FAU ANNOUNCES LARGEST GIFT IN SCHOOL’S HISTORY

FAU has received its largest gift in school history – a $20 million gift from benefactors Kurt and Marilyn Wallach. This transformational gift will create the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Institute for Holocaust and Jewish Studies in FAU’s Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.
Top Public School
FAU moved up four spots in the U.S. News & World Report list of “Top Public Schools” to No. 136.

FAU and Memorial Healthcare System Establish Research Partnership
FAU and Memorial Healthcare System in Broward County have formed a “Research Partnership to Advance Clinical Trials.” Its mission is to develop state-of-the-art research tools and discover new knowledge to benefit patients and lead advances in patient care.

FAU Among Most Ethnically Diverse
For the fourth year in a row, U.S. News & World Report included FAU on the list of the most ethnically diverse universities in the nation. FAU is the highest ranked public university in Florida.

Major Gift for Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education
The Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters received a multi-million dollar gift from Arthur and Emalie Gutterman to name the Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education.

Top Social Mobility Performer
FAU moved up 12 spots in the U.S. News & World Report “Social Mobility” ranking to No. 33. At FAU, Pell-eligible students, first-generation students, African American students and Hispanic students all outpace the University’s overall retention and graduation rates, which is an accomplishment that also eliminates the historical achievement gaps.

Hispanic-Serving Institution
FAU received federal designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the United States Department of Education in 2017.

FAU Lands $11 Million Contract from U.S. Office of Naval Research
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute landed an $11 million four-year contract from the United States Office of Naval Research to develop advanced, next-generation bioluminescence technology.

FAU Earns National Recognition for Diversity in Engineering
The American Society of Engineering Education recognized the College of Engineering and Computer Science with its highest award for its commitment to inclusive excellence.

FAU A.D. Henderson University School Ranked Second in America for K-5
FAU’s A.D. Henderson University School is ranked the No. 2 Best Public Elementary School and the No. 11 Best Public Middle School in America by Niche. Henderson also is ranked the No. 2 Best Public Elementary School in Florida and No. 2 Best Public Middle School in Florida by Niche.

FAU High is Top Public School in FL for National Merit Semifinalists
A total of 34 FAU High School students were named semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition. FAU High is No. 1 out of all public and charter schools in the state for national merit semifinalists.

FAU High School also was ranked second for Best Public High School in Florida by Niche.
New eSports Arena and Gaming Area
The Student Union eSports Arena is the premier gaming center on the Boca Raton campus. The high-tech environment features 40 top-of-the-line gaming PCs, as well as screens for console gaming, billiards and pingpong.

Military Friendly
For 10 consecutive years, FAU has been rated as “Military Friendly” and recently received the Gold designation by Victory Media.

Taking Life Science to New Heights
The new 58,000-square-foot, $35 million Neuroscience Research Building on the John D. MacArthur Jupiter campus is a hub for the life sciences. It will help facilitate collaborations with FAU’s renowned research neighbors, the Scripps Research Institute and the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience.
Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence

This 166,000-square-foot facility is a national model of academic excellence in athletics, designed to attract the best coaches and student-athletes to FAU. The complex features academic support and athletic training facilities, athletic staff offices and entertainment venues. It also is home to the Avron B. Fogelman Sports Museum, a permanent exhibit featuring more than 1,200 artifacts from the former Kansas City Royals owner and longtime Boca Raton resident’s private collection.
FORGED BY FAU
Currently, 18 former Owls play in the NFL. Three of them are Tampa Bay Buccaneers Super Bowl LV champions!

ATHLETICS
FAU Athletics is comprised of 21 intercollegiate teams involving nearly 500 student-athletes. The Owls are a NCAA Division I-A (FBS) institution and compete in Conference USA and the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association.

RAISING THE BAR
Despite the drastic changes to college life that COVID-19 forced upon campuses nationwide, FAU student-athletes adapted to the new methods of learning and posted a collective 3.105 GPA—the athletic program’s 11th consecutive semester with an average GPA of 3.0 or better.
The FAU Cares Emergency Fund initiative raised more than $400,000 for students experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

Helping Our Community

A COVID-19 testing site was established at FAU Tech Runway in Boca Raton, and the Feeding South Florida food bank opened a distribution site on the Jupiter campus.

FAU’s Cane Institute for Advanced Technologies at A.D. Henderson University School and FAU High School created 3-D printed PPE. Students ranging from ages 5 to 18, along with two faculty members, printed more than 15,000 face shields, as well as intubation chambers and ear savers for hospitals in Palm Beach County.

A team of scientists from the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine is implementing a three-pronged approach to predict COVID-19 infection in healthcare workers through a study to identify patterns of onset, detection, progression and recovery.

Researchers from the College of Engineering and Computer Science conducted and subsequently published the results of their experiments using flow visualization to demonstrate how far a cough travels and how long it lingers in the air, as well as methods to assess the effectiveness of face masks in obstructing droplets.

A scientist from FAU’s Schmidt College of Medicine has designed a compact and portable sanitizing device for masks and other items that can be used at home or at work.

In response to the pandemic, in just two months, FAU’s Center for Online and Continuing Education (COCE) helped more than 1,500 faculty with training, technology assistance and rapid course development services. COCE received the 2020 United States Distance Learning Association Innovation Award for its work in developing an interactive eText that is available to students at zero-cost.

FAU Medical students collected and donated more than 23,000 PPE items to health care workers throughout Palm Beach County.

FAU researchers have launched a registry and repository to contribute to new discoveries and knowledge related to COVID-19. Vast amounts of real-world data are needed to enable researchers to find patterns that will help to better understand and manage this disease.

Researchers from the Schmidt College of Medicine have developed a simplified COVID-19 testing protocol that is rapid, reliable and offers distinct advantages with less labor, expertise and equipment.

A team from the College of Engineering and Computer Science and Institute for Sensing and Embedded Network Systems identified a simple solution to rapidly produce more than 16,000 protective face shields — 8,000 went to Baptist Health South Florida.

FAU’s nationally ranked Hospitality and Tourism Management program, within the College of Business, offered a free online certificate to workers affected by the pandemic; more than 80,000 people signed up.

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GOALS

1. **BOLDNESS**
   A uniquely competitive and globalized student body

2. **SYNERGY**
   Prominent teams of researchers and scholars

3. **PLACE**
   Deep engagement with South Florida’s global communities

4. **QUALITY**
   Continuously-assessed and evolving best practices

5. **BRAND**
   National reputation for excellence

6. **STRATEGY**
   Wise and innovative allocation of resources

RACE TO EXCELLENCE

FAU CAMPUSES AND LOCATIONS

**FACILITIES**
The FAU campus in Boca Raton consists of 700 acres, of which approximately 94 acres are set aside for nature conservation.

- **BUILDINGS:** 263 (all campuses)
- **RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS:** 4,365 (Boca Raton and Jupiter)
- **FAU STADIUM:** 30,000 seats
- **ARENA:** 2,500 seats

**CAMPUS LOCATIONS**
- BOCA RATON
- JUPITER – JOHN D. MACARTHUR
- DAVIE
- DANIA BEACH – SEA TECH
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