009 “Helping at Home” Alternative Spring Break. Twenty-three students from the Davie, Jupiter and Boca Raton campuses participated in the program, building homes with Habitat for Humanity in the Booker Park development, serving food at the Stuart First United Methodist Soup Kitchen and assisting with after-care programs, painting, serving food and laying asphalt at the Families That Care Center.

FAU JUPITER HONORS:

Dr. Kristen Murtaugh

On January 8, the Jupiter campus hosted a reception for Vice President Kristen Murtaugh. Students, faculty and staff, along with members of the campus advisory boards and community leaders, gathered to honor Dr. Murtaugh for her many years of service to the Northern Campus. Pictured here, Tommy Zeichman, student governor for the Mac/Arthur Campus, presents Dr. Murtaugh with a gift from the campus community. Mayor Karen Gallonka attended and gave Dr. Murtaugh a photo of the Jupiter lighthouse. Dr. Murtaugh has been appointed Vice President of Strategic Planning for the University and will be located on the Boca Raton campus.
FemArt Featured at FAU Jupiter
By Dr. Jacqueline Kern, Assistant Director of Diversity Services, FAU Jupiter

I n celebration of Women’s History Month in March, the department of Diversity Student Services and Art in the Atrium presented, FemArt: The State of Womanhood Invitational Art Show. The exhibit included painting, photography and sculpture by 10 local female artists who conveyed their thoughts, emotions and knowledge of the worldwide sisterhood of all women through their various art media.

The artists reflect the world and express the art of being feminine from the simplistic interpretation to the complex. Shazier’s Sweet Sisters, hand-sewn cloth dolls, and Feliciano’s Love and Care I and II, long braids drawn on porcelain cubes, use the traditional mediums and craft forms of women long ago: cloth, thread and porcelain. The message, however, is timeless and speaks of the uncomplicated caring that women give.

Another straightforward but politically outspoken piece is Arrinna’s Ironed Maidens. Here the artist has drawn the haunting images of young girls from Cameroon on old-fashioned ironing boards. Accompanying the ironing boards is an antique iron symbolizing the antiquated yet current demands to be noticed. Perhaps less straightforward is DiGioso’s Seeking, a beautifully textured ceramic wall hanging representing an abstract head and neck. The observer asks, “Who is searching and what are they looking for?” Questions seem to be a common thread in some of the works. Skinner’s archival digital print, The Observer Who is Observing II, asks if women can be effective if they are veiled. Other questions of identity, perfection and timelessness are posed by Walter in her molded porcelain women figures Cast, Conform, and Reform and Kern in her painting and mixed media work The House that Jackie Built. Issues of the conscious and unconscious self can be seen in Lemley’s I Dream of Birds and Other Things. The unconscious self we know and the mask we wear to others is reflected in the haunting black and white image of Murtaugh’s Mask. Lastly, Deits’ Veneto, protects them from rape or unwanted sexual advances.

Brava, women artists!

Artists who participated in FemArt and their artwork:
Diane Arrietta, Ironed Maidens; Angel DiGioso, Seeking; Katie Deits, Veneto; Nazario Feliciano, Love and Care I, Love and Care II; Jackie Kern, The House That Jackie Built; Dori Lemeh, I Dream of Birds and Other Things; Kristen Murtaugh, Mask; Laura Shrader, Sweet Sisters; Victoria Skinner, The Observer Who is Observing II and Karla Walter, Cast, Conform, Reform.
Lecturer David Reynolds Inquires "Andrew Jackson: Hero or Villain?"

Judy and Donald Smith Visiting Scholar Also Lectures to Lifelong Learning Society and Jupiter Campus Students

The John D. MacArthur Campus hosted a lecture, "Andrew Jackson: Hero or Villain?" by Dr. David Reynolds on Jan. 15. Reynolds, a professor of English and American studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, recently published Walking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson, and is the author or editor of six other books about American culture and history. Reynolds discussed Jackson's rise to fame in 1815 at the Battle of New Orleans, Jackson's two presidential terms, and his policy regarding the Trail of Tears.


Through the generosity of two Lifelong Learning Society members, the Judy and Donald Smith Visiting Scholar program was established. This year, a committee comprised of faculty from the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and the Wilkes Honors College selected Reynolds to be the second speaker for the program.

In addition to his presentation on Jan. 15, Reynolds also presented a lecture to Dr. Sarah Brown's history class. He also spoke at the Honor L. Wilkes Honors College weekly forum.

FAU Jupiter Names New Associate Dean of Student Affairs

In December, FAU Jupiter named A.J. Chase as its new associate dean of student affairs. Chase previously served as assistant dean of student affairs on FAU's Treasure Coast campus in Port St. Lucie.

"I am honored to be joining the MacArthur campus community," said Chase. "I look forward to working with students, alumni and my colleagues on the faculty and staff to build on the strengths of the campus's distinctive culture of service, leadership and academic excellence."

As associate dean of students, Chase's responsibilities will encompass all areas under Student Affairs: counseling, health center, career center, activities, wellness, recreation, multicultural affairs, students with disabilities, international students, orientation, non-academic discipline issues, student code of conduct and all other non-academic student issues.

"A.J. is a dedicated professional; her 15 years of experience and her strong leadership and advocacy will certainly benefit Student Affairs on this campus," said Gerri McPherson, vice president of the Northern Campuses.

Chase received her bachelor of science degree in public administration from George Mason University, and a master's degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University. She is a candidate in the educational leadership-highest education Ph.D. program at FAU. Chase resides in Stuart with her husband, Zach, and their two children.

Wilkes Honors College to Host 4th Honors Summer Institute

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College will host the 4th annual Honors Summer Institute at the John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter. The three-week program, a supervised residential college experience, scheduled from July 11 – Aug. 1, will bring together high-achieving prospective 11th and 12th grade students to study with the faculty of the Honors College.

Due to the past success of the program, the Wilkes Honors College continues to expand its programming by offering several different courses of study. Students will take one of five honors courses and receive three college credits. Tentative course offerings include:

- Image and Imagination: Creativity in Art and Digital Imagery
- Energy and the Environment: America’s Future
- Immigration and Politics in the United States: American Dreams, Myths and Reality
- Chicks, Cliques and Flicks: Adolescent Psychology, Literature and Film
- Madness, Medicine and Misbehaving on the Stage in Renaissance England
- Image and Imagination: Creativity in Art and Digital Imagery

Application materials for the program are available online at www.fau.edu/summerinstitute. Cost of the program is approximately $2,250, which includes a private bedroom in the Honors College residence halls, full meal plan and all activities. For more information, visit www.fau.edu/summerinstitute or call 561.799.8646 or 800.920.8705.

Career & Graduate School Fair

FAU's Jupiter campus hosted its annual Career and Graduate School Fair on Thursday, March 26. Representatives from local companies and graduate school recruiters distributed information and answered questions from students. This annual fair provides students, alumni and members of the community the chance to meet with prospective employers and explore opportunities for full and part-time employment positions, internships and volunteer activities. Participants met with representatives from marketing, sales/business development, finance and education. Graduate school recruiters gave information on programs, requirements and procedures for those interested in pursuing advanced degrees. In addition, FAU staff offered advice on résumé writing, interviewing skills, professional dress and networking. For information on career services, contact FAU’s Career Development Services in Jupiter at 561.799.8010 or email careerdevelopment@fau.edu.
MacART – March 23–April 24, SR Arrium Artwork by Students, Faculty, Staff & LSS Members

7th Annual Wilkes Honors College Symposium for Research and Creative Projects – April 3, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., HCC Building

MacAWARDS – April 20, 5:30–7 p.m., AD Auditorium

"The Recession and Its Implications" – Moderator: Dr. Jeffrey Morton – April 22, 7 p.m., LLS Auditorium

 Arbor Day Celebration – April 24, 10 a.m., Hackhorn Arboretum

Wilkes Honors College Medalion Ceremony – April 30, 8:30–10 a.m., LLS Auditorium

Semester ends – May 1

Memorial Day Holiday – May 25

Honors Summer Institute – July 11–Aug. 1

For information on other FAU events, visit www.fau.edu.

FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENT BRIEFS

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
At the Honors Convocation in Boca Raton, the following members of the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College received these awards:

Laura Vetrov, associate professor of psychology, Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Nicholas Quinn, assistant professor of biology, Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Metehile Liver, assistant professor of chemistry, Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

Jacqueline Kerwin, assistant professor of anthropology, Award for Excellence in Creative Scholarship at the Rank of Assistant Professor

Kristen Blad, assistant professor of history, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, has been offered fellowships focusing on the early Americas for the academic year 2009–2010 at Harvard University’s Warren Center for Studies in American History and the John Carter Brown Library, a research library at Brown University. These post-doctoral positions will allow her to explore new projects in Atlantic history and religious history as she completes revisions to a book manuscript, “Faith and Forming Religious Identity and the Politics of Print in the Early Caribbean.”

Ernest Andrew Brown, assistant professor, College of Education – Teacher Education, and Final four Fittre (FAU District) had a textbook published this semester, Social Studies Content For Elementary and Middle School Teachers Second Edition.


Maria D. Viquez, visiting professor, College of Education – Educational Leadership, published a Spanish translation of R. W. Brown’s Borbano y su paraiso, El retablo’miento de la paraiso infantil (Borbano’s Paradise, published as a version in the early 1500s by Robertus Ihm in the Principality of Brussels and printed by the Portuguese Department of the Treasury and the Institute of Portuguese Studies. The book is considered one of the best historical sources in the region regarding economic history in Peru.

Mary Moffett has been appointed FAU’s Representative for the Florida Office of Women in Higher Education (FLOWHE). She is also co-chair of the educational fair committee for the Higher Education Partnership of South East Florida (HEPSEF).

Denna Moster, director of dining services, received the December 2008 Faculty/Staff of the Month award from the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH), an organization composed of nine southeastern states. Denna was nominated by the MESSA students for her dedication and hard work in providing them with the best residential dining options possible.

STUDENT HONORS
Spencer Miller was inducted into the SAACURH Alumni and Alliance Society (SAAS) at the Regional Honors Conference hosted by Florida State University in Tallahassee, on March 21. Spencer is the third student from MESSA to be inducted into this organization which recognizes the achievements and dedication of student leaders in the residence halls. Spencer has served the MESSA tirelessly on a campus, state and regional level.

Sara M. Stout, resident assistant, was awarded the SAACURH Alumni and Alliance Society (SAAS) at the Regional Honors Conference hosted by Florida State University in Tallahassee, on March 21. Spencer is the third student from MESSA to be inducted into this organization which recognizes the achievements and dedication of student leaders in the residence halls. Spencer has served the MESSA tirelessly on a campus, state and regional level.

Second-year resident assistant, student was awarded the NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (NERA) professional service for her involvement in the National Honors Institute, her dedication and hard work in providing them with the best residential dining options possible.

Sara Joffe, resident assistant, was awarded the NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (NERA) professional service for her involvement in the National Honors Institute, her dedication and hard work in providing them with the best residential dining options possible.

Employment Service Awards
5 years: Heather Burke-Shirland, A.J. Chase, Ralph Delmarco, Terje Hess, Ryan Kerr, Mary Moffett, Marvin Nelson, Eugene Smith

10 years: Laura Benson, Greta Dampier, Tammy D’Olier, James Fajun, Alena Goncharova-Delbar, Michael Hamptan, Kevin Lanning, Jean Lindgren, Derrick Paul, Kerry Rossen, Sarah Starbird, Blak Taniock, J. Evans, Roberta Westman, James Wettiner, Daniel White

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