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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
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PHI KAPPA PHI SCHOLAR

Barry Kaye College of Business	Gregory Chinnis
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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
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ALUMNI "DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE" AWARD

College of Engineering and Computer Science	Jonathan Bagby
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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
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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.