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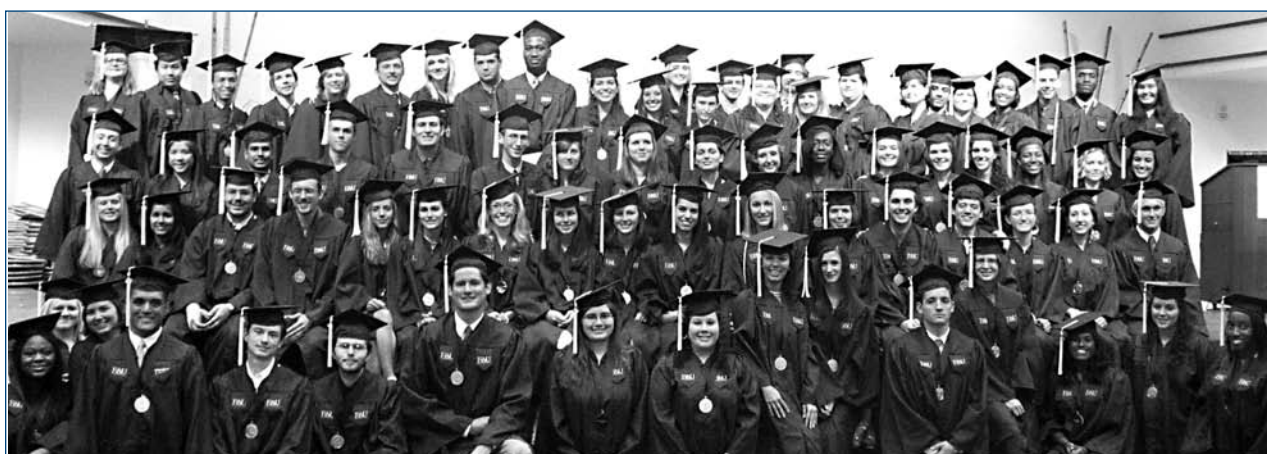
Prior to the University's commencement ceremonies in Boca Raton on May 2, 67 graduates from the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College participated in the 6th annual Medallion Ceremony held in the Lifelong Learning Society Auditorium on the Jupiter campus.

Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, vice president of the MacArthur campus, welcomed the graduates, their families and

friends. Dean Jeffrey Buller presented each graduate a medallion and certificate. He was assisted by Associate Dean Mark Tunick and each student's faculty thesis advisor. Diego Arenas delivered the graduation address.



Wilkes Honors College Faculty, Dr. Murtaugh and Dean Buller



MEMBERS OF THE HARRIET L. WILKES HONORS COLLEGE CLASS OF 2008

Diego Arenas, Cynthia Avari, Briana Bailey, Matthew Berman, Lauren Bimmler, Danielle Boutte, Justin Bright, Amber Brittain, Stacy Caplan, James Capp, Samantha Chong, Caitlin Currie, Mila Curry, Rebecka Epps, Sarah Fannin, Jenna Fitzgerald, Samantha Fow, Tiffany Gaston, Mark Goldberg-Foss, Daniel Gopman, Malik Haji, Christopher Harris, Khadil Hosein, Ashley Hydrick, Echo Keif, LauraLynn Kirk, Anna Leech, Ashley Legg, Pierre Louis, Stephanie Lucas, Jessica Mahoney, Maria Mandina, David Martin, Tatiana Mendoza, Kevin McCaffrey, Kelley McKee, Michael McMillan, Carlos Monroy, Samantha Montgomery, Jaime Neudecker, Jasmine Nguyen, Jinal Patel, Peter Pantina, Alan Pena, Don Pham, Cara Piccirillo, Jarred Reiling, Benjamin Ross, Whitney Ruddock, Alan Saladrigas, Peter Salomone, Kathleen Schindler, Julie Schnee, Kristin Schwab, Jana Seidl, Bilal Shaikh, Joel Simundich, Joann Skaria, David Smith, Tiffany Snow, Tory Spokane, Titilola Sode, Natalie Stetson, Maria Thompson, Andrea VanDam, Jovonia Washington and Jennifer Wiseman.



Dr. Kristen Murtaugh and Dr. Mary Ann Gosser Esquilin



Dr. Martin Sweet presents the Outstanding Student Award to Samantha Montgomery

FAU Hosts Scripps Howard Institute on the Environment for Third Year

By Neil Santaniello, Instructor – Communications and Journalism

The Scripps Howard Institute on the Environment held its third annual educational fellowship for journalists at FAU Jupiter May 12-17. Twenty-one people participated, including 19 working print and broadcast journalists and two journalism graduate school students. Nine of the fellows came from Florida and the rest from California, Louisiana,



Journalists explore the Loxahatchee River

Virginia, Missouri, Maryland, Illinois, New York, Washington, D.C. and Canada. During the week, the group heard talks on environmental topics from scientists, policy makers and other experts. They also received writing and reporting advice from veteran journalists affiliated with the *St. Petersburg Times*, NBC-6, *Florida Trend* and National Public Radio. Topics presented included rising sea levels, climate modeling, water supply battles, the intersection of politics and science, estuarine research, invasive exotic species, ethanol, windmills and contaminants exposure research at the EPA.

The institute reached well beyond campus. Participants paddled the Loxahatchee River, trekked through the mud of a cypress dome in Everglades National Park, visited the Indian River Lagoon, hiked across Martin County scrub, waded into Lake Okeechobee and watched a loggerhead turtle nest by moonlight on Singer Island. The program is a joint effort between FAU's School of Communication and Multimedia Studies in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and the Florida Center for Environmental Studies and is sponsored by the Scripps Howard Foundation.

FAU Jupiter Celebrates Arbor Day



Dr. Robert Huckshorn, Alana Edwards, Dr. Bill O'Brien, Sarah Fannin

On Friday, April 25, MacArthur Campus students, faculty, staff and community friends celebrated Arbor Day in the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum.

Alana Edwards, education and training coordinator of the Center for Environmental Studies, gave an update on recent developments in the Arboretum. Many new plants and trees have been planted, and sidewalks have been installed along with additional benches. She also

presented prize ribbons to winners of the 2nd annual Arboretum calendar photography contest.

In recognition of his dedicated service to the campus environment, Dr. Bill O'Brien received a certificate of appreciation. A red bay tree was planted in his honor.

Sarah Fannin, president of the Enviro Club, provided a student's perspective on the Arboretum and its growth.

The Arboretum was established in recognition of Dr. Huckshorn's many years of service to Florida Atlantic University. There are several ways to support the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum, including "Adopt-a-Tree" and commemorative bench and brick programs. For more information, contact Dianne Reeves at 561-799-8665.



One of the ongoing challenges in higher education is to keep up with technology. It seems that computers become obsolete practically before they are installed! We are proud of the resources we provide to faculty and students on the Jupiter campus to enhance the teaching/learning experience.

Over the course of this past year our Information Resource Management team has greatly enhanced technology in Jupiter.

- All of the academic buildings now have wireless access points, and there are many areas on the campus grounds where students and faculty can access the web from their laptop computers.
- A substantial effort has been made to upgrade campus classrooms to a basic level of instructional technology. Twelve classrooms were upgraded with new technology (computer, laptop access and projector); seven other classrooms received new computers this spring.

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- This summer, both the Honors College computer lab as well as the MacArthur Campus Library computer lab are being upgraded thanks to Dean Buller and Library Director Ethan Allen.
- By the beginning of the fall semester, a multimedia upgrade to the MacArthur campus auditorium will be complete. This will include new control equipment and a projection lift system, greatly enhancing the audiovisual resources in that important space.
- The multi-campus structure of FAU often translates into miles of travel for faculty and staff. We now have several conference rooms in Jupiter equipped with state-of-the-art videoconferencing (VC) technology so that people do not have to spend unproductive time (and extra gas) commuting for departmental and committee meetings.
- The budget crisis faced by FAU has resulted in a decrease in the number of course offerings on each of the campuses. In order to maximize the ability of students to attend classes offered at remote campuses, more distance learning classrooms have been outfitted. This summer we have installed another new mobile VC unit suitable for small classes and meetings, and purchased a new lecture capture unit for one of our large VC classrooms. This unit can be used to record classes and transmit them to a centralized server for review at a later time.
- Finally, we have responded to the nationally recognized need for enhanced security measures at our universities. We outfitted our phone system with emergency buttons for silent alarms and are installing additional emergency blue light phones in our parking lots, along with a security camera in the new parking lot on Main Street for residential students.

I want to thank Joanne Julia, the director of IRM for the Northern Campuses, and Jeff Schilit, FAU's associate provost for information technology, for their strong support for the technology needs of the Jupiter campus. Even with shrinking budgets, they have managed to keep us on top of the growing demands.

Jeffrey Joyner Appointed Gubernatorial Fellow for State of Florida Jeff Joyner



FAU student Jeffrey Joyner, the chief justice of the student court for FAU student government, has been appointed by Florida Governor Charlie Crist as a Gubernatorial Fellow. This is the first appointment of an FAU student to this position.

Joyner, 22, of West Palm Beach, is a senior who is majoring in political science in the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College. Joyner, along with 11 other outstanding Florida graduate and undergraduate students interested in public service, will participate in the Gubernatorial Fellows Program through Dec. 12. Joyner will work with the governor's administration in Tallahassee and participate in weekly lecture series, government activities, press conferences, budget briefings, policy briefings and a weekly class.

"I view my selection as both the culmination of my Honors College education and the commencement of my lifetime ambition to serve the people of Florida," said Joyner.

"Over the past four years, I gained invaluable experience within student government, and I have acquired the academic preparation necessary for my chosen career."

To be considered for the Gubernatorial Fellows Program, candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, including strong written and oral communication skills, leadership skills, working knowledge of government, and university and community activism.

The Gubernatorial Fellows Program, a yearly program created in 2004 by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, will immerse students in key areas of government, including the Executive Office of the Governor and the governor's agencies. This will give the students first-hand, high-level on the job training, as well as valuable experience and insight on government and how it works. Fellows are matched with projects based on their expertise and interest. They are treated as high-level staff and are expected to participate, perform and contribute at that level.

FAU Jupiter's Lifelong Learning Society Holds Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

By Kami Barrett, Assistant to the Director - LLS Jupiter

The Lifelong Learning Society at Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter held its annual volunteer appreciation luncheon to recognize and pay tribute to more than 80 volunteers.

"Our volunteers are the backbone of this program," said Maggie Reiman, class coordinator of the Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter. "They perform a multitude of tasks, and we are very lucky to have a great group of dedicated individuals."

Each year the Lifelong Learning Society honors the commitment of their many volunteers, whose efforts enhance life for senior citizens. Jordan Brown was presented

the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award, which recognizes extraordinary dedication and untiring service.

"For many, many years volunteers have been a critical part of this program. I have had the pleasure of working with some of the most creative, energetic, selfless volunteers, and this luncheon is just one small way of saying thank you," said René Friedman, director of the Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter.

For more information, or to receive a free 2008 catalog, contact the Lifelong Learning Society at 561-799-8667 or 561-799-8547.

MacAWARDS Presented on Jupiter Campus



2008 MacAWARDS recipients

The 9th Annual MacAWARDS were presented on April 14 to recognize outstanding students, faculty and staff from the MacArthur campus.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Tamara Howard	EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs Dr. Sameer Hinduja
UNSUNG HEROINE Joann Skaria (Student)	College of Education Dr. Jennifer Bird
RISING STAR Tina Maceri	Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Dr. Sam Hawkins
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs Sahar Ali (Undergraduate) Leon Rogers (Graduate)	Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Dr. Katherine Hughes
College of Education Wendy Palmer (Graduate)	Barry Kay College of Business Dr. Karen Chimander-Dye
Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Erin Lodeesen (Undergraduate)	Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Dr. Laura Vernon
Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Jacqueline Fiore (Undergraduate) and Krystal Mize (Graduate)	MacArthur Campus Adjunct Sheilagh Riordan
Barry Kay College of Business Shari Jesteadt (Undergraduate)	STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR Maruchy LaChance
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Sarah Fannin	CLUB OF THE YEAR Corn Maya
OWL OF THE YEAR Samantha Montgomery	CLUB ADVISOR OF THE YEAR Dr. William O'Brien

President Frank T. Brogan extended his congratulations to all the nominees and expressed his appreciation for their efforts in making the MacArthur campus a wonderful part of FAU.

Joe Isadore, associate dean of students, said, "We are proud to present this program each year. The MacAWARDS provide an excellent opportunity to recognize the outstanding students, faculty and staff in our campus community."

He presented special recognition awards to Alan Peña, senate speaker, and Ed Fulton, student governor, in recognition of their dedicated service to student government.

Jane Harris, a member of the Lifelong Learning Society advisory board, presented LLS scholarships to two undergraduates from the Wilkes Honors College, Danielle LeGras Boutté and Raquel Borges-Garcia, and to one graduate student, Barbara Danielski, College of Education.

A reception was held in the AD Atrium after the awards presentation.

Heather Bishara, assistant director for student life and recreation, reported that participation from students, faculty and staff in this year's award process was exceptional, with a marked increase in nominations and voting.

Honors Summer Institute Expands Program in Third Year

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College hosts its third Honors Summer Institute at FAU's Jupiter campus July 6-26. The three-week program brings together high-achieving prospective 10th and 11th grade students to study with Honors College faculty. HSI will welcome almost 60 students, doubling last year's class. This year's program offers two academic alternatives: the Honors Summer Institute in Forensic Science and the Honors Summer Institute in Creativity. Students will take one of four honors courses for three college credits and will participate in a number of other educational activities, along with social and recreational events.



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