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FAU's Friends of Harbor Branch To Host Holiday Open House at the Ocean Discovery Center

FORT PIERCE, FL (November 7, 2012) – Florida Atlantic University's Friends of Harbor Branch program will host a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Ocean Discovery Center, located at 5600 US 1 North, Fort Pierce, where guests can visit the new Wells Fargo Aquaculture Pavilion.

The event will serve as an important educational opportunity for people of all ages, allowing guests to learn about aquaculture and the advances that are being made locally through the studies that Harbor Branch scientists are conducting.

Also on hand will be award-winning author and illustrator Janeen Mason, who will perform a theater reading of her acclaimed book [Ocean Commotion: Caught in the Currents](#). The Open House will also feature children's activities, holiday sweets and a silent auction.

For more information, call the Friends of Harbor Branch office at (772) 242-2559.

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About Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute:

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University is a research institute dedicated to exploration, innovation, conservation and education related to the oceans. Harbor Branch was founded in 1971

as a private non-profit organization. In December 2007, Harbor Branch joined Florida Atlantic University. The institute specializes in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, drug discovery and biotechnology from the oceans, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, 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 serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida, where its annual economic impact exceeds \$6.3 billion. 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.