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## **FAU to Host Honors Convocation**

**BOCA RATON, FL (April 16, 2007)** – Florida Atlantic University President Frank T. Brogan and Provost John Pritchett will host the University's 38<sup>th</sup> annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 17 at 5 p.m. at the University Theater, in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road.

The annual ceremony recognizes the University's most outstanding students and faculty. (A full list of honorees is attached.)

Students to be honored include eight university scholars, representing each of FAU's colleges; the Phi Kappa Phi scholars; the Stan and Renee Wimberly Scholar; and the Student Academic Athletes of the Year.

A new award will be given at this year's convocation, the Nancy Blosser Service Award. It's named in honor of Board of Trustee member Nancy Blosser, who has a long record of rendering volunteer service to the University. It will be given to Hank Stern, who was instrumental in helping to launch the Commercial Music Program.

Faculty honors include the presentation of the FAU National Alumni Association's Degree of Difference Award, University Researchers of the Year awards, teaching and advising awards, and the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, which is determined by FAU students. The recipient of this award, Dr. Kathryn Keller of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, will present the keynote address.

For more information on the Honors Convocation, call 561-297-0884.

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## 2007 Florida Atlantic University Honors Convocation Awardees

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs  
Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
Barry Kaye College of Business  
College of Education  
College of Engineering and Computer Science  
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College  
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing  
Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Deborah Bruce  
Kristina Countryman  
Deborah Donaldson  
Andrea Schlessel  
Jaime Fraser  
Laura Owens  
Joshua Phillips  
Natalia Acosta

### DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Rhonda Graves

### PHI KAPPA PHI SCHOLARS

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Lorraine Fuhrman

### STUDENT ACADEMIC ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Megan Coyne and Ryan Kinsley

### THE UNIVERSITY CLUB SCHOLAR

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Christopher Vinci

### THE STAN AND RENEE WIMBERLY SCHOLAR

Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Eric Seymour

### NANCY BLOSSER SERVICE AWARD

Henry Stern

### UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Jie Wu

Professor of the Year – Sponsored/Project Oriented,  
Engineering and Computer Science

Allan Barsky

Professor of the Year – Creative/ Scholarly, Social Work

Yoshimi Shibata

Associate Professor of the Year – Sponsored/Project  
Oriented, Biomedical Sciences

Mihaela Cardei

Assistant Professor of the Year – Sponsored/Project  
Oriented, Engineering and Computer Science

## **UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS 2006-07**

### **Undergraduate Teaching Awards**

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters	Gina Carreno
Barry Kaye College of Business	Patrick Bernet
Barry Kaye College of Business	Eric Chiang
College of Education	Joseph Furner
College of Education	Mary Lou Duffy
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing	Marguerite Purnell
College of Engineering & Computer Science	Khaled Sobhan
College of Engineering & Computer Science	Martin Solomon

### **Undergraduate Advising Awards**

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters	Prisca Augustyn
College of Education	Marsha Lynch
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College	Terje Hoim

### **THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing	Kathryn Keller *
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\*bio attached

## **Dr. Kathryn Keller**

Kathryn Keller obtained her PhD in Nursing from the University of Miami in 1997. Her first position as a registered Nurse was in the Emergency Department at Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) in Miami. Following that experience, she worked in the Surgical ICU at Grady Memorial in Atlanta and then back to JMH to the Coronary Intensive Care Unit where she found her niche. This was the beginning of her interest in electrocardiographic nursing concepts. Eventually she went back to school and obtained her Masters degree in Nursing as a clinical specialist in critical care. Her last position at JMH was as an instructor in the school of nursing.

Around this time she met her future husband on a blind date, and before she knew it, she was married and living in Pittsburgh. Here she taught acute care nursing at Shadyside Hospital School of Nursing. Her first two children were born there, 15 months apart. The next stop was New Mexico where she worked as a critical care nurse specialist. Finally, she and her family made it back to Miami. There she accepted a critical care educator position and remained at Mercy Hospital for almost 10 years where she co-coordinated Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) courses, taught 12-lead EKG and arrhythmia interpretation courses, along with Open Heart Recovery and Critical Care courses. During this time she went back for the Ph.D. and had her third child.

Keller's primary research interest is in arrhythmia nursing knowledge. Her doctoral research was the "Development of an Instrument to Assess Critical Care Nurses' Arrhythmia Knowledge." She is presently working to refine this instrument. Additionally, she often publishes in the Cardiology Casebook section of the American Journal of Critical Care along with her mentor Dr. Louis Lemberg. She was certified in critical care nursing (CCRN) for over 20 years and remains current in ACLS. She loves to teach ACLS review and EKG nursing concepts.

Keller's life off campus revolves around her three children, Michael, Kristine and Jeffery and husband, Fernando.