



John Kelly, Ph.D., Selected as FAU's Seventh President



On Friday, January 17, 2014, John Kelly, Ph.D., was selected as Florida Atlantic University's seventh president by the University's 13-member Board of Trustees.

Kelly has been the vice president of economic development at Clemson University, where he was tasked with developing and implementing university policy, strategic planning, hiring strategies, communication and budgeting.

Since January 2007, Kelly has served as executive director of the Clemson University Restoration Institute, where he built a highly collaborative team to educate students and direct research in energy systems. In addition, he had overall responsibility for the public service mission of the university and served as the State of South Carolina agency head of "Clemson

Speed Skater and FAU Alum Brittany Bowe Heads to Winter Olympics



Brittany Bowe always dreamed of becoming an Olympian, but never thought she would compete on the ice – at least not until the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Four years after watching familiar faces from the in-line skating world compete in Olympic speed skating, the Floridian and former FAU point guard heads to Sochi hoping to become the first American woman to win a speed skating medal since 2002.

In July 2010, Bowe left the beach and ocean breezes of Boca for the snow-capped mountains of Salt Lake City, Utah. She had never set foot on ice, but was determined to turn her in-line skating skills into gold medal potential. Just three and a half years later, she broke the world record for the women's 1,000 meters.

University Public Service Activities” including the S.C. Experiment Station, Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service, Regulatory Services and Livestock Poultry Health, with programs in 46 counties. Kelly also oversaw Clemson University Undergraduate Service Learning and had administrative responsibility of numerous Institutes and Centers.

Kelly earned his doctoral and master’s degrees from The Ohio State University and his bachelor’s degree from Clemson University.



The 25-year-old Ocala native grew up competing in two sports she loved equally. When she wasn’t in-line skating she was dribbling and shooting layups on the basketball court. As a young competitor she captured 32 world championship metals in in-line skating and earned a full scholarship to play basketball at FAU.

Bowe credits much of her success to the encouragement and support she received as a student athlete at FAU. The university’s 8th leading basketball scorer remains close with former teammates and coaches who along with the rest of the FAU family have showered her with support on social media.

“I wouldn’t trade my experience at FAU for the world,” she said. “Playing 4 years of basketball and earning my degree from FAU is something that will always remain close to my heart and paved the way to where I am today.”

Bowe says she is still adjusting to the winter weather. Going to the beach is listed as her favorite activity on her official Team USA profile. Maybe next time she comes home to warm up and soak up some Florida sunshine she’ll have a metal or two to bring along.

Follow Brittany’s adventures in on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and Instagram (@BrittanyBowe).

SACS Reaffirms FAU's Accreditation for the Next 10 Years

In December 2013, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmed Florida Atlantic University’s accreditation for a period of 10 years. FAU received a top evaluation from the SACS team that visited the campus last February. After reviewing exhaustive documentation on all aspects of the University’s operations and meeting with leaders of the self-evaluation process, the SACS representatives ruled that no further action was needed on our part before submission of our application to the entire Commission. This is an outcome that is achieved by only 2 percent of institutions undergoing this type of review.



FAU Partners with Lilly on Drug Discovery Research

As the area’s major research university, FAU is committed to providing economic leadership in the region. We are working with the business community, local governments and research institutions to forge strategic partnerships

The SACS team had special praise for the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), an essential element of reaffirmation. The QEP, titled "Distinction through Discovery," is aimed at enhancing the undergraduate experience at FAU by making research and scholarly inquiry integral parts of all academic disciplines. This initiative is under way and will continue to be developed as an institutional priority.

The accreditation provides a ringing endorsement of the effectiveness with which FAU is carrying out its mission to be a center of top-quality educational programs, meaningful research and transformative community engagement.



and drive the regional economy. The University's priorities reflect that spirit of collaboration as FAU strives to be an externally focused institution.

A recent example of these efforts is the University's research partnership with the Lilly Corporation. Lilly, in conjunction with the Association of University Technology Managers, created the Open Innovation Drug Discovery Program. The Program provides a platform for collaboration by allowing investigators working in both the public and private sectors to work together and access Lilly's proprietary and disease-relevant compounds. This resource will allow scientists to test new therapeutic hypotheses and advance their understanding of complex biological systems. FAU and Lilly are breaking down the barriers that traditionally existed between research organizations. By advancing the science of drug discovery we can improve the quality of life for patients impacted by disease.

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