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A letter *from the president*



Florida Southern College has benefited throughout its history from generous contributions from alumni, friends, foundations, corporations, and churches. During the past decade of the College's *Believe* Campaign, FSC has received 80,682 contributions totaling \$182 million. Each donation has been of paramount importance to supporting FSC's nationally recognized trajectory of excellence and growth.

In this edition of *Southernnews*, you will be introduced to eight remarkable women who have made transformational gifts that have supported a variety of key strategic initiatives that have catapulted our College into national prominence. Each of these dynamic women has a unique background, history with the College, passion for education, and reason for investing in FSC's students and the institution. Their stories are inspirational, and each has left an indelible mark on the history of Florida Southern College. Indeed, they have made a profound impact on FSC and countless lives through their generosity.

You will also be introduced to a very talented alumna who has achieved outstanding success with one of America's most iconic corporations. Also, as you have read in previous editions, science education at FSC continues to flourish. Thus, we are pleased to share information about one of our most promising science students who is involved in important cancer research. In addition, please enjoy reading about two exciting new improvements to campus—the Barnett Athletic Complex that will give our softball, soccer, and lacrosse programs state-of-the-art facilities, and Patriot's Plaza, which will present a wonderful tribute to our alumni who have served in the United States armed services.

In the fall, we welcomed two academic leaders with impressive credentials to campus, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences Dr. Linda Comer and Dr. Antony Dnes, Director of the Center for Free Enterprise. The FSC faculty are extraordinary, and you will learn more in the following pages about the men and women who are not only making important contributions to their fields, but also are revered mentors to FSC students.

I hope you retain a great pride in Florida Southern and enjoy the updates shared in this edition of *Southernnews*.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.
President

On the cover:

The women who have helped transform Florida Southern through their generosity: seated are (from left) Dr. Sarah D. McKay and Dr. Marcene H. Christoverson; standing from left are Ann Blanton Edwards, Dr. Carol Barnett '79, President Kerr, Dr. Marjorie Roberts, and Carole Weinstein. Not pictured are Lynn Hollis and Wynnee Warden.

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NEW MCKAY ENDOWED CHAIR TO EMPHASIZE CIVIC EDUCATION



Dr. McKay and Dr. Kerr (left) are joined by Dr. R. Bruce Anderson, just named to the Dr. Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr., Endowed Chair in American History, Government, and Civics.

As the result of a transformational gift by FSC Trustee Dr. Sarah McKay, the College has created a new endowed professorship that will place increased emphasis on civic education. The position, the Dr. Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr., Endowed Chair in American History, Government, and Civics, was announced at a ceremony and luncheon on September 28 in the Archives Building named for Dr. McKay and her late husband.

It was also announced that the endowed chair will be filled by Dr. R. Bruce Anderson, associate professor of political science and chairman of the department.

In announcing the new endowed professorship, President Anne Kerr praised Dr. McKay for her “intelligence and insightfulness, combined with her contagious spirit of collaboration, respect for others, and overwhelming generosity.”

“Indeed, Sarah McKay is a great citizen, one who has an unwavering devotion to the founding principles of our nation and who exemplifies the very highest in civic leadership. ... The creation of the McKay Chair will enable us to better meet our students’ expectations for curricular and co-curricular programming that allows them to explore fully the meaning and responsibilities of citizenship and prepares them to take part in civic life.”

In brief remarks, Dr. McKay credited her interest in history and civic education to teachers she had in high school and to the lessons they imparted, such as the importance of being an informed citizen and voting. She cited the preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

“It says, ‘We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, and insure domestic tranquility,’ and I think this phrase ‘domestic tranquility’ means that everyone wants peace,” she said. “Our nation’s motto is ‘In God we trust,’ and I do every day.”

Upon his arrival at Florida Southern College in 2010, Dr. Anderson made an immediate impact as a dynamic teacher, farsighted administrator, and visible presence in the community. During his tenure at FSC, he has strengthened the College’s pre-law program, with the result that his students have a 100 percent acceptance rate to law school. He also created the Florida Southern College Center for Polling and Policy Research that has contributed important polling results on the 2016 elections.

A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University who earned his master’s and doctoral degrees at Rice University, he is the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching in Political Science Award from the American Political Science Association and the Miller Distinguished Professor award from Florida Southern.

In acknowledging his new position, Dr. Anderson thanked Dr. McKay and said it would allow him to focus on creating courses on the Constitution and American political institutions.

“This is not only an incredible honor but a gift that will show substantive results,” he said. “We will go from the possible to the probable, from the probable to reality.”

The ceremony and luncheon concluded with a stirring performance by the FSC Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Beth Gibbs. The Chamber Singers sang the national anthem and the patriotic anthem *This is My Country*.



FSC'S NEWEST DEPARTMENT

COMPUTER SCIENCE

The rapid growth of information technology—and the demand for people who understand its applications in everything from commerce to games to national security—has led to the creation of FSC's newest department. Although computer science has been offered for years, the faculty was part of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. In August, the Department of Computer Science was created as an independent department.

The number of students at FSC majoring in computer science has doubled within the past three years and the program now has 65 students, said Dr. H. David Mathias, chair of the department and the Charles and Mildred Jenkins Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. The decision to establish a separate department recognizes the importance of the discipline and allows the faculty to better adapt to the demands of the field.

"It's the type of space that encourages discussion and the exchange of ideas, the kinds of ideas that lead to innovation and, maybe, 'the next big thing.'"

"As a separate department, we will have more autonomy to set the curriculum," Dr. Mathias said. "Few academic disciplines have experienced the sustained, rapid rate of change that is one of the defining characteristics of computer science. Twenty years ago, mobile apps had not been invented because there were no truly mobile devices, big data didn't exist, cybersecurity was a much less important field than it is now, and even the Internet as we know it was in its infancy."

In a further boost to its status, the department has two new faculty members and a newly remodeled suite on the third floor of the Jack M. Berry Science Building, with spacious classrooms and a common area for study and collaboration. Dr. Mathias said the collaborative space is important for the students.

"This will provide computer science majors a place to gather to work together on projects for classes, unwind with other students, or use technology just for fun," he said. "It's the type of space that encourages discussion and the exchange of ideas, the kinds of ideas that lead to innovation and, maybe, 'the next big thing.'"

Dr. Mathias earned his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and taught at Indiana University and Ohio State University before joining the faculty at FSC in 2014. His research interest is in algorithms—a prescribed set of operations to perform calculations, data processing, or automated reasoning. He also is faculty advisor for the AirMox, the department's drone team.

The other member of the department is Dr. Christian Roberson, assistant professor of computer science. Dr. Roberson earned his bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Florida and taught at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, where he was chair of the department. His research is focused on artificial intelligence, machine learning, and their applications, solving complex problems such as improving product recommendations, and identifying patterns of information.

At a reception, visitors get a look at the new Department of Computer Science in the Jack M. Berry Science Building.



Dr. Christian Roberson (left) and Dr. H. David Mathias in the newly remodeled classroom facilities for the new Department of Computer Science.

Freshmen Swept into Their Rooms on Move-in Day

At some schools, move-in day for freshmen and first-year students can be a Darwinian experience—survival of the fittest. Not so at Florida Southern, where the Office of Student Development has made a determined effort in recent years to make move-in day as easy and welcoming as possible.

This year's Move-in Day on August 20 was no exception. One parent was overheard telling an FSC volunteer, "You guys are fast. We pulled up and didn't have to touch one thing."

The College's concierge service relies on an army of volunteers, from faculty and administration to upperclassmen from Greek organizations, ROTC, and athletic teams. Arriving freshmen and their families are directed to designated parking areas where they are met by friendly teams that whisk belongings to appropriate residence hall rooms. If the residence hall is not adjacent to parking, golf carts transport bulkier boxes and objects.

This year the College welcomed 650 first-year and 90 transfer students—its largest incoming class to date. The class matched last year's record as the highest-achieving incoming class in school history. It also brought total enrollment to an all-time high.

Braving heat and humidity, the volunteers had most students moved into their rooms by early afternoon.

Freshman Anya Larson of Rogers, Minn., said, "There were lots of signs, which was very helpful. My father was impressed that it was so well organized. They got all my stuff in one swoop."

LEGACIES CONTINUE TO FLOCK TO FSC

The march of legacies continues on.

Freshmen and first-year students who are sons, daughters, and relatives of alumni or employees were welcomed at the College's annual Legacy Luncheon on Move-in Day. The number of legacies continues to remain high, an indication of the loyalty Florida Southern engenders among its alumni. At the luncheon, Robert H. Tate, Ph.D., vice president for advancement, announced that 12 percent of the incoming class are legacies.



New Moc Mallary Meyer (right), niece of Director of Athletics Pete Meyer, has her picture taken with her uncle and Mocsie at the Legacy Lunch.



In addition to pictures with Mocsie and door prizes, the legacy students each told the audience their hometown, their major, and identified their legacy relationship. Freshman Addison Cantor of Denver, Colo., attended the lunch with her grandparents, David '62 and Jean Hauger '65 Bunch of Lakeland.

"It's a family school, and I wanted to go to a smaller comprehensive college," she said.

The Bunches are co-owners of Hauger-Bunch Realtors, Inc., and David said the college his granddaughter is attending has grown and improved greatly since he and Jean were students.

"Florida Southern has pride of place now. It has found its niche and built on it," he said.



Freshman Addison Cantor, granddaughter of David '62 and Jean Hauger '65 Bunch of Lakeland, tells a little about herself at the Legacy Lunch.

Freshmen and first-year students and their legacies gather for a picture following the Legacy Luncheon.



SCENES FROM MOVE-IN DAY '16, WITH FACULTY, STAFF, AND ATHLETIC TEAMS PITCHING IN TO MAKE FSC'S CONCIERGE SERVICE A SUCCESS.



Competitive Edge

FSC Breaks Ground on the Barnett Athletic Complex

SOFTBALL FIELD TO BE NAMED FOR COACH CHRIS BELLOTTO '80

In a major step for the Department of Athletics, a multimillion-dollar project is underway to transform Barnett Field into the Barnett Athletic Complex, a state-of-the-art facility for softball, lacrosse, and soccer that will not only attract the best student-athletes in the nation, but also equip the College to host tournament and championship events.

The improvements will create a new softball field, a dual-purpose field for soccer and lacrosse, and supporting facilities, including grandstands, electronic scoreboards, air-conditioned press boxes, and stadium lighting. In addition, restrooms, a concession stand between the fields, almost 90 parking spaces, and permanent fencing with three admission gates will be added to the complex.

Construction begins this spring and is expected to be completed in time for the fall 2017 season.

At the November groundbreaking ceremony, Director of Athletics Pete Meyer said the project is “a dream come true.”

“We have the opportunity to do great things. This is a game-changer. It’s a new direction in Florida Southern athletics so we can recruit the best and brightest student-athletes,” he said.

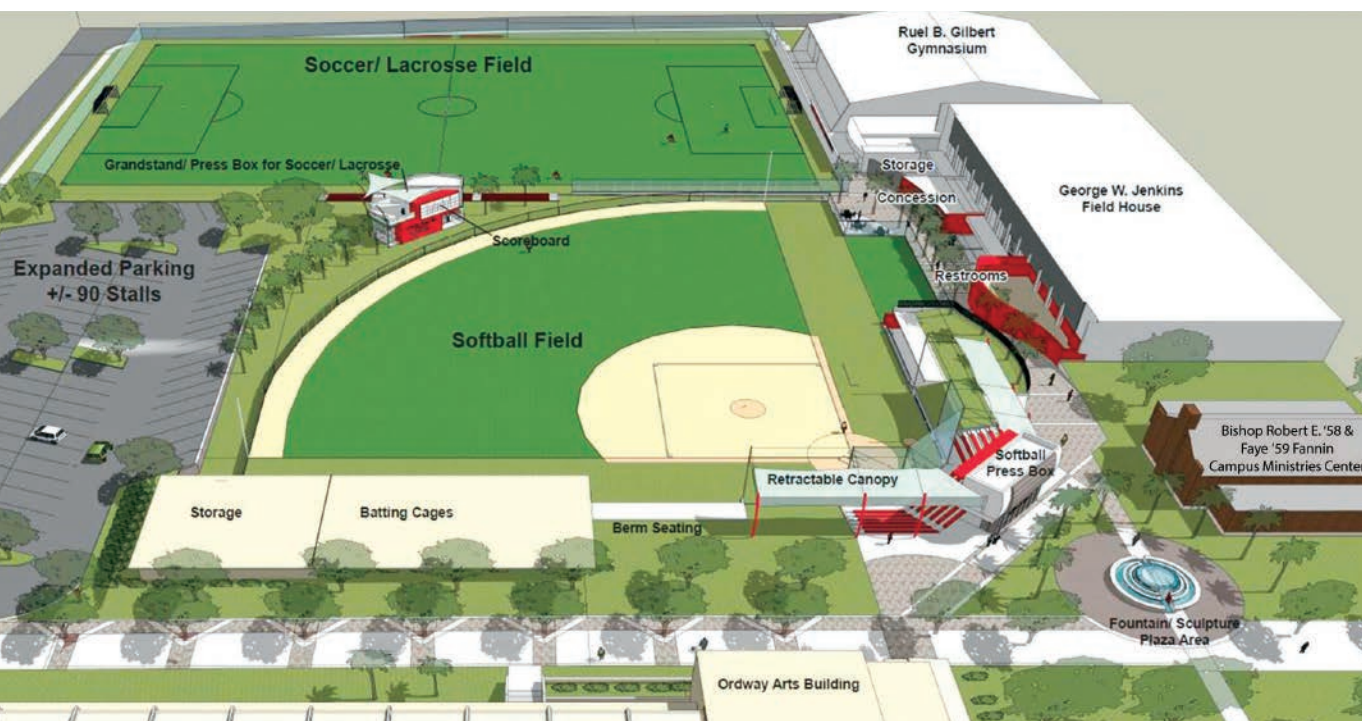
In her remarks, President Anne Kerr announced that, thanks to an anonymous donor, the softball field will be named in honor of the only head softball coach in FSC history, Chris Bellotto '80, who said later she was in tears at the news.

“I had no idea. It’s humbling to think your name is going to be on something forever,” she said. “This will help a lot in recruiting. There are a lot of nice facilities in the Sunshine State Conference, and I’m sure ours will be the best.”

The new facility will match the level of excellence achieved by FSC’s nationally renowned NCAA II program.



Guests and dignitaries ceremonially break ground for the new Barnett Athletic Complex.



The softball program won a national title in 1993. Coach Bellotto, who began coaching during her senior year at FSC, has 1,266 career wins as a coach, which places her in the top three all-time in Division II.

The women's lacrosse team is the defending NCAA Division II national champion. Even though the program began just six years ago under Head Coach Kara Reber, FSC was the first women's lacrosse program outside the Northeast to win a national title. The men's and women's lacrosse teams have been playing off campus, and the new field will allow the College to host lacrosse games on campus, making it easier for students to support those teams.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Jackson Marshall, captain of the women's lacrosse team and president of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, said the new facilities "will inspire us to achieve even greater success."

Originally built as a soccer and baseball field in 1954 and known as L.N. Pipkin Field, a softball field was added about 1980. Lights were added in 1990, and the complex was renamed for Mr. Hoyt W. Barnett, a longtime supporter of the FSC Department of Athletics and the father of Trustee Dr. Barney Barnett '65.

Ned Biddix '58, who played baseball for the Mocs, and was in attendance for the groundbreaking, said he played in the first game on the field.

"There was no fence. If someone hit the ball into Ingraham Avenue, it was a home run," he recalled with a laugh.

The athletic program at FSC ranks in the top five in NCAA Division II, with 29 national championships.

Improvements to the Softball Field

- Covered grandstand seating for 250 people
- Two regulation-sized dugouts
- Air-conditioned press box with seating for up to 10 people
- Electronic scoreboard
- Stadium lighting for night games
- Permanent fencing surrounding the field
- Greg Norman turf grass
- Two batting cages
- Equipment storage

Improvements to the Dual Purpose Soccer/Lacrosse Field

- Grandstand seating for 500 people
- Bench areas for two teams
- Air-conditioned press box with seating for up to 10 people
- Electronic scoreboard
- Stadium lighting for night games
- Permanent fencing surrounding the field

Additional Features for the Barnett Athletic Complex

- Central plaza between the two fields with restrooms and a concession stand with outdoor tables
- Parking with about 87 spaces, with access from Frank Lloyd Wright Way
- Permanent fencing around the entire complex with three admission gates
- A promenade connecting the complex to the center of campus
- Patriots Plaza, honoring FSC alumni who have served in the military, will be located at the entrance to the promenade (see page 15)

Mocsie is joined by (from left) President Kerr, Director of Athletics Pete Meyer, Head Softball Coach Chris Bellotto '80, and Trustee Barney Barnett '65. The athletic complex is named for Mr. Barnett's father.

“It is critical to the future health of the citizens in the community that there be a strong nursing workforce.”



Dean Linda Comer: In Love with Nursing

For Dr. Linda Comer, the new dean of the College's School of Nursing and Health Sciences, advocacy is important. Whether it is supporting patients or fighting for resources for nursing education, it is a role she has eagerly taken up throughout her career as a nurse, counselor, and educator.

“I've always been an advocate, and nurses are advocates in many ways,” she said.

Dr. Comer assumed her duties in July. She came to FSC from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., where she was associate director for the School of Nursing. As a lifelong United Methodist, she was drawn to FSC's Methodist heritage, and the position as dean was the culmination of a long career as a clinical nurse and nurse educator.

“The size of the program was a good fit for me, and its curriculum was familiar. When I came to FSC and visited, I was struck by the positive feeling from the people here,” she said.

Dr. Comer is a native of Greensboro, N.C., where she spent most of her career. She said nursing appealed to her interests in anatomy, science, and psychology.

“I fell in love with it,” she said.

Dr. Comer worked as a certified critical care nurse and a clinical nurse specialist in the cardiovascular department of Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro. Balancing family and career, she earned masters' degrees in nursing education and in counseling from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She taught at North Carolina A&T University

and had a private counseling practice while continuing to work as a critical care nurse. She went on to earn a Ph.D. in education from UNCG, specializing in curriculum and teaching.

Provost Kyle Fedler said that during a nationwide search for a new dean, Dr. Comer rose to the top.

“The search committee was committed to finding a leader who could move the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to new heights of excellence. Dr. Comer has had an immediate impact through her strong but affirming leadership style. Where others might see challenges or obstacles, she sees opportunities,” he said.

Dr. Comer said her goals center on developing the relationship between academic classes and clinical practice, along with faculty development.

“There is a need to help the faculty work more collaboratively and to support the faculty who are on tenure track. Also, we need to pay attention to the physical space needs of the exercise science program, which is growing by leaps and bounds,” Dr. Comer said.

Citing an Institute of Medicine report that demonstrated higher levels of education in nursing reduce the mortality rates of patients, Dr. Comer said the goal of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences is not just to award degrees, but also to improve the health of communities.

“It is critical to the future health of the citizens in the community that there be a strong nursing workforce,” she said.

An International Perspective:

DR. ANTONY DNES IS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR FREE ENTERPRISE

Dr. Antony Dnes has not forgotten his roots. His father was an emigre from Ukraine, and he grew up in a town in England with a workforce of skilled tradesmen, people who valued education. The experience not only provided Dr. Dnes with a foundation for becoming a scholar; it also gave direction to his studies.

“It was a very practical upbringing, and that stayed with me as an academic. I have a strong interest in discovering the factors that support the lives of ordinary people, such as encouraging economic growth and focusing on human welfare and what supports it best,” he said.

In August, Dr. Dnes took over the reins as the director of the Center for Free Enterprise in the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. He came to the center from the University of Hull in the United Kingdom, where he was professor of economics. Although most of his career was spent in his native land, he did some teaching and research in the U.S. and jumped at the chance to teach here full time.

“Having worked in both countries, I had a residence permit, and besides, I was an Americanophile,” he said. “I became a citizen five years ago. I like the can-do attitude of the American people. They’re easygoing and purposeful, hardworking and focused. And I like the principal institutions. There’s a good balance here between the will of the majority and the rights of the minority.”

Dr. Dnes studied at the universities of Leicester and Aberdeen and earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Edinburgh, in addition to a law degree from the University of London. He taught at the universities of St. Andrews, Nottingham, and Hartfordshire before assuming the professorship at Hull. He also taught at Virginia Tech.

His research has been conducted primarily in the field of law and economics, and he is keen to educate students about the merits of free enterprise under a democratic political system.

“Very often young people, because they’ve grown up in a system that is free and fair, don’t appreciate what’s required to maintain it. Because we’re equal before the law and can’t be rounded up in the middle of the night, free enterprise means that people can develop their talents. It is the best way to support the welfare of ordinary people,” he said.

Dr. Robert Holmes, interim dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, said Dr. Dnes’s experiences in cultures outside the United States give him a unique perspective on how free markets work.

“The Center’s programs focus on engaging students and the greater community in an understanding of the widespread benefits of a free market economy and the free enterprise system,” he said. “I am confident that Dr. Dnes will enhance and expand the mission, programs, and reputation of the Center.”

Dr. Dnes intends to continue programs already in place at the Center, such as political economy studies and a lecture series. He also expressed an interest in establishing connections with local high school teachers and others in the surrounding community.

“I’m keen to get an emphasis going here that economic activity is inherently beneficial. It creates employment and generates income for shareholders,” he said. “We need to celebrate it.”



MODEL PATIENTS:

VICTORIA AND TORI TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT OBSTETRICS

Victoria is quite a patient. She is pregnant, or maybe not. She's about to give birth, but uh-oh, the baby's shoulders are stuck. She's bleeding, but is she hemorrhaging? Oh, and she speaks four languages, including Finnish.

Victoria is a lifelike animated simulator, the latest cutting-edge teaching tool in the Anne MacGregor Jenkins Teaching Laboratory at the FSC School of Nursing and Health Sciences. She is specially designed for students learning about obstetrics, and she can be set up and programmed for as many as 23 different scenarios involving pregnancy, labor, and delivery, all of which nurses might have to deal with in a hospital obstetrics unit.

Victoria, and a second simulator, a newborn baby named Tori, were acquired by the laboratory in November, thanks to a generous grant from the Anne MacGregor Jenkins Fund. It gives students realistic hands-on experience with a wide range of possible situations that they might not otherwise encounter during the clinical rotations required of students at local healthcare facilities.

“Students get one semester in our program on an obstetrics floor. You have to cross your fingers that you’ll actually be present for a live delivery, and that’s not always the case,” said Brittany Schultz ’14, the simulation laboratory assistant at FSC who is also an obstetrics nurse at Lakeland Regional Health Center.

Victoria is a full-sized model with internal parts that simulate a woman’s anatomy. The abdomen is detachable and can be replaced with different modules, depending on the lesson being taught. The abdomen module used in a birth simulation becomes rigid at programmed intervals, just as a woman’s abdomen does during contractions. Birth is simulated with a model of a full-term baby, placed in her abdominal cavity and attached to a rod that pushes it through a simulated cervix.

The scenarios are programmed via a Surface tablet, and some variables, such as heart rate, blood pressure, or contractions can be changed by the lab instructor as the simulation is in progress.

Simulated blood and birth fluids stored in the model can be released at various times during a delivery session, including sudden, excessive “blood” loss that simulates a hemorrhage. Victoria is so sophisticated that she responds to therapies and procedures the students perform, such as giving her intravenous fluids and CPR.

“Students have to monitor and understand the data and respond accordingly,” Schultz said.

They may also be called upon to perform maneuvers that in real life pose true medical emergencies for the patient or the baby. For example, in one scenario, the baby’s shoulders get caught on the mother’s pubic bone, a condition called shoulder dystocia which requires forceful action by the delivery nurse to correct. Since Victoria can be programmed to groan, cry and scream just as a real patient would, the scenario can test a student’s nerves to the limit. Lab instructors sometimes program Victoria to speak only Spanish, and the student must try to comprehend what she’s saying.

“As a labor and delivery nurse, I am thankful for the experience with the Victoria and Tori simulators, which prepared me for patient care,” said Anna Timmer ’15, RN. “This hands-on experience not only first taught me how to properly assess my patients and prepared me for what to do in emergency situations; it also sparked my interest in wanting to become a labor and delivery nurse.”

Tori, the newborn simulator, is used by instructors to teach neonatal nursing skills. The baby can be programmed to cry and move as a newborn would but also to show signs of distress, such as turning blue. Students must learn to perform quick assessments of the baby’s health.

“These are wonderful, wonderful tools,” Schultz said. “The students love them. When they are in the lab, gowned, and deliver the baby, they’re smiling just as they would in real life.”



◀ Nursing students Alyssa Rinehart (left) and Laurin Davis (right) learn how to apply fetal monitors to Victoria, the model used in the birth simulation laboratory. At center is Brittany Schultz '14, simulation laboratory assistant.

Brittany Schultz '14 shows nursing student Danielle Stakes how to monitor Tori, the model newborn.



FSC DESIGNATED UNITED METHODIST HISTORIC SITE

Present at the unveiling of the marker designating the College a United Methodist Historic Site were (from left) Trustee Dr. Sarah D. McKay; Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70; Nell Thrift, archivist of the Florida United Methodist Conference; Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., resident bishop of the Florida United Methodist Conference; the Rev. Alfred T. Day III, general secretary of the United Methodist General Commission on Archives and History; and President Kerr.



Honoring the enduring tie that has bound the United Methodist Church and Florida Southern College together, a marker was unveiled at a ceremony on March 31, designating the College a United Methodist Historic Site.

The dedication ceremony was held in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, with representatives present from the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and the church's General Commission on Archives and History.

Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., resident bishop of the Florida Conference and a Trustee of the College, delivered the invocation, and Bishop-in-Residence and Trustee Robert E. Fannin '58 gave a brief history of the Methodist roots of the College.

"Through seven name changes and five different locations, Florida Southern College emerged as one of the United Methodist Church's shining stars of higher education," Bishop Fannin said. "Four of its graduates became bishops, and countless others became United Methodist clergy. The United Methodist Church played a vital role in the development of the College. It undergirded its moral and spiritual development and supported it financially."

In his message, the Rev. Alfred T. Day III, general secretary of the United Methodist General Commission on Archives and History, recalled that in the Hebrew scriptures, the prophet Samuel had erected a stone monument to commemorate a place where the people of Israel had achieved a victory against great odds.

RETURNS TO DELIVER WILLIS LECTURE IN RELIGION

Distinguished Theologian JÜRGEN MOLTSMANN

Professor Jürgen Moltmann listens as President Anne Kerr reads the proclamation conferring on him the Doctor of Divinity degree, *honoris causa*. At right is Dr. Waite Willis, Edward J. Pendergrass Professor of Religion.



Declaring "where there is danger, salvation also grows," the distinguished theologian Jürgen Moltmann delivered words of warning and hope in the 2016–2017 Warren W. Willis Lecture in Religion at FSC, "On a Culture of Life in the Dangers of This Time."

Dr. Moltmann, professor emeritus of systematic theology at the University of Tübingen in Germany, spoke to a capacity audience in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel on October 24. Considered by many to be the world's most influential living theologian, he returned as the Willis Lecturer, having also delivered the 1989–1990 lecture.

Dr. Moltmann's work draws upon his personal experience as a conscript into the German army during World War II and then as a prisoner of war in Belgium and Great Britain. He is known for helping restore an emphasis on trinitarian theology and bringing into modern systematic theology the theme of hope and the necessity of solidarity with the poor and suffering.

Dr. Moltmann was honored at the conclusion of the lecture with a doctor of divinity degree, *honoris causa*, by President Anne Kerr. The proclamation cited his service to the Church as a pastor, teacher, and ecumenist.



PATRIOTS PLAZA

W I L L H O N O R F S C V E T E R A N S

Since its founding, Florida Southern College has proudly sent its students, alumni, and even faculty members to serve in the nation's military. Through the years, many have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives on the field of battle.

Their memory has been preserved in the College's archives, but until now the campus has had only one visible memorial. A bronze plaque set in stone, commemorating students and alumni who were killed in World War II, was erected in 1950 near 12 magnolia trees planted for the occasion.

Due to the initiative of FSC Trustee Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Donald Kerrick '71, a new and fitting tribute to all Mocs veterans is in the planning stages. Patriots Plaza will be a dignified place of honor and remembrance, featuring the U.S. flag and a beautifully designed structure that will bear the names of students, alumni, and friends of the College who have served in the U.S. military.

Patriots Plaza will serve as a site for the ROTC battalion's formations and ceremonies, and it will be a gateway to the revitalized seven-acre Barnett Athletic Complex near the heart of campus.

The plaza's walkway will be paved with bricks, which may be purchased and engraved by donors in honor or memory of a loved one and will support the development of Patriots Plaza.

Florida Southern has chosen to honor all who have served in the United States military, and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom.

"While I have seen some colleges distance themselves from the military, I have been consistently impressed by the support that Florida Southern has directed to maintain a strong ROTC program and robust enrollment of future officers," said Gen. Kerrick. "Florida Southern has chosen to honor all who have served in the United States military, and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom through this very admirable project."

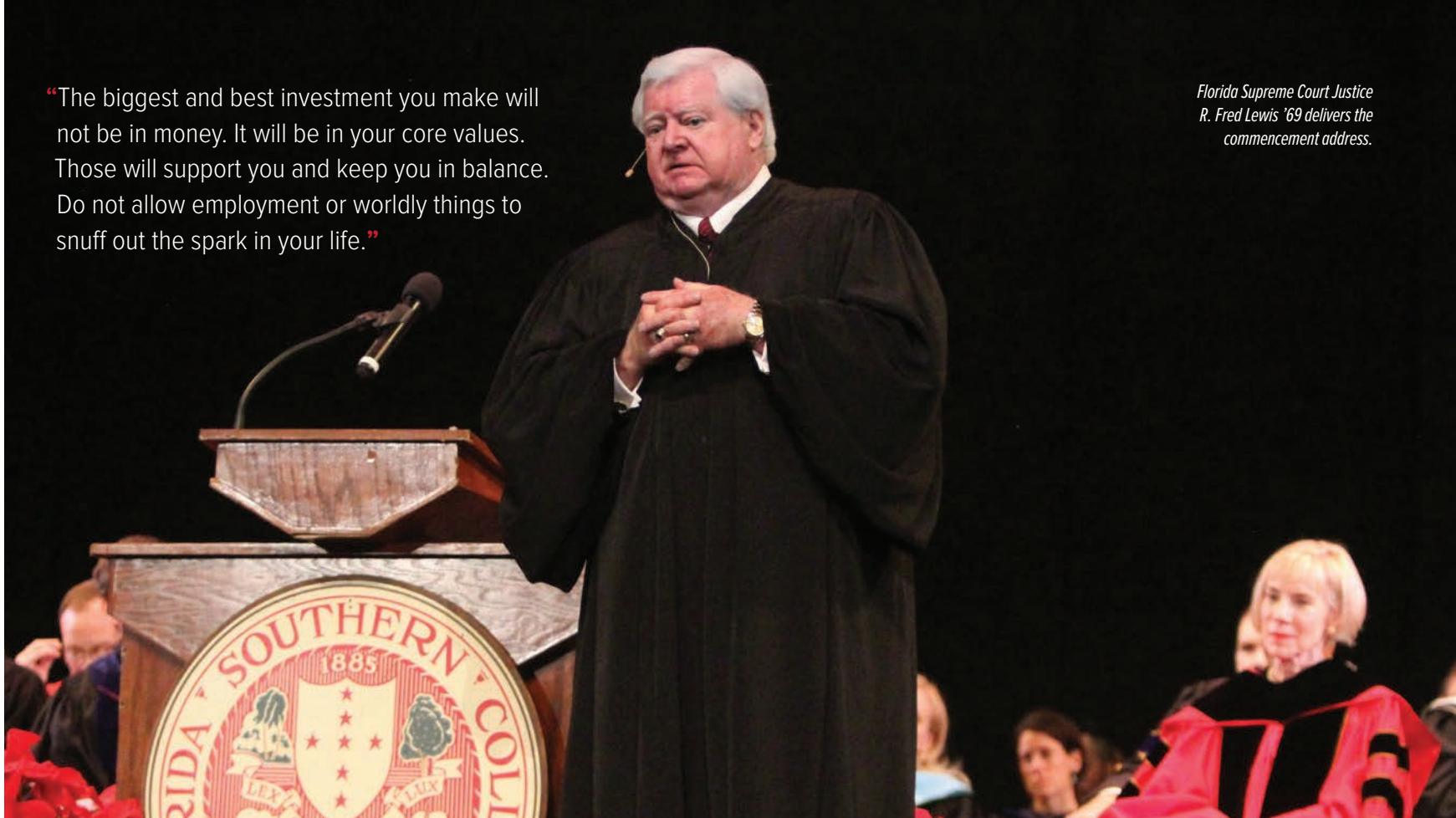
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*FSC Trustee Lt. Gen. (Ret.)
Donald Kerrick '71*

“The biggest and best investment you make will not be in money. It will be in your core values. Those will support you and keep you in balance. Do not allow employment or worldly things to snuff out the spark in your life.”

Florida Supreme Court Justice
R. Fred Lewis '69 delivers the
commencement address.



FIRST DOCTORAL DEGREES CONFERRED AT WINTER COMMENCEMENT

1 Kelsey Bacharz, a psychology major and summa cum laude graduate who conducted research in the field of clinical psychology, was awarded the President's Scholar Medal.

2 Evan Talit, a political science major from Lakeland, was the Senior Speaker.

FSC's commencement ceremony in December was one of its most historic. The College conferred its first doctoral degrees upon two graduates (see accompanying article), marking a major advance for Florida Southern toward the highest tier of higher education. President Anne Kerr, addressing the capacity audience at Branscomb Auditorium, said it was “a momentous occasion.”

Of the 196 degrees awarded, 75 were graduate degrees. The two recipients of the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (EdD) were Danielle Whaley DeConcilio '03 and Lisandra Tayloe, who were the first to complete their dissertations in the inaugural cohort of almost 30 students in the EdD program.

“I am so proud of these first two graduates,” said Dr. Tracey Tedder, dean of the School of Education. “They were trailblazers. They are so passionate about education, and they'll be excellent representatives of Florida Southern.”

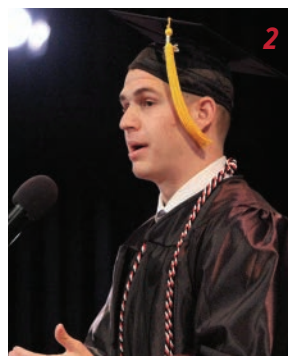
The commencement speaker was the Hon. R. Fred Lewis '69, associate justice of the Florida Supreme Court and a College Trustee and Distinguished Alumnus. He told the graduates that all of his accomplishments could be traced back to his years at FSC.

“I hope you find a field of employment, but understand that it is not the end-all and be-all. You need to have a balanced life,” Justice Lewis said. “The biggest and best investment you make will not be in money. It will be in your core values. Those will support you and keep you in balance. Do not allow employment or worldly things to snuff out the spark in your life.”

The Senior Speaker at the ceremony was Evan Talit, a political science major from Lakeland, who exhorted his fellow graduates to use their passions to find solutions to the world's problems.

“Finding your passion in life is just half the battle. What you do after finding your passion is what makes the difference,” he said.

The President's Scholar Medal, which is awarded to a graduating senior in the top one percent academically, exemplifies the values of the College and demonstrates commitment to scholarship, leadership, and service, was presented to Kelsey Bacharz, a psychology major and *summa cum laude* graduate who conducted research in the field of clinical psychology.



FSC'S FIRST DOCTORS 'LOOKED HARD FOR ANSWERS'

What do you call two women who were the first in their families to graduate from college, who hold full-time jobs, pursued advanced degrees, and have school-age children at home?

"Doctor," of course.

Dr. Danielle Whaley DeConcilio '03 and Dr. Lisandra Tayloe are not only the first college graduates in their families, they are the first two graduates of FSC's first doctoral program, the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (EdD). The program was launched in 2014, with almost 30 students in the first cohort, including Drs. DeConcilio and Tayloe. They were the first to complete their dissertations.

Dr. DeConcilio, who has a daughter, completed her degree while working as a literacy coach at Kathleen Middle School in Lakeland. Dr. Tayloe, who has triplet daughters, teaches literature and Spanish at Florida Southwest State College Collegiate High School. She commuted to Lakeland from Venice for her classes.

Asked how she accomplished the feat, Dr. Tayloe says simply, "You just do it."

Dr. DeConcilio adds, "We are both very driven. This has been an exercise in what is possible."

Both women could have pursued their doctoral degrees elsewhere, but Dr. Tayloe says participating in the new program at FSC was important for her.

"I decided being part of the first cohort afforded an opportunity I wouldn't get in a program that was already established. I'm excited to be part of the first group," she says.

The EdD dissertations require rigorous research. Dr. DeConcilio focused on women in leadership roles. Dr. Tayloe concentrated on diversity in education, and she will present the results of her research at a national women's conference. Dr. Tracey Tedder, dean of the School of Education, says this is why the doctoral program is important.

"It's an opportunity to take students' research interests and go out and make a difference on issues we have right here at home," she says.

"Their dissertations are examples of two areas that are so important today. Danielle and Lisandra are so passionate about education. They looked hard and wide for answers and followed through. They're what Florida Southern is all about."

Both women said teaching at the college level had been a longtime career goal that is now within their grasp, and they hope they will be role models for their daughters.

"We need to set goals for what is expected of them," Dr. DeConcilio says.



1 Danielle DeConcilio reacts upon seeing her diploma.

2 Lisandra Tayloe is overcome with emotion after receiving her diploma and hood. At left is Provost Kyle Fedler and at right is Dean Tracey Tedder of the School of Education.

3 Dr. Lisandra Tayloe and Dr. Danielle Whaley DeConcilio '03 were the first recipients of the College's first doctoral degrees.

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— Dr. Keith Berend '92

Remnant Trust Collection

H A N D S - O N H I S T O R Y



A spectacular collection of rare books and manuscripts, including a page from a Gutenberg Bible, was on loan to the College in the fall, offering faculty and students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to personally examine in their original forms some of the most influential works ever published.

The collection was on loan to the College from The Remnant Trust, Inc., a public educational foundation that shares its collection of manuscripts, first editions, and early works with colleges and other organizations for examination and use by students, scholars, and the general public. In an unusual policy for collections of rare books, the Remnant Trust encourages students and visitors to actually touch and handle the books in order to gain a better appreciation for them.

The exhibition was arranged by Trustee Dr. Keith R. Berend '92, who is acquainted with Brian Bex, an entrepreneur whose personal collection of antiquarian books and documents formed the nucleus of the Remnant Trust.



Trustee Dr. Keith Berend '92 examines a first edition of Thomas Hobbes's *Leviathan*, published in 1651, part of the Remnant Trust Collection of rare books. Archivist Gerrienne Schaad is at right. Behind them on the wall is a page from one of the first Gutenberg Bibles.

"The hands-on aspect of the collection is very impressive. It's better than going to a museum and seeing it in a box," Dr. Berend said during a visit to the exhibit. "The political and philosophical take on the world, the theme of liberty and human dignity is intriguing."

The collection at FSC was on display from August to December in the McKay Archives gallery and the Roux Library and was open to the public. It contained about 50 works, among which were a first edition of Mary Shelley's 1816 novel *Frankenstein*, an autographed first edition of John Locke's *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (1689), a first edition of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* (1776), and one of the earliest examples of human writing, a ceremonial carved stone in cuneiform dating to 2500 B.C. The page from the Gutenberg Bible, printed in 1455, is from one of the first copies of the first book ever printed by a mechanical press.

The Remnant Trust collection generally deals with the topics of individual liberty and human dignity, and it includes works of philosophy, politics, literature and religion. In its collection resides a manuscript copy of the Magna Carta dating to 1350, one of three known printed copies from 1776 of the Declaration of Independence, and a first edition of *The Federalist Papers*.

Abolitionist literature, including Frederick Douglass' autobiography, and early feminist works, including writings by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, were among those on display at FSC.

"Our students have been very excited to see and touch these books. It's something they have never seen before," said Gerrienne Schaad, the College archivist.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the College presented the Remnant Trust Lecture Series, with lectures offered by faculty members on topics inspired by the collection. Prior to a lecture by Dr. Catherine Eskin, associate professor of English, on John Milton's essay *Areopagitica*, students from her British Literature I class gave a presentation about selected works in the collection, "Old Books are Awesome."

BRIAN BEX'S BIG IDEA: READ AND THINK



All Brian Bex wants to do is to get people to think—deeply, and for themselves. He got the idea on how to do that from his mother.

"My mother always pushed me to take literature classes. She was a very smart lady, a Phi Beta Kappa. She told me once, 'Brian, the only thing that excites college professors is old books,'" says Mr. Bex, who is the founder of The Remnant Trust, the nonprofit educational organization that loans out works from its collection of rare books to colleges and civic organizations around the world.

The collection began with Mr. Bex's acquisition of a first edition of Adam Smith's classic 1776 two-volume work, *The Wealth of Nations*. In order to verify it was authentic, he consulted with Dr. John Ryan, former president of his alma mater, Indiana University. Mr. Bex realized that in almost all cases, antiquarian books and manuscripts are kept in secure and carefully controlled locations, or private collectors have them on bookshelves, with the result that hardly anyone sees them but the occasional scholar doing research. He says he became convinced that more people needed to be exposed to the great books of the past, not just as curiosities but because of the ideas they contain.

Mr. Bex laments what he sees as the diminishing of intellectual curiosity in America.

"What has happened in this society in the last 20 to 50 years is that people don't think anymore. We have lost the ability to distinguish between fact and opinion," he says.

At Mr. Bex's behest, Dr. Ryan and a team of scholars drew up a list of 100 of the greatest works of Western civilization that address individual liberty and human dignity, and then he set about acquiring first editions or first English translations of those works. Over the years, the collection has grown to about 1,000 texts, including a fourteenth-century copy of the Magna Carta and a first edition of Alexis de Tocqueville's 1835 study, *Democracy in America*.

In 1997, Mr. Bex formed The Remnant Trust as a nonprofit organization to disseminate the accumulated wisdom of his collection. The books and manuscripts are loaned, about 50 at a time, with the stipulation that anyone—students, faculty, and the public—be allowed to touch and examine them. He is not worried that these rare objects will be damaged, trusting that people will exercise reasonable care.

Although modern editions of almost all the texts in the trust are available, Mr. Bex is leery of how they may have been "updated."

"We say if you want to know what John Milton said, read the original," he says.

Mr. Bex insists that the purpose of The Remnant Trust is simply educational and not political.

"It's not Democrat or Republican, right or left. Those labels don't do any good," he says. "Great ideas belong to everybody."

A man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a blue and white checkered button-down shirt, is standing in front of a large window. He is holding a basketball with his right hand. The background shows green foliage outside the window.

Rob Bateman '86:

Lovin' It

as a McDonald's Franchise Owner

Senior business student Jordan Honc had a question for Rob Bateman '86.

Referring to the colloquial name for the management training program run by the McDonald's restaurant corporation, she asked, "Did you really go to Hamburger U?"

Bateman laughed. "I did. I got my degree in hamburgerology," he replied.

Bateman has advanced well beyond that initial 10-day training program. He is the owner-operator of six McDonald's franchises in Polk County, continuing a business started by his father, and he took time from his busy schedule recently to share some of the lessons he has learned over 30 years at an informal luncheon with several students in the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise at FSC.

Among some other things the students wanted to know:

How much leeway does he have to introduce innovations into his McDonald's franchises?

Bateman: "A lot of ideas in McDonald's have come from owner-operators. Our restaurant in Bartow was one of the first franchises to have a double drive-through. We saw a 20 percent increase in our business when we put it in."



What is the biggest challenge in his business?

Bateman: "Keeping up with changes in technology is one of the biggest problems we have." He added, "We've had to make some changes to try to accommodate the tastes of customers, especially millennials."

When he was a student at FSC, did he want to join his father as a McDonald's franchise owner-operator?

Bateman: "I really didn't know what I wanted to do at first, but it didn't take long before I decided to give it a try."

In the mid-1970s, Bateman's father was offered a franchise by McDonald's and moved the family from Chicago to Bartow. He went on to own multiple McDonald's restaurants in Central Florida, and Bateman grew up seeing the business firsthand, even working in a line crew when he was in high school.



Rob Bateman '86 shares some of his experience at a luncheon for business students. Here he speaks to Jordan Honc (left) and Kendall Kerge (center).

At FSC, he studied business administration and says he recalls one lesson from Professor Francis DeReus that he still uses—the acronym POSLC, which stands for planning, organization, staffing, leading, and controls.

"I use those principles with my managers in their performance reviews," he said.

After graduating from FSC, Bateman realized he liked the prospect of having his own franchise someday and went to work for his father in earnest, starting as a manager in one of the family's restaurants. In 1993, he was approved by McDonald's to become an owner-operator in his own right, and he took over the family's restaurant in Mulberry. Over the years, he has taken over the ownership of five additional McDonald's.

"Running your own business is a great goal," he told the students. "If you want freedom and financial success, you should aspire to be your own boss."

McDonald's is the No. 1 restaurant company in the world in total sales volume, and its approval process for franchisees is so rigorous, its success rate is more than 80 percent, compared with less than 50 percent for independent business start-ups, Bateman said. He now has about 300 employees, and he is a very hands-on owner, visiting each of his restaurants every couple of days. He even takes a turn making french fries every now and then.

"I love walking in and saying hello to all the employees and letting them know I appreciate them, because they work hard. I go in the stores and try to make things better," he said.

As a parting bit of wisdom to the FSC business students, Bateman told them to find work they loved to do.

"Keep a good attitude and do the best you can," he said.



President Anne Kerr is joined in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room by six of the eight women featured in the following pages. From left, standing, are Ann Blanton Edwards, Dr. Carol Barnett '79, President Kerr, Dr. Marjorie Roberts, and Carole Weinstein. Seated are Dr. Sarah D. McKay and Dr. Marcene H. Christoverson. Not pictured are Lynn Hollis and Wynee Warden.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead

EIGHT WOMEN WHO HAVE *Transformed* FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Perhaps it is fitting that during the tenure of FSC’s first woman president, notable and influential women philanthropists have made transformative gifts to the College. Over the past decade, not only has the campus become a dazzlingly beautiful jewel; its academic programs—in business, in the arts and sciences, in nursing, and in education—have been significantly bolstered through magnificent donations from alumni and supporters.

Among these benefactors, several stand out not only for their generosity but also for their vision of what can be accomplished at the College. As respected leaders and philanthropists, these women have shared their passions and their wealth in order to make that vision a reality.

Their personal stories are compelling, and the reasons they chose to invest and shape the history of the College are varied, but they all share in common a strong affection for FSC and love of learning. Thanks to what they have dared to do, the future of Florida Southern is bright.

Dr. Carol Barnett '79

VISIONARY PHILANTHROPIST



If there is a statement that epitomizes the character of Carol Jenkins Barnett '79, it might be her remark at a dedication ceremony in 2009. The twin residence halls that comprise the stunning Barnett Residential Life Center were named for Nicholas and Wesley, the sons of Carol and Barney '65 Barnett, and when Nicholas Hall was dedicated, Mrs. Barnett said, "It's a great celebration to honor our two boys and to continue the legacy that their parents and grandparents have left in this community. We want them to see that it's important to give not until it hurts, but until it feels good."

Mrs. Barnett has followed the example of her late father, George W. Jenkins, founder of Publix Super Markets, Inc., whose philanthropy was renowned.

Mrs. Barnett has directed her own resources, as well as those of Publix Super Markets Charities, for the benefit of many individuals and organizations, including her alma mater, improving the lives of people far and wide.

Mrs. Barnett, raised in Lakeland, learned from her father not only lessons about running a successful business but also about the values of humility and hard work. "Mr. George," as he was known, had a close relationship with the College and its leaders, so it was natural that Mrs. Barnett would consider Florida Southern. She graduated with a degree in business administration and married fellow FSC graduate Barney Barnett '65, then a rising Publix executive who went on to become vice chairman of the company's board of directors. Through their passion for excellence in education, they have made monumental contributions that have strengthened every aspect of the College. Both were awarded honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees from FSC in 1998.

Carol Barnett shows her excitement at the announcement that the College's School of Business will be named for her husband, Barney Barnett '65 (at left).



Mrs. Barnett's many gifts have supported campus capital improvements, academic scholarships, improvements in student life, the College's Festival of Fine Arts, and athletic programs and facilities. FSC students are particularly enthusiastic about three great projects.

The Barnett Residential Life Center. The four-story Nicholas and Wesley Residence halls overlooking Lake Hollingsworth were designed by world-renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern, dean of the Yale School of Architecture. The 37,500-square-foot halls feature contemporary student lounges, modern Danish-style furniture, custom ceramic tile and granite countertops in the kitchens and bathrooms, and avant-garde pendant lighting. The halls have transformed student residential living and fostered community.

Mr. George's Green. Almost the size of a football field, this open green space is bordered by Allan Spivey Hall, George W. Jenkins Field House, and Ingraham Avenue and offers students, faculty, and staff a lush and expansive space to play and relax. At the groundbreaking ceremony in 2012, Mrs. Barnett said, "It seemed a natural complement to create a space next to the George Jenkins Field House. My father was so proud when that was built."

WE ARE EXCITED TO HELP DR. KERR IN HER TREMENDOUS VISION FOR EXCELLENCE AT FSC. THIS IS A PIVOTAL POINT. IT'S TIME TO MAKE THIS DIAMOND SHINE.

The Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. Perhaps Mrs. Barnett's most significant gift to FSC was also a birthday gift to her husband. In 2011, her extraordinary gift named the College's business school in honor of Mr. Barnett. At a press conference announcing the gift, Dr. Kerr noted that a named school in any discipline is "a hallmark among the greatest institutions of higher education." The naming of the school was an impetus for achieving accreditation from the American Association of College Schools of Business, which fewer than 5 percent of business schools in the world attain. The Barnett School is widely considered an emerging destination for top business students and faculty. At the press conference, Mrs. Barnett said, "I can think of no more fitting way to ensure Barney's legacy than through establishing a business school at our beloved alma mater that bears his name."

Mrs. Barnett's own legacy at FSC has secured a bright future for her alma mater, and her generosity, continuing her family's tradition, has been joined to a vision for the College's future. In 2005, when the gift for the Barnett Residential Life Center was announced, she said, "We are excited to help Dr. Kerr in her tremendous vision for excellence at FSC. This is a pivotal point. It's time to make this diamond shine."



Dr. Marcene Christoverson

ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT



If there is a moment that exemplifies the pluck that led Trustee Dr. Marcene Christoverson to become not only a successful businesswoman but a generous philanthropist, it is her decision on December 7, 1941—the day that Pearl Harbor was bombed. Dr. Christoverson had spent the morning skiing with friends at Sun Valley, Idaho, and when they got in the car to return home to Boise, they heard the shocking news. She decided on the spot to join the war effort.

“I said, ‘I’m going to join the Marines,’” she recalls. “I went to apply, but you had to be 21. The Navy would take you at 20, so I lied about my age and signed up.”

Although the Navy found her out, she was still permitted to enlist and was sent to New York for testing, the first time she had ever been on a train. It was the start of a remarkable journey that led to business dealings with some of America’s leading companies and ultimately to becoming one of Florida Southern’s most loyal benefactors.

Dr. Christoverson is known for her decisiveness and resolve, virtues that she learned growing up in Idaho. She and her three sisters were raised in Boise, and she remembers fondly the Western outdoor life of her youth, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and skiing.

She also showed a curiosity about things mechanical and technological. Upon enlisting, she wanted to be an aviation mechanic, but the Navy learned she had taken accounting classes in junior college and assigned her to an accounting department in Washington, where she spent the war auditing potentially fraudulent contracts.

“It was a wonderful experience,” she says of her time in the Navy. “When I was discharged, they gave me \$78 for transportation home, but I said I’m not going back to Boise.”

She went to New York instead, and in 1947, she went to work for a friend’s aunt, who owned St. John Associates, a “letter shop” in Manhattan that created direct-mail advertising and handled mass mailings for clients. She started as a bookkeeper but soon became interested in the printing plant’s mechanical presses and hot-type machines, which produced mailing labels, and the owner put her in charge of managing the plant.

Several years later, when the owner decided to sell the business, Dr. Christoverson and a partner arranged to buy St. John by paying the purchase price over time. When her partner fell ill and had to withdraw from the deal, Dr. Christoverson was left as the sole owner and CEO, a position she held until she sold the business in 2011. She navigated the business through changes in technology and a relocation to the Bronx, selling its lucrative property on the Upper East Side.

Above right: Dr. Marcene Christoverson visits with renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern, who designed the building named for her. Mr. Stern also designed three other buildings on the FSC campus.



Clients included *Life*, the weekly news magazine that was among the most popular publications in America, and Standard Oil of New Jersey (now known as ExxonMobil). She recalls one special mailing of *Life*, the morning after the late-night landing on the moon by Apollo 11.

“It was very exciting. At 7 a.m., the magazines came in and had to be delivered that morning,” she says.

Dr. Christoverson’s relationship with Florida Southern began when she visited the College at the invitation of a business acquaintance. She became convinced she could help the school.

“They put me on the Board of Trustees, even though I never went to college,” she marvels. “There seemed to be a need that I could fill.”

Of her many gifts to the College, three contributions stand out. Her gifts have funded scholarships, including one in nursing, and the Dr. Marcene Christoverson Scholarship, which is awarded to exemplary students on a competitive basis, enabling them to continue their studies free of financial burdens.

The Robert E. Christoverson Memorial Garden, given in memory of her late husband, graces the walkway alongside Joseph-Reynolds and Allan Spivey halls.

The contribution of which she is most proud, however, is a gift for the Dr. Marcene H. and Robert E. Christoverson Humanities Building, the stunning glass and stone facility designed by world-renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern, which was dedicated in 2010. She remains somewhat awed by the grand sight of it and how it has helped enhance the campus.

“When it went up, everyone was coming to see this beautiful building by this famous architect,” she says. “I have been pleased to partner with Dr. Kerr on some important projects like this one. When I think of how the campus looked when I first became a Trustee, there’s no comparison now.”

For her service to the College, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Business in 2004.

About 30 years ago, Dr. Christoverson and her late husband, Bobby, began spending winters in Jupiter. The couple enjoyed boating and for a while owned a yacht on which they would cruise around the islands of the Northeast. She remains active and involved with the College as a Trustee. Recently she bought herself a birthday present, a red two-seat Mercedes convertible.

“I get bored quickly,” she says with a laugh.



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JOE K. & ALBERTA BLANTON
NURSING BUILDING

Ann Blanton Edwards

DEVOTION TO NURSING



Ann Edwards in many ways exemplifies the spirit and the heritage of the city of Lakeland. As a native whose family has been closely associated with Publix Super Markets, Inc., almost since its inception, she knows the city and its established families well and has watched with appreciation as it and its institutions have grown. That includes Florida Southern College.

Mrs. Edwards, a Trustee, has made generous donations to FSC in the past, including a recent one to the new Barnett Athletic Complex. However, she will be remembered best for gifts

made to create and then expand the Joe K. and Alberta Blanton Nursing Building, which houses the College's School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The Blanton Nursing Building is a gleaming 8,600-square-foot, high-tech facility that includes wireless classrooms, technologically advanced nursing skills labs, faculty offices, and student and faculty lounges. This state-of-the-art building serves a crucial role in the preparation of highly trained nurses and nurse practitioners. The building is named for Mrs. Edwards' parents, and the initial gift for the facility, given by Alberta Blanton, also enabled the College to launch its bachelor of science in nursing program, which was the first in Polk County.

"My mother made the first donation for the building. She believed if Florida Southern had a good program, the chances of nurses staying in the community would be greater. She thought it would be an addition to the community," Mrs. Edwards says. "I drive by the building frequently, and I'm very proud of it."

The gifts are born out of Mrs. Edwards' personal passions and relationships. Support for the Athletic Department was prompted by her own interest in physical education and her friendship with former FSC Athletic Director Lois Webb, a frequent golfing partner.

Her interest in nursing is, she says, "a story?"

Her father, Joe Blanton, was a former president of Publix Super Markets, Inc., who started as a butcher in the meat department and worked his way up to become a trusted executive and friend of Publix founder George W. Jenkins.

"My father never called him 'Mr. George' like many people did. It was always 'Mr. Jenkins,'" she says.

Not surprisingly, Mrs. Edwards' first job was at Publix. When she was 12, she was a "food demonstrator" on weekends, handing out product samples such as cheese and sausage. Later, she would work in the bakery and meat departments at Publix stores when she was home from college.

Mrs. Edwards' father wanted her to be a dental hygienist—"In those days you did what your parents wanted," she notes—but after a semester of study, she persuaded her father to let her become a nurse instead. She graduated from Florida State University and returned to Lakeland to work as a nurse in the Polk County Health Department. She and her husband, Ward Edwards, spent a few years in Gainesville before returning to Lakeland, where he went to work for Publix, and they have lived here ever since.

Mrs. Edwards continued to work as a public health nurse and then became an instructor of nursing at Polk Community College (now Polk State College). She also entered the business world, purchasing the Lakeland Farmers Market, which she ran with the help of her son-in-law for about 20 years.

Ann Edwards (second from left) beams with pride at the opening of the Joe K. and Alberta Blanton Nursing Building, named for her parents. Joining her are her husband, Ward Edwards (left), President Kerr, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70.



"I went from wearing white to wearing dungarees," she quips.

Now retired, Mrs. Edwards continues to devote herself to civic and philanthropic activities. As a former nurse and nurse educator, she is particularly proud of the FSC School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

"I think it's amazing it has come as far as it has and is offering so much for the community," she says. "I'm really pleased."

Lynn Hollis

A FLAME OF INSPIRATION



When Lynn Hollis was a sophomore at Lakeland High School, she hosted a party at her home. An older boy, a junior, tagged along with a friend, crashed the party, and then had the audacity to fill out the dance card of the hostess. She must not have minded too much, because she later married the boy, Mark C. Hollis, and they went on to a long and happy marriage.

Mark and Lynn Hollis together were a formidable force for philanthropy, giving in ways that have changed Florida Southern as well as the City of Lakeland and beyond. Mr. Hollis, a former president and vice chairman of the board of directors of Publix Super Markets, Inc., was passionate about education, a passion shared by Mrs. Hollis, and the two gave notable gifts to FSC. The College awarded Mr. Hollis

an honorary Doctor of Business degree in 1985, and Mrs. Hollis has continued the benevolent tradition the two of them maintained for so many years.

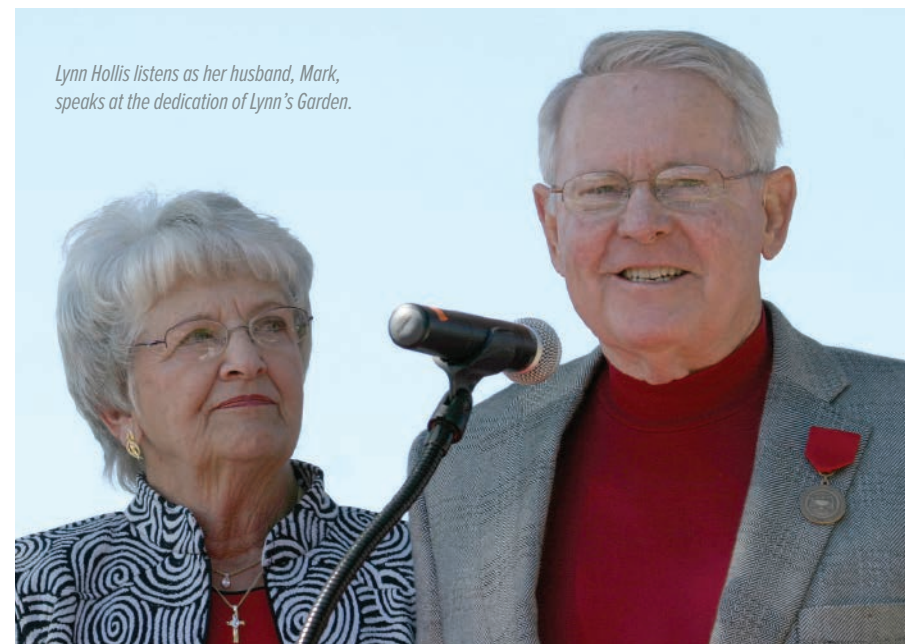
“We’ve always been interested in helping,” she says. “Mark’s father instilled in him the conviction that if you have the resources to help people, you should.”

Mrs. Hollis comes from one of the oldest families in Lakeland. Her great-grandfather, Norman Riggins, owned the first mercantile store in the new city. Because the family was Methodist, there was a connection to Florida Southern as well, even before the College moved to Lakeland. One of Mrs. Hollis’s great-aunts, Mary Riggins, was a member of FSC’s Class of 1917.

Mrs. Hollis attended FSC for a year, at her father’s insistence, and worked for the city of Lakeland before marrying the young man—by now a college student—who had crashed her party years before.

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One significant gift from the couple was creating the Hollis Fellows in Education program, which grants scholarships to a select number of talented education majors each year with the stipulation that they commit to teaching in Florida upon graduation. The program not only has sent highly talented teachers into the state’s schools each year; but



Lynn Hollis listens as her husband, Mark, speaks at the dedication of Lynn’s Garden.

it also has attracted top quality undergraduate students to the FSC School of Education. Mrs. Hollis says the intention was to invest in the educational system by having the brightest students become teachers.

Most recently, Mrs. Hollis, with the support of her sons, Trustee M. Clayton Hollis, Jr. ’80, Jack Hollis, and Dean Hollis, have funded the Lynn and Mark Hollis Endowed Chair in Free Enterprise, a professorship in the College’s Center for Free Enterprise. An appointment to the chair is pending. The gift was perfect, given Mr. Hollis’s business acumen and philosophy, Mrs. Hollis says.

“Mark was very involved in free enterprise. I’m happy the College has created the Center for Free Enterprise, and I felt it was a good opportunity to foster that,” she says.

Although Mr. Hollis had the mind of a businessman, he had the soul of an artist, and Mrs. Hollis was his inspiration. The Hollises gave two gifts that significantly enhanced the aesthetic life of the College. They helped fund projects to restore the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed buildings on campus, particularly the Theatre-in-the-Round in the Ordway Building. Mr. Hollis himself inaugurated the restored theatre with a moving solo performance of an original play, *Barabbas*, reflecting his own deep religious faith.

Mr. Hollis also gave the donation to create a beautiful terraced and landscaped space, Lynn’s Garden, named in honor of his beloved wife. The garden tells the story of their life together through its design and invites passersby to pause and reflect on God’s blessings. At its center is a striking work of art, a sculpture created by Mr. Hollis in the form of a flame, titled *Spirit*.

Mrs. Hollis—alumna, partner in philanthropy, and contributor—has been a flame herself, and FSC is brighter for it.



Dr. Sarah D. McKay

WISDOM, FAITH, AND GENEROSITY



Perhaps it was inevitable that Sarah D. McKay would come to have such a close relationship with Florida Southern College. When she was in high school, her father built a house on Johnson Avenue adjacent to the College, on the spot where the School of Nursing and Health Sciences now stands.

“My bedroom overlooked the College,” Dr. McKay recalls. “There were orange groves on the campus, and I remember President Ludd Spivey had a sign there that said, ‘You are welcome to pick the fruit, but don’t bring a basket.’”

Over the years, Dr. McKay has proved to be an invaluable friend to Florida Southern, as a Trustee and former chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, and as a donor who has had a major impact on the College’s facilities and academics. She has received numerous accolades as a

businesswoman and philanthropist, including an honorary Doctor of Public Service from FSC in 2005. She was named a Great Floridian by Gov. Charlie Crist in 2010, and she was honored with the nationally renowned Stanley S. Kresge Award the previous year for her support of United Methodist-related higher education.

The naturally modest Dr. McKay deflects all this attention, preferring to articulate why she has been so generous with her gifts to the College and the community.

“Everything I’ve participated in I have believed in passionately, and I still do,” she says.

Dr. McKay was one of six children. In her early years, Lakeland was such a small town that “you didn’t dare talk about anyone because it might be somebody’s cousin,” she says with a laugh. She has been a lifelong member of College Heights United Methodist Church, a congregation with a long history of close ties to the College.

Dr. McKay earned an associate’s degree from Wesleyan Conservatory in Macon, Ga., and returned to Lakeland to work for People’s Bank, first as a bookkeeper and then as private secretary to the bank’s president, Mr. E.V. McClurg, who was a Trustee of the College. While working at the bank, she became reacquainted with a customer, a young man she had known since grammar school named L. Kirk McKay, Jr.

Mr. McKay had studied at Georgia Tech and returned to Lakeland to run his father’s business, a furniture store. Soon they were making plans to be married, but Mr. McKay was not a man who did things by half-measures.

“He talked me into eloping. It was pretty exciting. We flew to Havana for the civil ceremony and were married in Mexico City by the Methodist bishop. The only other person in the church was the taxi driver,” she says.



Mr. McKay eventually sold his furniture business and moved into commercial real estate. Dr. McKay took it over upon Mr. McKay’s death and continues to oversee McKay Enterprises.

The McKays were very involved in city affairs and charitable causes. Mr. McKay was a good friend of FSC President Charles Thrift, and the McKays’ first gift to the College was for student scholarships. They were also early supporters of the College’s Festival of Fine Arts, and they were great friends of the late Professor Robert MacDonald, the Festival’s director for many years, and his wife, Ingrid.

“We were thinking in a positive way about education. From that, our involvement grew,” she says.

Maintaining the College’s relationship to the United Methodist Church has been one of Dr. McKay’s interests. Upon learning that the church’s Florida Conference was in need of a place to keep its historical records, she proposed the creation of a new building on campus that would house those records as well as the College’s, including its valuable collection of Frank Lloyd Wright materials. Thanks to a significant donation from Dr. McKay, the 10,000-square-foot Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr., Archives Center was dedicated in 2009. The center also includes the archives of the Florida Citrus Commission and the Citrus Hall of Fame and houses the Lawton M. Chiles, Jr., Center for Florida History.

Civic education is another of Dr. McKay’s passions, instilled in her, she says, by two teachers at Lakeland High School. Her most recent gift to the College will have a permanent effect on those fields of study. In September, the College announced the creation of the newest endowed professorship, the Dr. Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr., Endowed Chair in American History, Government, and Civics (see page 2).

“It encompasses my deep belief and passion that young people should know about the history of our country and participate in our democracy,” she says. “People who are thinkers are better voters.”

As much as the College has received from Dr. McKay’s wisdom and generosity over many years, to hear her tell it, she has received as much or more from the relationship.

“It has put another dimension in my life. I have met some wonderful people,” she says. “I believe the personalities you meet have a great deal to do with your character.”



 ROBERTS ACADEMY



Dr. Marjorie Roberts:

A LEGACY OF EDUCATION FOR TALENTED CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA



When some people feel sad, they play music or take a walk in the park to cheer themselves up. Marjorie Roberts and her husband, Hal, take a short drive over to a very special school.

“The Roberts Academy has our love and our heart. If ever we are feeling discouraged, we go visit the children there,” says Mrs. Roberts, a Trustee who was awarded an honorary doctorate by the College in 1999.

Inspired by their daughter’s efforts to find a special school for her son, who has dyslexia, the Roberts gave

significant contributions to create the academy that bears their name. It is a transitional school for gifted children with dyslexia and teaches about 120 students in grades 2 through 7 using the Orton-Gillingham method of reading instruction. Operated under the auspices of the College’s School of Education, it is the only school of its kind in Florida and serves as a laboratory school for FSC education majors.

It is a magnificent gift to the College, but by no means Mrs. Roberts’ only one. She has continued a relationship with the College that began with her father, William M. “Bill” Hollis. Mr. Hollis was a vice president with Publix Super Markets, Inc., and a friend of former FSC presidents Charles Thrift and Robert Davis. The splendid William M. Hollis Room on campus, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright as the reading room of the library, is named for him.

“Daddy always had an interest in Florida Southern,” she says.

After graduating from Lakeland High School, Mrs. Roberts went to Converse College in South Carolina, where she studied education. She met Hal Roberts, a student at nearby Presbyterian College, on a blind date.

“It must have worked. We’ve been married 54 years,” she quips.

The Roberts settled in Lakeland, where Mr. Roberts had a law practice focusing on wills and estate planning and served as city attorney for about 10 years. He also has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the College. The Roberts consider it an achievement that all three of their children—Julia Roberts ’91, James H. Roberts III ’92, and Belinda Hollis Roberts ’96—graduated from FSC.

Mrs. Roberts’ first major gift to the College arose from a need for a center that would address the educational, physical, and emotional well being of the students. At the time, the College’s exercise facilities were used primarily by athletes, an intramural gym was lacking, the pool was outdated, and there was no counseling center. She initiated a proposal to remedy the situation. Funded through the William M. and Nina B. Hollis Foundation, Inc., of which Mrs. Roberts was then vice president, the Nina B. Hollis Wellness Center was created as a place for students, faculty, and staff to play, exercise, and seek advice on maintaining their health. It was named for Mrs. Roberts’ mother.

“My mother was always interested in what is now called a holistic approach to life—exercise, religion, and unconditional love. At the dedication of the Wellness Center, I said that to those who knew her, there was nothing else I could say and to those who didn’t, there was no way I could describe her,” Mrs. Roberts says.

Other gifts include scholarships, facilities enhancements, and operational support. However, Mrs. Roberts points to The Roberts Academy as the gift for which she would most like to be remembered. She gives credit to her daughter, Julia, for fighting to get her children into the Schenck School in Atlanta to help them with their dyslexia. Seeing the difference it made in their grandchildren’s lives, the Roberts were determined to do the same for children in Central Florida. Through their generosity, they have achieved this mission.

“Just to hear parents and grandparents talk about the changes in their children makes me particularly proud. Every one of those children has talents. It’s up to teachers and parents to find them,” she says. “I love the song, *All God’s Children Got a Place in the Choir*.”

As someone who has given freely and generously to FSC and other causes, Mrs. Roberts has a word of advice.

“People should find what they’re passionate about. There are so many needs. People need to find one that makes them tear up when they talk about it,” she says.



Wynee Warden

FOR THE LOVE OF STUDENTS



Wynee Warden's fondness for students stems from her own days as a student at Rollins College. Treasuring those memories, she has expressed the desire for others to fully enjoy the love of learning and community that is only experienced on a college campus. As a result, she is known for her efforts to make college life memorable and inspirational. Mrs. Warden first visited Florida Southern in 2006, and she quickly decided to help the College support its students.

In her capacity as President of the Bert W. Martin Foundation, Mrs. Warden made contributions that have elevated the

College's arts and athletic programs and its quality of student life. She has given gifts of dance, of a first-rate tennis center, and of splendid places for students, faculty, and guests to dine, study, and relax.

The most significant addition to the College's fine arts program in decades was made possible by two major donations from Mrs. Warden. In 2014, the new Department of Dance was launched with the vision that it would offer superb instruction in ballet. Dancers need a specially designed place to learn, and in conjunction with the start of the program, the magnificent Wynee Warden Dance Studio—the result of Mrs. Warden's generosity—was dedicated. The 5,000-square-foot studio features a high glass half-rotunda that allows natural light to illuminate the dance floor. The building also includes faculty offices and dressing rooms. At the dedication, Mrs. Warden noted her love of ballet and said, "It gives me great pleasure to be able to give the school an opportunity for students to be able to take dance lessons and enjoy dancing."

A second gift from Mrs. Warden to the program funded an endowed professorship in dance named in her honor. The professorship ensures that the Department of Dance can employ a dance professor of the highest caliber. Mrs. Warden said, "Students' appreciation and love of dance depends on the quality of the professor."

Mrs. Warden's contributions also created one of the most popular spots on campus. The Student Government Association suggested that a cyber-café would be a great place for students to gather for study and relaxation, and soon plans were made to remodel part of the first floor of the Roux Library. When it was opened in 2007, the stylish and comfortable cyber-café was an immediate hit, with students flocking to it at all hours of the day and night for Starbucks coffee, snacks, soups, and sandwiches. With its view of the Water

Dome and Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, its nooks for lounging and study, and its high-tech amenities, it is the perfect place for conversation and refreshment.

At the dedication ceremony, it was christened TûTû's Cyber Café, using the Hawaiian word for grandmother that Mrs. Warden's grandchildren used to call her. TûTû's proved so popular, it was eventually doubled in size to allow for group study and discussion.

Mrs. Warden also made an important gift that greatly enhanced the quality of student life. In 2007, with her help, the College cafeteria received a significant renovation, offering a modern, pleasant dining space for students and others. The new cafeteria was renamed Wynee's Bistro, and it allowed Guest Services, which operates the College's food service, to offer a variety of menu choices, including stations for salads, pasta, and custom-made sandwiches, as well as main courses.

The College's long-range plan called for the tennis courts in the center of campus to be demolished in order to address the great need for a new tennis center for the varsity teams as well as for students and faculty. Mrs. Warden and the Bert W. Martin Foundation provided the answer, giving a significant donation for the construction of the Wynee Warden Tennis Center on the east side of campus. The 10-court center includes a covered, two-sided grandstand with a capacity of 200, restrooms, and a concession stand. The center was dedicated in 2012, with Hall of Fame tennis champion Chris Evert hitting the ceremonial first shot. With two center courts named for her sons, Chandler and Andy, the facility has attracted attention from Florida tennis officials and has been the site of USTA tournaments.

Mrs. Warden has supported other projects as well, and Dr. Kerr remarked that the College is a more vibrant place because of Mrs. Warden's contributions and interest in FSC student success and happiness.

"Wynee's love of students and philanthropy has forever made a positive impact on the quality of student life and sense of community on campus. Florida Southern puts students at the center of all that we do, and Wynee Warden epitomizes that approach," she said.



Above: Mrs. Warden, her son Andy (left) and President Kerr, at the groundbreaking for the Wynee Warden Dance Studio.

Right: Hall of Fame tennis star Chris Evert speaks at the dedication of the Wynee Warden Tennis Center.



WYNEE WARDEN
DANCE STUDIO




THE WEINSTEIN FAMILY
ENTRY COURTYARD
AND GARDEN

Carole Weinstein

PHILANTHROPY IS A GESTURE OF GRATITUDE



In many ways, Carole Weinstein represents a classic American story. The granddaughter of Jewish immigrants to the United States, she was the first person in her family to graduate from college. She and her husband, Marcus, overcame financial difficulties and built a modest business into one of the nation's great property management firms. In gratitude for what they have accomplished, Dr. and Mrs. Weinstein have been generous philanthropists, especially in the fields of the humanities and higher education.

"We're privileged now, but we haven't forgotten what it is like to struggle," she says.

Marcus Weinstein is the founder and chairman of Weinstein Properties in Richmond, Va., which owns and manages approximately 16,000 apartment homes in several states, and Mrs. Weinstein is vice chairman. The Weinsteins have been married for almost 50 years.

Their relationship with Florida Southern can be traced to their friendship with President Anne Kerr, who was formerly the vice president for advancement at the University of Richmond, the Weinsteins' alma mater.

"Carol and Marcus are sophisticated philanthropists and are making a profound impact on higher education in the United States and Israel," stated Dr. Kerr. "I learn from them, am challenged by their ideas, and inspired through each conversation."

Among their significant donations to the College, the Weinsteins helped substantially with the construction of the Christoverson Humanities Building. Because the building houses FSC's Department of English, it was a particularly appropriate contribution. Mrs. Weinstein earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English, and taught literature at the high school and college levels before joining Weinstein Properties. Among the many literary organizations she has supported, she is a former member of the Library of Virginia board, which awarded her its first Honorary Patron of Letters Degree, and she has funded the Carole Weinstein Prize in Poetry, given annually to an outstanding poet with ties to the State of Virginia. She attributes her passion for the written word to her Jewish heritage.

"We have always been people of the word. We are great readers, thinkers, and philosophers. I love ideas, and I absorb them from books. I can't really get enough. I'm always trying to improve my mind," she says. "The liberal and fine arts seem to get pushed aside, so I'm out there rooting for the written word."



The Weinsteins also generously contributed to help fund the purchase of property for the College's new admissions center and provided significant funding to purchase the Lake Morton Apartment complex.

Another passion for Mrs. Weinstein is international education, and she and her husband have funded for many years the Marcus and Carole Weinstein Israeli Scholarships, which paid for full tuition, room and board, and a book allowance for students from Israel to study at FSC. Mrs. Weinstein says it is important for a college to have wide horizons, given the speed with which the world is changing.

Carole Weinstein (right) and her husband, Marcus, join Dr. Kerr prior to the Spring 2012 Commencement Convocation, at which Marcus Weinstein was presented the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters for his work as a businessman and philanthropist.

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"It grew out of a sense that there is too much homogeneity. How do we create a campus with more diversity?" she says.

Among her many honors are a Lifetime Achievement Award in Philanthropy from the Central Virginia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and an Outstanding Woman Award for Education from the YWCA of Richmond. Mrs. Weinstein says her philanthropy arises from the Jewish principle of *tikkun olam*—the obligation to heal or repair the world with the talents and resources we have.

In a further honor, Mrs. Weinstein joined the FSC Board of Trustees in 2014 as its first Jewish member.

"I had no intention of being a trustee, but by the end of lunch, I canceled an appointment to talk with Anne Kerr further. I told Marcus, 'If Anne wants me, I'll serve,'" she says.

As a trustee, Mrs. Weinstein hopes to continue the College's pursuit of excellence in all aspects of campus life. Most recently, she and Dr. Weinstein are supporting through their transformational gifts Florida Southern's new affiliation with the Polk Museum of Art and also the College's Strategic Plan goals.

"It is extraordinary what Florida Southern has achieved. We have supported the causes that Dr. Kerr has asked because we believe in them," she says. "I'd like to see Florida Southern grow even more."

JAKE GRINER: GOLDWATER SCHOLAR & CANCER RESEARCHER

Jake Griner is a man on a mission.

Lots of researchers want to destroy cancer, but Griner has his eye on one particular type and for a particularly personal reason. A rare cancer known as chordoma was the cause of his father's death, and Griner has made finding a better treatment for the disease a career goal. He already has taken a first step during a high-profile summer internship last year at the National Cancer Institute, and in March, he learned that he was awarded a rare and prestigious Goldwater Scholarship—FSC's first ever—that will enable him to continue his research.

A sophomore biochemistry and molecular biology major, Griner was looking for an internship at a laboratory that studies chordoma, but there are very few. He found Dr. James Hodge, a principal investigator at the Center for Cancer Research, part of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., applied to work with him and was invited to become an intern.

"I thought I'd be assigned to a post-doctoral fellow or an assistant, but Dr. Hodge told me to design my own project and he'd get me whatever I needed," Griner says. "It was a very collegial environment. I couldn't have asked for a better mentor."

Chordoma is a cancer of the bones of the skull and spine. Because of its location and the nature of the cancer, it is difficult to treat. According to the Chordoma Foundation, the survival rate after 10 years is just 40 percent.

There is no FDA-approved chemotherapy for chordoma, leaving surgery and radiation as the only treatment options, even though the amount of radiation needed to kill the tumor would be fatal to a patient. Griner was aware of a drug used to treat head and throat cancer that works in cases where a protein called EGFR, produced by the tumor, is present. In chordoma, EGFR is present in 80 percent of cases, but Griner's hypothesis is that a low dose of radiation stimulates the cancer cells to produce more EGFR, allowing the drug, cetuximab, to be used against chordoma with greater efficacy than if given alone.

Griner designed five experiments to test the hypothesis, and during his 13-week internship, he completed three. Dr. Hodge was encouraged by the initial results and asked Griner to continue his work at FSC. The newly equipped biochemistry laboratory at FSC has enabled him to conduct simple variations of his work at the National Cancer Institute.

At FSC, Griner has been working under the guidance of Dr. Shameka Shelby, assistant professor of chemistry.

"Jake is one of a kind. He's ambitious," Dr. Shelby says. "A lot of juniors and seniors would have difficulty following the direction of his research. It's very impressive."

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation agreed. Based on the strength of his past research project and his proposal to continue it, Griner was one of just 260 students nationwide to be awarded a 2017 Goldwater Scholarship, the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering in America. The scholarship provides a \$7,500 annual stipend during Griner's junior and senior years.

"It's a big honor and a huge increase in the money for my research," Griner said.

Dr. Shelby says Griner's work represents a step forward for the Department of Chemistry at FSC.

"This is a more biomedical direction of research that hasn't been done before here," she says. "I'm excited that students like Jake who want to do more advanced research will have those opportunities."

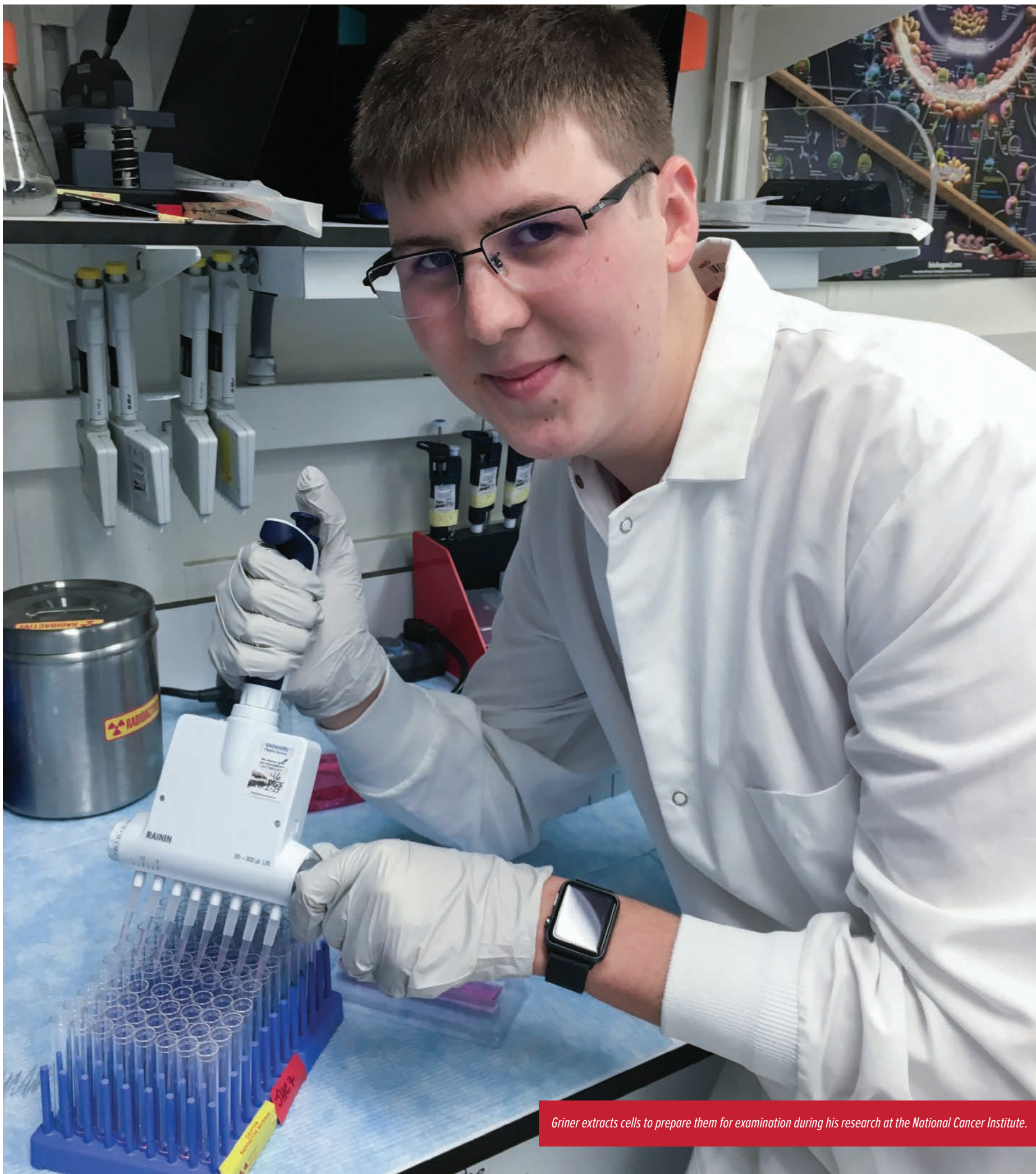
Griner says the eventual goal of his research is to design and conduct a clinical trial. Eventually, he would like to earn both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees and become a medical researcher. In the interim, the results of Griner's experiments may be published in an academic paper, which Dr. Hodge has indicated would have Griner as first author.

"That would definitely be an amazing thing to put on a resume," he says.

Perhaps not as amazing as beating chordoma.

Jake Griner and Dr. Shameka Shelby, assistant professor of chemistry, discuss his research in the FSC biochemistry laboratory.

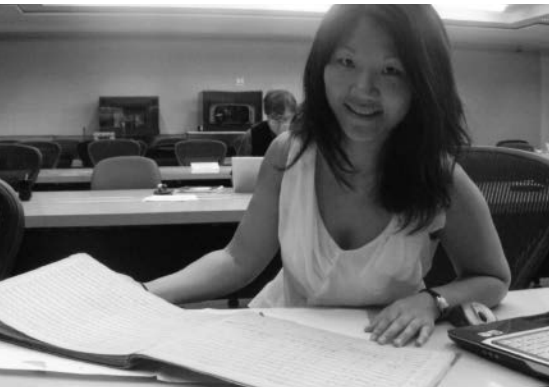




Griner extracts cells to prepare them for examination during his research at the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Kira Omelchenko

RECOVERS AN ORIGINAL AMERICAN OPERA'S OVERTURE



◀ Dr. Kira Omelchenko examines the manuscript of the *Overture to Rip Van Winkle* by George Bristow in the archives of the New York Public Library.



Through doctoral studies at the University of Iowa, Assistant Professor of Music Kira Omelchenko became interested in research on the first American composer to write an opera on an American theme. She discovered the composer George Frederick Bristow (1825–1898), one-time concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, who wrote an opera based on Washington Irving’s short story “Rip Van Winkle,” first published in 1819.

As a result of musical scholarship and persistence, Dr. Omelchenko produced a critical edition of the opera’s overture that has now been recorded by a professional ensemble.

A critical edition of a musical manuscript attempts to recover the artist’s original score, which may have become altered over the years, adding appropriate footnotes and documentation. Dr. Omelchenko found Bristow’s handwritten score of *Rip Van Winkle*, which premiered in 1855, in the archives of the New York Public Library.

“Bristow changed the story of *Rip Van Winkle* to make it about the American Revolution, and there’s a romantic subplot about his daughter. It’s a rather light, comic opera. Musically it evokes English parlor songs and ballads,” she said.

“It’s a magical experience to hear other musicians’ interpretations of what you’re trying to represent. I hope Bristow would be pleased.”

After her dissertation was finished, Dr. Omelchenko was contacted by Rebecca Miller, conductor of the Royal Northern Sinfonia, a professional chamber orchestra in England. She was interested in Bristow’s music and wanted to record the Overture to *Rip Van Winkle* using Dr. Omelchenko’s critical edition. The eight-minute overture was released in 2015 as part of the Royal Northern Sinfonia’s CD, *George Frederick Bristow: Symphony No. 2 (“Jullien”)/Overtures*.

“I’m very pleased with it,” Dr. Omelchenko said. “It’s a magical experience to hear other musicians’ interpretations of what you’re trying to represent. I hope Bristow would be pleased.”

It was quite a year for Dr. Omelchenko, who also conducts the FSC Symphony Orchestra and directs the strings program in the Department of Music. At an orchestral conducting festival in St. Petersburg, Russia, she conducted the famed Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra in a performance of works by Russian composers Mussorgsky, Shostakovich, and Tchaikovsky.

Listen to the recording online at [youtube.com/watch?v=VNdVcbaorZI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNdVcbaorZI)



SIX INDUCTED INTO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Four former athletes and a pair of honorary inductees compose the Class of 2016 of the Florida Southern College Athletics Hall of Fame. They were inducted at the 15th annual FSC Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet on Nov. 4, in Jenkins Field House.

Here are the new members of the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame.

Michael Knoedler '08, Men's Tennis. A four-time All-American, Knoedler won more singles and more doubles matches than any player in Florida Southern men's tennis history with a 67-17 career singles record and a 74-23 doubles mark. Named the Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year in 2007 and 2008, Knoedler was an Academic All-American in 2010.

Jael Koech '07, Women's Cross Country. The only All-American in program history, Koech earned that honor twice, in 2005 and 2006. She finished sixth at the 2005 NCAA Nationals, the highest finish in school

history. Koech was named the Co-Top Runner of the Sunshine State Conference Silver Anniversary Team and was the SSC Runner of the Year in 2006 after winning the conference meet as a senior. A four-time All-SSC honoree, she holds the seven fastest 5K times in school history and nine of the top ten.

Nelson Rood '83, Baseball. Joining FSC as a junior college transfer, Rood was named to the All-America Team in his two seasons at Florida Southern. He was also a two-time All-SSC shortstop and was inducted into the FSC Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989. In 1982, Rood set a school record with 46 stolen bases only to break his record next season with 49 steals. His 95 career stolen bases ranks second on the Moccasins' all-time list. In 1983, Rood was the recipient of the James C. Rogers Award, one of the highest accolades given to an FSC student.

Senka Softic '10 MBA '11, Women's Tennis. A four-time All-American, Softic posted an amazing 72-10 singles record, winning more matches than any other women's tennis player in Moccasin history. She had a 65-30 career doubles record, one win shy of tying the FSC women's tennis record for victories. In 2007, she and Meri Gol set an FSC women's tennis single-season record of 22 doubles wins.

Chuck and Connie Bovay, Honorary. The Bovays' relationship with the College's athletic program began in 1971, and they have been members of the Sixth Man Club in support of men's basketball for more than 35 years. Most recently, they have contributed to the Barnett Athletic Complex campaign. Mr. Bovay is a former president of Lanier Upshaw Insurance Agency, Inc., and has served on numerous local and state boards. Mrs. Bovay was the first speech and hearing therapist for Lakeland area schools and helped start what is now the Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center. In 1998, the Lakeland Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Mr. Bovay with the George Jenkins Award, and in 2008, Lakeland Regional Medical Center named the couple as Philanthropists of the Year.



Above: Jael Koech '07 shows her plaque in the Athletics Hall of Fame to her daughter.

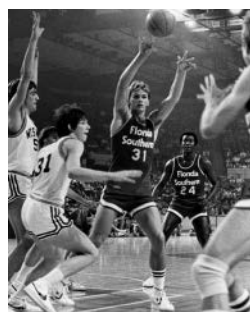
Left: The newest members of the Florida Southern College Athletics Hall of Fame are seen here at the conclusion of the 15th annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Nov. 4. Pictured, from left, are: Chuck and Connie Bovay, honorary; Michael Knoedler '08, men's tennis; Jael Koech '07, women's cross-country; Senka Softic '10 MBA '11, women's tennis; and Nelson Rood '83, baseball.

EBELING INDUCTED INTO Small College Basketball Hall of Fame



John Ebeling, Florida Southern's all-time men's basketball scorer and rebounder, took his place alongside other greats of the game in November when he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was at the Ford Center in Evansville, Ind.

Ebeling was among many other all-time great players and coaches in the Hall of Fame's inaugural class, including Travis Grant, Phil Jackson, Earl Monroe, Willis Reed, and Jerry Sloan.



Top: John Ebeling (center) is congratulated by Director of Athletics and Dean of Wellness Pete Meyer (left) and men's basketball Head Coach Mike Donnelly.

Below: John Ebeling in action during the 1981-82 season.

Representatives from FSC present for the ceremony included Trustee Barney Barnett 65; Trustee Bob Adams and his wife, Ginny; Director of Athletics and Dean of Wellness Pete Meyer; Vice President for Advancement Dr. Robert H. Tate; men's basketball Head Coach Mike Donnelly; and Ellis Hirsch, a longtime supporter and member of the Sixth Man Club, and his wife, Lynn. The delegation spent time with Ebeling, who lives and works in Italy for professional basketball teams.

Meyer said the ceremony was "tremendous" and that Ebeling's induction assures his place in basketball history.

"The fact that he was in the inaugural class means he's one of the greatest players in the history of small-college basketball," he said. "John is a tremendous supporter of Florida Southern, and the opportunity to play here meant a lot to him. It was a phenomenal experience to have Florida Southern represented on the national level in the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame."

Ebeling was named the 1982 Division II National Player of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and was a three-time All-American. He led the Moccasins to the 1981 NCAA National Championship by averaging 21.5 points and 10.0 rebounds per game. The following season, he led the nation in scoring with 26.8 points per contest and barely missed out on the national rebounding title, finishing with a 12.81 average. He was named the Most Outstanding Player in the 1981 National Championship tournament and is the only player in Division II history to be named to three national all-tournament teams.

Ebeling is Florida Southern's all-time leading scorer with 2,514 points and all-time leading rebounder with 1,362 rebounds. His 19.8 career points per game average is also tops for a Moccasin player, and he continues to hold several other school records.

Ebeling is a member of the inaugural classes of the Sunshine State Conference (1992) and Florida Southern (2002) Athletic Halls of Fame. In 2006, he was named to the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championships 50th Anniversary Team and was voted the SSC's all-time top player of the first 25 seasons. His jersey number, 31, was retired by Florida Southern. He went on to play 20 seasons in the European leagues.

Cesar T. Odio

Captain of 1981 Championship Team, 1958–2016



Cesar Odio, captain of Florida Southern's 1981 national champion men's basketball team, passed away on July 20 after a long battle with leukemia. He was 58.

Odio played for four seasons for the Moccasins. His teammates voted him team captain as a senior, and Odio helped lead the Moccasins to the 1981 NCAA Division II National Championship.

"There's a hole in our hearts," said Hal Wissel, coach of the Moccasins in 1977–78 and 1981–82. "That team was a family and everyone loved Cesar."

"When I came to Florida Southern, two players stood out," said Wissel, "Drew Tucker and Cesar, and Cesar was tougher than anyone. He was all about the team and winning."

After graduating with a degree in physical education in 1981, Odio began his coaching career at Lakeland's Santa Fe School, where one of his players was Scott Wissel, son of his former coach.

"I would go to Scott's games and I could tell Cesar was going to be a great coach," said Wissel. "He was a coach on the floor when he played."

Odio rejoined his alma mater the following season in 1982 as an assistant coach, as well as serving the college as an admissions counselor. He later became the head coach at Miami-Dade College for seven seasons, compiling a 128–74 record.

Returning to the Sunshine State Conference as head coach at Barry University, Odio coached the Buccaneers for 17 seasons. He was twice named the SSC Coach of the Year and amassed a 266–218 record. He joined Barry's administrative staff in 2013–14 as an assistant director of athletics.

Odio was diagnosed with leukemia in 2008 and twice had been in remission. The Cesar Odio Leukemia Foundation was established in 2012 to support him and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Katherine Czajka Odio '83, a former member of the Moccasins' volleyball team; a daughter, Emily Odio-Sutton, a student support specialist at FSC; and a son, Eddie Odio, who played basketball at Boston College.



HALL OF FAME GOLF COACH

CHARLEY MATLOCK, 1930–2016

Former FSC Head Men's Golf Coach Charley Matlock, who won more NCAA championships than any other golf coach in Division II history, died July 9, 2016, in Lakeland after a long illness. He was 86.

Florida Southern won seven NCAA Division II national championships under Matlock in 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1991, and 1995 and finished second nationally four times. His teams finished in the top five at the national tournament in 17 of his last 18 seasons as coach. No other coach in NCAA Division II won more national titles, and only four NCAA coaches in all divisions won more than Matlock.

He was named the National Coach of the Year in 1990 by the Golf Coaches Association of America, and three of his Moccasins—Tom Gleeton (1978), Tom Patri (1981), and Lee Janzen (1986)—won NCAA individual national championships. Several of his players went on to have successful professional golf careers, including Rocco Mediate '84, Marco Dawson '85, and Janzen '86, who won the U.S. Open twice.

Matlock was a member of five halls of fame—Golf Coaches Association of America (1991), Sunshine State Conference (1992), East Tennessee Athletics (2000), Florida Southern Athletics (2002), and Polk County Sports (2003).

Current Head Coach Doug Gordin paid tribute to Matlock, saying he built the FSC golf program “from scratch” into a powerhouse.

“He’s an icon in the sport, for sure,” Gordin said. “He’s definitely the best coach to ever coach in Division II, and I think he’s one of the best coaches in all of collegiate golf.”

Matlock was known as a tough taskmaster. He required his players to take early-morning runs around Lake Hollingsworth in order to instill mental discipline. Steve Woda '90, who played for Matlock, recalled in a 2013 interview with *Southernnews* that the coach wasn't interested in excuses.

“He didn't put up with a lot of guff. You executed or you were out. That stuck with me,” said Woda, who is an entrepreneur and the owner of a digital security company.

A graduate of East Tennessee State, Matlock was a three-sport athlete—football, tennis, and basketball—from 1949 to 1953 and was among the nation's leaders in punting during his junior and senior seasons. He also earned a master's degree from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University.

Matlock came to Florida Southern in 1962 as an instructor in the college's physical education department and was a long-time director of the intramural program. About 10 years after joining FSC, he was named coach of the men's golf team and led the Moccasins until his retirement in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Peggy) Dulaney Matlock. He is survived by a son, Mark Matlock of South Pasadena, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Florida Southern College Men's Golf Team.



COACH MATLOCK *in their words*

Jeff Klauk '00

former PGA professional, tweeted:

“Coach Matlock was a great man. He created FSC men's golf!! He will be missed.”

FSC Men's Golf Head Coach Doug Gordin:

“He's an icon in the sport, for sure. He's definitely the best coach to ever coach in Division II, and I think he's one of the best coaches in all of collegiate golf.”

Tom Patri '87

president of TP Golf LLC, and Golf Magazine Top 100 Teacher in America:

“Charley was an old-school, tough-love, ex-college football punter at East Tennessee State. He coached the old fashioned way. You went to class, you got a degree, and you worked your (tail) off for your spot on the team. Many guys that played for Charley found him mean or a bit wacky. Charley was not mean at all. He cared that you were given the tools ... to succeed in a very tough real world after college. Charley used golf and a hard-nosed discipline to teach those lessons. Many under his tenure never fully realized his intent. I'm today a better teacher, a better coach, a better father, a better husband, and most of all what he wanted, I'm a better human being because of Charley Matlock.”

Students



Senior water skier **Ellie Horton** was awarded the \$5,000 Barbara Bolding/Jim Grew Scholarship from the USA Water Ski Foundation in July. She was one of just six college water skiers so honored. She is a member of the United States' Under-21 Water Ski Team and placed fifth in tricks at the 2015 Collegiate national championships.

Pre-dental studies student **Allison Tempel** was one of 12 students out of 600 applicants accepted to an internship at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, JBSA Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She researched bone regeneration, specifically focusing on the histology of samples collected from rats. The goal of the project is to help soldiers injured in combat, many of whose injuries are to the facial area, with cosmetic surgeries.

Diego Gimenez was recognized as a GEICO Achievement Award winner in August for outstanding academic achievement and campus leadership. He is a member of the Mocs men's swimming team.



Four voice students from the Department of Music attended the International Opera Performing Experience in Mercatello, Italy, last summer as part of FSC's Junior Journey program. The students—**Alyna Salgado, Rachel LaVo, Matthew English** and **Josef Samargia**—took voice and Italian lessons from instructors, including FSC Professor and Artist-in-Residence **Mark Thomsen**. They also performed in a concert and the opera *Gianni Schicchi* as part of a summer music festival. Assistant Professor of Music **Beth Gibbs** also had a role in the opera. The students and Prof. Gibbs are seen here at the Castello della Pieve in Mercatello, where Dante Alighieri was exiled and began work on the *Divine Comedy* in the 14th century.

Marielle Martinez, who is majoring in studio art, English, and psychology, was one of just 10 college students nationwide to be awarded a \$5,000 NBCUniversal/LNESC Scholarship. The scholarship is created and funded by Comcast/NBCUniversal/Telemundo in cooperation with the League of United Latin American Citizens National Education Service Centers. Recipients were selected based on their academic performance, professional goals, and interest in the entertainment industry.

Six musical theatre students were selected to perform in an international showcase in Norway in August as part of the Musical Theatre Educator's Association conference. A total of 22 students from the U.S., Italy, Australia, Thailand, Denmark, and Norway rehearsed with international directors to prepare for the showcase. The performance was held at Oslo's Teaterkjelleren in front of a panel of European casting directors. FSC was represented by more performers than any other program. The students were senior **Jessica Kronenberger**; juniors **Justin Baret, Molly Garrett, Rachael Lord**, and **Martina Long**; and sophomore **Sierra Bores**. Also as part of the conference, **Dr. Christianne Roll**, assistant professor of musical theatre, presented a master class on the topic of female belting.



Faculty

Assistant Professor of Communication **William Allen** and **Dr. Cara Mackie**, associate professor of communication, hosted actor, writer, and director John Schneider (*The Dukes of Hazzard, Smallville, The Haves and the Have Nots*) in their classes in November. Schneider was in Lakeland to promote a touring independent film festival, CineFlix Fest, which gives independent filmmakers an opportunity to have their works shown. Schneider, who owns John Schneider Studios in Louisiana, is seen here speaking to Mr. Allen's Media Foundations class.

Dr. Kyle Fedler, provost, was elected in January to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Lakeland Area Chamber of Commerce.



Dr. An-Phong Le, assistant professor of chemistry, was a member of a research team that produced the 2016 State of the River report on the condition of the lower St. John River Basin. He joined researchers from the University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, and Valdosta State University.

Gayle Olson, a clinical instructor in the Department of Athletic Training and an athletic trainer at FSC, was elected to the Hall of Fame at St. Peter (Minn.) Senior High School. She is only the second female to be elected to the school's Hall of Fame.



Dr. Nancy Morvillo, Nelson C. White Professor of Life Sciences and chair of the Department of Biology, served as chief reader of the Advanced Placement Biology program last year, overseeing the grading of 1.9 million essays written by 237,831 high school students over seven days in June. She was responsible for designing the exam, reviewing applications and appointing readers, and assembling and approving all final documents released to tens of thousands of high school AP biology teachers.



Sue A. Stanley-Green, associate professor of athletic training and director of the Athletic Training Education program, is an Eye in the Sky spotter for concussions and related injuries in the National Football League. She is attached to the Jacksonville Jaguars and also works as a backup for the Miami Dolphins and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. She traveled to London, England, for the game between the Jaguars and the Indianapolis Colts in September.



In December, **Dr. Kristian Taylor**, assistant professor of marine biology (seen here fourth from right), was awarded a grant from Tampa Bay Water for his project, "Fostering Source Water Stewardship using Peer-to-Peer Instruction." The project calls for members of the student organization Florida Southern's Ocean Conservation group (FLOSOCO) to serve as peer educators to non-science majors and discuss the role of the vital Hillsborough and Alafia River ecosystems and the importance of source water conservation. He also received a grant from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program for a project to foster ecosystem awareness by examining macroinvertebrates in Tampa Bay.



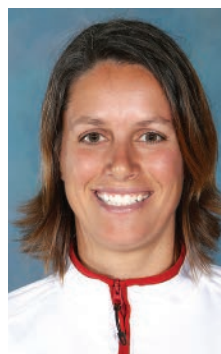
Staff

Women's basketball Head Coach **Betsy Harris** was a speaker at the Florida Association of Basketball Coaches clinic in September. Other speakers included former Orlando Magic Coach Stan Van Gundy.



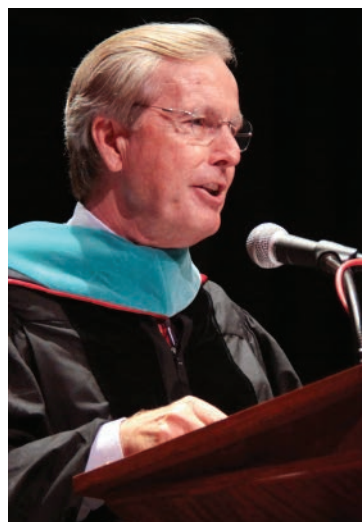
Women's lacrosse Assistant Coach **Marissa Higgins** was named the 2016 NCAA Division II Assistant Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. She helped lead the Moccasins to the 2016 Division II National Championship. Working primarily with the goalkeepers, Higgins helped coach a goalie tandem that finished a combined 19-3 with a 7.26 goals-against average and a .475 save percentage.

Cross country and track Head Coach **Ben Martucci '11** was named to the Hernando High School High School Hall of Fame. He was inducted on Sept. 22.



Women's lacrosse Head Coach **Kara Reber** has been selected to serve a second year as a member of the Coaches Council for the Alliance of Women Coaches (AWC), one of 12 female coaches from across NCAA Divisions I, II, and III who have been named to the council for the 2016-17 academic year. The Alliance is a national network of women coaches that not only supports individual coaches, but makes it possible for others to follow in their footsteps.

Trustees



Lt. Gen. Donald Kerrick '71, U.S. Army (ret.), has been named chairman of the board of SRC, Inc., a not-for-profit research and development corporation based in Cicero, N.Y., that applies science, technology, and information to solve problems in the areas of defense, environment, and intelligence.



MEET FSC'S NEW ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR, **JENNIFER OLIVIER '92**

To say Jennifer Kleman Olivier '92 was “involved” when she was a student at FSC just doesn’t describe it. The new director of alumni relations at FSC has come back to the campus where she blossomed as a young adult.

“It was the BEST!” she says. “If I had attended the University of Florida, as I almost did, I never would have participated in half the things I did at FSC.”

She was a cheerleader for a year (hence, her enthusiasm), a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, president of what was then known as the Student Union Board (now the Association for Campus Entertainment), and a candidate for Miss Southern her senior year. She also was a residence hall advisor her junior and senior years, which she says was “my absolute favorite thing” at FSC.

“I loved having a hall of ‘little sisters’—I have no siblings of my own—and I loved working with Student Services,” she says.

Olivier was no slouch academically and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society, majoring in communications with a specialization in public relations. No other subject sounded interesting, she says, and her aptitude for the field has been apparent in her career. She earned accreditation in Public Relations (APR) in 2014.

She has worked in marketing and communications in both corporate and nonprofit settings for some of the premier employers in Polk County, including Lakeland Regional Health, Publix Super Markets, Inc., Florida Presbyterian Homes, and SUN 'n FUN/Aerospace Center for Excellence. At SUN 'n FUN, she was responsible for helping plan its annual International Fly-In & Expo, a weeklong aviation event attended by hundreds of thousands of spectators.

She says she jumped at the opportunity to return to FSC.

“Serving the school and my fellow alumni is an honor for me,” she says “I like to think I bring solid public relations experience and patience to the job.”

Among Olivier’s priorities has been developing a social media strategy to boost communication and engagement with alumni. She has created a monthly digital newsletter called *FSC Connect* that is emailed to alumni and friends and also is posted on the College website (see box below for information).

She has arrived during a time of transition for alumni events. Homecoming at FSC will now be held in even years instead of annually, with the next one in 2018. A more decentralized approach is being tried, with alumni receptions in Florida and up and down the East Coast being held closer to where alumni live. Look for invitations and more information in the mail and in *FSC Connect*.

Olivier nevertheless encourages her fellow alumni to take the opportunity to visit the campus, especially if they have been away for awhile.

“You’ll be so pleasantly surprised, not just at the beauty of the campus but at the accomplishments of the students, faculty, and staff,” she says. “We as alumni left a good legacy for them to build on.”

STAY CONNECTED

with FSC and Your Fellow Alumni Through **FSC Connect**

FSC Connect is a monthly digital newsletter just for FSC alumni. If you’re not receiving it, sign up online at flsouthern.edu/alumni/fsc-connect.

Want your news included?

Email your news to us at alumni@flsouthern.edu.

CLASSNOTES

Share Your News Change jobs? Moving? New addition to the family? Retiring?

There are two ways to share your personal news with your classmates and the College.

Use the form on our website: www.flsouthern.edu/alumni/info-update or send an email to alumni@flsouthern.edu

Class of
1950

Tom W. Trout, Jr., still helps run the home remodeling and construction business he started in 1962, Trout Construction, Inc., in Jacksonville. Tom and the business were recently featured in the *Jacksonville Daily Record*.

Class of
1951

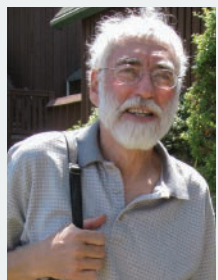
Dr. Virginia Starnes Davidson has picked up where she left off as conductor of the Winter Haven Symphony. The orchestra disbanded in 1985 when she moved to New York, but she has returned to Winter Haven and conducted the re-formed orchestra's first concert in 30 years in October.

Class of
1960

Jim Ellis has been selected as a member of the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame's class of 2017. He was chosen for his distinguished career in the Florida citrus industry as a grower, packer, industry representative, and historian. He is currently in charge of Citrus Licenses and Bonds in the Division of Fruits and Vegetables for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Class of
1963

After retiring as a colonel in the U.S. Army Special Forces, **John "Jack" Plant** embarked on a career as a teacher. He was recently promoted to professor of drafting and design technology at Pasco-Hernando State College and was presented with the excellence in college teaching award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. He lives in Spring Hill.



Class of
1965

Don Cauble has had his latest book of poetry, *On the backs of seahorses' eyes / Journey of a man through time: New and selected poems*

and other storybook tales 1962–2012, published by Dancing Moon Press. He lives in Portland, Ore.

Class of
1966

Claudia Miller is retired from her work as an ESOL teacher in Hawaii and as a live-in caregiver, and now she enjoys volunteer work in Jacksonville.

Class of
1968

Brig. Gen. Dan Cherry has retired from the U.S. Air Force and is living in Bowling Green, Ky. He has been inducted into the Georgia and Kentucky Aviation Halls of Fame and is the author of *My Enemy, My Friend: A story of reconciliation from the Vietnam War*.

In November, the late **Lee Slayden Gordon** was honored posthumously by the Brooksville City Council as a Great Brooksvillian for her musical contributions to the community. She helped start the performing arts program at Hernando Christian Academy and helped produce musicals at the Dixie Theater in Brooksville. She died in 2009.

Jim Gustafson has a new poetry collection, *Drains and Other Depressions*. He teaches creative writing at Florida Gulf Coast University and world religions at Florida Southwestern State College. His previous collection, *Driving Home*, was a 2013 Push Cart Prize nominee. He lives in Fort Myers, where he reads, writes, and pulls weeds.

Kay Woelfel Scott and her husband, David, are retired but have continued the travels they began shortly after getting married in 1969. They are now the travel writers for Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc., which owns dozens of newspapers across the country. They live in Valdosta, Ga.

Class of
1969

The Rev. Dural "Raggy" Ragsdale has retired from the United Methodist ministry and makes fun YouTube videos as Uncle Raggy, playing guitar and ukulele. He also plays blues in clubs in Memphis and all over the Mid-South. He lives in Vicksburg, Miss.

Class of
1970

The Rev. Rob Atchley, retired from the United Methodist ministry, is serving as chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol's Lakeland Squadron. He was quoted in a newspaper article marking the 75th anniversary of the CAP.

Hope Matlock Barton is a full-time painter and her work was displayed in the St. Augustine Art Association's 7th Annual Nature & Wildlife Exhibition in July and August. She was featured in a one-person show at Arts on Douglas in New Smyrna in March. She has lived in St. Augustine since 2005.

Class of
1971

The **Rev. John E. Denmark** retired in July after 44 years of service in the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church. He continues to serve as assistant lead chaplain for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, lead chaplain for Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue, and is a member of the Palm Beach County CISM Crisis Response Team. He lives in Melbourne.



Sigma Chis from '81 – '87 enjoyed a reunion in Norwich, NY last fall. Say hello to Dan Pfister, Mark Benson, Blake Guiles, Tom Plaisance, Ed Hecker, John Anastasia, Mark Eady, Brian Jeffries, Jim Carroll, Bill Dickman, Rob Burnette, Paul Walker, and Tim Carson!



Class of
1974

Dr. Steven B. Rogers gave a lecture, "Were There German Spies on Monhegan Island During World War I?" at the University of Southern

Maine Lewiston–Auburn Senior College in September. He retired from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2010 after 32 years investigating war crimes and human rights violations. He and his wife, **SallyAnn Cobia Rogers '75**, travel extensively and divide their time between their home in Mount Rainier, Md., and a lakeside cottage in New Gloucester, Maine.

Class of
1976

Carol Bradford Cameron recently wrote a book, *'C' is for Carolyn: An Alzheimer's Journey in Love*, about her mother's bout with Alzheimer's. Carol, who has a master's degree in gerontology, works in the home companion industry in Plano, Texas.

Class of
1977

Jeff Noa has retired after a 38-year career as deputy airport director for St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport. Highlights of his career were meeting presidents Carter, Reagan, and Bush. Retirement now involves vacations at their family cabin in the Northeast Georgia mountains, kayaking, and jet skiing at home in Palm Harbor.

Richard L. Thomas is assistant vice president with Citi Bank working in anti-money laundering compliance and recently celebrated his 10th anniversary with the company. He lives in Lakeland.

Class of
1978

Jet Bieronski writes that he recently retired after 37 years as a financial products specialist with the Internal Revenue Service. He and his wife, Jan, live in Westmont, Ill., and have two sons.

Connie Welch Cunningham was promoted in October to the position of director of the Montpelier (Ohio) Public Library. She was previously the assistant director of the library.

Brent Howie is president of Provident Management Corp., a privately held condo-hotel management and consulting company in Clearwater. In November, he was named chairman of the board of the Onsite Property Management Association, a professional organization.

Lynne Fay Shrader has been appointed principal of Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School in the Aiken County (S.C.) Public School District. She has been a teacher and coach in Texas, Georgia, and South Carolina, and prior to her appointment, she was an assistant principal in Columbia, S.C.

Class of
1979

In November, **Tom Gleton** was inducted into the Connecticut State Golf Association Hall of Fame for distinguished service to golf. He has been head pro at the Country Club of Waterbury, Conn., for the past 25 years. At FSC, he was an NCAA Division II individual champion.

These members of Sigma Phi Epsilon held their 39th annual reunion at Cedar Key in November. The area was devastated by Hurricane Hermine, and the brothers continued the FSC tradition of community service by making food and cash donations to the local food bank. Pictured,



clockwise from lower left, are **John Nemjo '81**, **Dan Adams '79**, **Greg Finch '79**, **Bill Reynolds '81**, **Ray Faubion '81**, **Dr. Jim McNabb '79**, **Mike Diamond '79**, **Marvin Pinder '79**, and **Johnny Bush**. Not pictured are **Dr. Ellis Allen '79**, **Jim Blaney '86**, **Jim Whitten '83**, and **Dr. John Haldeman**, professor of biology emeritus.

Bruce Waidler is an attorney who worked as a civilian fraud investigator for the U.S. Navy. He was a candidate for the Rhode Island House of Representatives. He and his wife, Susan, have four adult children and live in South Kingstown, R.I.

In May, the **Rev. Kevin Yarnell** was ordained a priest in the Diocese of St. Petersburg and serves at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lutz.

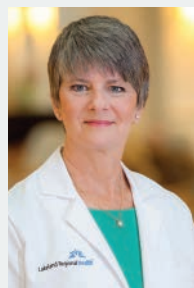
Class of
1981

Last June, **Allison Parks Crutchfield** retired from the Polk County School District (and one year in Okeechobee County) after 35 years of teaching. She is substitute teaching, volunteering, and spending time with her husband, Terry. She is also attending Polk State College, studying to become A-plus certified. She and her husband live in Winter Haven.

Ray Faubion is vice president of family risk management at BB&T Oswald Trippe and Company in Bonita Springs. He has been with the company for 19 years.

Class of
1982

Terry Kassien shows off his specialty California license plate that displays his Mocs pride. Terry is vice president of sales for Response Envelope, an envelope manufacturing business in Ontario, Calif.



Dr. Robin Kennedy Stewart has been selected to join the Nursing Board at the American Health Council. She will be sharing her knowledge and expertise in oncology, clinical research, nursing, clinical trials, and administration. Dr. Stewart is manager of clinical research at Lakeland Regional Health and an instructor in FSC's MSN program.

Class of
1983

Dr. Cynthia G. "Cyndi" Ferlita Rodriguez, doctor of nursing practice, has joined the staff of the cardiology department at Watson Clinic as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, specializing in general cardiology care, lipidology, and the detection and treatment of arrhythmia and heart failure. She was previously co-director of the USF Heart Health and USF Women's Heart Health advanced lipid clinic.



Former Mocs men's golfers **Ralph Howe III '88** (left), **Lee Janzen '86** (middle), and **Marco Dawson '85** played a practice round together during the week of the U.S. Senior Open in August. Janzen is a two-time U.S. Open champion, and Dawson won the 2015 Senior British Open. **Rocco Mediate '84**, who won the 2016 Senior PGA championship, was supposed to join the group but was unable to play that morning.

Class of
1984

Tim Richardson was the keynote speaker at the Chapter Leaders Conference of the Cornerstone Credit Union League in November. He has been a professional speaker since 1988 and is the author of *Transformation Thinking*.

Class of
1985

Mike Chisum is a prosecutor with the Morrison County (Minn.) District Attorney's Office. He was a candidate for the city council in Sartell, Minn., where he lives with his wife, JoAnn. They have three children.

In November, **Nora Gould Rupert** was elected vice chair of the Broward County School Board. She was elected in 2010 to represent District 7 and re-elected in 2014.

Class of
1986

The Rev. Daphne Elkins Johnson MBA '93 has been reappointed senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Clearwater. She is married to **Professor of Religion Frank Johnson**.

Class of
1987

Tracy Torrance is a doctoral student in music education at the University of South Florida. She recently was selected as a winner of the 8th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium and was invited to take part in the 2016 statewide Graduate Student Research Symposium at the University of Florida, which works to disseminate, award, and celebrate the highest quality research from Florida's nine public universities.

Class of
1988

Patricia "Pattie" Heath Molenaar has been appointed vice president of sales and marketing for France by ADP, the human resources company. She joined the company in 2015 as vice president of global enterprise sales. She is based in Nanterre, near Paris.

Joseph Tiseo was a candidate for the Charlotte County Commission last fall.



Lt. Matt Brown '94 of the Lakeland Fire Department was recognized as National Firefighter of the Year by the American Legion at its annual convention in Cincinnati in August. The prestigious award “recognizes those firefighters who have selflessly distinguished themselves over and above their normal duties predominantly through service activities, professional achievements, and heroic acts.” Matt is the department’s Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team coordinator and SWAT Paramedic team coordinator, and he also is an adjunct instructor at the College in the athletic training program.

Class of
1989

Herb Albritton MBA has been named chief operating officer of GrayRobinson, P.A., one of Florida’s leading law firms. He was previously executive director and chief financial officer at Miami-based Akerman LLP.

Bryan Beswick has been reappointed by Gov. Rick Scott to a four-year term on the Southwest Florida Water Management District’s Governing Board, representing Desoto, Hardee and Highlands counties. Bryan is a grove manager with Premier Citrus Management LLC in Arcadia.

Class of
1990

J. Sam Jones was recently promoted to assistant general manager with Duda Farm Fresh Foods. Sam manages areas of the company’s vegetable program in the Eastern United States. He has been with the company for 11 years. He is the son of **Martha Watson Jones '58** and the late **John S. Jones, Sr. '58**.

Class of
1992

Dr. Mary Jane Van Dyke Michaels-Stickle is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) and works as a psychotherapist at Keystone Counseling and Evaluation in Lock Haven, Pa., where she lives.



Jennifer Kleman Olivier (third from right), in her new role as director of alumni relations at Florida Southern, stands with alumni and administration at a recent reception in Washington, D.C. She is also president of the Dick Pope/Polk County chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

Class of
1994

Jacob Bast is chair-elect for the Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Operating Officer Leadership Council for the American Medical Group Association (AMGA), effective July 1. The AMGA is a trade association representing

a number of prominent medical groups and integrated health care systems. Jacob is senior vice president and chief operating officer of St. Elizabeth Physicians in the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio, area.

Stacy Williams McIlvain writes that after 18 years with IBM, she has accepted an opportunity as the settlement operations manager at Blackhawk Network. She lives in Peoria, Ariz.

Class of
1995

Jennifer Hilliard Basey was recently promoted by the financial services firm Edward Jones to regional leader over Southwest Florida, where she will be responsible for the firm’s regional branch offices. She has been with Edward Jones for 12 years and lives in Fort Myers.

Cherie Pede Shifflett is a paraprofessional for the Thompson School District and recently published a memoir, *My Colorful Life as a Flower Child*. She lives in Loveland, Colo.

Brian Skarbek recently was promoted to chief investment officer at Cypress Trust Company, based in the Sarasota area. He has been with the organization for more than 12 years and has portfolio management responsibilities on the west coast of Florida, while working with clients all over the state and country.

Class of
1996

Marcia V. Forsett has started a nonprofit organization, Marcias’ Sons of Thunder, which promotes responsibility and civic awareness, pro-social friendships, strong interpersonal skills, and reasserts a sense of hope in the future for young people through mentor relationships. She lives in Frostproof.



Today, I become a new man. I'm glad and grateful to undertake this step with my classmates. Love you all. <3 @FLSouthern #Commencement #Mocs @Mani260381



Christopher Holloway is an opera singer who gave a recital at Berry College in Georgia in September. He also teaches at the University of South Florida. He is married to **Elizabeth Monroe Holloway**.

Class of
1999

Wayne Raath MBA '01 won the Polk County Amateur Golf Tournament in August at Lone Palm Country Club in Lakeland. It was the third time he has won the tournament.

Corey Tumer is a physical education teacher at Sleepy Hill Middle School in Lakeland. He started a step team, Taken by Surprise, and a mentoring program for young women at the school.

Class of
2000

Keagan J. Kerr has been appointed to the newly-created position of chief human resources officer for Pacific Seafood, a seafood product processing and distribution company in Portland, Ore. He previously was a senior vice president with Coeur Mining Company. He is married to **Rishel Nelson Kerr**.

Jeff Klauk has joined Perfect Golf Event as the manager of tournaments and events for the new digital platform designed for charitable and sponsored golf tournament organizers, enabling them to raise more money for their causes. He played professional golf for 16 years after winning the individual NCAA Division II national championship at FSC. He and his wife, former Mocs standout golfer **Shanna Nagy Klauk '99**, and their family live in St. Augustine.

Class of
2001



Barbara Rivera Holmes has been named president and CEO of the Albany (Ga.) Area Chamber of Commerce. She had served as interim CEO while continuing her duties as vice president of the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission.



Fred Koehler is the illustrator for a new children's book released in September, *This Book is Not About Dragons*, by Shelley Moore Thomas. Fred reports he had fun using a blowtorch to make some of the pages look like they had been singed by dragon's breath (because there are dragons in the book).

Geoff Sherman was recently awarded diplomate status with the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology and was named a fellow of the American College of Professional Neuropsychology. He is the only board-certified neuropsychologist in the state of Wyoming. He and his wife, **Aimee Kane Sherman**, live in Buffalo, in North-central Wyoming, near the Bighorn National Forest, with their children, Emma and William.

Class of
2003

Lacy Emmerling M.Ed. '08 has been promoted by the Polk County School District from acting assistant principal to assistant principal at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland.

Class of
2004



Clayton Amestoy has been hired as senior farm manager with J&J Family of Farms, which grows produce in five states and Mexico and is based in Loxahatchee. A fourth-generation farmer, he was previously district farm manager at Pero Family Farms.

Claudia Bolaño-Becerra has added yet another job to her already impressive list. She is the new director of the Florida Southern Girls Chorus, about 25 young women from sixth to 12th grade who perform at the College and around the region. In addition, Claudia is artistic director of the Plant City Community Chorale and adjunct faculty member at Harrison School of the Arts and Polk State College. She lives in Lakeland with her husband, Ernesto, and two children, Juan José and Juliana.

Elizabeth Bryda Young has a new daughter, Ever B. Young, born December 28, 2015, who joins her brother, Jacoby Lee Young, born in 2011. Elizabeth earned a master's degree in educational leadership in 2014 from Florida Gulf Coast University. She and her husband, Jimmy Lee Young, Jr., live in Fort Myers.

Class of
2006

Ken Limbaugh recently accepted a position as head strength and conditioning coach with the Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program at the U.S. Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Battalion East at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He works in the gym to help wounded marines with strength and conditioning in their transition back to active duty or civilian life.



Shout out to Noah Nadler '05 – named a partner to Wick Phillips' Dallas office! #gomocs

Lindsay Ritenbaugh recently became the development associate for Children's Miracle Network at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital in Gainesville, working with its high school and college dance marathon programs across the region.

Dane Zisa got married in April. He lives in Altamonte Springs.

Class of
2007

Hilary Eaton Strout has been named assistant vice president and enterprise fraud manager for Bar Harbor Bank & Trust in Hampden, Maine, where she oversees the bank's fraud management program. She and her husband, James, live in Bangor, where they own and operate a small private gym.

Class of
2008

Jaclyn Sugg Christesen recently was hired by the office of the registrar at Florida Gulf Coast University. She lives in Cape Coral.

Laura Quintana Cruz Garrison was married to Michael Garrison in 2014. They have a daughter, Taylor Marie, born in 2015, and a son, Zachary Michael, born in 2016. She is employed by Lockheed Martin as a systems engineer, and she and her family moved into a new home in St. Cloud in 2016.

Jackie Stoelting finished third in the Symetra Golf Tour's winnings list for 2016 and earned back her LPGA card, where she will play in 2017.

Class of
2009

FSC assistant men's soccer coach **Eoghan Conlon M.Ed. '13** is director of competitive at Lakeland Futbol Club, a developmental program for youth.

Michael Fallon recently became the director of Webster University's Ocala campus.

Capt. Angel Figueroa is a crime analyst with the U.S. Army's 8th Army Law Enforcement Division. He is former commander of the U.S. Army's 54th Military Police Company and the 95th Military Working Dog Detachment. He and his wife have a daughter.

Matthew Habib is pursuing a career as an opera singer in Germany. He joined the company of the Landestheater Niederbayern in Passau in May and is scheduled to sing in five productions this season, including *Tristan and Isolde* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Before leaving for Germany, Matthew was a Young Artist with Tacoma Opera in Tacoma, Wash.

Elizabeth Chinchilla Hults is a graphic designer and was asked by the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency to organize a contest to design a brand for the city's commercial district east of downtown.

Elizabeth Stephanz has completed two masters' degrees, one in music therapy and the other in developmental disabilities with a concentration in child life. She is a music therapist in Sinking Spring, Pa., where she lives.

Heather Burgner Wall is the new head women's golf coach at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. She was an All-American while playing for the Mocs. Previously, Heather was the head men's and women's golf coach at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Class of
2010

In January, **Seamus Burke** marked his two-year wedding anniversary to Elizabeth Rose Weisstein Burke. They moved to England in October.

Brittany Minton Lester was the inaugural inductee into the Grayson High School Softball Hall of Fame in Loganville, Ga., where she was Class AAA Pitcher of the Year in 2003. At FSC, she was All-Sunshine State Conference.

Chalsey Martin Lockhart is a physician's assistant who has joined the practice of hand surgeon Dr. Ann L. Licht at Watson Clinic in Lakeland. She is married to **Jared Lockhart '10**.

Sara McAlpin was featured in an article on Slate.com about the choices faced by young Republican women in the 2016 election. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Class of
2011

Jackie Bachteler has been named head coach of first-division women's soccer team Anarthosis Famagusta in Cyprus. She has been playing and coaching in Sweden and will now move to the Mediterranean to continue her professional soccer career.

Andie Carrozzella began working at Amazon.com's Cambridge, Mass., office in April. She also is engaged to Emily Forest of Los Angeles, Calif., and plans to be married in June 2018.

Katie Naumec Chalupsky works at SUN 'n FUN Fly-In, Inc., as accounting controller. She and her husband, Dillon, who were married in 2013, welcomed their first child, a boy named Mason, on April 28, 2016. They live in Lakeland.



Had a student come in saying she was going to Florida Southern scholars weekend! Made me happy #proudtobeamoc #yespleasegothere @FLSouthern @jay_nicole444

Clifford J. “C.J.” Johnson is an attorney with Frese, Hansen, Andersen, Andersen, Heuston & Whitehead, P.A., in Melbourne. He was a candidate for Melbourne City Council in the fall elections.

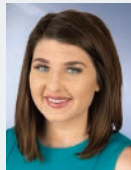
Colin Kaline has been named co-head coach of the Oakland (Mich.) University baseball team. He was formerly an assistant coach for FSC.

Kim Milton, who usually sings opera, was a performer in a tribute to Elvis Presley at the Historic Polk Theatre in August, marking the 60th anniversary of Elvis’s concert at the theatre.

Yuichi Sasaki is a member of the Malaysian Olympic Committee staff, and he was the athletic trainer for Malaysian athletes at the Paralympic Games in Rio last summer. Two of the athletes he cared for won gold medals and a third won a silver medal. He is seen here (at right) with Abdul Latiff, who won a gold medal in the para-long jump at the Paralympic Games.



Class of 2012



In January, **Meghan Bragg** began working as a reporter for WBBH TV in Southwest Florida. She previously worked as a reporter in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and in Nebraska.

Leslie Rath Foti recently was named financial advisor for the Congressional Western Caucus in Washington, D.C. She continues to serve as the director of scheduling and administration in the office of Congressman Paul A. Gosar, a position she has held for five years. She is also the executive director for the Arizona Congressional Chiefs of Staff organization. She and her husband Anthony are parents to two boys, Grant and Phillip.

Patrick Gocklin, a member of the men’s golf 2010 national championship team, has joined a new Golf Channel Academy at the Executive Health & Sports Center in Manchester, N.H., as a coach. Patrick resides in Manchester.

Jessica Fleming Hubbard is an adjunct professor of biology at Georgia State University while conducting post-graduate study in cell biology and immunology at the university. She also is an upper-school science teacher at Woodward Academy, the largest independent private school in North America. She is married and has a son, Dallas Ray Hubbard, born in December 2014. The Hubbards live in Tyrone, Ga.

Kamalie Morales MBA ’15 is an admissions counselor in the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. A Harry Potter fan, she was featured in an article in *The Ledger* about the release of a new book inspired by the series.



Branden Weber has joined the Orlando office of the Carlton Fields law firm. He is a member of the firm’s business litigation section of its national trial practice group. He received his J.D. from the University of Florida’s Fredric G. Levin College of Law, where he was a board member of the Florida Law Review.

Class of 2013

Perpetua Charles joined Beacon Broadside, a project of Beacon Press, as assistant publicist shortly after earning an M.A. degree from Emerson College in 2015. She lives in Boston.

Bobby Downes has been named an assistant coach for the men’s lacrosse team at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. He was previously video coordinator for the University of Michigan lacrosse team and an assistant coach at Virginia Military Institute.



Kristin Goerl recently was promoted to morning news reporter and fill-in traffic anchor at WINK News, a CBS television affiliate in Fort Myers. Previously, she worked at WMBF-TV in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Jeffrey “Jeb” Halfacre is a new assistant swimming coach at Miami (Ohio) University. He was previously a swim coach at the Sharks Swim Club in Chicago. Jeb is a former All-American swimmer for the Mocs.

Jordan Hutar has joined the corporate environmental team at Enbridge, a midstream oil and gas company, where she helps support natural gas processing field offices and facilities across the United States. She previously was with the environmental team at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. Jordan lives in League City, Texas.



Erin Ferguson Knothe was the nominee of the Dick Pope/Polk County Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association for the association’s statewide Joe Curley Rising Leader Award. She is the local chapter’s president-elect and works as a marketing specialist with MidFlorida Credit Union.

Susanna Knowles earned a Master of Fine Arts in Wig and Makeup Design from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston Salem, N.C., in May. She will spend next year as an apprentice in the wig and makeup shop of The Julliard School in New York.

Michelle Maldonado is associate director of Hispanic and Latino Communication for United Methodist Communications of the United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn. She is in the process of applying to the doctor of ministry program at Drew University.

Joshua Mazur is pursuing a doctorate in music composition at the University of Florida. He recently composed *A Magdalene Requiem, In Search of Mercy*, a choral requiem composed in

memory of women forced to work in asylums run by the Catholic Church in Ireland. His sister, **Lyda Jo Mazur ’17**, helped with the libretto. The requiem was given its premiere in November by the Gainesville Master Chorale and Orchestra.

Sierra Saunders graduated with a Master of Science degree from the London School of Economics in 2015. She works as a capital mitigation specialist at the Northern Virginia Capital Defender Office. She lives in Arlington, Va.

Erin Collins Soring is employed at Mielcarek Eye Associates as an office receptionist and assistant to an oculofacial cosmetic surgeon. She was married on October 23 at a ceremony in Clayton, Del. She lives in Upper Chichester, Penn.

Class of
2014

Khaliah Brown earned an MBA from Ashland University in Ohio in May.

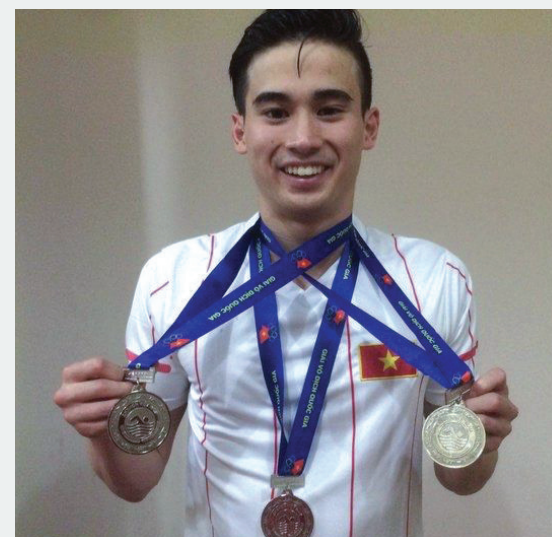
Shane Convery is playing in mini-tour golf tournaments in Florida as a professional after taking a year off. He lives in St. Augustine.

Tim Crouch won his first professional golf tournament, the Ohio Open at Westfield Country Club, last July. He is a former All-American and national champion for the Mocs.

Katie Gladhill, a cadet at the Kenneth C. Thompson Institute for Public Safety police academy in Winter Haven, was awarded the Michael Callin Memorial Scholarship to help her complete her training. The scholarship is named for an Orange County Sheriff’s deputy who was killed in the line of duty and is awarded to recruits who represent his example of service.

Katherine Luecht graduated in May with an M.A. in experimental psychology, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. She is employed as a human factors engineer and user experience researcher with Northrop Grumman Corporation. She lives in Madison, Ala.

Last July, **Derek Wallace** was named operations and communications coordinator for Nu Deco Ensemble, a genre-bending chamber orchestra in Miami. Previously he was assistant to the dean at Ithaca (N.Y.) College School of Music.



Thomas Nguyen has joined the staff of the University of South Carolina as an assistant swimming coach. He was previously a coach with the SwimAtlanta program. Thomas was a member of the Mocs swimming team.

Class of
2015

Gianni Artidiello has joined the FSC softball coaching staff as an assistant. She played two seasons on the Mocs softball team.



Thank you @AllisonClod and my family who helped me along the way. I miss my @DiamondHeels family, but I'm proud to be @FLSouthern Alumni!

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Kevin Capers, star of the 2015 national champion men's basketball team, was on the opening-day roster of the Westchester Knicks of the NBA Developmental League in November. He looked to improve on his scoring numbers for the Knicks from the previous season.



Three alums in the same family! **Alexa Cole** (center) is a volunteer coordinator for Townsquare Interactive and lives in Charlotte, N.C. Her mother, **Robin Ciminello Cole '85** (left), is associate executive director with The National Creditors Bar Association in Sarasota. Also in the picture is Alexa's uncle, **Phil Ciminello '81**, who has worked for Publix Super Markets, Inc., for more than 30 years.

Maria Cuervo is employed as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and is working towards a master's degree.

Tyler Kelly has been named director of player development for the men's basketball program at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay. He joins his former coach at FSC, Linc Darner, who is now head coach at Green Bay. Tyler spent last year as an assistant coach for the Mocs.

Having a bit of fun in the last game of the season, **Wade Kirkland** played all nine positions for the Midland (Texas) Rockhounds, the AA minor-league franchise of Major League Baseball's Oakland A's. Normally an infielder, he started at catcher and played every position, including pitching one inning.

Victoria Lew is pursuing a Ph.D. in human factors at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

Ashley Patterson Morgan is pursuing a master's degree in flute performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music. In July, she and **Christopher Clark Morgan** were married. They live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Lindsay Smith is a management trainee with Enterprise Holdings in Dallas, Texas.

Class of
2016

Jewel Blakeslee is a performance apprentice on the staff of the Riverside Children's Theatre in Vero Beach. The troupe will perform shows in elementary schools in Indian River County.

Daniel Comer joined AmeriCorps and was deployed to Corvallis, Ore., where he works for the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department, especially with the Youth Volunteer Corps program as a mentor and volunteer coordinator.

Alexi Cortez plays for the Florida Tropics, a new franchise in the Major Arena Soccer League based in Lakeland. The Tropics' head coach is former Mocs soccer player **Clay Roberts**.

Jonathan Glass is an intern for the championship and women's basketball programs at the Atlantic 10 Conference in Newport News, Va., a Division I NCAA collegiate athletic conference.

Robert Guertin is a graduate assistant at Southeastern University in Lakeland and an athletic trainer for its football team.

Kelsey Gouge is the marketing and partnerships coordinator for the Georgia Swarm, a team in the professional National Lacrosse League. A former standout swimmer for the Mocs, she lives in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Kyle McLaughlin is the new head coach of the boys' lacrosse team at Kingsway Regional High School in Woolwich Township, N.J. He is a graduate of Kingsway and was captain of the Mocs men's lacrosse team.

Gabrielle Rivard is the marketing coordinator for Justice and Mercy International, a faith-based nonprofit based in Nashville, Tenn., that works on behalf of people threatened by poor living conditions, human trafficking, hunger and lack of education in Brazil, Moldova, and South Africa. In July, she traveled with a team to the Amazon Jungle to serve people in need of medical attention in villages along the river.

Rebecca Schild was a recipient of an Alpha Omega Pi scholarship for graduate study, and she is using it to pursue a master's degree in early childhood education at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.



Kaitlyn Brandt '14 and **2nd Lt. Connor Shepard '15** were married Feb. 20, 2016 at the Keel & Curley Winery in Plant City. Fellow Mocs who were in the wedding party were **Pat Macleod '16** (second from left), **Matthew Thompson '14** (third from left), **Bern Mustian '17** (fourth from left), **Scott Macleod '14** (fifth from left), and **Taylor Bothe '16** (second from right). Connor is serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colo., and Kaitlyn works for the Colorado Springs SkySox, a AAA affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team. They live in Colorado Springs.



Vinny Huff '04 and Angelina Suarez were married on Oct. 22, 2016, at the Winter Park Civic Center. Vinny works for Five Star Resort Marketing and Angelina is a veterinary technician at the Veterinary Emergency Center of Central Florida. They reside in Orlando.



Bethany J. Baker '07 and Craig Evans were married on May 21, 2016, in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, in an intimate ceremony. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Matt Mercurio '05 and his wife, Jen, are the proud parents of Easton Mercurio, born Feb. 11, 2016. Matt and Jen work for the athletic department at Florida Institute of Technology, Matt as assistant baseball coach and Jen as assistant athletic director.



Andrea Merritt MBA '14 and her husband, Kyle, welcomed their first child, Nolan George Merritt, who was born on April 1, 2016. Nolan weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long. The Merritts live in Lakeland, where Andrea works for PM International Suppliers LLC.

Barbara J. Hoover '84 and Scott D. Smith were married on Sept. 17, 2016, at First Church of the Brethren in Roaring Spring, Penn., where they reside.

Daniel Rigano '14 and Shelby Lyn Chambers were married on Oct. 22, 2016, at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Lake Butler. The couple resides in Middleburg.

Shelby Kalmbach '14 and **Frank Welch '14** were married on Nov. 11, 2016. They live in Bradenton.



DEAN BEN WADE, 1935–2016

The Rev. Dr. Ben F. Wade, who served for many years as academic dean of the College, died Aug. 2, 2016, in Harrisonburg, Va. He and his wife, Janice, had lived in Bridgewater, Va.

A native of Roanoke, Va., Dr. Wade taught at the college and graduate school levels and spent most of his career as a college administrator. After graduating from Bridgewater College, he earned a master of divinity degree from United Theological Seminary, an S.T.M. degree from Boston University, an M.S. degree from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from Hartford Seminary. He was an ordained United Methodist minister and a member of the Florida United Methodist Conference.

Dr. Wade joined the faculty of Florida Southern in 1973 as academic dean and professor of religion. Between 1977 and 1985, he served several other institutions as dean, vice president, and president, and he was the first provost of Bridgewater College. He returned to FSC in 1985 as vice president and dean of the College, serving until his retirement in 1996. It is believed his tenure as chief academic officer is the longest in the college's history.

In 1997, he and his wife established the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teacher Award, accompanied by a generous stipend, which is given annually at the Founders Day Convocation to a classroom teacher who has demonstrated outstanding teaching performance, which was a priority of Dr. Wade during his tenure.

President Anne Kerr commented that he left a lasting legacy at Florida Southern.

“We were all deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Wade’s passing. His distinguished tenure at the College was marked by his exemplary leadership and dedication to excellence in teaching. We honor his memory and extend our sympathies to his family,” she said.

Dr. Wade is survived by his wife, Janice Wine Wade; two daughters, Andrea Wade Brasoveanu of Altamonte Springs and Laurel Faye Wade of Gainesville; and a granddaughter.

Interment will take place at First United Methodist Church of Lakeland, where he taught a Sunday school class for more than 30 years.

1940s

Barbara Meals Bost '42 of Tampa died Sept. 14, 2016.

Thomas M. “Tom” Mitchell '42 of Sebring died June 30, 2016.

Mary Katherine Harley Price '43 of Auburndale died Sept. 27, 2016.

The Rev. Gordon H. Strickland, '46 of Largo died Oct. 14, 2016.

Ravenell Purvis Taylor '48 of Plant City died Oct. 10, 2016.

Louis H. Furen, Jr., '49 of Fort Myers died June 12, 2016.

Cyril F. Gill '49 of Middletown, N.J., died Aug. 19, 2016.

Robert A. “Bob” Patrick III '49 of Lakeland died Sept. 29, 2016.

1950s

Edna Julia “Julie” Crenshaw Acker '50 of Ormond Beach died July 22, 2016. Survivors include her husband, **Russell S. Acker '51**.

Joseph Francis Smith '50 of Sayre, Penn., died Oct. 7, 2016.

Lois Parrish Stephens '50 of Sun City Center died July 1, 2016.

Ford J. DeHaven, Jr., '51 of Alma, Ga., died Sept. 13, 2016.

Betty Anne Owsley Hancock '51 of Port St. Lucie died May 19, 2016.

Margaret Bryan Cherry '52 of Wauchula died Aug. 23, 2016.

Richard A. Beder '53 of Jacksonville died Oct. 11, 2016.

Marie Mixon Hoffmann '53 of Winter Park died Sept. 1, 2016.

Romeo V. Renna '53 died June 17, 2016, in Tavares.

F. Elizabeth “Bette” Turner Jones Hicks '54 of Gainesville died Aug. 11, 2016.

William E. Burns '56 of Stony Brook, N.Y., died Aug. 30, 2014.

George E. Palmer '56 of Prospect, Ky., died June 13, 2016.

Homer T. Pyle '56 of Fort Myers died Nov. 29, 2016.

Col. Philip H. Beegle '58 of Palmetto, Ga., died Dec. 9, 2016.

Michael J. Forest '58 of Daytona Beach died Dec. 19, 2016.

John R. Griffin '58 of Bartow died Feb. 18, 2016.

Betty Sue Godwin Krause '58 of Summerville, S.C., died June 3, 2016.

Hallett “Hal” Brakman ’59 died Aug. 3, 2016, in Vero Beach.

Vivian Vann Cade ’59 of Seville died Oct. 28, 2016.

Judith Roberson Kingham ’59 of Winter Haven died Dec. 27, 2016.

Michael E. Murphy ’59 of Forney, Texas, died Aug. 10, 2016.

1960s

John Irvin May ’60 of Ocala died Jan. 24, 2014.

Carol Landgraf McKay ’60 died Jan. 25, 2016, in Jamestown, N.Y. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Martin McKay ’61**.

Susan Price Parker ’60 of Boca Raton died June 25, 2016.

Howard W. Conklin ’61 of Rochester, N.Y., died June 9, 2016.

Atlee Davis ’61 of Babson Park died March 21, 2016.

Raymond A. Alley, Jr., ’62 of Brandon died June 21, 2016.

Jackie M. Blocker, Sr., ’62 of Bartow died Dec. 19, 2016.

Derrell Franklin “D.B.” Brown ’62 of Winter Haven died July 8, 2016.

David E. Burkholder ’63 of Bradenton died Aug. 20, 2016.

Frances Freimuth Calderone ’63 of Reddick died Oct. 21, 2016.

Judith Haas Cloyd ’63 of Hiawasse, Ga., died Aug. 13, 2016. She was valedictorian of the Class of 1963. Survivors include her husband, **the Rev. Michael D. Cloyd ’66**.

Joseph H. Luter, Jr. ’63 of Jacksonville died Nov. 1, 2012.

James W. “Jim” Hardee ’64 of Plant City died Aug. 15, 2016.

Lt. Col. Robert W. “Bob” Kimbrough ’64 of Hudson died Sept. 20, 2016. Survivors include a sister, **Martha Kimbrough Brown ’66**.

Lola Lani Weston Overton ’64 of Naples died July 10, 2016.

Janice Nichols Claxton ’65 of Lakeland died June 28, 2016.

Rev. Dr. Donald Mimbs ’65 of Muscle Shoals, Ala., died June 30, 2016.

Donald A. Vaughan ’65 of Plant City died July 3, 2016.

Phillip L. Womble ’65 of Highland City died Aug. 18, 2016.

Marsha Kane Metz ’67 of Belleville, Penn., died December 4, 2016. Survivors include her husband, **John H. Metz ’67**.

George D. Edwards ’68 of Ocala died Dec. 28, 2016.

Richard D. Banks ’69 of Carver, Mass., died June 27, 2016.

Lt. Col. David A. “Andy” Setzer ’69 of Arlington, Va., died April 12, 2016. Survivors include his wife, **Karen Sue Maloney Setzer ’68**.



PROF. THOMAS M. WILLARD, 1937–2016

Dr. Thomas M. Willard of Lakeland died Aug. 24, 2016. He was professor of chemistry emeritus at FSC, serving his entire career on the faculty from 1964 to 1999.

He earned a B.S. in chemistry from Lamar University and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Tulane University in New Orleans. During their time at Tulane, Dr. Willard and his wife, Barbara, acquired a taste for Creole cooking and annually hosted a gumbo dinner for FSC chemistry students and lab assistants.

Known as an exacting and detail-oriented professor, he taught analytic and inorganic chemistry. He was active in the American Chemical Society and served as secretary and chairman of the local section of ACS for more than 30 years.

Dr. Willard had wide interests in language and music, in addition to science. He spoke German and traveled to Germany often, including a trip just before his death. He was a frequent chaperone on Junior Journey and Study Abroad trips. He also sang in choral ensembles, and he played low brass instruments in the FSC Concert Band.

His frugality was legendary, and he refused for many years to install central air and heat in his house. He learned glass-blowing to make or repair his own laboratory equipment, which became a hobby, creating glass figurines for family and friends.

Dr. Willard was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara. He is survived by a son, Bill Willard ’85 of Auburndale; a daughter, Elaine Lancaster of Black Diamond, Wash.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Jennifer Townsend Meux Stewart '69 of Burleson, Texas, died Aug. 16, 2016.

1970s

Gordon E. "Pete" Goodale '70 of Heathrow died June 20, 2016.

Dennis W. Stults '71 of Winter Haven died Aug. 5, 2016. He was presented the Business Alumni Achievement Award by the College in 1987. Survivors include his wife, **Virginia Andreu Stults '64**.

Alfred L. Delliveniri, Jr. '77 of Orlando died July 18, 2016.

Dr. Carroll Blake "C.B." Gambrell, Jr. '77 of Lakeland died Nov. 17, 2016.

Charles G. Brown '78 of College Station, Texas, died April 22, 2016.

Albert "Al" Rawdow, Jr. '79 of Lakeland died Nov. 21, 2016.

Donna B. Weaver '79 of Lakeland died July 10, 2016.

1980s

Marguerite McClain Gershkowitz '80 of Hudson died Aug. 6, 2016.

Dr. Robert W. "Bob" Miller '81 of Longwood died June 27, 2016.

Cesar T. Odio '81 of North Miami died July 20, 2016. He was the captain of the national champion FSC men's basketball team in 1981. Survivors include his wife, **Mary Katherine Odio '83**, and a daughter, FSC Student Support Specialist **Emily Odio-Sutton**.

Joan Carney Schmidt '82 of Upper St. Clair, Penn., died Oct. 19, 2016.

Cheryl Neff Roberts '83 of Vero Beach died July 25, 2016.

Monica Kiley Shoemaker '85 of Moodus, Conn., died July 3, 2016.

Terrie L. Almond '86 of Delray Beach died May 16, 2016.

Tamara J. "Tammy" Evans DeLong '86 of Lakeland died Aug. 15, 2016.

Edward J. Snow '88 of McMechen, WVa., died Nov. 19, 2016.

1990s

John C. Gunger '91 of Mount Dora died July 24, 2016.

Elizabeth McCarel Barnard '92 of St. Cloud died Sept. 27, 2016.

Laura E. Donham '95 of Port Charlotte died Dec. 10, 2016.

Raymond E. Ofenbeck '95 of Punta Gorda died Oct. 25, 2016, in Dousman, Wis.

2000s

Eric M. Heil '07 of San Antonio, Texas, died Sept. 22, 2016.

FACULTY

Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Berry of Winter Haven died Oct. 31, 2016. He was an adjunct instructor in the Department of Horticulture and Citrus Science from 1983 to 1998.

Clara Wiley Clayton '80 of Lakeland died Aug. 24, 2016. She was associate professor of nursing and chairman of the department from 1981 to 1995.

Dr. Richard W. "Dick" Pearce, Sr., of DeLand died Sept. 15, 2016. He was vice president of the College from 1969 to 1973, chairman of the Department of Business and Economics in 1969–70, and dean of the College from 1972

to 1973. Survivors include a daughter, **Karen Pearce '74** of DeLand; and a son, **Richard W. "Dick" Pearce, Jr. '73** of Longwood.

STAFF

Myrtice K. "Mert" Brown of Lakeland died Aug. 22, 2016. From 1975 until her retirement in 2009, she worked as a custodian in the Facilities Maintenance Department.

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

Rev. Dr. John Thomas "Tom" Sofge, Jr., of Jacksonville died Sept. 10, 2016. He was an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, serving as a pastor, district superintendent, and executive director of the Board of Ministry and Pensions in Florida for 42 years. In 1984, he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, by the College.

For more complete obituaries that include accomplishments, military service, and survivors, please go to fsouthern.edu/alumni and click on the In Memoriam link. Locations are in Florida unless otherwise noted.

Why We GIVE

John '96 and Lisa '97 Giglio

You could say that John Giglio '96 caught a wave.

When he joined Freedom Boat Club in 2004 as operations manager, the company was a small operation with a unique concept. For an entry fee and monthly dues, members of the club could have the use of any boat in the club's fleet, whether for fishing, skiing, or just cruising the coastal waters for fun. Club members got the pleasure of boating without the hassle of owning and maintaining a boat.

John saw the potential for growth, and he and a partner bought Freedom Boat Club in 2011. The following year, he bought his partner's share, leaving him the president and CEO. Since that time, thanks to John's willingness to capitalize on a market opportunity, the company's growth has zoomed as quickly as a sleek new Contender yacht.

In the past four years, Freedom Boat Club has doubled in size, to 120 locations in 23 states and the District of Columbia, and it just opened



its first international site, in Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition, the company has more than doubled its fleet, now totaling about 1,500 boats, and employs nearly 1,000 people. The club also offers a range of services, from safety lessons to knot-tying classes.

Modestly, John says, "The trend in the economy was very good for the recreational marine industry."

With the fruits of success, John and his wife, Lisa Carifi Giglio '97, naturally have considered how they can help others. They contribute to local charities in Sarasota, and Lisa volunteers at the school where their two daughters attend, in addition to giving her time to a local children's welfare organization. They also remembered Florida Southern.

After talking with Dr. Robert H. Tate, vice president for advancement at FSC, they decided to help their alma mater in a couple of ways. They began by contributing to the College's Annual Fund, for gifts that are not designated for a particular purpose. The Annual Fund helps the College meet its operating expenses each year, and gifts are used where they are needed most, from keeping the lights on in the residence halls to buying new computers.

But the Giglios wanted to do more.

"Dr. Tate talked to us about the possibility of setting up a scholarship. To be honest, the only way I could have gone to Florida Southern was with financial aid. College is very expensive, and Lisa and I wanted to make sure we set up something ongoing to be able to help a student like I was," John says.

The Giglios have established the Lisa A. and John R. Giglio Endowed Scholarship in Business, which when funded will pay the tuition of a deserving student in the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. The Giglios have specified that there are few restrictions on who may receive the scholarship, meaning that an average student with financial need is eligible.

Dr. Tate remembers John well when he was a student and says it is gratifying to see successful alumni eager to help the College.

"John is a great example of the loyalty that Florida Southern creates. We're very proud of him, and we're grateful that he and Lisa have been so generous."

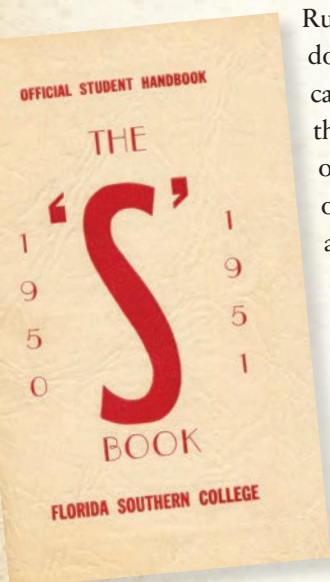
The Giglios have helped FSC as well through a special arrangement with the College's marine biology program. John recently offered the program access to his company's boats harbored at a number of marinas along the Gulf Coast for field trips, research projects, and other engaged learning experiences. Using pontoon boats from Freedom Boat Club, the Biology of Fishes class embarked on a field trip to the Manatee River, where they learned about and practiced a variety of fish sampling methods.

"I owed a lot to Florida Southern when I went out and started working," John says. "We're very impressed with the direction of the College, and we're looking forward to a long-term relationship."

THE **S** BOOK

“The principle underlying the Honor System is that every man (sic) is honorable, that every man intends to do right, and that no man will take that which he has no right.”

— from the 1934–1935 *The “S” Book* (Student Handbook)



Rules. Students complain about them, administrators do their best to enforce them, but college campuses can't function without them. In the early 20th century, there were fewer rules and greater reliance on a sense of personal honor to comply with accepted standards of behavior, but rules do change over the years, and a look at the rules published in student handbooks shows how they reflect trends in society.

Until 1968, the FSC student handbook was known as *The “S” Book*, and it was a pocket-sized booklet. Today it's known as the Student Code of Conduct, and it's posted on the College website. Nowhere are the changes in rules over the decades more evident than in dress codes and residence hall regulations.

College officials waged a rearguard battle against increasingly casual forms of dress for decades. In the 1934-1935 “S” *Book*, there was this advice for male students: “Don't think that the use of profanity, smoking, and wearing knickers make you a true college man. To sell your reputation at any price is a cheap bargain.” Apparently knickers—today regarded as obsolete, funny-looking knee pants—were regarded as rakish and an affront to the formal dress standards of the day.

Photos in the *Interlachen* throughout the 1950s show what *The “S” Book* required—men attending class wearing slacks and sport coats, many with ties, and women wearing dresses, skirts, and blouses. By the 1960s, women were admonished to “dress up” for the Sunday noon meal in the cafeteria, and “sportswear” was deemed “inappropriate” for classes.

According to the 1980-1981 Student Handbook, women may wear pants as long as they were not “patched, faded, torn, or frayed.” Tank tops, sweat shirts and “sloppy jerseys” were prohibited, but by this time, the rules seem to have been mostly ignored.



Within the past 20 years, the administration threw in the towel. The current Code of Conduct says not a word about dress requirements.

Most of the early dormitory rules tightly restricted interaction between the sexes. In the 1934-1935 “S” *Book*, Dean of Women Mamie Krohn wrote that “women are allowed to have three dates with the young men in accordance with the regulations set out by the Women's House Government Association.” It's unclear whether Miss Krohn meant three dates per month or per term.

Rules about dating were loosened by the 1950s but curfews were imposed, and even in the mid-1960s, women were not permitted even to visit men's dorms. However, love will find a way. In the '40s and '50s, attendance at Wednesday evening church services was encouraged, and according to United Methodist historian Nell Thrift, couples would meet and socialize at nearby College Heights United Methodist Church, which was within walking distance.

And in an era when even holding hands publicly on campus was frowned on, Lake Hollingsworth afforded some privacy. Many romances flourished during long strolls around the lake.

If rules loosened in some areas, they were tightened in one respect. Despite the 1934 advice to students about smoking, it was common in those days and it was not prohibited. But in the early 1990s, student handbooks “discouraged” smoking, and by 1995, it was banned inside all buildings.

In spite of all the changes, the old Honor System remains. Today students are expected to uphold The Cornerstone, consisting of five promises. The first principle is: “I will practice personal and academic integrity and excellence of character and expect the same from others.”

The sophomore class officers from 1955 and 1980 present a contrast in dress standards.

Below: In 1955, from left, Harry Caldwell, Carol Connell, Chuck Jackson, Kathy Kosar, and Jim Anderson are the picture of modest formality.

Bottom left: In 1980, from left, Witt McIsaac, Margie Reece, and Paul Kennedy are casual and relaxed.





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