Dear Friends of Florida Atlantic University,

I am pleased to present to you the 1999-2000 Annual Financial Report for Florida Atlantic University. Included in this report are a message from President Anthony James Catanese, an overview of the University, financial highlights, general purpose financial statements with accompanying notes and supplemental information.

Florida Atlantic University is a public university committed through its distributed campus structure to providing access to significant educational opportunities for students in Southeast Florida and beyond. Located in a rapidly expanding urban environment, the University is responsible for providing academic programs to the counties of Palm Beach, Broward, Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee. The University’s mission is to prepare students to make meaningful contributions in an increasingly complex global society by supporting research and service that enhance economic, human and cultural development. The Division of Financial Affairs assists the University in its mission by providing the highest possible level of service to students, faculty and staff and by implementing innovative, efficient and cost-effective programs.

The 1999-2000 year was exceptionally exciting for Florida Atlantic University. The University celebrated the new millennium with the rest of the world, reflecting on the accomplishments of the past and the challenges of the future. The Honors College opened to an outstanding inaugural class that included several National Merit Scholars. The number of degree-seeking students eclipsed the 20,000 mark, enabling the University to keep its position as one of the fastest growing universities in the country. Florida Atlantic University continues to improve and expand its infrastructure and campus facilities on all of its seven campuses. During the 1999-2000 year, the University completed the construction of our new John D. MacArthur campus located in Jupiter. This campus serves more than 2,000 students and consists of classrooms and administrative buildings, the Honors College, a library, student commons, the Honors College dormitory and a central utility plant. On the Boca Raton campus, the University completed the Lifelong Learning Center addition. FAU had in excess of $158 million of ongoing renovation and construction projects as of June 30, 2000.

The financial statements presented in this report present a summary of the University’s flow of financial resources during the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as recommended by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) as published under the title of “College and University Business Administration.” These financial statements present the University’s financial position, changes in fund balances and current funds revenues, expenditures and other changes. The information contained in these statements provides an overview of the financial health of the institution and an assessment of the University’s ability to meet the financial requirements associated with its mission. Financial highlights for fiscal year 1999-2000 include a $13.4 million increase in current funds revenues to $252.2 million, an increase of 5.62 percent over the previous year. Significant components of the total increase in current funds revenues were an increase of $1.94 million in federal grants (8.2 percent increase), an increase of $1.38 million in state grants (17.2 percent increase), an increase of $3.49 million in auxiliary enterprises (18.7 percent increase), an increase of $2.28 million in student tuition and fees (6.0 percent increase) and an increase in state appropriation of $3.87 million (3.6 percent increase). During 1999-2000, total expenditures and mandatory transfers increased $16.28 million, an increase of 6.9 percent over the previous year. These increases in revenues and expenditures reflect Florida Atlantic University’s continuing commitment to the instructional, research and support needs of our students, faculty and staff.

I hope you will enjoy reading Florida Atlantic University’s 1999-2000 Annual Financial Report and learning about the many new initiatives taking place at one of the most innovative and exciting universities in the country. Your continued support of Florida Atlantic University is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Jessell, Ph.D.
Vice President for Finance and Chief Fiscal Officer

Florida Atlantic University welcomed the new century by enhancing its strengths and opening new avenues of opportunity for our students, our faculty members and the region the University serves. We added new centers of academic strength to our traditionally recognized programs of excellence, such as accounting, nursing, public administration, science and the arts. We expanded access for students through increased scholarship funding and new campuses. Our sponsored research climbed to new levels, providing faculty and students with expanded opportunities for intellectual discovery. And once again we demonstrated our commitment to the community through public service of all kinds, from packing food for the hungry to providing health care to underserved populations.

This year was also a time for exciting beginnings, such as the opening of the FAU Honors College on our newest campus in Jupiter. On the Boca Raton campus, we broke ground for the Eleanor R. Baldwin House presidential residence and the Okeechobee Athletic Center, facilities that will greatly enhance student life and alumni involvement with the University. Additionally, we entered into innovative partnerships to establish programs in computer technology and community development that will help meet some of the challenges of the 21st century.

This has truly been a year for celebration – whether for professional honors or athletic victories – and it has provided a wonderful beginning to a new chapter in the University’s history.

Sincerely,

Anthony James Catanese
President and Professor