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FAU Harbor Branch to Host Lecture on James Cameron's Deepsea Challenge Expedition into the Mariana Trench

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (April 18, 2013) – FAU Harbor Branch will host Dr. Joe MacInnis for a special lecture titled “James Cameron’s Deepsea Challenge Expedition: The Science, Engineering and Leadership of a 7-Mile Dive Into the Mariana Trench,” on Monday, April 22 at 4 p.m. in the Johnson Education Center, 5600 U.S. 1 North, in Fort Pierce.

The event, part of the HBOI Ocean Science Lecture Series, will chronicle MacInnis’ experience as a journalist-physician on Academy Award winning director James Cameron’s 60-day expedition into the Mariana Trench, the deepest part of the world’s oceans, located in the western Pacific Ocean. His presentation will cover the forces of nature, technical breakdowns and severe stresses that plagued Cameron’s high-risk mission onboard the *Deepsea Challenger* submersible, which was made on March 26, 2012.

Deepsea Challenge has moved onto phase two, which includes scientific analysis of the expedition’s findings, along with the production of a 3-D feature film.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 772-242-2400 or visit www.fau.edu/hboi/OceanLectureSeries.php.

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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.