

2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

STUDENT SUCCESS

FAU has embarked on its journey to become the nation's fastest improving public research university. Specifically, the institution is focused on increasing retention and graduation rates, and decreasing the time it takes to earn a degree. In 2015, FAU improved its score in the State University System Board of Governors' performance-based funding model by more than 50 percent. It is clear the University is beginning to reap the benefits of its student success initiatives and strategic plan. Moreover, FAU remains committed to improving all aspects of performance and ensuring that its students stay at the institution, graduate as quickly as possible, and go on to successful careers.

STEM LIFE SCIENCES INITIATIVE AT JUPITER (PHASE 2)

In 2015, FAU, Max Planck Florida Institute, and Scripps Research Institute entered into an agreement to create one-of-a-kind STEM focused education programs that will attract the best and brightest students. The Jupiter Life Science Initiative is now taking shape and transforming FAU's graduate programs and Honors College on the John D. MacArthur Campus. Together, these institutions are training the scientific leaders of tomorrow by allowing students to work, study, and conduct research alongside some of the world's leading scientists. Recently, the three organizations entered into shared facilities agreement that provides faculty and students access to \$20 million worth of state-of-the-art scientific equipment, while simultaneously increasing operational efficiency and saving the state of Florida millions of dollars.

JUPITER RESEARCH BUILDING

The Jupiter Research Building is a component of the University's STEM Life Sciences Initiative, which is transforming FAU's John D. MacArthur Campus into a hub of scientific inquiry, innovation, and economic development. Funds will be utilized to construct a 72,000 gsf facility that will provide research and instructional space to support the addition of new research faculty and the program's student enrollment growth.

TECH RUNWAY

Tech Runway is based on best practices developed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Stanford University, and combines the resources of FAU with the local business community to create an ecosystem that is conducive to the development of successful technology start-ups. Since its inception in 2014, Tech Runway has launched 14 start-up companies, which collectively have raised \$5.7 million in capital and created more than 35 jobs.



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