FAU Hosts 40th Annual Honors Convocation

BOCA RATON, FL (April 8, 2009) – Florida Atlantic University President Frank T. Brogan and Provost John Pritchett will host the University’s 40th annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, April 8 at 4 p.m. at the University Theater, in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, on FAU’s Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road.

The annual ceremony recognizes the university’s most outstanding students and faculty. (A full list of honorees is attached.) Students to be honored include eight university scholars, representing each of FAU’s colleges; the Phi Kappa Phi scholars; the Stan and Renee Wimberly Scholar; and the Student Academic Athletes of the Year.

The volunteer service award, named the FAU Board of Trustees Service Award, will be awarded to an individual who has a record of rendering volunteer service to the university.

Faculty honors include the presentation of the FAU National Alumni Association’s Degree of Difference Award, University Researchers of the Year awards, university teaching and advising awards, and the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, which is determined by FAU students. The recipient of this award, Dr. Eric Chiang of the Barry Kaye College of Business, will present the keynote address.

“Honors Convocation is a long-standing tradition at FAU,” said Pritchett. “This gives the university a chance to recognize our outstanding faculty, students and others who have contributed to our success.”

For more information on the Honors Convocation, call 561-297-0884.

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2009 Florida Atlantic University Honors Convocation Awardees

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS
College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs Zenaida Fisher
Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Karen Murillo
Barry Kaye College of Business Paul Ketz
College of Education Michelle Eha
College of Engineering and Computer Science Laura Fenton
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Therese Rytz
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Holly McNab
Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Emily Spencer

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Sandra Lazo de la Vega

PHI KAPPA PHI SCHOLAR
Barry Kaye College of Business Gregory Chinnis

STUDENT ACADEMIC ATHLETES OF THE YEAR
Women’s swimming and diving Lauren Harvath
Men’s soccer Shire Standnes

THE STAN AND RENEE WIMBERLY SCHOLAR
Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Tegan Lavoie

ALUMNI “DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE” AWARD
| College of Engineering and Computer Science Jonathan Bagby

FAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES SERVICE AWARD
Peter LoBello

UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Sponsored/Project–Oriented Category
Amy Wright Professor of the Year, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Dale Gawlik Associate Professor of the Year, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Ceylan Isgor Assistant Professor of the Year, Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science

Creative and Scholarly Category
Oliver Buckton Professor of the Year, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters
Noemi Marin  Associate Professor of the Year, Dorothy F.
Schmidt College of Arts and Letters
Jacqueline Fewkes  Assistant Professor of the Year, Harriet L. Wilkes
Honors College

UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS 2007-08

Undergraduate Teaching Awards
College of Architecture, Urban & Public Affairs  Naelys Diaz
Barry Kaye College of Business  Ravi Behara
College of Engineering & Computer Science  Ramesh Teegavarapu
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College  Nicholas Quintyne
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College  Laura Vernon
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing  Dawn Bluni
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing  Charlotte Barry

Undergraduate Advising Awards
Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters  Sandra Lent
College of Engineering & Computer Science  Teresa Perez
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College  Michelle Ivey

THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Barry Kaye College of Business  Eric Chiang *

*bio attached
Dr. Eric Chiang

Dr. Eric Chiang is an associate professor of economics at Florida Atlantic University and a senior researcher at the Public Utility Research Center at the University of Florida. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Florida in 2002.

Currently, Chiang teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in international trade, microeconomic theory and the economics of emerging markets. He has published 15 research articles in leading journals, such as the Review of Economics and Statistics, the Southern Economic Journal, and the Journal of Technology Transfer. Chiang also developed two masters-level online courses in telecommunications regulation used at the Public Utility Research Center. The courses were taken by students from 21 countries.

Chiang is a lecturer for the biannual World Bank/PURC International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy and a faculty speaker at FAU Freshman Orientation. In his spare time, he enjoys running, adventure tourism, and studying languages and cultures.