



FAU Celebrates 'Stellar' 2019 President's Gala



Photo: Jeffrey Thol Photography. Pictured from left: Associate Professor, Elan Barenholtz, Ph.D.; Rubin Gruber; Cynthia Gruber; and Assistant Professor, Will Hahn, Ph.D.

The FAU Gala was out of this world! The event highlighted the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science and showcased talented students and celebrated the sciences. Through a year-long initiative and the Gala, FAU raised more than \$7 million in support of student scholarships! [Read more.](#)

Donna Marion, Psychology Instructor and Researcher




Donna Marion, Ph.D., is a dynamic instructor and active researcher in the Department of Psychology, who uses experiential learning in both online and traditional classrooms. [Watch here.](#)

Ask a Scientist

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WITH DR. BILL LOUDA
*HOSTED BY SCIENCE
DEAN, DR. ATA SARAJEDINI*

A photograph of Dr. Bill Louda, a man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a light blue striped button-down shirt and a brown cowboy hat with a skull and crossbones emblem. He is outdoors, gesturing with his right hand.

Science Dean and professor, Ata Sarajedini, Ph.D., interviews Bill Louda, Ph.D., a Research Professor who studies water quality. Louda discusses the impacts of red tide and harmful algal blooms in Florida. [Listen here.](#)



Catherine Lo is the first student at FAU to receive a [Master of Science in Marine Science and Oceanography](#) in this newly established degree program. As one of the first students in the program created by Harbor Branch and the College of Science, she proactively sought out opportunities to help support and supplement her research, including applying for scholarships, and attending and presenting at scientific conferences.

After graduating, Catherine will join Inwater Research Group, based in Fort Pierce, Florida, as an Endangered Species Observer for a local dredging project.

[Read more.](#)

National Academy of Sciences Names Alex Keene Kavli Fellow

Alex Keene, Ph.D., a leading neuroscientist at Florida Atlantic University, has been named a Kavli Fellow by The National Academy of Sciences. Alex is an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences in FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. Keene researches the neural mechanisms of sleep loss in Mexican cavefish; and he and his team are investigating the neural circuitry regulating taste memory in fruit flies.

"I am honored to have been selected as a Kavli Fellow by The National Academy of Sciences, and I am excited to be in the company of outstanding young scientists who are making important contributions in their fields," said Keene. [Read more.](#)



Alex Keene, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

50th Annual Honors Convocation



Donna Chamely-Wiik, Ph.D., presents undergraduate researcher, Stephen Hoover, with his award.

Florida Atlantic University President John Kelly and Provost Bret Danilowicz hosted the University's 50th annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, April 17. Congratulations to the award recipients from the College of Science, who are listed below. [Read more.](#)

Julie Yassa
University Scholar

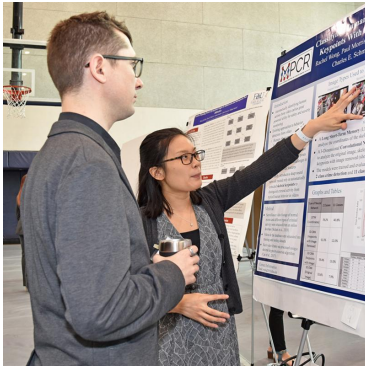
Stephen Hoover
Undergraduate Researcher of the Year

Alex Keene, Ph.D.
University Researcher of the Year

Joshua Voss, Ph.D.
University Researcher of the Year

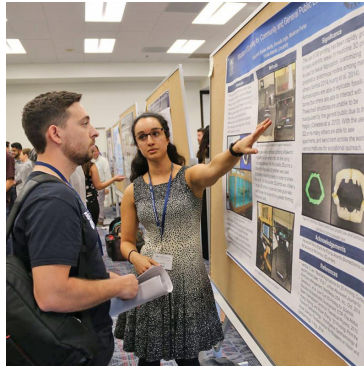
Nancy Jones, Ph.D.
Scholar of the Year

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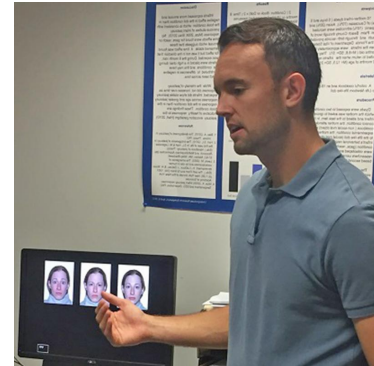
Graduate Research Day

Congratulations to the [2019 Graduate Research Day Winners](#) and the many student competitors from the College of Science! Seven of the 11 Graduate Research Day winners are from the College of Science. Master's and doctoral students across the University presented their research to faculty and peer judges, and the community on April 5. [View photos.](#)



Undergraduate Research Symposium

Congratulations to the 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium [poster presentation winners](#) and [oral presentation winners](#)! On April 8, students engaged in undergraduate research and scholarly activity presented their findings through a poster/visual arts presentation, or an oral/performing arts presentation. [View photos.](#)



Autism Study Published

Researchers find that children with autism are just as 'in-tune' with their mother's feelings as children without autism. Lead author, Ph.D. student Nathaniel Shanok, worked alongside co-author Nancy Aaron Jones, Ph.D., an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology. The study was published in the journal [Child Psychiatry & Human Development](#). [Read more.](#)

Sponsored Research Awards

Greg Macleod: National Institutes of Health, \$1,286,152

Ata Sarajedini: Space Telescope Science Institute, \$67,890

Gregg Fields: H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Inc., \$569,530

Colin Polsky: ICF Incorporated, LLC, \$13,900

James Hartmann: Marker Therapeutics, Inc., \$267,668

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 1
[Florida Israel Institute Lecture Series, Mark Langfan](#)

Friday, May 3

Sunday, May 19-Friday, May 24
[International Conference on Computational and Mathematical Population Dynamics](#)

Thursday, June 20

[Commencement](#)

[Research in Action, Ata Sarajedini, Ph.D.](#)

Thursday, May 16

[Research in Action, Rhys Williams, JD, MBA](#)

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