A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SAUNDERS

What a pleasure it is for me to offer greetings to the friends and supporters of Florida Atlantic University’s rapidly developing regional campuses, which are doing so much to provide access to top-quality higher education across our very large service area. From Dania Beach to the Treasure Coast, our regional campuses are opening up whole worlds of opportunity to students of all ages.

When I was in the process of being interviewed for the presidency of FAU, I was taken on a whirlwind tour of the regional campuses, and I was most favorably impressed by the people I met and the facilities I visited. Since arriving in Florida in early June, I’ve made it a point to revisit all of the FAU campuses and learn about their unique history. I am working with Vice President Joyanne Stephens and other leaders to make sure that they all continue to grow as centers of education, research and community engagement. Partner campuses play an absolutely vital role in helping the University fulfill its multifaceted mission. As FAU’s president, I am committed to their ongoing development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable support of the FAU campus in your community, and I look forward to the pleasure of meeting you at a University event. Thank you for being on the team that is working hard to take Florida Atlantic University to the next level of excellence.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Saunders
President

New METIman™ Arrives on Campus

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing graduate students studying to be family nurse practitioners (FNP) at the Treasure Coast campus will be joined this fall by METIman™, an adult patient simulator. METIman™, which joins two other simulators on campus—a childbearing simulator and a six-year-old child—will be used to provide students the opportunity to practice their assessment skills and challenge their critical-thinking abilities. The simulators provide mock patient scenarios in a caring, low-risk, nonthreatening, yet realistic environment.

Acquiring METIman™ is an essential component for meeting one of the college’s goals of building a “world-class simulation program.” “Simulation has been used a great deal in undergraduate nursing education, but is just beginning to be recognized as an important component of graduate education as well,” said Dr. Josie Weiss, Associate Professor and Treasure Coast FNP Program Coordinator. “FAU graduate students will be some of the first in the nation to experience simulation in graduate education.” The faculty will also be studying the costs and benefits of using simulation in a caring environment for advanced practice nursing education.

L-R: FNP students Kelly Hopkins, Joe Holbrook, Michael Delaneuville, Jayne Thompson and Myriam Pinchinat-Vassor with the new METIman simulator on campus.
Robert Loane, a senior in Florida Atlantic University’s geomatics engineering program at the Treasure Coast campus, is assisting to create the first official survey and gravesite map of Moore’s Cemetery, located on the corner of Monterey Road and Kanner Highway in Stuart, Fla.

Loane began working on this important project in January 2010 as his internship experience.

“IT is so interesting to read the inscriptions that are still legible,” said Loane. “There are soldiers, children and families buried there. Many stones and above-ground crypts are so old that the inscriptions have worn away, so we just have to mark them ‘unknown.’”

Moore’s Cemetery is a historically black burial site with an estimated 300 graves dating from the early 1900’s to as late as 2005. The Florida Surveying and Mapping Society (FSMS) Indian River Chapter and the Martin County surveying program began the project in 2001, after the Moore family gave the property to Martin County. Professionals in FSMS have contributed to the project over the years as community service, but a final survey has not yet been completed.

The final map and survey will be given to Martin County and the City of Stuart, in addition to the Martin County Historical Society to preserve the documentation.

Loane will be part of the first graduating class of FAU’s geomatics program in spring 2011. FAU’s College of Engineering and Computer Science started the predominately online program, the only one of its kind in the southeastern United States, in 2006 at the Treasure Coast campus. For more information about the geomatics engineering program, contact Ashley Morgan at 772-873-3447 or at ammorgan@fau.edu.

Harbor Branch Gains National Spotlight for Involvement in Oil Spill

In response to the Deepwater Horizon spill, a science team from FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Fort Pierce recently completed an expedition on the eastern Gulf of Mexico, which received significant national media coverage. BBC and CNN filed stories from the ship, and NBC did several live segments and produced material for Dateline, MSNBC, The TODAY Show, Animal Planet, NBC web sites and their international partners, including ITV in the UK and Telemundo.

The expedition, officially dubbed the Florida Shelf Edge Exploration (“FLOSEE”), employed FAU Harbor Branch’s Johnson-Sea-Link manned research submersible and a water-sampling tool called a CTD (conductivity, temperature, depth) to assess and record conditions in the water column and on deep coral and live-bottom reefs. The information collected using these tools will provide a better understanding of the spill’s actual and potential environmental effects. The month-long mission was funded by NOAA through its FAU-led Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology (CIOERT). Visit www.fau.edu/hboi for details.

NBC Correspondent Kerry Sanders shares his impressions of his sub dive with expedition leader, FAU’s Shirley Pomponi, Ph.D.

Geomatics Engineering Student Applies Skills to Assist with Local Historic Cemetery Survey

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College of Education Offers Professional Education Class this Fall

For those educators currently teaching under a temporary certificate, FAU is offering a professional education class this fall at the Treasure Coast campus that satisfies state requirements in two areas: (1) educational assessment to include the content measured by state achievement tests and the interpretation and utilization of data to improve student achievement and (2) effective instructional strategies including the needs of diverse learners. This class will be held over a series of six Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Oct. 9. For more information, contact Greg Gilbert, College of Education Office of Student Services, at 773-873-3353 or ggilbert@fau.edu.

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