Associate Provost Appointed for FAU’s Northern Campuses

Eliah Watlington, Ph.D., has been appointed Associate Provost of Florida Atlantic University’s Northern Campuses. Watlington is a faculty member with a long-standing affiliation to the Northern campuses and surrounding communities, currently serving as Associate Dean of Assessment and Northern Campuses for FAU’s College of Education. She will direct operations, academic and student affairs, and community relations. In conjunction with her new administrative duties, Watlington will maintain her faculty position on a half-time basis. Her office is located in Campus Administration, on the second floor of the AD building, on the Jupiter campus.

Construction Nears Completion at Max Planck Florida Institute’s New Facility

The construction of the 100,000-square-foot biomedical research facility that will be the permanent home to the Max Planck Florida Institute (MPFI) — the first German-based Max Planck Institute in the United States — is expected to be complete this summer. Built on six acres at the John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter, construction has been progressing on the building since the groundbreaking in June 2010. Scientists will begin moving to the new building in June 2012 with a grand opening planned for next December.

MPFI is currently operating in the Research Expansion (RE) building, a 40,000-square-foot facility on the Jupiter campus, with a wide scope of cutting-edge research in the neurosciences and integrative biology underway. Scientists are developing highly sophisticated optical imaging technologies to visualize the structure, function and development of neural circuits in the brain. This research could be the key to understanding human behaviors and offer ways to treat a host of neurological and psychiatric disorders and diseases more effectively, including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, Huntington’s, autism and schizophrenia.

The new research facility for MPFI will provide a state-of-the-art home for the scientists and research teams. The building is designed to accommodate nearly 88,000-square-feet of laboratory space that will house wet and dry bench research, instrumentation labs, computational research, core imaging facilities and microscope suites, information technology services and offices for researchers and support staff.

The scientific facilities will be organized into three research wings, including six guest labs to facilitate collaborative research with the scientific community in the field. Conference rooms, a 100-seat auditorium, lounges and administration offices are centrally located around an open lobby that connects all three floor levels. A large atrium is directly connected to an outdoor terrace on the second floor and provides a central gathering space. Building features also include tropical landscaping, outdoor seating, a 230-space surface parking lot and pedestrian-friendly pathways connecting MPFI to neighboring buildings on the FAU campus.

The new building will set a high standard for sustainable laboratory design in South Florida, consuming the least amount of energy possible. Laboratory and office spaces have large windows facing north for maximum daylight, and south-facing offices have external sunshades calibrated to provide ample daylight while minimizing heat and glare. All areas include an air-conditioning zoning strategy that reduces loads. There are also mechanical systems with state-of-the-art energy recovery wheels to capture usable energy from building exhaust. Another feature is the recycling of moisture removed in the process of dehumidification that contributes to the building’s cooling system. Additionally, landscaping will be drought-tolerant native species and irrigation will be provided by a municipal reclaimed water system.

For more information, visit www.maxplanckflorida.org.
Happy New Year and welcome back!

I’d like to extend my thanks to the FAU community and its constituents who warmly welcomed me to the new position of Associate Provost for the Northern Campuses. I believe the fall semester was a whirlwind for each of us. We saw growth in the number of freshmen students entering the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College and the return and increased numbers of Lifelong Learning Society (LLS) students. We also continued to provide quality instruction to our non-traditional, commuter students by offering multiple weekend classes to accommodate working students, particularly in the College of Education.

There were many other FAU activities this fall including the University’s 50th anniversary and the completion of the stadium on the Boca Raton Campus. I appreciate everyone’s support of FAU activities, both on the MacArthur campus and in the wider FAU community. I sincerely thank each of you for helping make the fall semester a success. I also thank the campus administrative team for their assistance in making the leadership transition move as smoothly as possible.

We begin the spring 2012 semester with a wonderful celebration – the 15th anniversary of the Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter. The Elinor Bernon Rosenthal Lifelong Learning Complex, with the Milton and Tamar Maltz Auditorium and Pearl Perloff Classrooms, adds so much to campus life! Congratulations to René Friedman, Executive Director, the LLS Advisory Board and staff. Congratulations for building an outstanding program, one of the largest in the nation. (Please read more about LLS on page five.)

You’ll also see included in this issue information on research accomplishments by our dedicated faculty and talented students (pages 3-4). Research is a cornerstone of the work done at FAU by faculty and graduate students. Now, research efforts are becoming a more prominent part of undergraduate education with the design of the quality enhancement plan. I congratulate all faculty, staff, and students for their efforts in helping move FAU forward into the next 50 years.

I look forward to a successful spring semester and the opportunity to continue to work for the Northern Campuses and FAU. Happy New Year and welcome back!

Eliah J. Watlington, Ed.D.
Associate Provost, Northern Campuses

PROVOST’S CORNER

Brenda Claiborne, Ph.D.
University Provost & Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Brenda Claiborne serves as the Provost and Chief Academic Officer of FAU. In this capacity, she provides overall leadership to the University’s academic programs and also holds the rank of Professor of Biological Sciences in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science with a joint appointment in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

Before coming to South Florida, Dr. Claiborne was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Mexico (UNM). The college served 7,500 students through 103 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, 20 departments, 4 museums and 20 research centers and institutes. She was also a Professor in the Department of Neurosciences in UNM’s School of Medicine.

Prior to moving to UNM in 2007, she was Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She also was founding Director of the Institute for Aging Research at UTSA.

Dr. Claiborne has a bachelor’s degree in Zoology from the University of California/Berkeley, a master’s degree in Biology from the University of Oregon and a Ph.D. in Biology from the University of California/San Diego.

PROVOST PROFILE

William O’Brien, Ph.D.
Finalist – Faculty Talon Award

By Richard "Adam" Ferrando, '07, '09, Assistant Director of Student Involvement & Leadership

Dr. O’Brien is truly a cornerstone of student involvement on the Jupiter campus. He gets involved everywhere that he can. The time that Dr. O’Brien dedicates to club advising is second to none. Currently he serves as the advisor to the Invisible Children Club, the Friends Not Food Club and the Enviro Club. Dr. O’Brien was recognized at the MacAwards as the Club Advisor of the Year Award in 2008. His contribution to our clubs on campus is phenomenal, but his involvement does not end there.

Dr. O’Brien is also an active member in the Jupiter Campus Recreation Advisory Board, a board that is responsible for the hiring of employees and policy creation related to recreation on campus. He can be found regularly attending meetings or gaining first-hand knowledge of the recreation department by participating in Ultimate Frisbee games on a bi-weekly basis. This type of student-faculty interaction plays a large role in fostering an environment perfect for student involvement and allows him to excel in the role as an advocate for the student body.

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Student Spotlight: Megan Allore

Megan Allore, a senior in the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, received the 2011 Student Talon Award from Student Body President Ayden Maher at a ceremony on Nov. 3.

The Student Talon Award is presented annually to an FAU student who demonstrates excellent leadership skills and who has rendered meaningful service to the University and the community at large. The recipient is selected by a committee comprised of faculty, staff, students and alumni who evaluate nominees within a broad framework of accomplishments.

Megan will receive a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science degree, with a concentration in History, in May 2012. Her commitment to helping others and making a difference show through her active participation in student life at FAU.

Megan serves the MacArthur campus in Jupiter in multiple capacities:

- She has been involved with campus life since the beginning of her freshman year.
- She is currently part of the Campus Ambassadors, and for the past two years has served as an Orientation Week Leader.
- Megan has been director of the Council of Student Organizations, known as COSO, both this year and last.
- She worked hard to bring back Spectrum, a club dedicated to fair treatment for all students regardless of sexual orientation.
- In 2010, she was named MacArthur Campus “Owl of the Year.”

In addition to her impressive involvement in clubs and orientation, Megan maintains a 3.88 overall GPA. She is a Henry Morrison Flagler Scholar, a recipient of the most prestigious scholarship granted at the Wilkes Honors College.

Her nominator stated, “Megan’s willingness to hear or offer help to her peers has led her to become one of the best known students on campus. She succeeds in anything she sets her mind to, and keeps on trekking even when times seem tough.”

The Jupiter campus congratulates Megan on her consistent efforts to promote positive student life opportunities at FAU.

Student Government Update

From the Office of Student Governor

Alex C. Lange:

Greetings! The Office of Student Government (SG) hopes that you have had an enjoyable and productive Fall semester. Our office has seen a surge in productivity like never before.

The students of the MacArthur Campus have been demanding more programming and at a higher caliber than previously offered. Whether it’s the Homecoming Carnival, Compassion Cup or the various student organization events like MacRSA’s Battle of the Floors and the Enviro Club’s In-Jents, SG has done its absolute best to meet these demands.

SG continually strives to better itself. This past semester, the SG staff completed its own group training and established four goals for the academic year. We reached beyond our normal programming and partnered with other departments to provide quality programs, such as the September 11th Commemoration Event with University Relations and the documentary showing for LGBT History Month with Diversity Student Services.

Throughout the Fall semester, through negotiations with Athletics, Student Government has guaranteed buses to every home football game. Though our Fighting Owls had a rough season, they have played valiantly in no small part due to student support at these home games! Remember to cheer on our men’s basketball team throughout the year — they are the defending Sun Belt Conference season champions!

In the Spring semester, we will be providing services out of our brand new office in The Burrow. We hope you visit our offices and say hello — and tell us how you feel about our services and events so that we can make them a better experience for all of the campus’s students. Whether you are graduating or just getting your feet in the water, watch for all of the traditional and new programs being offered.

Keep up with all the events of Student Government on Facebook (www.facebook.com/FAUSGMacArthur) and Twitter (@FAUSGMacArthur)!

Sincerely with a smile,

Alex C. Lange
Governor, MacArthur Campus

Professor Nicholas Quintyne and students brave Denver’s freezing weather at the 51st American Society for Cell Biology conference, Dec. 3-7. Pictured here, left to right: Isabel Griffin, Ariel Le, Jordan Heke, Nick Quintyne, Becky Schneider and Miguel Rivera.

Isabel presented her thesis work as a poster “Antioxidants rescue carcinogen-induced mitotic defects in both chromosome-stable and unstable cells.” (full author list: I.S. Griffin, T.J. Yats, N.J. Quintyne). Miguel and Jordan presented their work as “Characterization of the kinesin KIF9 in mammalian cell cycle progression.” (full author list: J.E. Heke, M.E. Rivers, A.M. Billow, L. Alsina, N.J. Quintyne)

Ariel and Becky’s presentation was titled “Microtubule anchoring is facilitated by the shoulder/sidearm subunits of the dynactin complex.” (full author list: A.G. Le, B.S. Schneider, L.M. McCullough, N.J. Quintyne)

The other authors are all Wilkes Honors College alumni.
This year the Lifelong Learning Society (LLS) at FAU Jupiter marks the 15th anniversary of its founding in Jupiter. LLS offers non-credit, university-level courses for learners of all ages, backgrounds and interests. Classes are held at the Elinor Bernon Rosenthal Lifelong Learning Complex, located on FAU’s John D. MacArthur Campus.

Each year more than 70 courses are offered, taught by FAU professors and distinguished guest lecturers, in topics including foreign policy, music, art, history, science, literature, philosophy, current events, films and many others, along with concerts and entertainment. There are more than 7,000 students, and last year more than 18,000 class registrations.

“While LLS is a part of FAU, we receive only minor funding from the State of Florida,” said René Friedman, program founder and director. “LLS is actually a not-for-profit organization and almost entirely self-funded. All staff and instructor salaries, programming costs, and facilities and operating expenses are paid for entirely by course fees, generous donations and LLS memberships.”

LLS supports the University in a number of ways, one of which is providing the use of its facilities for classroom space. LLS members volunteer as mentors to individual students and participate as research subjects for faculty in several colleges. In addition, the society has made a significant contribution to the University through scholarships and grants. In the past 11 years, LLS had awarded $20,500 in scholarships to deserving students and $18,930 in grants to faculty. In addition, the society has made a significant contribution to the University through scholarships and grants. In the past 11 years, LLS had awarded $20,500 in scholarships to deserving students and $18,930 in grants to faculty. In addition, the society has made a significant contribution to the University through scholarships and grants. In the past 11 years, LLS had awarded $20,500 in scholarships to deserving students and $18,930 in grants to faculty.

An annual membership costs $35 and entitles students to early registration, discounted rates, advance mailings and newsletters. Their slogan conveys the program’s appeal: “No homework, no tests, no stress.”

For more information, call 561-799 8547 or visit www.llsjupiter.com

Lifelong Learning Society at FAU Jupiter Announces Scholarship in Memory of Milton Bigham

By Kami Barrett, Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning Society - Jupiter

FAU’s Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter announces the creation of a scholarship in memory of Milton Bigham, a Lifelong Learning Society student who passed away at the age of 94.

“My father was a self-made man who never went to college,” said Debi Beard, Milton Bigham’s daughter. “He suffered a stroke and his body was crippled but his mind remained fluid, and he wanted to take classes at FAU’s Lifelong Learning Society.”

In memory of Bigham, his family and friends established the Milton Bigham Scholarship, which will award $240 to an individual to use for Lifelong Learning classes on the Jupiter campus.

“He told his daughter the only thing he regretted in life was that he had not been able to attend college,” said René Friedman, executive director of the Lifelong Learning Society. “In the last year of his life he attended Lifelong Learning classes and fulfilled a lifetime dream.”

This annual award requires a 500-word essay answering the question, “Why Lifelong Learning is Important?”. Applications are available at www.llsjupiter.com or by calling 561-799-8667.
Homecoming 2011

50th Anniversary Sweet Treat

Staff Updates

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

HEATHER CINTRON
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HEATHER GRAEVE
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MARY BETH HARTMAN
Outreach Coordinator, Center for Environmental Studies

BRETT JOHNSON
Program Assistant, Career Development Center

TANGELA WALDEN
Officer, University Police

HONORS

ALANA EDWARDS, Education & Training Coordinator, Center for Environmental Studies, has been selected to serve on the standard names committee of the North American Butterfly Association. She will work with the committee to name butterflies that have been newly identified.

FAMILY NEWS

CAROL & KEVIN LANNING welcomed their new granddaughter, Reese Alexandra Wolpert, on Oct. 6, 2011. She joins her parents, Rachel and Ken Wolpert, and her two-year-old brother, Cooper.

3rd Annual Night on the Town Held in Abacoa Town Center

Alumni and friends gathered in Abacoa Town Center on Sept. 30 for the 3rd Annual Night on the Town, previously known as the “pub crawl.” The second floor of JJ Muggs/Stadium Grill served as alumni headquarters, where a wide variety of FAU give-aways were available. Four different restaurants provided food and beverage specials, with proceeds from the event benefiting Jupiter campus scholarships. Participants turned in their “bonus cards” at the end of the evening for a drawing of gift certificates, FAU fan bags and other items. Alumni from both recent and early years attended. Everyone had a great time and vowed to spread the word to their friends for next year’s event.
Art in the Atrium presents
‘The Apple Doesn’t Fall Far from the Tree’

FAU Jupiter is hosting an exhibit which features local artist Maxine Schreiber. “The Apple Doesn’t Fall Far from the Tree” also includes work by the artist’s father, Herman Schreiber. The exhibit, part of the “Art in the Atrium” series, is free and open to the public and will be on display from December 5 through January 31 in the Student Resources (SR) building.

“Art has been an important part of my life as far back as I can remember,” said the artist. “My dad, Herman Schreiber, was a master artist, a true Renaissance man.” His creative ability and temperament were a major influence on me. When I was young, we spent hours looking through his treasured book *World Famous Paintings* and he taught me how to draw.”

Ms. Schreiber received her B.A. in Fine Arts Education from Kean University and her M.Ed. in Expressive Therapies from Lesley University.

The SR Atrium is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call 561-799-8105.

Florida Atlantic University’s Jupiter campus has received the Tree Campus USA recognition for 2011 for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. This is the second year FAU Jupiter has been named a Tree Campus USA.

Tree Campus USA is a national program that honors colleges, universities and their leaders for promoting healthy management of their campus forests and for engaging the community in environmental stewardship. Tree Campus USA is a program of the Arbor Day Foundation and is supported by a grant from Toyota.
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“Where do you take FAU?”

Suzanne Deffendall at Epcot's Flower and Garden Festival, Victoria Gardens, Canada Pavilion.