



FAU's Presidential Search Committee

FAU recently embarked on a search for a new university president. The Board of Trustees has retained the services of Parker Executive Search, which has conducted more than 400 successful higher education searches for positions ranging from president to dean.

FAU in conjunction with Parker Executive Search will be holding open forums on campus. These events, which are scheduled to take place on October 21 and 22, are designed to allow members of the community as well as FAU's student body, faculty and staff to provide their input and identify the qualities they are seeking in the University's new president.

The Board of Trustees has released the names and biographies of the individuals who have been appointed to the executive search committee.

[Click here](#) to meet the Presidential Search Committee.



ESPN Announces Creation of Boca Raton Bowl

ESPN Regional Television, a subsidiary of ESPN, recently announced the creation of the Boca Raton Bowl in a six-year agreement beginning in 2014. The bowl game will be played at FAU Stadium on the Boca Raton campus and televised on ESPN or ESPN2. The pre-Christmas bowl game will be affiliated with the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA and the Mid-American Conference with each conference participating approximately four times during the six-year span.

FAU Developmental Research "Lab" Schools

The FAU community includes people of all ages, ranging from the babies and toddlers at the Slattery Center to the senior citizens in our Lifelong Learning Society. FAU's College of Education is currently serving more than 2,400





Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI) Indian River Lagoon Research

Check out HBOI's newest public outreach tool that aims to educate the community on the Indian River Lagoon and the related research that is being conducted by HBOI scientists. Click on the picture above to view the video!

FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute has been studying the Indian River Lagoon for more than 40 years. HBOI is committed to creating a long-term, multi-disciplinary, ecosystem-based approach to studying and conserving the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie Estuary.

As the environmental problems facing the lagoon have continued to receive international attention, Harbor Branch has proven itself to be an enduring platform for scientific collaboration, education and community outreach. Over the last four months, more than 50 articles and news pieces about the Lagoon have featured Harbor Branch's scientific experts and their research, including stories by *Scripps TC*, *Tampa Bay Times*, *Florida Today*, *Miami Herald*, *NY Times*, NPR, local networks and NBC Nightly News. In addition, scientists like Dr. Brian LaPointe have lent their knowledge and insight about the Lagoon to city and county commissions, members of Congress, the Florida Legislature, and the recently formed Senate Select Committee.

Later this month, Harbor Branch will host a workshop for the "Our Global Estuary" initiative, which will bring together top estuarine scientists, resource managers, urban planners, environmental lawyers, educators and other key stakeholders from across the United States and Australia. The group will discuss issues facing the world's estuaries and how observation and prediction systems can address these problems. The workshop is the first in a series of events that aim to provide a

children at "lab" schools on the Boca Raton campus and in the Port St. Lucie community of Tradition. All of FAU's lab schools are "A" schools and the Henderson School (serving K-8) in Boca is the highest-performing laboratory school in Florida and ranked 20th among all 3,100 public schools in the state.

FAU High School has established a unique dual enrollment program that allows students to earn a substantial amount of college credit. Students spend their 9th grade year in a typical high school classroom setting, taking advanced coursework. During grades 10-12 students are enrolled in collegiate classes that are taken at the University for both high school and college credit. Typically, when students graduate from FAU High, they have earned three years' worth of college credits.

This past summer, James Martin, a 17-year-old student graduated from FAU High and simultaneously received his bachelor's degree in biology from FAU. His amazing accomplishments recently caught the eye of international pop star Beyonce, who invited James and his family to meet her backstage at a concert.

[Click here](#) to view Beyonce's video blog of her meeting with James.

FAU's Jupiter Life Science Initiative

FAU's collaborations with Scripps Florida, the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience, the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies and the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute of Florida are fueling the growth of a cutting-edge biomedical research initiative that will create new industries and provide quality jobs for our graduates. The University has recently established the Jupiter Life Science Initiative on the MacArthur campus by relocating six neuroscience labs and launching a Ph.D. program in collaboration with our partners at Max Planck. The initiative is under the direction of Dr. Rod Murphey, chair of the department of biological sciences. Dr. Brenda Claiborne will bring her extensive experience in brain development and aging to her new role as director for neuroscience. In addition, FAU is dedicating \$1.7 million of the University's operating budget to support the continued growth of the Jupiter campus as a nationally

powerful set of recommendations to help answer scientific questions, aid resource management, develop sound conservation policies and promote stewardship activities.

[Click here](#) to read the press release about the "Our Global Estuary" workshop.

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