FAU Named a ‘Tree Campus USA’ University by Arbor Day Foundation

By encouraging its students to plant trees and participate in service that will help the environment, Florida Atlantic University is making a positive impact on its community that will last for decades,” said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. “One goal of the Tree Campus USA program is to help create healthier communities for its citizens through the planting of trees, and the Town of Jupiter will certainly benefit from Florida Atlantic University’s commitment to Tree Campus USA.”

The MacArthur Campus in Jupiter is home to the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum, named in honor of FAU’s vice president emeritus and founder of the campus. The arboretum is planted with Florida native plants, including typical species found in pine flatwoods, tropical hardwood hammocks, mixed hardwood swamps and oak hammock.

Each year the campus celebrates Arbor Day with a special program in the arboretum. On April 29, Jerry Renick and Mark Torok, local foresters and representatives from the Arbor Day Foundation, presented FAU with a recognition plaque and a Tree Campus USA flag.

For more information about the Huckshorn Arboretum, contact aedwards@fau.edu.

Great Music Means Scholarships for FAU’s Wilkes Honors College

Florida Atlantic University’s Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College recently hosted a performance of the Palm Beach Symphony on the Jupiter campus that benefited Honors College programs. The event honored Lois Pope, one of America’s leading philanthropists, who has had a profound and lasting impact on the Wilkes Honors College and its students. Through her Leaders in Furthering Education foundation (LIFE), Pope has provided scholarship support for bright students with financial need who were seeking an all-honors education. Honorory co-chairs were Fred and Kit Bigony, also generous donors who have supported scholarship support to more than 50 students.
As many of you know, I will retire in August after working at Florida Atlantic University for more than 20 years. It’s been a wonderful ride...

For the past two years, I have had the honor and privilege to serve as Vice President for Regional Campuses. While the challenge of overseeing six partner campuses was a challenge, it was thrilling to see the enthusiasm and dedication of FAU students, faculty and staff throughout our large service area.

I know that I am leaving the direction of the partner campuses in good hands. We will have a true advocate in our new regional administrator. Dr. Eliah Watlington will serve as Associate Provost of the Northern Campuses, reporting directly to the University Provost. Dr. Watlington is a faculty member with a long-standing affiliation to the Northern Campuses and surrounding communities, currently serving as Associate Dean of Assessment and Northern Campuses for the College of Education. She is well prepared to direct operations, academic and student affairs, and community relations. In conjunction with her new administrative duties, she will maintain her faculty position on a half-time basis. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Watlington on her appointment.

Although I will miss working at FAU, I know I will always be a member of the FAU family. I look forward to seeing you at football games and various events as we celebrate the University’s 50th anniversary of its founding.

Thanks to everyone who has made my years at FAU, and especially these past two, both personally and professionally rewarding.

GO OWLS!

Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President for Regional Campuses

Art in the Atrium Hosts Summer Exhibit

FAU Jupiter’s Art in the Atrium program is hosting an exhibit by the North County Art Association. “Tropical Images” features artwork by 22 local artists.

Several artists were awarded ribbons for their artwork:
1st place: Barbara Carswell – “Sea Grapes” - watercolor
2nd place: Carol Frezza – “Luminous Coconuts” - oil
3rd place: Sue Noonan – “Grassy Waters Preserve” - watercolor

A “meet the artists” reception was held on June 1. Katie DiGoia, vice president of programming for the North County Art Association, thanked FAU Jupiter for hosting the exhibit.

“This is the third summer we have exhibited in the atrium. Our members love the space and appreciate the opportunity to showcase their work here at FAU,” DiGoia said.

The free exhibit runs through August 1 at the Student Resource (SR) building. The SR Atrium is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 561-799-8105.

"Sea Grapes"- original watercolor by Barbara Carswell
Wilkes Honors College Celebrates 9th Annual Medallion Ceremony

After the University’s commencement ceremonies in Boca Raton on May 6, graduates from the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College participated in the 9th Annual Medallion Ceremony held in the Lifelong Learning Society Auditorium on the Jupiter campus. Students received medallions from their faculty advisors at the ceremony after having had their degrees conferred by President Mary Jane Saunders at the graduation ceremony on the Boca Raton campus that morning.

During the Medallion Ceremony, the graduating class was addressed by Dean Jeffrey Buller and Dr. Charles Richard Chappell, research professor of physics and a consulting space scientist in public affairs at Vanderbilt University. Alexa Billow ’10 presented the graduation address on behalf of the students. Dr. Morgan Cable ’05 welcomed graduates into the Wilkes Honors College Alumni Society and FAU National Alumni Association.

Cassidy Henry, a spring 2011 graduate of FAU’s Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College from Navarre, Fla., has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Macedonia, the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board recently announced. She is the first-ever Fulbright recipient from the Wilkes Honors College and will join more than 1,700 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2011-12 academic year through the program.

The award will allow Henry to study in Macedonia while taking courses at the Euro Balkan Institute and volunteering at a local non-government organization (NGO). She plans to use her time in Macedonia as preliminary research for her future graduate studies, which look at how NGOs and government can work together. Henry’s objective is to study new ways for local organizations to work in closer connection with the government to better serve the people of Macedonia.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

For more information about FAU’s Wilkes Honors College, visit www.honorscollege.edu or email hcadmissions@fau.edu.
The Northern Campuses Achievement Awards were presented on April 25 to recognize outstanding students, faculty and staff from the Jupiter and Treasure Coast campuses. Congratulations to the 2010–11 award recipients:

**Volunteer of the Year:** Bethanie Gallagher  
**Rising Star Award:** Kaija Robinson  
**Club of the Year:** Enviro Club  
**Club Advisor of the Year:** Dr. Mark Tunick  
**Owl of the Year Award – Jupiter:** Kristina Klaas  
**Owl of the Year Award – Treasure Coast:** Shaunte Robinson  
**Outstanding Staff of the Year:** Rochelle Popp  
**Unsung Hero:** David Wood

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS – JUPITER CAMPUS
- Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters: Katie Kerns  
- College for Design and Social Inquiry: Zaheera Mohammed  
- College of Education: Ashley Obranic (Undergraduate) and Fran Georgia Kamin (Graduate)  
- Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College: Kristina Klaas  
- Charles E. Schmidt College of Science: Darcel Craft (Undergraduate) and Jillian Sader (Graduate)

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS – TREASURE COAST CAMPUS
- College of Education: Shaunte Robinson (Undergraduate) and Allysa Vasko (Graduate)  
- College of Engineering: Thomas Walker (Undergraduate) and Mark Conatser (Graduate)  
- Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing: Kristin Austin (Undergraduate) and Andrea Clarke (Graduate)

### EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY AWARDS – JUPITER CAMPUS
- Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters: Dr. Douglas McGetchin  
- College for Design and Social Inquiry: Dr. Adam Dobrin  
- College of Education: Dr. Joseph Furner  
- Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College: Dr. Hilary Edwards  
- Charles E. Schmidt College of Science: Dr. Nancy Jones  
- Outstanding Adjunct: Frank De La Torre

### EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY AWARDS – TREASURE COAST CAMPUS
- College of Education: Leslie Calhoun  
- College of Engineering: Georgiana Carvalho  
- Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing: Josie Weiss  
- Outstanding Adjunct: Linda Hinkle

Coordinators for the event were Adam Ferrando and Rachel Popp, assistant directors of Student Involvement & Leadership in Jupiter and the Treasure Coast, assisted by student emcees Nick Piccirillo and Kaija Robinson.

Dr. Corey King, associate vice president and dean of students, extended congratulations to all the nominees. Vice President Joyanne Stephens expressed her appreciation for everyone’s efforts in making the Northern Campuses a wonderful part of FAU.

Dr. A.J. Chase, associate dean of students, said, “The Northern Campuses Achievement Awards provide an excellent opportunity to recognize the outstanding students, faculty and staff in our campus communities. We are especially proud to present a joint recognition program combining both the Jupiter and Treasure Coast campuses this year.”

Pat Pierson, a member of the Lifelong Learning Society advisory board and chair of their scholarship committee, presented LLS scholarships to five undergraduates and to two graduate students. (See story on page 5.)

A reception was held in the SR Atrium after the awards presentation. Ferrando reported that participation from students, faculty and staff in this year’s award process was exceptional.
Lifelong Learning Society Awards Seven Scholarships

The Lifelong Learning Society (LLS) at FAU Jupiter awarded two graduate and five undergraduate scholarships totaling $6,750 to students on the Jupiter campus. Pat Pierson, a member of the LLS Advisory Board and chair of the scholarship committee, presented certificates to the recipients at the Northern Campus Achievement Awards on April 25.

“Last year, we awarded one graduate and four undergraduate scholarships to students on the Jupiter campus,” said René Friedman, executive director. “This year, proceeds from our annual LUNAFEST film festival allowed us to fund two additional scholarships for female students on the Jupiter campus.”

The primary criteria for scholarship selection were a candidate’s demonstrated academic achievement and leadership performance and potential. The graduate scholarship recipients were Aaron Evans (geosciences) and Ann-Marie Alexander (elementary education). The undergraduate scholarship recipients were Maria De Lourdes Aitken (biochemistry/women’s studies), Akiva Rabinowitz (neuroscience) and Shaina Rowell (behavioral neuroscience). Imarhia Enogieru (biology) and Lindsay McCullough (biology) received the LUNAFEST film festival scholarships.

First ‘Make Waves’ at FAU Jupiter Candidates Selected

Representatives for FAU Jupiter’s first series of “Make Waves” posters have been selected from numerous nominations and are:

STUDENTS:
- Kimberly Macdonald, Class of 2012, Wilkes Honors College, studying psychology
- Michael Metzner, Class of 2012, Wilkes Honors College, studying bio-chemistry and visual arts

FACULTY:
- Sameer Hinduja, associate professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

STAFF:
- Crystal Atkinson, FAU alumna, Director of Northern Campuses Business & Financial Services
- Alana Edwards, FAU alumna, Education & Training Coordinator, Center for Environmental Studies

ALUMNA:
- Jennifer Geiser Chiampou, attorney, Wilkes Honors College, Class of 2002

The selection panel thanks everyone who submitted nominations. The job of selecting representatives wasn’t easy! All nominations from this round will be kept on file for consideration for future “wave” posters.

Lifelong Learning Society Hosts Annual Volunteer Recognition

FAU Jupiter’s Lifelong Learning Society held its annual volunteer appreciation luncheon at Mangrove Bay Senior Lifestyle Community to recognize and pay tribute to more than 100 volunteers.

Each year LLS honors the commitment of their many volunteers, whose efforts encourage participation in non-traditional educational classes. Volunteers of the Year awards were presented to Carolyn Wilson and Alexis Morrill. Volunteer Couples of the Year awards were presented to Doug and Ardean Wessel and Earl and Patty Miller. This recognition acknowledges the extraordinary dedication and untiring service of LLS volunteers.

For more information, or to receive a free catalog, contact the Lifelong Learning Society at 561-799-8667 or 561-799-8547.
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Adam Dobrin, associate professor in the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, College for Design and Social Inquiry, presented his research in Washington, D.C. at the Congressional Briefing on Juvenile Justice. He also traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, to meet with the World Health Organization’s Health in Prisons Project leadership. Dobrin serves as Field Administrator for the Cochrane Collaboration’s Justice Health Field.


Ginny Jones, adjunct instructor, College for Design and Social Inquiry, received the Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award for her part-time teaching in the field of social work.

Kami Barrett, assistant director, Lifelong Learning Society – Jupiter, graduated from the Rising Leaders program at Nonprofits First.

Terry Gearing, director of University Relations, received the President’s Award from Leadership Palm Beach County for dedicated service to the organization and the community.

University Scholar of the Year
Christopher Strain, associate professor, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching
Wairimu N. Njambi, associate professor, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Advising
William O’Brien, associate professor, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

FAU Board of Trustees Service Award
Richard Gordon, advisory board, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

FAMILY NEWS

Jacqueline Fewkes and her husband Nasir Khan welcomed their daughter Amina on February 1.

Dr. Alyssa DeHass and her husband Mark DeHass welcomed their son Maddox on January 5.