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FAU Harbor Branch Celebrates 60 Years of the Link Foundation and 40 Years of the Summer Intern Program

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (March 13, 2013) – Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI) commemorated 60 years of the Link Foundation and 40 years of the HBOI summer internship program on March 6 with a special lecture titled “An Opportunity to Develop Your Genius: A 60/40 Homecoming.”

The event, part of the HBOI Ocean Science Lecture Series, was presented by Andy Clark, Ph.D., former HBOI summer intern and board member of the Link Foundation, and Dennis Hanisak, Ph.D., director of education programs. Each presentation was followed by a reception which included some of the first HBOI summer interns.

The Link Foundation was established in 1953 by Edwin A. (1904-81) and Marion C. (1907-95) Link. The Foundation supports the Links’ ideals and funds academic programs in simulation and training, energy resources development and conservation, and ocean engineering and instrumentation.

The HBOI summer intern program was launched in 1974 with support from the Link Foundation. The program has hosted more than 500 college and university students from around the world in this 10-week summer research experience.

For more information on this event or the Ocean Science Lecture Series, call 772-242-2400 or visit www.fau.edu/hboi/OceanLectureSeries.php.

pictured from left: Jimmie Anne Haisley, former intern and current Link Board Member Dr. Andy Clark, former intern Priscilla Winder (holding Logan Kai Baumberger,) former intern Chip Baumberger and Marilyn C. Link

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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.hboi.fau.edu.

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. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.