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‘LunaFest’ to be Held at FAU Harbor Branch

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (February 11, 2015) – “LunaFest” – a traveling film festival of award-winning short films by, for and about women – will come to FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute’s (HBOI) Johnson Education Center, 5600 U.S. 1 North, in Fort Pierce, on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the national Breast Cancer Fund and local organizations, including Friends After Diagnosis; the Treasure Coast Ovarian Cancer Alliance; the Center for Spiritual Care; and HBOI’s Marine Biomedical and Biotechnology Research program (MBBR).

The 90-minute compilation of award-winning short films will be preceded by a 60-minute panel discussion about advances in the diagnosis and treatment of cancers affecting women. Amy Wright, Ph.D., MBBR director and research professor, is one of the panelists. Tickets are \$20 plus a \$2.09 service charge, and can be purchased online at www.lunafest.org. A LunaFest trailer can also be viewed on the website.

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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 three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU’s existing strengths in research and scholarship.

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