FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center to Close for Renovations

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (June 24, 2016) – The FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI) Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center will be closed from Friday, July 1 through Friday, Sept. 30 for renovations. The facility will reopen to the public on Saturday, Oct. 1. Additionally, Mission Ocean Discovery public outreach programming conducted through the Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center, including Immersion Tours, the Brown Bag Lunch Series and Children’s Camps, will be on hiatus over the summer months and will reconvene in the fall.

The Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center, located at 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, is the public gateway to HBOI and houses interactive exhibits, small aquaria and other displays exploring the marine environment and depicting the research efforts of the Institute.

For more information on the Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center and HBOI, visit www.fau.edu/hboi.

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About Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute:
Founded in 1971, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University is a research community of marine scientists, engineers, educators and other professionals focused on Ocean Science for a Better World. The institute drives innovation in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, drug discovery and biotechnology from the oceans, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, ocean observing systems and marine education. For more information, visit www.fau.edu/hboi.

About Florida Atlantic University:
Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of $6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU’s world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the
Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of critical areas that form the basis of its strategic plan: Healthy aging, biotech, coastal and marine issues, neuroscience, regenerative medicine, informatics, lifespan and the environment. These areas provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU’s existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.