



# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since our founding in 1883, the history of Florida Southern College has been filled with periods of great challenge, including epidemics, wartime conditions, hurricanes, tornadoes, and fire. Throughout the decades, our great College has demonstrated a resilient and unwavering commitment to educational excellence, and the year 2020 was no exception.

Masks, social-distancing, COVID testing, and remote learning have become our new normal on campus, yet the spirits of fellowship, innovation, and achievement endure as hallmarks of our Florida Southern community. Our students, faculty, and staff have successfully managed the tests of an ever-changing pandemic, and we have celebrated great victories along the way.



FSC was recently awarded three Top 10 Rankings in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Colleges" guide and was recognized in *The Princeton Review's* prestigious 2021 "Best 386 Colleges" guide for its campus beauty and exceptional architectural heritage for the 11th consecutive year.

Last February, we dedicated the Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health, including a new home for the FSC Preschool. The Education Department moved into its adjacent structure named for alumna Lamar Louise Curry '27.

“Florida Southern  
remains  
'on the move'”

Based on the generous funding from Marjorie and Hal Roberts, we celebrated the much-anticipated expansion of the Roberts Academy with the opening of a new, state-of-the-art middle school for students in grades 6 through 8.

Construction also progressed at the site of the College's high-tech Carole and Marcus Weinstein Computer Sciences Center.

Thanks to funding received from philanthropist Gregory Fancelli and grants from the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures program and the Florida Division of Historical Resources, restoration has begun on the FSC Planetarium, the only planetarium designed by iconic architect Frank Lloyd Wright ever to be constructed.

The establishment of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council at Florida Southern College, a collaborative group of students, faculty, staff, and members of the Lakeland community, marks another milestone for our College. The Council will work to develop and direct a comprehensive approach to diversity, inclusivity, access, and equity on the Florida Southern campus. Their vital mission is to build a college community that serves as an exemplar of educational opportunity and high-impact practices that will be a model for other institutions and advance the values of the Florida Southern Cornerstone to "respect the dignity, value, and worth of all persons."

Despite the difficulties of the past year, FSC had an undergraduate enrollment of 2,834 students learning on campus and remotely during the fall semester, the highest enrollment in our history. Our freshman class consisted of 674 students from 38 states — as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Armed Forces Europe, and Armed Forces Pacific — and 13 countries.

I am continually heartened by the deep commitment and resilience of our FSC community. These uncertain times remind us that hardship can often bring forth great achievements. Florida Southern remains "on the move," focused on excellence. We are honored and blessed to have you with us for the journey.

Sincerely,

**Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.**

President



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# FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE IS ON THE MOVE

## GARNERING NATIONAL RANKINGS

## COMMITTED TO STUDENTS AND EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES



*U.S. News & World Report* recognized Florida Southern in its “Best Colleges” guide, listing FSC in the top 10 in three categories in its 2021 edition. FSC is also ranked No. 9 among the Best Regional Universities in the South, moving up one slot from its 2020 ranking, and again is the only Polk County school to be included in the top 10.

FSC’s Master of Business Administration (MBA) program has recently received acclaim from *The Princeton Review* as one of the Best Business Schools for 2021 for on-campus MBA programs, in addition to being recognized as one of the Best Business Schools (Southeast).

*Poets&Quants for Undergrads* ranks Florida Southern College at No. 52 among the nation’s top 93 undergraduate business programs in its listing of Best Undergraduate Business Schools for 2021.

### U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

- No. 9 Best Regional Universities in the South
- No. 6 Best Undergraduate Teaching Programs in the South
- No. 9 Most Innovative Schools in the South
- No. 16 Best Value Schools in the South
- No. 94 Best Online MBA Programs
- Listed Best Undergraduate Business Programs
- Listed Top Performers on Social Mobility in the South
- Listed Best A+ Schools for B Students in the South
- Listed Best Online Bachelor’s Programs
- Listed Best Nursing Schools: Master’s



### THE PRINCETON REVIEW

- Included in *The Best 386 Colleges: 2021 Edition*
- MBA program included in annual guide, Best Business Schools for 2021
- One of the nation’s 244 best on-campus MBA programs, and among the 60 MBA programs in the guide’s Best Business Schools (Southeast) regional listing



# MEET DR. MICHAEL WEBER

## FSC WELCOMES DEAN OF THE BARNEY BARNETT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FREE ENTERPRISE

**B**orn in Gainesville, Dr. Michael Weber grew up in the Pensacola area, completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, received his MBA from the University of West Florida, and lived in Miami for about 10 years. He earned his Ph.D. in Business from Louisiana State University.

Dr. Weber had been away from Florida for 15 years before returning to become the new dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise in July 2020.

“I was really looking forward to coming home,” he says. During the listening-and-discovery aspects of his onboarding process, Dr. Weber was impressed by FSC’s “excellent and committed faculty and outstanding students.” He says he regularly engages with students who have two or three majors and a minor, who are seeking multiple internship opportunities.

The previous dean of the Barnett School, Dr. James W. Fenton, retired in June 2020. He was an exceptional leader who led the reaffirmation of AACSB accreditation.

Moving forward, Dr. Weber focused on making certain that the Barnett School offers the most innovative and forward-thinking programs possible, to help students find success in their future careers.

“We’re in the final stages of designing new majors in finance and economics and they will be available in fall 2021,” Dr. Weber says. “A new major in business analytics



*One of Dr. Weber’s early goals has been to find ways to collaborate and add value to the local business community. “This facilitates more and more opportunities for our students,” he says. “It helps with internships and employment. We want to be a part of economic development in this region, and to prepare our students well for wherever they settle.”*

and a minor in esports are also being developed with an estimated start date of fall 2021.”

Dr. Weber came to FSC from the University of Maine, where he was the founding dean of the Graduate School of Business and a professor of marketing. He and his wife, Sherrie, a retired special education teacher, have two adult children. ■

“We’re in the final stages of designing new majors in finance, economics, and business analytics, and an exciting minor in esports.”

— Dr. Michael Weber

## LEGACY OF SUCCESS CONTINUES

### NEW MAJORS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR A WIDE ARRAY OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Florida Southern has long been placing graduates in all areas of the financial services industry. Alumni in the finance field — who are working in 36 states and more than 20 countries — credit their time at FSC with providing the backbone for their success.

The Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise has plans to launch new majors in finance, economics, and business analytics. The programs will feature industry-relevant courses on topics such as investments, financial risk management, business analytics, and real estate analysis and valuation, while providing the hands-on experience of projects directly related to business, as well as internships that place students within a business. Students in these majors will be prepared to join corporations, entrepreneurial ventures, and non-profit entities.

“We are proud of our business school program since our students get a solid academic foundation, including hands-on experience with internships and projects,” said Dr. Michael Weber, dean of the School of Business. “In the profiles that follow, our graduates do very well helping businesses grow and prosper. They oftentimes hire or provide internships for students because they remember



their college experience. At the end of the day, business is the foundation of our economy and makes an incredible positive impact on our world.”

A group of our alumni spoke with SouthernNews about their experiences at FSC, discussing a variety of factors that have contributed to their future accomplishments. Some of these alumni majored in business, some in other disciplines that prepared them for advanced degrees that led to the field of finance. The academically well-rounded education at Florida Southern equipped them to achieve success in a busy and ever-changing industry.

The Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and consistently has been named among the top business schools in the nation. The growth and success of the school have garnered top rankings and recognition from The Princeton Review, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Poets&Quants*, and *Colleges of Distinction*.

# BARNEY BARNETT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FREE ENTERPRISE



## BILL '89 AND JOHN BUCKLEY '89

Florida Southern College's size and its emphasis on engaged learning fuels the hearts of many grateful alumni. Twins Bill and John Buckley, both members of the Class of 1989, never hesitate to share their affinity for FSC.

"We never felt lost there," John Buckley says. "We had connections with all of our friends and teachers, and had a support system at all times."

The brothers financially support the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, in recognition of how their undergraduate studies helped mold them into the professionals they are today. Both are successful equity traders, and live across the street from one another in Haworth, N.J.; Bill works for Virtu Financial and John works for Merus Global Investments.



Bill Buckley '89, left, and John Buckley '89, as FSC student-athletes.

"I took an investment class where we had a class-wide stock trading competition, and I had the best return on investment," John says. "So, I thought I might be good at it."

During their time at FSC, the brothers — who were recruited as a package deal to play basketball — helped the Mocs compete in two Final Four tournaments. They compare their experience as student-athletes to their professional lives today.

"There is a lot of pressure and stress in our field, which we learned how to manage as basketball players," Bill says. "I learned quickly how to take what I did as a student and use it professionally."

John adds: "It's always a challenge to meet all of your goals as a student-athlete, but the individual attention that we got from the teachers at FSC made it possible to develop our strengths in the classroom and take those strengths with us into our professional careers." Both brothers, through the John P. and William P. Buckley Men's Basketball Scholarship, keep their love of basketball going at FSC.



## JOE DEVICO '92

In 1989, Joe DeVico walked onto Florida Southern's campus with a sense of intellectual curiosity and a general love for life, family, and community.

A sociology major, DeVico narrowed his passions through a robust liberal arts curriculum, playing golf, and thinking about what life after college would be like. He was influenced by a rigorous and rewarding academic program with memorable peer and professor interactions, as well as an intimate campus experience. His business classes sparked an interest in the sales and marketing side of financial services.

DeVico's next step, earning an MBA in graduate school at Duquesne University, helped him get his start in the financial industry. For the past two decades, he has worked at BlackRock,



the world's largest asset manager. In his current position as BlackRock's national wealth manager, he oversees the distribution center for broker partners.

He credits his success today — and his philosophies on life — to FSC's Cornerstone values. "Diversity, along with a balanced foundation, is so important," DeVico says. "The ability to experience psychology, sociology, and economics helped me to eventually get my MBA. To this day, when I look at resumes when hiring someone, I look for individuals who have diverse sets of experiences."

The lessons of organization and service that DeVico learned at FSC continue to motivate his leadership: "I have a belief that the most organized person wins, and — in business or in life — if you're super organized, you're going to be one step ahead of everyone else."

One of DeVico's major priorities is to help give his associates a sense of purpose through a healthy and fulfilling work-life balance.

"People who give back to their families and communities in turn give back to BlackRock," he says.

## CHUCK FOSS '79

Chuck Foss, co-founder and managing partner of the Lakeland investment firm Core Wealth Advisors, Inc., credits his current success to the professors and curriculum that challenged him as an undergraduate student at FSC. The liberal arts curriculum and extracurricular activities exposed Foss to areas beyond his accounting major.



Having played basketball in high school in his hometown in South Florida, he was proud to attend and cheer on his FSC friends during games. His leadership skills were honed during a two-year presidency of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

During his college search, Foss looked for a school with a sense of community, where it was possible to build close relationships with

professors — some of whom would motivate him to study and succeed “more than they will ever know” — including accounting and business professors Louise Templeton, Colonel Jeffrey Wiley, and Louise Bergquist.

He applauds the College’s foresight in adding a finance and analytics curriculum to the already robust coursework: “Having analytical skills is important. The world is run by algorithms, and it just shows that FSC has good foresight in what’s next and what’s important.”

A strong advocate for FSC, Foss has endowed the Charles T. '79 and Lisa B. Foss Endowed Scholarship in Business; in addition, he has brought world-class athletes to campus, including Hall of Famer Chipper Jones, who spoke at the 2019 Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner. As a mentor, he hires many graduates including former interns because of the strength of a Florida Southern degree. Foss’s hope is to keep graduates in Lakeland, building upon the positive growth in the community.



Seated, from left, Chuck Foss '79 and Andrew Foss '09; standing, from left, Nate Dunham '99, Michael Ehlenbeck '08, Ken Moore '20 and Paul Weaver '08; not pictured, current FSC Student Alex Wardell.

# BARNEY BARNETT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FREE ENTERPRISE



## PETER GOLOTKO '90 MBA '96

For some people, a strong work ethic and a serendipitous moment are key ingredients of the recipe for success. Such was the case for the current president of CPS Investment Advisors, a Lakeland financial advisory firm.



Peter Golotko recently celebrated his 30th work anniversary at CPS, not counting his two prior years as an intern. Golotko was a fresh Florida Southern accounting graduate when he saw a new posting for the part-time internship on a bulletin board, and — eager to put his knowledge to work — he grabbed the job posting, called the firm, and was hired on the spot.

Golotko brought to the firm conscientiousness, perseverance, and a confidence in the quality of his education. The company has maintained its tradition of hiring FSC graduates.

“They are more prepared than other students that we get from other institutions,” Golotko says. “When they come here to work, they’re smart, they can learn, and they’re well motivated to do a good job.”

“FSC is a great business partner,” he says. “We get great students from FSC. We believe in higher education, and we believe in the lifelong learning of education.”

Golotko, who also earned his MBA from FSC, has endowed the CPS Investment Advisors/Peter Golotko '90 MBA '96 Endowed



FSC alumni currently on staff at CPS Investment Advisors include: seated, from left, Nolen Bailey '07 and Peter Golotko '90 MBA '96; and standing, from left, Sterling Searcy MAcc '16, Michael Scott '14 MBA '15, Catherine Kirkland '20, K.C. Wilson '16, Erin Golotko MBA '19, Rick Bernard '08, Shannon Howle Arredondo '15, Barbara Miller Gracy '84, Tracy Kimbrough '95, Khrysta Street Mensing '16 MAcc '17, and Derek Oxford '04; not pictured, Jennifer Crowston Del Negro '00 and Karen Lean '07.

Scholarship. He says the new finance major only adds to the uniqueness of his alma mater: “There is no degree for ‘banker’ or ‘stock broker.’ Most people get a quasi-degree with an element of finance in it — and then they get thrown into a finance field and they’re expected to learn everything all over again.”

## CEDRIC POWELL '02

With so many different experiences at Florida Southern College, graduates sometimes can find success through a myriad of paths.



For Cedric Powell '02, his love of basketball was ever-present from the moment he set foot on campus, but he knew he was destined for a life off the court. While he was slam-dunking his way toward success as a guard with the Mocs — even beating his brother who was a rival on the court at the University of Tampa — academics were becoming more of a priority for this ambitious student-athlete.

“Florida Southern gave me the foundation and confidence that I needed to be successful at whatever I put my mind, heart, and

soul into,” Powell says. He was mentored off the court by faculty who helped him build that foundation in the fields of business and finance.

“Professor Hopkins was a genius in how he taught his students to think outside the box in my marketing class,” Powell adds. “The late Col. Wiley gave us the vision of what it took for businesses to be successful using his favorite ‘Vroom’ phrase, Dr. Blythewood gave us practical and real-life applications for financial management, and Professor Clements was awesome; she constantly displayed her love for accounting and for Florida Southern.”

Powell entered the world of wealth management and now owns Powell Wealth and Insurance Services, a successful practice in Tampa. Powell continues his support of basketball through the Cedric P. Powell, Sr. '02 and Dr. Donna Powell Endowed Scholarship for Men’s Basketball.

## WANDA RENE '96

An ordinary day in the life of a finance lawyer may entail reading documents, drafting contracts, negotiating with counterparties, and helping businesses interpret provisions in commercial codes. For someone outside the legal or finance industry, this may sound overwhelming — but for Wanda Rene '96, this is where her passions lie.



She credits all her success to Florida Southern.

Rene was an English and Spanish double major at FSC. Although as an undergraduate she wouldn't have expected to end up in the finance industry, she knew from the first day she stepped on campus that she would be a lawyer.

"It made sense to me to major in English," she says. "Tons of reading and writing involved, and it built a solid foundation for what I'd expect in my future career as an attorney."

After graduating from FSC, she went on to Tulane Law School and was surprised to find that her most interesting rotation involved capital acquisition and cash flows. As the assistant general counsel at Citi Group, a financial services corporation and investment bank, she spends most of her time helping Citi's clients interpret statutes and regulations that affect their transactions and mitigate their risks.

"I had to pick up the terminology and concepts required in that industry on my own," she says. "An undergraduate degree in finance would have shortened the learning curve, for sure. Having that knowledge base already there with you enhances what you bring to the table as a lawyer, should you enter the finance or banking industry."

For someone interested in law, a major in finance is a great option, Rene says — with destinations beyond the world of banking: "Stay curious and open to things; you can go into a sports franchise, or a non-profit organization."

## CHRISTOPHER SWINK '96

Christopher Swink '96 has more than 20 years of experience within the wealth management and financial industry, specifically serving various needs of high net worth clients who are business owners and entrepreneurs with more than \$1 billion in assets. Swink enjoys helping clients transition their businesses to achieve financial freedom.



As a psychology major, his ability to interact and understand people has made him stand out among his peers within the financial industry. "Having interpersonal skills, being able to identify where you can add value in people's lives is critical to the job," Swink says.

Swink credits the faculty at Florida Southern as well as his time as president of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, with his career success.

One particular faculty member who played an influential role in his time at Florida Southern was psychology professor Dr. Richard Burnette Jr. "Dr. Burnette was the best listener, he always made it about you, — he lived by the mentality of how can I help you and make you more successful."

Assisting Swink in developing an internship that was first of its kind, Dr. Burnette helped Swink secure a position with Charter Hospital in Orlando the summer prior to his senior year at FSC.

After graduation, Swink realized his full potential would thrive in areas beyond the counseling and therapy fields and decided to pursue a career in the investment market. With a robust education at his disposal, Swink had no trouble studying for and obtaining his brokerage licenses to land him where he is today.

# BARNEY BARNETT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FREE ENTERPRISE

“ This was a challenging time, but the alumni at FSC stepped up. Gifts to the Emergency Scholarship Assistance Fund provided financial relief to almost 300 students over the spring and summer terms. ”

— Dr. Keith Berend '92, FSC Trustee

# COLLEGE RISES TO 2020 CHALLENGES

## FSC ADAPTED TO CONFRONT COVID-19 THREATS

Facing a worldwide health crisis unseen in more than 100 years, Florida Southern quickly acted to protect the campus community from the dangers of the coronavirus by moving to remote-only instruction in spring 2020.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees constantly communicated on conference calls, consulted with experts and reviewed budgets. Chairman Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70 H '08, Dr. Barney Barnett '65 H '98, Dr. Keith Berend '92, Mr. J. Stephen Buck, Bishop Kenneth Carter (Ex Officio), Dr. William E. Crenshaw H '16, Dr. Richard Fulton '70 H '19, Dr. Anne Kerr, Dr. Robert Puterbaugh H '17, and David Rogers '82, serve on the Executive Committee.

Taking everything into consideration, the College moved to a hybrid-learning model for fall 2020. Through on-campus testing, mask requirements, encouragement of healthy behaviors, and quarantine housing for those who contracted the virus, FSC experienced a remarkably low illness rate.

While other institutions were forced to furlough, FSC successfully avoided furloughs even with numerous expenses that were not budgeted.

“This is not a position any Board or leader wants to be in,” said Dr. Fryer, Florida Southern College Board Chairman. “Dr. Kerr has proven her leadership throughout this pandemic, and together with the Board, she made the tough decisions to keep the College functioning and moving forward.”

FSC’s pandemic response was another example of the College’s values. As Dr. Kerr wrote in March, “Florida Southern College has proven throughout the decades that it is resilient and is unwavering in its commitment to educational excellence and delivery of a world-class living/learning experience for students.” ■



FSC grads on the front line sent us photos. Pictured clockwise from top are: Jennifer Charles '05 MSN'14 and current DNP student; Jacinda Whittenburg'18; Anna McIntyre Gorman '13; Samantha Keesey '19; Gloria Orellana, current MSN student; Shannon Mazza '18; Roy Decker '18; Makayla Deuberry '19; Alexis Hochstetler '13; and Megan Asper Boutin '15.



## FSC: COMMITTED TO ADDRESS RACIAL BIAS

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The world was watching in May 2020 as Americans urgently confronted longstanding issues of inequality following the death of a 46-year-old black man, George Floyd, during his arrest by members of the Minneapolis Police Department.

In person and online, concerned individuals came together to make their feelings known — in protest, and to show solidarity.

As a major step forward in Florida Southern's commitment to address crucial issues of racial equality and inclusion, Dr. Anne Kerr quickly created a diversity task force, later renamed the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council. Dr. Kerr also announced that Wilhelmina L. Tribble would serve as the College's new chief diversity officer and senior advisor to the president, in addition to advising the newly constituted Council.

Tribble is president, CEO, and owner of an Orlando-based consulting firm, and for several decades, has trained individuals and organizations to develop programs centered around diversity and cultural sensitivity. FSC alumna Lisa D. Dunson '85, owner of a Lakeland-based consulting firm, oversees the organizational aspects of the Council.

Among the earliest directives of the Council — which is chaired by FSC alumna and Board of Trustees member Evett L. Simmons, Esq. '79 — was an updated and refined process for reporting incidents of racial bias on campus. Council members also supported an initiative to create a Black Student Union and approved seven separate committees to address specific aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus. The Council and its committees have a membership of 12 faculty, 25 administrators and staff, 15 students, and two alumni (Simmons as chair, and Rev. Corey A. Jones '05).

Simmons, a Port St. Lucie-based lawyer with Simmons, Finney & Winfield, LLC, has strong personal connections to the welfare of FSC's minority students. In 2013, the College



*Ms. Simmons is a Port St. Lucie-based lawyer with Simmons, Finney & Winfield, LLC, with offices in Florida in and Georgia.*

“My heart swells and my eyes cloud as I observe how far my College has come — from a time when inclusiveness, whether it be race or gender, was not so important — to now, when it is the key to the success and survival of the College. We've reached many different destinations on this path to a goal of inclusiveness. And I'm excited to be a part of this journey.”

*— Evett L. Simmons, Esq. '79, FSC Trustee and Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council*

honored her by inaugurating the Evett L. Simmons Center for Multicultural Appreciation, which promotes multiculturalism, social justice, and unity through educational opportunities and cultural awareness events.



The Simmons Center's longstanding support for minority students is exemplified by its mission of creating a unified campus community that values all cultures. It is home to both the Multicultural Student Council and the International Student Association.

Individuals from throughout the FSC community are showing a determination to work in unity to promote cultural awareness and understanding, with the goal of building a lasting framework of trust, openness, and understanding. ■

### INVESTING IN POSITIVE IMPACTS

The Jacksonville-based Jessie Ball duPont Fund has awarded Florida Southern a two-year salary grant for the hiring of an on-campus mentor/advisor for first-generation college students.



## Q&A WITH WILHELMINA TRIBBLE

Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Advisor to the President, Advisor to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council

**Q. What is your immediate focus as FSC's Chief Diversity Officer?**

**A.** In this new position, my approach has been to listen to and assess the perspectives and ideas from the students, faculty, and staff regarding the status of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I) on campus. Through surveys, virtual meetings, and a weblink for suggestions, we now have additional information to help us take action. Our goal is for all in the FSC community to feel welcomed, included, and respected, and provide a campus culture where equity, social justice, anti-racism, and cultural competency are foundational and embedded in everything we do.

**Q. What are the greatest benefits of embracing a campus-wide atmosphere of diversity, equity, and inclusion?**

**A.** A campus that embraces DE&I is one where diversity of culture, gender, perspective, and experience infuses itself into a learning environment. It enables creativity, innovation, intellectual curiosity, tolerance, and enriched tools for problem solving. Diversity, equity, and social justice force us to learn our history, understand our present, and pay attention to the treatment of others for a better future. Respect is a Cornerstone value at FSC; it yields academic excellence and prepares students to be the best version of themselves on campus and beyond.

**Q. What must the College do to help meet the current needs of students?**

**A.** Creating a welcoming space for open conversations builds trust and lowers barriers formed by past experiences. We need to listen, evaluate, and make appropriate changes or additions that make the FSC experience more respectful, inclusive, stimulating, and fun for students. It is also important to expand the online process to report intended harassment or discrimination so it can be properly addressed.

**Q. What must we do today to meet the challenges of the future?**

**A.** Actually, we have already started. The newly formed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council, made up of stakeholders from every segment of the campus, is working on a plan that will make Florida Southern a model for DE&I. The Council's committees are collaborating with the campus community to provide a well-thought-out, comprehensive, approach to diversity, inclusivity, access, and equity on campus and attract more underrepresented students and faculty of color.

## FSC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



### **DR. KEVIN F. BROWNE JR.**

Originally from New Jersey, Dr. Browne studied chemical engineering at Rutgers College of Engineering, continued his studies at Rutgers Medical School and Newark's University Hospital, and completed his medical training in cardiology and electrophysiology at Indiana University. In 1984, Dr. Browne joined the Watson Clinic and has been a partner for more than 35 years. He founded the Watson Clinic Center for Research and continues to serve as the Center's chairman. He also helped found Lakeland's Good Samaritan Free Clinic. Dr. Browne is an avid fan of Mocs basketball and a member of the 6th Man Club.

### **DOMINGO R. MOREIRA '67**

The son of Cuban exiles, Moreira is a firm believer that education is the best way to break the cycle of poverty. He graduated from FSC with a BA in History. In Miami, he has served on the Board of Trustees for both St. Thomas University and Belen Jesuit School, and helped start a Cristo Rey school to provide affordable college-prep educations to children of economically disadvantaged families. Now retired, Moreira worked in family-owned seafood, poultry, and real estate businesses. A new venture, Copillus, markets laser-based products for hair growth and pain management. Moreira and his wife, Brenda, have three grown children and eight grandchildren.



### **WILLIAM "BILL" MUTZ**

A graduate of Indiana University with a finance and marketing degree, Mutz moved to Lakeland in 1996, where he became the owner and president of Lakeland Automall. He later was managing partner for Greenstar Panels and Greenovative Homes, and in 2014, became a senior consultant for Claridge Associates. He was elected mayor of Lakeland in 2018. Currently chairman of the Florida Family Policy Council, Mayor Mutz has held leadership roles in many other local groups. He is a founding member of Grace City Church and serves on the church council. He and his wife, Pam, speak nationally for FamilyLife Weekend to Remember marriage conferences. Married more than 40 years, they have 12 children.

### **KELLY M. SEMRAU**

During Semrau's tenure as senior vice president for SC Johnson, a global consumer products marketer with more than 200 brands such as Windex®, Ziploc® and Mrs. Meyers®, she was responsible for all global communication, public affairs, lobbying, philanthropy, and sustainability. Prior to her 20-year career at SCJ, Semrau worked as an executive vice president for Edelman Public Relations Worldwide, as a presidential appointee in two administrations as the director of public affairs and press for the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative. Also in Washington, D.C., she served as the press director for a member of Congress. She is chairman emeritus of the World Environment Center and served on numerous national boards. A graduate of Bradley University, she is a proud FSC parent.





# CLASS OF 1970

## PRODUCED SIX FLORIDA SOUTHERN TRUSTEES



## IT HAS TO BE A RECORD!

STORY BY BOB BLACK '51

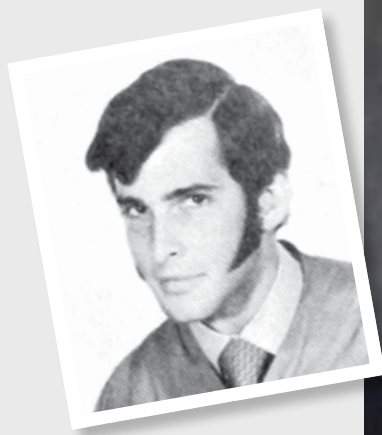
**F**ive men and one woman from Florida Southern's Class of 1970 have served as members of the College's Board of Trustees – a highly unusual success story.

The six classmates knew each other, and all were campus leaders who carried that leadership forward: some into military life, then as successful business leaders; some into advanced education, then to the business world.

It is a success story produced by the culture and education found at a small liberal arts college in a small city in mid-Florida. No walls of ivy here, but a heavy exposure to Frank Lloyd Wright, which may have fired the imagination and their investments in the future. ◆

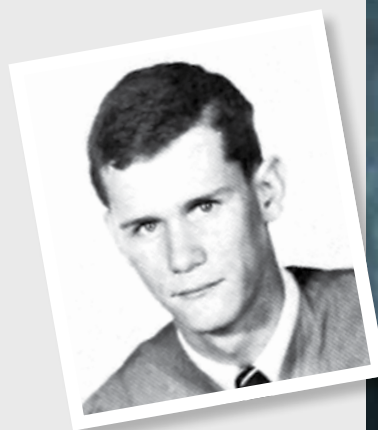
*\* Pictured is Larry Stahl, who refurbished his college car!*

# CLASS OF 1970...



**DAVID L. EVANS** came to FSC from Oviedo. Evans was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity, Men’s Student Government, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, the Citrus Club, and ROTC. He graduated with a business degree, was commissioned into the U.S. Army, and went on active duty for four years, which included one tour flying in Vietnam. His daughter Kaylin graduated from FSC in 2004. Evans is vice president of Nelson & Co., Inc., a 100-year-old family agribusiness that owns and manages commercial real estate in Central Florida. He has been active on many community and state boards, and served as chairman of the Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association. He also served as chairman of the Oviedo City Council and continues to serve in leadership at First United Methodist Church of Oviedo.

**ROBERT L. FRYER JR.**, Chairman of FSC’s Board of Trustees, is the first-ever alumnus in that office. He was elected to the Board in 2002 and has been the Chairman since 2005. A native Pennsylvanian, he chose Florida Southern because he fell in love with the College when he visited; the weather was warm, and he wanted to play golf – making the golf team as a freshman. He was executive officer of the FSC ROTC Battalion and a distinguished military graduate. He also was president of both the Interfraternity Council and the Greek Council, and was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Chairman Fryer earned his degree in business administration with a specialty in finance. He spent his career in finance, including executive positions in banks and investment banking firms, and is still active as a financial advisor.



**RICHARD T. FULTON**, an economics major, was ROTC battalion commander, president of Theta Chi, and served as chief justice of the student supreme court while at FSC. He also was on the varsity soccer team his senior year. Fulton received his law degree from the University of Florida. He is past chair of the Central Florida Economic Development Board and vice chair of the Central Florida Research Park. Among other honors, he has been listed in Chambers USA America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, was named one of Florida’s “legal elites” by *Florida Trend* magazine, and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.



**ANN HAMMOND HANSEN**, who had a double major in mathematics and physics, was president of FSC's Student Government Association in 1970. She also was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and was chosen as FSC's Honor Walk student. Hansen was the first representative of the Class of 1970 to join Florida Southern's Trustees, being elected in 1995. Her first job after graduate school was in fast reactor safety for the Atomic Energy Commission. She founded an engineering consulting firm in 1980 and ran it for 24 years; then launched a new consulting career supporting both government and private clients in the area of licensing nonreactor nuclear technologies nationally and internationally.

**THOMAS S. PETCOFF**, originally from Pompano Beach, played varsity soccer for FSC and was president of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity. He was on the Interfraternity Council, Student Union Board, and the Intramural Board. He is co-founder of Summit Consulting, Inc., a leading provider of workers' compensation services in the Southeast, and founder of Baron Realty, Inc., in Lakeland. An avid pilot, Petcoff was founder and president of the Lakeland Air Center. He is a past director of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Polk County.



**LARRY E. STAHL**, currently serving as a Board member and president of the National Alumni Board of Directors, came to FSC from North Miami Beach. He majored in history and political science and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, vice president of the Student Government Association, and ROTC. He spent three years on active duty with the U.S. Army. He then joined IBM and retired after more than 32 years of service in sales and marketing and as IBM's Global Director for Professional Service Firms. After retirement, he was a founding principal and sales and marketing leader for Alvarez & Marsal Technology Asset Management Services in New York and Tampa. Stahl is also a past president and board member of the Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center, a non-profit dedicated to provide the highest quality speech, language, and hearing services, always in a caring manner.

## SIX FLORIDA SOUTHERN TRUSTEES



## “THE HISS” AIMS TO HELP STUDENTS FEEL CONNECTED

Plans for Florida Southern’s new streaming radio station began taking shape in late 2019, with an enthusiastic goal of launching “The Hiss” midway through 2020’s spring semester. As FSC switched to remote learning in response to COVID-19 concerns, the start date was delayed — but the station’s student-led planning group kept their conversations going, long-distance.

FSC’s fall reopening, which brought students back to campus in reduced numbers, added a new and important dimension to the station’s mission; its web-based programming could serve as a lighthearted social outlet to help the whole student body feel more connected, whether on-campus or studying remotely.

“The Hiss” debuted with a soft launch on Friday, Sept. 25. In its start-up format, the station’s 24-hour schedule was mostly music-oriented, with sports updates, original podcasts, sporting events, call-in shows, and other live broadcasts to be added over time.



*Dan Sanders, a student DJ who is known unofficially as the voice of “The Hiss,” has always been interested in voice acting, public speaking, music, and other creative ventures. He sees the streaming radio station as a valuable outlet — not just for himself, but for any FSC students who are interested in adding their voices to the mix.*

“We aim to foster an environment that gets students more connected to the entire campus,” says Lexi Potter, the station’s music and programming manager.

Alumni, students, parents, and friends of Florida Southern are invited to check out “The Hiss” at [www.FLSouthern.edu/hiss](http://www.FLSouthern.edu/hiss). ■

### DON'T FORGET THE FSC ANNUAL FUND TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2021!

Just as these students took the lead on a new radio station, students all over the FSC campus are participating in engaged learning. Please help shape the lives of our Mocs through annual gifts to scholarships, faculty innovation, undergraduate research, updating learning spaces, and so much more! Your support will truly make a difference for each and every Moc. Visit [www.FLSouthern.edu/giving](http://www.FLSouthern.edu/giving) to learn more or contact the Office of Development at 863-680-3000.

## “LIVE AND LOCAL” MEANS A LOT

**N**ancy McHan Cattarius '69, vice president and general manager of local radio stations WONN/WPCV/WLKF/WWRZ — and a long-time supporter of Florida Southern — was happy to learn about the launch of the College's new online radio station.



*Nancy McHan Cattarius '69*

“It’s a great thing to have on campus, as a tool of communication,” Cattarius says. She notes the importance of launching the station while some students have been studying remotely “so they can engage themselves and feel a connection to the College, whether they’re up in New England or wherever.”

Cattarius began her career in radio by working in sales for two Winter Haven stations. She joined Lakeland-based Hall Communications Radio Group in 1983, rising steadily in the operational ranks of the company, which now operates 21 radio stations in Florida, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Although the media market and technology have continually changed, “the bones of radio” have remained the same, Cattarius says: “it’s a companion; it’s live and local; it’s free and mobile; and it allows listeners to become more involved with events and organizations in their community.”

Cattarius has been highly involved in community-minded organizations and nonprofits, including the Imperial Symphony Orchestra, Peace River Center, American Cancer Society, VISTE, and the SPCA. She also has served on many local advisory boards and has been recognized for her work in advertising and for her spirit of volunteerism.

As a Florida Southern alumna, she is proud to have joined the College's Board of Trustees in 2006. She also has served as president of the Alumni Board, and for many years has chaired the Spivey Society, which recognizes the influential contributions of donors who make annual leadership gifts to the College. Established in 2002, the Spivey Society has had a transformational impact on the College's annual fundraising program. Cattarius credits President Anne Kerr for building the Spivey Society into an elite organization within the city.

“Dr. Kerr has engaged the local community as never before,” Cattarius says. “Many current Spivey members in Lakeland had never been to FSC before she welcomed them to our unique campus.”

FSC's Alumni Board recently presented Cattarius with a bench to be placed on campus to honor her late husband, Robert Cattarius '64, who died in January 2019. While an FSC student, he was highly involved in many campus organizations, including his beloved Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Nancy has demonstrated an incredible dedication to the College's mission, and she maintains a passionate connection to the institution and its people. ■

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# FSC BUILDINGS MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT FORGETTING PAST

CONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATIONS CONTINUE

In the past year, Florida Southern has seen the completion of several important construction projects, with progress continuing on another distinctive academic building to overlook Lake Hollingsworth and the exciting announcement of major funding to restore the world's only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed planetarium. ♦







## FSC PLANETARIUM

In 2019, the State of Florida’s Division of Historical Resources awarded Florida Southern with a \$500,000 grant to restore FSC Planetarium located at the south end of the Science Building. This grant required a match. Gregory Fancelli stepped in with a generous \$500,000 contribution to help the College preserve the world’s only planetarium designed and built by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. This grant covered the exterior preservation.

Then in August 2020, the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of Interior awarded FSC with a three-year \$250,000 Save America’s Treasures grant to restore the planetarium’s interior. The College continues to search for donors who would help match this grant.

The exterior grant and match allows the College to repair, replace, and make physical upgrades to the infrastructure of the exterior of FSC Planetarium, which is a national treasure. The Save America’s Treasures grant will allow restoration work to address the effects of aging, as well as water damage caused by several hurricanes.

The types of repairs include the building’s unique “textile-block” walls, a construction system that weaves together concrete blocks reinforced by steel bars, as well as the dome, roof, ceilings, windows, floors, doors, and other hardware. The planetarium’s original, Wright-designed wooden seating and upholstery will be refurbished off-site. FSC’s aim is to resume educational programs for the benefit of students and the Lakeland-area community.

*Special thanks to historic preservationist and philanthropist Gregory Fancelli of Lakeland, whose significant gift helped to make the exterior restoration project possible.*



*FSC’s Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Polk Science Building, home to the FSC Planetarium, was completed in 1958.*



**Keep up with the Planetarium Restoration Project on the Frank Lloyd Wright section of the FSC website at [www.FLSouthern.edu/frank-lloyd-wright](http://www.FLSouthern.edu/frank-lloyd-wright). Student Kelsey Elmhorst is a senior communication and advertising major, and is the daughter of Kimberly Yang Elmhorst '90 and Kurt Elmhorst '90. Kelsey will share history of the FSC Planetarium and chronicle the restoration of this historic structure.**

## CAROL JENKINS BARNETT CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND HEALTH

The Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health is home to a unique, interdisciplinary program that brings together the School of Education and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. The interconnected Lamar Louise Curry Education Center emphasizes collaboration among all education programs and gives education majors greater access to practice their skills with students from Roberts Academy and the on-site Early Learning Lab for preschool children. Dedicated in February 2020, the Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health and the Curry Education Center are adjacent to Roberts Academy on Frank Lloyd Wright Way.

*Special thanks to key investors in the Barnett Center: the Barnett family; Trustee David E. Rogers '82 and his wife, MaryEllen Mazzanti Rogers '82; Jim and Diana Russell '79; John Wilson '62 and his wife, Joyce Wilson; Anne MacGregor Jenkins Fund at GiveWell; Publix Super Markets Charities; Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation, Inc. in memory of Harcourt "Harry" Sylvester '50; and religion professor Kyle Fedler.*



The Barnett Center is named in honor of Dr. Carol Jenkins Barnett '79, and the Curry Education Center honors longtime Florida educator Lamar Louise Curry '27.

## ROBERTS ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

In September 2020, FSC celebrated the expansion of Roberts Academy — the state's first transitional school for students with dyslexia — with the opening of a stand-alone middle school. This bright and colorful facility, gained nine classrooms and additional office space for teachers. Technology in each classroom allows teachers to provide in-person and virtual instruction simultaneously. The two-story structure houses mathematics and science labs, art and technology rooms, a large lunchroom, and an outside patio for reading or instruction.

*In addition to primary investors Hal and Marjorie Roberts, special thanks to Mary Greaser '85 and Tiffany Kilpatrick for their classroom gift in honor of Chase Osler.*



The new middle school is located directly across from the first two Roberts Academy buildings on Frank Lloyd Wright Way, at the corner of Hollingsworth Road.



## STAR APARTMENTS

Located just three blocks from campus, the College-owned Star Apartments complex was completed in time to welcome students for the fall semester of 2020. Together, its three buildings can house up to 127 student residents in one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and four-bedroom apartments. Each resident has an individual bedroom, with no more than two students sharing any bathroom. Each of the buildings has a laundry room, mailroom, and inside bike-storage area, along with internet and cable service. The campus shuttle system stops at the complex regularly on class days.

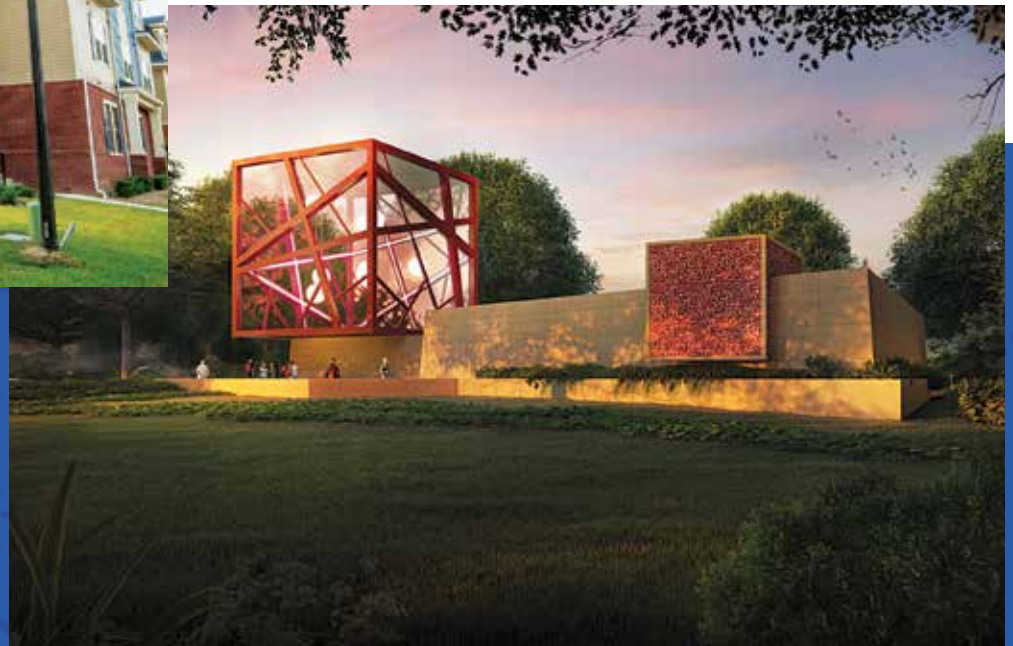


Residents of the Star Apartments at the corner of South Ingraham Avenue and East Palmetto Street have access to a fenced, private parking lot.

## WEINSTEIN COMPUTER SCIENCES CENTER

FSC significantly expands its computer science program with construction of the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Computer Sciences Center, which is scheduled for completion in May. In addition to cutting-edge classrooms and collaborative learning spaces, the structure's state-of-the-art computing environment will house a cyber range and informatics learning lab, a logistics center suite, maker space, and student technology centers. The new academic building will also contain an auditorium and food venue.

*Special thanks to Trustee Carole Weinstein and her husband, Marcus Weinstein, and other key investors: Trustee Scott Thornton and his wife, Jennifer Thornton; Trustee Richard C. Jensen '59; former Trustee Rob Scharar and his wife, Daphne Scharar; John R. Giglio '96 and Lisa A. Giglio '97; Peter C. Golotko '90 MBA '96 of CPS Investment Advisors; Charles T. Foss '79 of Core Wealth Advisors, Inc.; Wesley L. Beck '88 and his wife, Maya Beck, in honor of their son, Landon W. Beck '18; Guest Services; and SunTrust, now TRUIST.*



Design rendering by Frank Lloyd Wright scholar Jeffrey Baker of Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects of the dramatic Weinstein Center.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

We recognize the following Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award recipients for 2020.



### LORNA JEAN BROOKS HAGSTROM '61

A resident of DeLand, Ms. Hagstrom has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to making a difference by giving back through community service. For more than 35 years, her Lorna Jean Brooks Foundation has helped fund the positive work of organizations with a focus on education, culture, and health. She has contributed her expertise and enthusiasm to many regional boards and organizations, and has supported the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Florida House in Washington, D.C. While at FSC, she was active in numerous campus organizations, and in 1961 was named Honor Walk Student. After earning her master's in English from Stetson University, she taught for five years before starting her family. She later had a 10-year career as a newspaper writer. In 1981, she and her husband formed the management company Mor-Jean, Inc., an extension of the Hagstrom family's agricultural business. She retired in 2005, but has remained involved in rental management.

### JOEL ADAMS '93

As CEO for Highland Homes, one of the largest homebuilders in Central Florida, Joel Adams has helped make the dream of home ownership come true for more than 10,000 families. He and his father, Robert J. Adams, founded the Lakeland-based company in 1996, and it has since been recognized as one of the fastest growing companies in Florida. The company also manages 8,500 units in residential communities as part of Highlands Community Management, a regional homeowner's association. Adams graduated from FSC with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Financial Management, and is a member of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise Advisory Board. He also has served as Vice President of Highland Equities, Inc., a single-family residential development company, and is the Vice President of Berkshire Investors Group, Inc., with responsibility for the company's construction, financial, and investment activities. In 2019, Highland Homes was included on *Builder* magazine's annual Building 100 list as #59 largest homebuilder in the nation. In addition, Highland Homes was included on Professional Builder's 2019 Housing Giants list as the No. 97 builder in the country. Highland Homes was acquired by Berkshire Hathaway's Clayton Homes in 2019 as part of a wholly owned subsidiary.



### REV. TIM S. WRIGHT '94

The Reverend Tim S. Wright's 19-year tenure at Florida Southern makes him the longest-serving chaplain in the history of the College. He grew up in Melbourne and attended Eau Gallie High School, where he lettered in basketball, cross-country, and tennis. While at FSC, he was active in Lambda Chi Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, and campus ministries, while also serving as youth director at First United Methodist Church of Haines City. Rev. Wright completed his seminary training at Duke University Divinity School and was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church, serving as senior pastor for two congregations in the Florida Conference. He returned to Florida Southern in 2002. Rev. Wright and his staff oversee a dynamic campus ministries program, including Sunday services, counseling, Bible studies, and student ministry groups. He chaired the committee that produced *The Cornerstone*, which defines for students the high standards of integrity, respect, and excellence of character expected of all members of the FSC community.



# ATHLETES CONTINUE TO DRIVE FOR THE GOAL

## PROFESSIONAL PLAYER CITES FSC HOOPS AS SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

In 2020, Emma Cannon '11 signed a professional basketball contract with the Las Vegas Aces of the WNBA, just in time for the playoffs. Her second stint in America's top league would result in a trip to the WNBA Finals and a return to basketball in Florida, as she was brought into the bubble in Bradenton.

The 6' 2" forward left FSC nine years earlier, having made quite a mark. She originally committed to and played for the University of Central Florida, where she was the Conference USA Tournament MVP in 2008-2009 and the CUSA Preseason Player of the Year in 2009-2010. After recording 1,154 points for UCF's Knights, she played her senior season in Lakeland, earning Honorable Mention All-America honors by leading the Mocs to a 26-5 record.

Winning both the Sunshine State Conference regular season and tournament championships, the Mocs advanced into the NCAA Tournament, finishing as the Regional Runner-Up with Cannon leading the team in scoring and rebounding. But basketball was only one part of her education at FSC.

"Coach Holly Borchers helped me understand my purpose," Cannon said. "She showed me that no matter how hard things get, God always has a plan."

Playing basketball has afforded Cannon the opportunity to travel the world, experiencing different languages and cultures. While playing for Elazig in Turkey in fall 2020, she reflected on how FSC had prepared her for her professional career: "Having such a family-like community on campus helped me learn from so many different walks of life — from my classmates to the lunch ladies," she said. "Every day was an opportunity to be a better me."



## FORMER MOCS SHORTSTOP TAKES PRIDE IN COLLEGE AND WORLD SERIES RINGS

Championship rings can't be bought; they must be earned. This lesson was ingrained into Dino Ebel '88 by Florida Southern's legendary head baseball coach, Chuck Anderson.

The Mocs won the National Championship in Ebel's senior season, and now — 32 years later — Ebel has won a second championship ring, a World Series ring, as the third base coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"The ultimate goal is to win a World Series or a National Championship as a player," Ebel says. "The feeling is the same, but as a player it's always better."

In 1986, after being drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies out of junior college, the native of Barstow, Calif., chose to move to Florida to complete his education and continue to learn the game of baseball. In his two seasons as a shortstop for the Moccasins (1987-1988), Ebel was named a two-time All-Sunshine State Conference selection, a two-time All-South Region honoree, and a Second Team All-American. Ebel spent his whole coaching career working with the Dodgers and the Los Angeles Angels organizations.



## NCAA HONORS 2020 GRAD AS OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETE



Addison Cantor '20 earned national recognition last year as one of the Top 30 NCAA Women of the Year.

The NCAA began the 2020 Woman of the Year process with a record number of nominations from across the country. The 605 college athletes, representing all three NCAA divisions, competed in 24 sports — with multisport student-athletes accounting for more than one-fifth of the nominees.

Cantor was one of the final 10 Division II nominees. A member of Florida Southern's cross country and track teams, she contributed to the College's fourth-place team finishes at the NCAA Division II women's cross country South Regionals in 2018 and 2019. The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) named her a First Team Academic All-American, after a Second Team nod in 2019.

"I am so proud to represent the NCAA and the track and cross country programs at Florida Southern College," Cantor said. "My teammates and coaches have instilled in me not only the importance of discipline and a strong work ethic, but also the importance of looking out for your teammates."

Cantor graduated from FSC in May 2020 with majors in biochemistry and molecular biology. A four-time President's List Scholar and FSC Dean's List Scholar, she was one of two recipients of the inaugural Florida Southern Hansen Academic Merit Award, recognizing outstanding academic performance that includes notable research. She has presented her independent research on Parkinson's disease-related proteins at national and regional conferences.

Cantor also founded Charitable Designs, which donates 100 percent of proceeds to local and national charitable causes. She was a four-year member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the health pre-professional honor society, serving as president in 2019-2020 and vice president in 2018-2019.

Cantor currently is training to be a Naval Officer at the United States Navy Officer Development School, with plans to attend medical school at the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Md.







## MEN'S BASKETBALL STAR PLAYS FOR SPAIN

One of the most prolific men's basketball players in the history of Florida Southern, Brett Hanson '20 had a major role in the rebuilding of the program — rewriting the record books along the way.

When Hanson arrived at FSC, the Mocs had just won the 2015 NCAA Division II National Championship, and new head coach Michael Donnelly was about to usher in a new era. When all was said and done, Hanson had recorded 2,238 points (the third-highest total in program history), grabbed 844 rebounds (sixth-best all-time), 439 assists (sixth-best all-time), and 216 steals (fourth-best all-time).

For his efforts, he was named the 2019-2020 Division II National Player of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association.

Hanson is one of the most decorated student-athletes in Moc's mens basketball history. He signed his first professional basketball contract agreeing to terms with CB Torros Vicens L'Hospitalet, in Spain's second division.



## LOIS WEBB

### VOLLEYBALL COACHING LEGEND AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR INDUCTED INTO THE FLORIDA SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

Webb, who was recognized for her coaching career with the Moccasins, was head volleyball coach at Florida Southern for 24 years — from 1977 until 2000 — compiling a 747-272 (.733) record.

From 1977 until 1982, Webb also served as head women's basketball coach, and began the women's golf program, serving as head coach for the first two seasons. Webb served as an athletics administrator from 1981 to 2008, including eight years as the director of athletics, from 2000 to 2008.

When Webb retired from coaching, her career victory total ranked second in NCAA Division II. Her teams won eight Sunshine State Conference championships, and posted a winning record in all 24 years. Four times, her teams reached the NCAA Division II Championship Tournament, with her 1981, 1989, and 1991 teams finishing fourth and her 1990 team finishing fifth. She was Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year five times and South Region Coach of the Year three times. Under her guidance, 18 Florida Southern College players earned All-America status.

A member of the Sunshine State Conference and Polk County Sports Halls of Fame, Webb is a 2002 recipient of the Founders Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). In December 2003, she was inducted into the inaugural class of the AVCA Hall of Fame. In 2007, Webb was awarded the Administrator of the Year Award for Division II from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (now Women Leaders in College Sports).

## FACULTY & STAFF RETIREMENTS

### DR. ROBERT H. TATE

In summer 2020, Dr. Robert H. Tate retired from his position as vice president for advancement at FSC.

Dr. Tate came to the College in 1982, joining the English faculty. He was an esteemed faculty member, recognized with the Omicron Delta Kappa Teacher of the Year Award in 1986 and the Phi Eta Sigma Lover of Wisdom Award in 1987.

After 16 years of teaching, Dr. Tate moved to the development office and assisted in the completion of the first major comprehensive funding campaign to be undertaken by the College. He was named vice president for advancement in January 2000. Through his work — and his exceptional relationship-building skills — Dr. Tate was instrumental in raising millions of dollars to strengthen the endowment, to fund scholarships and professorships, and for general support of the College.

Dr. Tate has been extremely active in the Lakeland community, having served on numerous local boards and councils, as well as the board of directors of the Florida Independent College Fund.



“Rob had an indelible impact on my life. As a professor, he cared about each student. In fact, he often greeted students out on the sidewalk. He is the ultimate people person, genuinely interested in all of his students and so many of the FSC family. He will be greatly missed at FSC.”

— Franklin McKinney '86, former student

### DR. LYNN H. CLEMENTS '79

Dr. Lynn H. Clements '79 retired from her position as professor of accounting after more than 35 years of teaching at Florida Southern College.

In 2012, Dr. Clements was named to the distinguished Dorotha C. Tanner Chair in Ethics in Business and Economics based on her excellent teaching, research, and professionalism. She directed the Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program and the Institute for Accounting Excellence at Florida Southern and in 2017 received the Outstanding Educator Award from the Florida Institute of CPAs.

In addition to being a CPA, Dr. Clements holds certifications from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and as a Chartered Global Management Accountant by the American Institute of CPAs. Her research has focused on fraud detection and ethics.

Throughout Dr. Clements' extensive career, she influenced many students' lives academically, professionally, and personally. She inspired her students even after they left her classroom.



“I had the good fortune to be a colleague and friend of Lynn's for more than 30 years in the School of Business and Free Enterprise at FSC. She was the embodiment of an exceptional and engaging educator who truly cared about her students and making sure that the education they received at FSC was second to none. That quality carried over to all of us on the faculty.”

— Dr. Cindy Hardin, Chair of Department of Business Administration

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## COACH CHRIS BELLOTTO '80

Chris Bellotto, head softball coach at Florida Southern, retired after 40 years in that role. She had been at the College for a total of 42 years, a career that began as a player/coach for the Mocs club softball team in 1978.

Coach Bellotto led FSC to 20 NCAA Tournament appearances, eight NCAA Regional Championships, and three trips to the National Championship game, winning the title in 1993. Her teams won 24 Sunshine State Conference Championships, and she earned SSC Coach of the Year honors 15 times. She ended her FSC career with a 1,336-596-1 record, which places her among the best all-time leaders in every coaching category in the NCAA.

Having touched the lives of countless Florida Southern student-athletes, Coach Bellotto has been inducted into several Halls of Fame, including the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA), Polk County Sports, and Florida Southern Athletics.



“There is no Florida Southern Softball without the name Chris Bellotto. She is the reason Sunshine State Conference Softball is one of the most competitive conferences in the nation. Coach Bellotto has taught countless women how to be fierce, driven, fearless, and how to love the sport. She molded the lives of so many and taught us how to be successful in life, which was always her ultimate goal.”

— Gianni Artidiello '15, former player and FSC Assistant Softball Coach

## DR. JAMES FENTON

Dr. Fenton was a very accomplished leader as the dean of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. After four years of leading the business school, he retired in the summer of 2020. Dean Fenton skillfully and successfully led the Barnett School through reaffirmation of accreditation with AACSB, which is the mark of excellence in business education earned by fewer than five percent of business schools worldwide.

He also initiated and implemented a variety of new academic programs, including adding a new major and minor in marketing, and a minor in entrepreneurship. Dean Fenton’s leadership will be greatly missed as his experience and talent have helped to guide the Barnett School into recognition as one of the nation’s top schools of business.



“Dean Fenton came to FSC at just the right time and showed his keen sense of what was needed. The additions of key majors, continuing to garner support from the community and alumni, building on the talented faculty, and continuing to gather national rankings along with the reaccreditation of the business school were his top priorities. He worked well with the stakeholders to continue the work of raising the level of excellence at the Barnett School of Business.”

— Ed Crenshaw, Chairman of the Board, Publix Super Markets Inc. and Chairman of the Advisory Board, Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise

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## FACULTY & STAFF RETIREMENTS

### SALLY THISSEN

Sally Thissen began working at Florida Southern in 1977 at the age of 22. She was originally hired to work as a secretary in the financial aid office, but in 1985, she transferred to the registrar's office. After 12 years working in this office, Sally was named as the registrar in 1997.

She held this role until her retirement in early 2020, after 43 years of outstanding service and dedication to the College. From her early days in financial aid to serving as the College's registrar, Thissen truly made a lasting and positive impact on the lives of so many at FSC. She played a significant role in supporting the growth of many academic programs through the years. Her knowledge and expertise in academic affairs were admired and appreciated by the entire FSC community.



"I've found that few people realize how important a registrar is to the life of a college. A good registrar quietly and methodically accomplishes all of the behind-the-scenes work essential to a strong academic program, and with little to no fanfare. Sally was hands down the best that I've ever worked with. She always understood the big picture, and because of that, those of us in academics were not only able to keep our focus on teaching and learning; we also had the benefit of a colleague who was a tremendous source of knowledge about FSC and higher education as a whole."

— Brad E. Hollingshead, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dahl and Lottie Pryor Endowed Professor in English

### SUSAN SARGEANT

After a meritorious 40-year career with Florida Southern, Susan Sargeant retired in December 2020.

Sargeant spent three years working for Dr. Charles Thrift in the president's office, with the remainder of her time at the College in the athletics department.

During her extensive service, Sargeant worked for three FSC presidents and five athletic directors and witnessed the spectacular growth of the athletics department.



"Dependable, trustworthy, loyal, efficient, thoughtful, and kind; these words describe Susan. She served as my administrative assistant during my eight years as athletic director (2000-2008), and it brings me great joy to say that Susan and I are lifelong friends."

— Lois Webb, former Athletic Director

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## 1950s

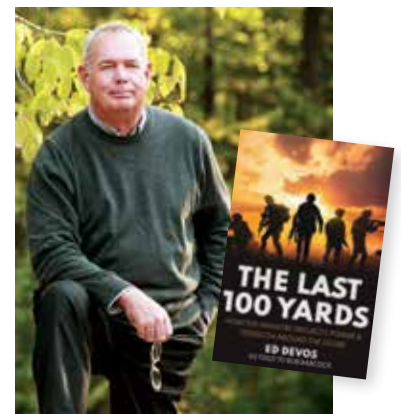
**Dr. Kenneth Herman '50** retired from the practice of clinical psychology after 50 years to promote his book, *Secrets from the Sofa: A Psychologist's Guide to Achieving Personal Peace*. He and his wife, Benita, have been married 60 years and have four children and nine grandchildren. His secret to living a long productive life is to remain active, both physically and mentally. He exercises at a gym seven days a week and is an avid reader.

**James Meyer '57** shared a group photograph with six other Florida Southern College alumni, all of whom are residents of the John Knox Village retirement community in Pompano Beach. Pictured here, from left, are **Armando Gutierrez '61**, **Tom Keenan '64**, **Jane Schlosser Coffman '62**, **John Schlosser '58**, **Karen Bente Sauve '61**, **Barbara Ahola Meyer '57**, and **James Meyer**.



## 1960s

After a wide-ranging career as an educator in middle and high schools, which took him from Polk County to Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Texas, and Miami-Dade County in Florida, **James Yeatts '66** returned to Polk County, where he retired in 2009. Following his retirement, he taught remedial math in an adjunct capacity at Warner University and Polk State College. Yeatts and his wife, Karol, have two daughters and five grandchildren.



**Lt. Col. Ed Devos '69** of McCormick, S.C., has published his fifth book, *The Last 100 Yards*, about his 20 years of experience with infantry soldiers as a U.S. Army Infantry officer. After his retirement from the Army, he spent more than 17 years in the financial services industry.

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In December 2019, **Walter W. Manley II '69**, founder and chairman of the Biletnikoff Award and a director of the National College Football Awards Association, attended The Home Depot College Football Awards at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Ga. He is seen here, at right, with Eddie Griffin, left, former president of the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and Jim Thorpe Association, which presents its annual Jim Thorpe Award to the nation's best defensive back in college football, and with former Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, center. The Biletnikoff Award, founded in 1994, recognizes the outstanding receiver in college football and provides nearly a million dollars annually in scholarships and benefits to North Florida students who have overcome significant challenges to achieve at the highest levels. Biletnikoff Award winners are selected by a 630-person national selection committee.

### 1970s

**John Jurecko '70** has retired and is living in Grayslake, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

In May 2020, **Michael "Mike" Opalinski '70** and **Sandra "Sandi" Green Opalinski '70** of Lakeland enjoyed a Zoom-based celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, also marking the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Florida Southern, and the graduation of granddaughter **Anna Brook Opalinski '20**, a fifth-generation Moc. Each family member with a connection to FSC had a part to play in the virtual get-together, with roles ranging from valedictorian to president.



1970 FSC grads Sandi and Mike Opalinski



Anna Brook Opalinski '20

**Stephen Troxel '70** retired from the State of Arizona's Department of Transportation, Right-of-Way Group, after almost 24 years as a senior contract management specialist. Retirement has afforded him an opportunity to enjoy time with family, including visits with his wife's extended family in the Republic of Panama, and to participate in a number of volunteer events in the Phoenix area.

After 20 years with the Space Shuttle Program in Florida, **Kathy Karmazin-Calin '74** now works as the director of enterprise resource planning (ERP) services for the Harris County Hospitals in Houston, Texas.

**Gary L. Sundholm '77** and **Doris "Dorie" Secord Sundholm '78** of Livingston, Texas, have retired to travel throughout the United States in their fifth-wheel RV.

### 1980s

**Keith D. Johns '80** retired as a captain with Delta Air Lines in September 2020, after 32 years and more than 20,000 hours flying.



**Carrie Robinson '81** lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she is senior vice president/operations for Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System.



Six former Mocs who played on FSC's NCAA Championship Baseball teams in 1978 and 1981 gathered in North Carolina for five days of fun, golf, and FSC stories. According to **Terry Kassien '82** (member of the 1981 team), attendees traveled from California, Florida, Minnesota, Ohio, and South Carolina. Those on hand to celebrate a hole-in-one by **Jay Coffman '80** (1978 team), kneeling, were **Randy Kaiser '82** (1981 team), from left, **Mike Schoeller '79** (1978 team), **Don Koch '81** (1981 team), **Jeff Sadler '82** (1981 team), and **Kassien**.

**Scott A. Brockman '83**, as president and CEO of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA), is overseeing a major concourse modernization project that includes a \$1.5 million art program to be led by the Urban Art Commission, a regional nonprofit that will commission artwork and installations throughout the airport's redesigned gate areas.



Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida named **Sarah Beasley Owen '85**, president and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, to the 2020 Business Hall of Fame for Lee County in February 2020.



**Joseph Bivona '87** married Paula Laiosa in December 2019 at Kukio Beach, Hawaii. Pictured here with Paula's sons, Aidan, left, and William, right, they live in Pleasanton, Calif., where Joseph works as a sports consultant and Paula works in media sales.

**Dan Jenkins, Jr. '88**, of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., is vice president of operations and technology for Christian Network International.

## 1990s

**Kimberly Yang Elmhorst '90** was selected as the 2019 George W. Jenkins Volunteer of the Year Award by the United Way of Central Florida (UWCF) during the organization's Spirit Week in June 2020. The award is given to a current or former board member who has served the UWCF community in a variety of leadership roles and assignments. Elmhorst has served on the UWCF Board of Directors since 2015 and served as the 2015 Campaign Chair. She is a past president of the Junior League of Greater Lakeland and is chair of the Friends of Bonnet Springs Park Committee. Her daughter, **Kelsey Elmhorst**, is a current FSC student.



After nearly seven years leading the strategic marketing and communications team at Providence Day School in Charlotte, N.C., **Karen Kull Brand '91** is now the director of communications for the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority.



Entrepreneur and business consultant to the Central Florida agricultural industry, **Robert A. Krause '92** was named CEO of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation in January 2020, effective May 1. A native of West Palm Beach and longtime resident of Wauchula, Krause has served as a member of the Foundation's board of directors since 2013.



**Amy Mutzabaugh-McQuagge '92** of Fort Myers, vice president and director of marketing for Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, has been elected to the board of directors for both the Pace Center for Girls of Lee County and the Uncommon Friends Foundation. The Pace Center for Girls, one of 22 regional centers throughout Florida, is a not-for-profit program that aims to divert girls and young women from the juvenile justice system by providing education, counseling, training, and advocacy. The Uncommon Friends Foundation is dedicated to lifelong character building among today's youth and business leaders.

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United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 **Joe Ostrosky '93** retired in December 2018 after 39 years of service. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1977 and served with Security Forces at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Discharged in 1981, he rejoined the military in 1985, initially enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, then later the U.S. Navy Reserve. After graduating from FSC, he was accepted into the U.S. Army's Warrant Officer Program, was commissioned a Warrant Officer 1 and served for 12 years with the 84th Division (IT). In 2008, he transferred to the Wisconsin National Guard. His final assignment was serving as an instructor for Warrant Officer Candidate School in the 426th Regiment Regional Training Institute.



In June 2020, Pope Francis named **Monsignor David L. Toups '93** as the sixth bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Beaumont, Texas. Bishop-elect Toups was ordained Aug. 21 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in Beaumont. Prior to his appointment, he served as rector and president for St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach.



After six years in The Woodlands, Texas, working as the controller for Gexa Energy, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, **Richard Chapman '94** returned to Florida as the senior director of operations, accounting, and projects for Florida Crystals Corporation in Palm City. Chapman and his wife, Shannon, recently celebrated their 10-year anniversary with their sons, Bode and Lars.

**Jill Pugh Wallace '94** was hired by the Federal Public Defender's office for the Western District of Pennsylvania after working for 18 years as a private investigator. Her husband, **Shawn Wallace '95**, who works as a county juvenile counselor, also owns and operates a landscape supply yard with his siblings. The Wallaces live in Erie, Penn., with their son, Maxwell.

After losing a close family member to cancer, **Marisol Lugo Brekka '94** and her husband, Richard J. Brekka, co-founded PlasmaSaves in October 2020. The not-for-profit organization encourages the donation of convalescent plasma by individuals who have recovered from COVID-19. These plasma donations, which are rich with infection-fighting antibodies, then can be used as therapeutic transfusions to treat patients still fighting the virus. **Sara Roberts McCarley '93**, Brekka's sorority sister, proudly serves as a senior advisor for the organization. To learn more about PlasmaSaves and how it gives back to other New York and New Jersey nonprofits, please visit [PlasmaSaves.org](http://PlasmaSaves.org). Prior to founding the organization, Brekka worked in the financial services industry for more than 17 years, where she specialized in mergers and acquisitions within the manufacturing and distribution industries for Fortune 500 companies.



**Michelle Miller '94** earned her MBA from Webster University in December 2012. She now works in supply chain logistics for Walmart Inc., in Bentonville, Ark.



**Scott W. Thuman '95** of Alexandria, Va., is the chief political correspondent for the Sinclair Broadcast Group, covering the White House, Capitol Hill, and international stories. He also is a contributor to the Sunday morning national news program "Full Measure" with Sharyl Attkisson.

**Dr. John Kerley '96** of Ocala has received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from National Louis University.

**Clark Evans '97** of Tallahassee, who was licensed as a certified public accountant in Florida in 2015, works in the office of the Auditor General as a lead senior auditor.

**Frank Maynard III '98** of Durham, N.C., won the 2019 Player Development Award from the Carolinas Professional Golfers' Association. He has worked at the UNC Finley Golf Course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since September 2000 and has been the PGA Head Golf Professional since August 2017.

**Chris Scofield '98** of Davie finished his 22nd year of teaching and sixth year at Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores, where he is the e-learning specialist and chair of the computer science department. By a vote of his colleagues, he was named as the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year.

**Missie Ellis Westerman '98** of Ocoee, who earned her Master's in Music Education from Boston University, is the band director at SunRidge Middle School in Winter Garden. She has worked for Orange County Public Schools for about 23 years. She and her husband, Andy Westerman, were married in April 2018.

## 2000s

**William Frye '00** of Clarksville, Tenn., celebrated the five-year anniversary of the purchase of his business, Magic Wheels Fun Center. "We have been converting it from a stand-alone roller skating rink to a multi-attraction family entertainment center," he reported.

**Theresa Halse Fawcett '01** studied educational management at the University of South Africa. She and her husband live in Malkerns, Swaziland, with their children, Jennifer and Matthew.

**Tracy Williams Meadows '02** is working as a biology and environmental science teacher at Bishop Brady High School in Concord, N.H.

**Ryan Young '02** moved to Philadelphia, Pa., to work as associate director of residential living at Temple University.

**Dr. Danielle Whaley DeConcilio '03**, who in 2016 earned FSC's first Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (EdD) degree, was selected by Polk County Public Schools to represent the district as 2020 Assistant Principal of the Year. Dr. DeConcilio is the on-site administrator at East Area Adult School's main campus in Auburndale, which serves adult learners in both the General Educational Development (GED) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs. She also oversees 17 satellite locations in the eastern portion of Polk County.



*Teachers and co-workers at East Area Adult School in Auburndale celebrate a recent Boss's Day with Dr. Danielle Whaley DeConcilio '03.*

**Rev. Corey Jones '05** is senior pastor at Pasadena Community United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg. In summer 2020, FSC President Anne Kerr tapped Rev. Jones to serve as one of the two alumni members of the College's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council, with an appointment to the Chaplain/Religious Life Committee of the Council. His wife, Carol, is a middle-school math teacher, and they have two sons.



**Captain Daniel Sean Simms '05** retired from the United States Marine Corps in February 2020 after 22 years of service. He deployed multiple times to combat zones and was awarded the Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and MC Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbons.

**Melissa Cofta Mitchell '06** married Joel Mitchell in Fort Myers in October 2019. She has worked for Priority Marketing in Fort Myers since 2013, where she currently is director of marketing and business development. Her husband is a youth soccer coach for the Florida Gulf Coast Dutch Lions.



**Belinda Ann Ressel Morse '06 M.Ed. '08** was honored as Camden Elementary Teacher of the Year at Camden Elementary School in Camden, S.C. She began working as a music teacher at the school in 2018.





## CLASSNOTES



**Nolen B. Bailey '07** has been named a partner at CPS Investment Advisors in downtown Lakeland. He has been with the investment firm since 2011. "It is my honor and privilege to work with Nolen, and I am excited to bring him in as an owner," said Peter Golotko '90 MBA '96, the firm's president. "He is a leader and a great businessman." Bailey is a Certified Financial Planner and director of the Retirement Plan Services division of CPS. In 2014, he was named Future Mayor of Lakeland by EMERGE Lakeland, a networking organization for young professionals. He and his wife, **Ashley Abernathy Bailey '16**, recently reached their goal of visiting all 50 U.S. states together, and are well on their way to reaching their next goal: hiking and kayaking their way through all 62 U.S. National Parks. In his spare time, Bailey serves as president of FSC's 6th Man Club and is an avid basketball fan.

**Dr. Megan Brown '07 M.Ed. '09**, who was a three-time All-American pitcher on the Moccasin softball team, has been named the head softball coach at Longwood University in Farmville, Va., an NCAA Division I program in the Big South Conference.



**Jennifer May-Allen Simpson '07** and **Michael W. Simpson II '07** of Lakeland were married in October 2009 in FSC's Danforth Chapel. Jennifer teaches English at McKeel Academy of Technology, and Michael is the dean at Lawton Chiles Middle Academy. The Simpsons are shown here with daughter Lillian, who was born in 2014, and son Jude, born in 2019; the children's late sister, Elowen, was born in 2017.



**Michael Miller '08** of Chicago acquired Third Wing Business Strategies, a marketing services company designed to help small- to mid-sized businesses break through and reach their full potential.

**Helena Samsioe '08** of Stockholm, Sweden, is CEO and founder of GLOBHE, whose mission is to use drone technologies to deliver perishable medical supplies and allow for disaster relief planning with drone photography. Working with a global network of drone pilots in 80 countries — who are paid to fly missions that collect high-quality photos as data that can help detect and predict disasters — this "crowd-droning" service tracks changes over time by using health, water, environmental, and infrastructure data. Samsioe has been named one of the "World's Top 50 Women in Tech" by *Forbes*, was ranked as one of the most powerful businesswomen in Sweden, and became widely known as the "Drone Queen" when she was featured in a BBC profile.



**Guenther Fercher '09 MBA '11** is a corporate controller for Aebi Schmidt Holding AG, an international company that provides intelligent product systems and services to clean and sweep business-critical traffic areas and to maintain green spaces in demanding terrain. Fercher studied international business and played tennis at FSC. After graduating, he interned at OPEC in Vienna, then spent six years with Credit Suisse before joining Aebi Schmidt Holding AG.



**Capt. Rene Polit '09** is serving as an Operations Officer in the U.S. Army at the Caserma Ederle military complex in Vicenza, Italy. He and his wife, Marcia, are the proud parents of Jonathan, born in 2016, and Lucia, born in 2018.





**Ronda Zucco MBA '09**, a licensed addiction counselor and vice president of business development and operations at Apollo Behavioral Health Hospital in Baton Rouge, La., has been selected for the Louisiana Association of Non-profit Organizations (LANO) Community Leaders Program, a statewide training program designed to strengthen nonprofit governance and to increase civic engagement and philanthropy. She is also a member of the Louisiana Hospital Association and the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors & Trainers, is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and serves on the education committee of the Louisiana Chapter of Healthcare Executives.

## 2010s

**Margaret Alex Pearson '11** of Winter Garden and Patrick Reid Pearson were married in March 2020.

**Manon Costard '12** of France, former member of the FSC Water Ski Team, won her first International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) world title in August 2019 as the Women's Slalom Gold Medalist at the IWWF World Waterski Championships in Putrajaya, Malaysia.



**Dr. Stephanie Joan Meyers Davis '12** of Silver Spring, Md., has been awarded a Science & Technology Policy Fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, with a placement at the National Institute on Aging's Office of Small Business Research. She is among 278 highly trained scientists and engineers who will spend a year serving professionally in federal agencies and congressional offices, learning firsthand about federal policymaking and implementation. The program aims to support evidence-based policymaking through government engagement with science and engineering experts.

**Ashley Gibson Barnett '13** is founder and CEO of Pink Swan Boutique in Lakeland. Her passion for fashion and a calling to serve others resulted in the creation of the ladies clothing boutique, with a goal of empowering women to confidently express themselves through their fashion and to give back to our local community. Pink Swan shopping experiences include pop-up shops, online shopping, private appointments, or virtually — with the launch of a shoppinkswan.com website coming soon. A portion of the profits from Pink Swan goes to support local nonprofits. Barnett is also currently working on a doctorate degree at Emory University and was recently appointed as a Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board Member.



In March 2020, **Stephen R. Bell '13** became FSC's assistant director of annual giving and alumni relations. He graduated with his Master of Science in Management and Leadership from Coker University in December 2020.

In 2015, **Patricia Fajen '13** of Alexandria, Va., received her Master's of Science in Justice, Law, and Criminology from American University, with a concentration in terrorism and security policy.

**Fallon Hartig '13** married **Erik Silvola '12** in Tampa's Ybor City in March 2019. Nearly 40 Florida Southern alumni and staff members attended their wedding, five of whom were members of the wedding party: **Carly Hensley '13**, third from left; **Phil Stricker '13**, sixth from left; **Sonja Wagner '13**, eighth from right; **Alan Silva '12**, seventh from right; and **Eric Gallotto '12**, fifth from right. The Silvolas met at FSC, where both were active in Greek life and intramural sports. They are living in St. Petersburg.



**Zachary Wheeler '13** has been working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Tampa for two years. The global accounting practice provides professional services in 157 countries.

**Dr. Christopher Yanichko '14** graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton. He has since begun an internal medicine residency at Naples Community Hospital in Naples.

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**Frank Adams '15** was named assistant athletic trainer for the Phoenix Suns of the National Basketball Association after spending two seasons in the Minnesota Timberwolves' organization.

In July 2020, **Ryan J. Buckley '15 MBA '16** was named vice president of the Lakeland Magic. He also is an adjunct faculty member at FSC, teaching classes in sport business management for the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise.



Former Florida Southern men's basketball player and NCAA Champion **Kevin Capers '15** signed a professional contract to play with Atomeromu SE, a professional basketball team based in Paks, Hungary.



**Lindsay Smith Daniel '15** married Jason Daniel in Jacksonville in November 2019. Three Florida Southern alumnae were among her bridesmaids: **Christina "Tina" Schipani '16**, from left; **Alex Smith '15**; and **Kaitlyn Messick '14**. The Daniels are living in Clermont.

For **Abby Boone '16** of Houston, Texas, the most important memory of 2020 was "Getting engaged!" Although Boone and fiancé James Cyran were unable to get together with family members in person, they connected through FaceTime for virtual congratulations. "It's not about being in the same place," Boone said. "It's about the conversations you can have with a person and the time you are willing to make for one another."



**Jheryl Cabey '16** has been promoted to the position of manager in the Risk Consulting department at KPMG UK in London, a global network of professional firms providing auditing, tax, and advisory services. His department works with clients to help them understand the financial risks posed by climate change, with a primary focus on advising banking clients how climate change will affect the companies they finance, as well as developing solutions to provide financing in areas that will support the transition to a greener economy.



**Emma A. Hamrick '16** joined The Walt Disney Studios' digital marketing team in April 2019, where she is responsible for digital and creative strategy for studio releases on Disney+, the company's streaming platform.



**Pastor Amy Scroggin Armistead '15** of First United Methodist Church in Ormond Beach works with residents of western Volusia County through "The Gathering Place," a newly established branch of the multi-site campus. By exploring different ways to gather as a community of faith, Pastor Armistead hopes to reach skeptics and individuals who have fallen away from church. Prior to arriving in Ormond Beach, she spent a year pastoring in Alabama and worked as site coordinator for Communities of Transformation in Montgomery, an organization committed to alleviating poverty through community building.





In July 2019, **Leah Pemberton '16 MBA '17** of Valrico was named the new head coach of the softball team at Bloomingdale High School in Brandon, the school she had attended. She also is a leader for the Brandon-area Young Life multicultural ministry and works as an office administrator for a physical therapy clinic in Brandon.

**Katie Smith '16** was elected to a two-year term as president of the Democratic Women's Club of Lakeland, officially beginning her term in January 2020. Smith is also a member of the New Leaders Council, a public charity dedicated to providing a new generation of leaders with the tools they need to succeed.

**Dr. Steven Spoto '16** graduated from the University of Florida College of Dentistry with a Doctorate in Dental Medicine (DMD) in 2020, and is an Advanced Education in General Dentistry resident at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

**Heather Burns Touchton '16** married Trevor Touchton in April 2018. She works as a cardiac ICU nurse at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

**Sunil Persaud '17** is the owner of Studio 53, a full-service family hair salon in Lakeland. He started the salon with his brother, **Angel Persaud '11**, the director of marketing, and mother Suzy Persaud. Angel also founded Legal Action Media, a New York-based legal marketing agency.

Three couples — all of whom are friends and recent Florida Southern grads — became engaged within a single week in 2019. **Dalton Yelvington '17** and **Carolyn Cureton '19**, top, were married in July 2020; **Patrick Ferry '17** and **Becky Levy '16**, center, were married in October 2020; and **Tyler McCobb '17** and **Julie Roggeman '17**, bottom, were married in January 2021. Dalton, Patrick, and Tyler were Lambda Chi brothers at FSC, and Becky and Julie ran cross country for the College.



## 2020s

**Arjeet Tipirneni '20**, president of FSC's Student Government Association, posed with FSC Trustee Dr. Sarah McKay at the McKay Tree lighting in December 2019.



## IN MEMORIAM

### TRUSTEES

**John V. D'Albora Jr. '49** of Melbourne died Jan. 8, 2020. He served on the Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2017. Survivors include his four children, John D'Albora, III, Noretta Huff (son-in-law, **Scott Huff '79**), Paul D'Albora, and Ann VonThron.



**Dr. Frank H. Furman Jr.** of Pompano Beach died May 17, 2020. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2009 and was a Trustee Emeritus. He received the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from FSC in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Martha Jane, and three children, **June Michel '74**, **Jane DeJong '77**, and John Furman.



**Sharon Luther** of Fort Myers died Feb. 18, 2020. She served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2008 until 2012 as the Florida Annual Conference Lay Leader.



**Selma P. Marlowe** of New Port Richey died May 31, 2020. She served on the Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2009 and was a Trustee Emerita. Her husband, **Dr. James M. Marlowe '55**, was a member of the FSC Board of Trustees until his death in January 1995. She was preceded in death by her son **Richard J. Marlowe '83**. Survivors include her sons **Robert C. Marlowe '75** and **Russell G. Marlowe '85**; daughter-in-law **Carolyn O'Connor Marlowe '76**; and granddaughter **Jennifer Marlowe Bowen '01**.



**Edwin H. McMullen Sr. '58** of University Park died April 10, 2020. He had served on the National Alumni Board since 2007 and served on the Board of Trustees from 2011 to 2013. Survivors include his wife, Julie Schaefer McMullen and his four children, **Edwin Hull McMullen, Jr. '83** (Debbie), Malcolm Winslow McMullen (Lynn), **Melanie McMullen Gardner '85** (Tim), **Michelle McMullen COUNTER '87** (Charles '86), and stepson, Scott Winston Schaefer.

**Dr. Joe P. Ruthven** of Lakeland died Dec. 21, 2019. He had served on the Board of Trustees since 2006. He received the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from FSC in 2007. Survivors include his two sons, Joe L. Ruthven and **J. Greg Ruthven '77**.



**Dr. T. Terrell Sessums** of Tampa died June 6, 2020. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1989 to 2009 and was a Trustee Emeritus. He served as the Board's Chairman from 1993 to 2003 and was named Emeritus Chairman of the Board in 2003. He received the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from FSC in 1973. Dr. Sessums was a former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. Survivors include his daughter, **Sandra Sessums Slayton '87**.



**Judge Robert G. "Bobby" Stokes '59** of Lakeland died April 26, 2020. He was an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A., and a former Circuit Court judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit. He also served as municipal judge for the City of Lakeland, assistant city attorney, and vice president of the 10th Judicial Court before his election to the Circuit Court bench. An early leader in mediation services, Judge Stokes was appointed as Florida's first official mediator by Gov. Bob Graham. He was a committed member of the community, served as the lay leader of First United Methodist Church. Judge Stokes served on the Board of Trustees from 2016 to 2019 and was a Trustee Emeritus. In recognition of his service to his profession and community, Florida Southern honored Judge Stokes as recipient of a 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award. Survivors include his wife, Patricia "Patsy" Stokes; his son, Jeffrey Stokes; and his daughter, Jenny Kay Stokes.

“We honor these leaders who have contributed so much to the success of Florida Southern College.”

— Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D., President



## FACULTY & STAFF

**Christine R. Boulanger** of Lakeland, who was an administrative assistant at the Roberts Academy from 2015 to 2019, died Nov. 5, 2019. Survivors include her husband, Andre, and daughters: **Natalie R. Boulanger '18**, Amelie Haakonsen and Hope Boulanger.

**George H. Britton Jr.** of Deltona died July 30, 2020. He was a professor in business and economics from 1988 until his retirement in 1998. Survivors include his son, **George H. Britton III '92**.

**Dr. Daniel J. Carreira Jr.** of Lakeland died Sept. 12, 2020. He taught mathematics at FSC from 1968 until his retirement in 1994. Survivors include his wife, **Mabel Carreira '71**; and son, **Dr. Daniel J. Carreira '80**.

**Suellen T. Cirelli '93** of Auburndale died Aug. 12, 2020. She was an adjunct instructor at FSC's Orlando campus from 1997 to 2006.

**Dr. Susan P. Conner** of Albion, Mich., died Nov. 28, 2020. An internationally acclaimed Napoleonic scholar, she served as vice president for academic affairs and professor of history at Florida Southern from 2001 to 2008.

**Eleanor M. Cramer** of Lakeland, who came to FSC in 1973 and was a longtime secretary for the athletic and physical education department, died Sept. 9, 2019.

**A.L. "Buck" Dawson** of Morehead, Ky., died Dec. 29, 2020. He served as FSC's head cross-country coach from 1995 until his retirement in 2007, when he continued as a volunteer coach. He led the men's team to 10 conference championships and guided the women's team to five league titles. He was inducted into seven halls of fame, including the Florida Southern College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

**Sue A. Fee** of Lakeland, who came to the music department as an accompanist in 1997, died Oct. 29, 2019. She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Jeff, who created the Sue Fee Memorial Scholarship in Music in her memory.

**Howardene Garrett** of Lakeland, who came to FSC in 2017 as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Criminology, died April 29, 2020.

**Margaret Dessalet Helmick '71** of Winter Haven died Nov. 16, 2019. She worked as a substitute teacher at the Roberts Academy from 2012 to 2014. Survivors include her husband, **Dr. Robert W. Helmick '69**.

**Betty C. Hogge** of Lakeland, who worked as secretary to the registrar from 1980 until her retirement in 1992, died Dec. 10, 2020.

**Dr. Douglas T. Holden** of Charlotte, Mich., died Aug. 22, 2020. He was a professor in religion and philosophy from 1964 to 1967.

**Toni Howe** of Lakeland, who came to FSC in 2018 as an adjunct instructor in the education department, died Aug. 1, 2020. She worked for Polk County Schools for more than 35 years, and was a former principal of Dr. N.E. Roberts Elementary in Lakeland.

**Barbara Jacobson** of Plant City, who taught the flute as an adjunct professor in music from 1988 until her retirement in 2011, died July 24, 2019.

**Dr. James D. Krause** of Tampa, who came to FSC as an adjunct professor in business and economics, died Dec. 15, 2019. Survivors include his wife, **Dr. Elizabeth A. Krause**, assistant professor of healthcare administration at FSC.

**Dr. Thomas D. "Darwin" Milligan** of Lakeland, who taught in the School of Education from 1963 to 1973, died Dec. 3, 2020.

**Wally T. Parker** of Lakeland, who worked for facilities as a member of the building and grounds crew from 1988 to 2005, died Feb. 12, 2020. Survivors include his wife, **Penny Hopkins Parker '73**.

**Dr. Mary V. Peaslee** of Lakeland, a professor in the Department of Education from 1969 until her retirement in 1997, died March 13, 2019.

**Donald E. Pipkin Sr. '10** of Auburndale, who was hand bell choir director for the music department from 1985 to 1988, died Aug. 17, 2019.

**Diane Esau Smith '66** of Macclenny, who served as assistant to the dean of women at Florida Southern, died Dec. 6, 2020. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Carol M. Esau**, FSC's longtime director of admissions. Survivors include her son, **Frederick K. Smith '93**.

**Dr. A. Rand Sutherland '84** of Lake Wales, professor in the Department of History from 1976 until his retirement in 2008, died Jan. 2, 2020. Survivors include his wife, **Nancy W. Sutherland '81**.

**Bill Turnage** of Warrensburg, Mo., who was assistant sports information director in athletics from 2002 to 2012, died Jan. 29, 2020.

**Alice Z. Williams** of Lakeland died Oct. 11, 2018. She worked as a custodian at Florida Southern from 1957 to 2000.

**Anna C. "Cat" Wright** of Lakeland died Nov. 17, 2020. She was a custodian at FSC from 1975 to 1991.



## IN MEMORIAM

### DR. JAMES LARRY DURRENCE '66

of Lakeland died Feb. 20, 2020.

Dr. Durrence was a professor in the Department of History from 1970 to 1990, serving as chair of the Department of History and Political Science for five years. He was elected to Lakeland's City Commission in 1980 and served for eight years, including two appointments as mayor in 1982 and 1986. He worked in state government from 1990 to 1998 and was appointed president of Polk Community College (now Polk State College) in 1998, serving until his retirement in 2006. Survivors include his wife, **Cornelia C. Durrence '82**.



### PAULA K. PARSCHÉ '71

of Lakeland, associate professor and chair of the Department of Music, died July 12, 2020.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Florida Southern College and a Master in Piano Performance from the University of South Florida in 1973, later studying collaborative piano performance in Vienna and Salzburg, Austria. Professor Parsché joined the Florida Southern faculty in 1980 and was appointed to the Wilhelmina MacDonald Endowed Chair in Music in 2014. She performed often for campus functions and concerts, and was a founding member of the Hollingsworth Trio, a noted and longstanding chamber music group. Survivors include her niece, **Michelle F. Parsché '14**. To honor her legacy at the College, FSC friends established the Paula Parsché Memorial Scholarship in Music and the Performing Arts.



### MARY L. WILSON

of Lakeland died Aug. 14, 2020. A longtime administrative staff member who celebrated 50 years of service with FSC in April 2020, she held positions in admissions (1970 to 2000), the president's office (2000 to 2004), and social sciences (2004 to 2020). Survivors include her daughter, **Miriam A. Wilson '02**.



## ALUMNI

LISTINGS COMPILED FROM JULY 1, 2019

### 1930s

**Lillian M. Juhler '35** died May 21, 2020.

**Mary L. Zipper '38** died July 12, 2020.

### 1940s

**Virginia Royall Bryan '40** died Jan. 3, 2021.

**Jane Withers Shelton '40** died Jan. 7, 2020.

**Mary Thomson Sorensen '40** died Oct. 3, 2020.

**Elizabeth Tyler Hogan '41** died Dec. 20, 2019.

**Dr. Zerney "Zeb" Barnes '42** died May 5, 2020.

**Sidney I. Sneller Jr. '42** died Sept. 30, 2017.

**Maryse Dale '44** died Dec. 31, 2020.

**M. Mardelle Eisenbach Sutherland '45** died Nov. 22, 2019.

**Julia "Judy" Bryant Williams '45** died Nov. 24, 2020.

**Maryann Crossley Coco '47** died Dec. 24, 2020.

**Lobenta Comfort Davis Johnson '47** died Aug. 21, 2019.

**Mae Conroy Tomyn '47** died Aug. 19, 2020.

**Martha Haigler Warth '47** died Jan. 1, 2021.

**William F. Cheek '48** died Sept. 30, 2019.

**Helen Lee Dennehy '48** died Jan. 13, 2020.

**S. Harold George '48** died Jan. 3, 2020.

**Geraldine Davis Prister Bolton '49** died April 18, 2020.

**Dr. Eugene R. Cantwell '49** died Nov. 15, 2019.

**Iris Fraser Boyles '49** died Dec. 27, 2020.

**J. Patrick Flanagan Sr. '49** died Nov. 19, 2019.

**Arlin "Mac" T. McRae '49** died Feb. 10, 2020.

**R. Lewis Miller Jr. '49** died Jan. 2, 2019.

**Robert G. Pollard '49** died Aug. 27, 2019.

### 1950s

**Anna Hill Flanagan '50** died Nov. 1, 2020.

**George T. McWhorter '50** died April 25, 2020.

**James I. Paige '50** died Jan. 7, 2020.

**Charles M. Terry '50** died Dec. 23, 2019.

**Marjorie Riviere Wilson '50** died Sept. 27, 2020.

**William C. Alcorn '51** died Aug. 26, 2019.

**Albert R. Arrigale '51** died Dec. 6, 2020.

**William L. Bencker Jr. '51** died April 11, 2018.

**James E. Gray '51** died July 2, 2019.

**Julian K. Kessler '51** died Dec. 1, 2020.

**Lawrence Leins '51** died Jan. 7, 2020.



**Marjorie Trask Prevatte '51**  
died Oct. 11, 2020.

**Dr. Ruth Keeno Relos '51**  
died July 22, 2019.

**Manuel "Joe" Sanchez Jr. '51**  
died Aug. 29, 2019.

**Joseph Subbiondo '51** died  
Dec. 21, 2018.

**Rev. James S. Thompson '51**  
died Feb. 23, 2016.

**Joan Todd Fiedler-Hinz '52**  
died Dec. 30, 2020.

**Dr. Ronald L. Russell '52**  
died Sept. 14, 2019.

**Carl P. Schuler '52** died  
Nov. 12, 2019.

**August J. Sturm '52** died  
Nov. 14, 2017.

**Thomas C. Garrett '53** died  
Dec. 25, 2018.

**Billie Smith Hagler '53** died  
Oct. 30, 2020.

**Ann Koch Hurt '53** died  
Aug. 23, 2020.

**Dorothy "Dot" Niblack  
Jackson '53** died Oct. 13, 2020.

**Rev. Dr. Roland D. Vanzant '53**  
died Dec. 4, 2020.

**Webster B. Baker '54** died  
Jan. 5, 2020.

**Dabney "Satch" C.T.  
Davis Jr. '54** died Jan. 10, 2021.

**Ann Caldwell Gettes '54** died  
April 1, 2020.

**Nancy A. Kidder '54** died  
July 26, 2019.

**Marie McCall '54** died  
July 5, 2020.

**Earliene Sumner Rawe '54**  
died July 31, 2019.

**Stephen O. King '55** died  
June 17, 2020.

**Stafford A. Maurer '55** died  
July 1, 2020.

**Bert Rodgers '55** died  
Nov. 14, 2019.

**Ralph A. Caruso '56** died  
May 2, 2020.

**Edward B. Codd '56** died  
Aug. 31, 2019.

**Frank Cotton '56** died  
Jan. 5, 2021.

**Dr. William A. Medley '56**  
died Sept. 1, 2016.

**Doris Becker Schisler '56**  
died April 16, 2020.

**Ernest M. Thompson '56**  
died July 26, 2019.

**Anthony Agliano '57** died  
Oct. 16, 2019.

**J.R. "Bob" Graw '57** died  
Sept. 10, 2019.

**Charles M. Jervis '57** died  
Jan. 9, 2020.

**Thomas B. Kenny '57** died  
Nov. 23, 2019.

**Martha Ann King '57** died  
Nov. 13, 2020.

**Jacqueline "Jackie"  
McMurrian Oberfrank '57**  
died June 23, 2020.

**Curtis E. Pickens '57** died  
May 3, 2020.

**William D. Shilling Jr. '57**  
died Oct. 20, 2020.

**Jack L. Stewart Sr. '57** died  
July 22, 2020.

**Joan Duke Witten '57** died  
July 1, 2020.

**Lt. Col. Earl "Bill" W. Ziebarth  
Jr. '57** died Sept. 29, 2020.

**Joy Coward Anderson '58**  
died April 23, 2020.

**Rev. William B. Caldwell '58**  
of died Oct. 3, 2020.

**Joseph P. Caranante '58**  
died Dec. 24, 2020.

**Julia Kin-Joe Chiu Chan '58**  
died April 19, 2020.

**Netha Campbell Durrell '58**  
died July 19, 2020.

**Marvin "Jerry" J. Ervine '58**  
died Aug. 6, 2019.

**Dr. Laurens E. Linebaugh '58**  
died Dec. 6, 2019.

**Peter R. Perciasepe '58** died  
April 16, 2020.

**Robert F. Thompson '58** died  
Nov. 17, 2020.

**Rev. John R. Tindell '58** died  
Dec. 31, 2020.

**Richard L. Adolphson '59** died  
June 13, 2020.

**Joseph D. Armstrong '59** died  
May 6, 2020.

**Lianne Withee Carlin '59** died  
March 11, 2019.

**Ruben A. Cuervo '59** died  
Feb. 15, 2020.

**James S. Easterling '59** died  
Oct. 15, 2020.

**Richard "Dick" C. Fulford '59**  
died Nov. 24, 2020.

**Maxie W. Kelly '59** died  
Oct. 10, 2020.

**J. Lane Latimer III '59** died  
Jan. 9, 2019.

**Charles A. Scott '59** died  
Aug. 28, 2019.

**Dr. B.V. "Dean" Smith '59** died  
April 29, 2020.

**Eric A. Westphal '59** of died  
Oct. 10, 2020.

## 1960s

**Charles E. Black '60** died  
Aug. 17, 2020.

**Morris A. Hagstrom '60** died  
Oct. 27, 2019.

**Jane O'Neill Keck '60** died  
April 22, 2020.

**Georgia Dewar Mathews '60**  
died June 15, 2020.

**Ann Harper Matz '60** died  
May 14, 2020.

**Howard McMichael Jr. '60**  
died June 2, 2020.

**Edna Ryder Rawlins '60** died  
Feb. 20, 2020.

**James "Jimmy" Strange Jr. '60**  
died July 25, 2019.

**George L. Wadsworth Sr. '60**  
died Sept. 30, 2020.

**Mary Jane Foy Mitchell '61**  
died Oct. 9, 2020.

**William F. Nally '61** died  
Nov. 21, 2019.

**Marilyn Auld Pollock '61** died  
Dec. 18, 2020.

**Robert R. Rohlf '61** died  
Sept. 16, 2020.

**Ruth Ellen Rogers Saunders '61**  
died Nov. 21, 2019.

**Richard F. Willis '61** died  
Oct. 26, 2020

**Robert J. Zammit '61** died  
Feb. 11, 2020.

**Hays L. Arnold '62** died  
Aug. 14, 2019.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Donald L. Dixon '62** died  
Dec. 24, 2019.

**Emogene "Jean" Pear  
Fulford '62** died April 27, 2020.

**Edward M. Haley '62** died  
Nov. 26, 2018.

**Nancy Richey Mooney  
Hampton '62** died  
July 30, 2020.

**Russell F. Handy '62** died  
Dec. 14, 2019.

**Glenn J. Maggio '62** died  
Dec. 10, 2019.

**William J. McLain '62** died  
Feb. 1, 2020.

**Herbert S. Miller '62** died  
April 9, 2020.

**Patrick P. Murphy '62** died  
Aug. 15, 2019.

**Robert E. Schevers '62** died  
March 1, 2020.

**Lt. Col. Allen R. Dwyer '63**  
died Dec. 3, 2019.

**Rosemary Ellis '63** died  
Dec. 22, 2019.

**A. Louis "Jerry" Girardin III '63**  
died Dec. 30, 2019.

**Dorothy Hardee Harkala '63**  
died Nov. 7, 2020.

**James H. Smith '63** died  
Jan. 14, 2021.

**Carole Callahan Reynolds  
Snyder '63** died Jan. 27, 2020.

**Dan A. Jenkins Sr. '64** died  
Nov. 16, 2020.

**Joe G. Lindsey '64** died  
Nov. 3, 2020.

**Rev. Jennings A. Neeld Jr '64**  
died Sept. 12, 2020.

**James "Jim" G. Rudolph Jr. '64**  
died Dec. 25, 2020.

**Helene Cushman Sand '64**  
died May 15, 2020.

**Dr. Harold M. Tyus '64** died  
June 13, 2020.

**Janet Lachenmyer  
Wildes '64** died Sept. 5, 2020.

**Allen F. Ellis '65** died  
Oct. 17, 2020.

**Sondra Fox Griffith '65** died  
Sept. 29, 2019.

**Margaret "Peggy" Adams  
Lewis '65** died Oct. 19, 2020.

**Robert A. Mayer '65** died  
Sept. 18, 2020.

**Judson H. Powers '65** died  
June 13, 2020.

**Walter P. Young '65** died  
Feb. 11, 2020.

**Fancheon Kirby Boone '66**  
died Feb. 1, 2020.

**Willam P. Furnell '66** died  
Nov. 18, 2020.

**Don T. Wilson '66** died  
June 30, 2020.

**Robert Joel Cohen '67** died  
Jan. 7, 2020.

**Joseph Z. Gauches '67** died  
June 20, 2019.

**Bruce "Bud" B. Ingram Jr. '67**  
died Oct. 9, 2020.

**James S. Lyle '67** died  
March 24, 2020.

**John H. Metz '67** died  
Aug. 11, 2020.

**Craig W. Dye '68** died  
July 26, 2019.

**Harold C. Schaefer '68** died  
Jan. 2, 2021.

**Theodore "Ted" Zolkos Jr. '68**  
died Oct. 3, 2020.

**F. Gregory "Greg" Brunel '69**  
died April 12, 2020.

**Jane L. Farnell '69** died  
Oct. 23, 2019.

**Daniel K. Locke '69** died  
July 12, 2020.

**Douglas F. Schauer '69**  
died Sept. 11, 2020.

### 1970s

**Linda L. Franklin '70** died  
May 2, 2020.

**Thomas "Tom" Freeman '70**  
died Oct. 1, 2020.

**Frank W. Futch '70** died  
Sept. 26, 2019.

**Phillip J. Hinman '70** died  
Jan. 30, 2020.

**Lucy Marson Margolis '70**  
died Dec. 20, 2020.

**Nancy Bass Packard '70**  
died May 23, 2019.

**Dr. Carolyn Lee Thomas '70**  
died Jan. 14, 2020.

**Hugh Corrigan IV '71** died  
May 7, 2018.

**James I. Fink '71** died  
June 2, 2020.

**James Taliaferro "J.T."  
Lane Jr. '71** died Nov. 28, 2019.

**Donna Latimer Starnes '71**  
died Aug. 15, 2020.

**Sandra "Sandie" Williams '71**  
died Aug. 18, 2020.

**Lynn W. Grier Sr. '72** died  
Jan. 9, 2021.

**Donald C. Kaminski '72** died  
Dec. 7, 2019.

**Edwin C. Morgan '72** died  
Oct. 7, 2020.

**Evelyn Watts Cloninger '73**  
died Sept. 9, 2019.

**Kathleen Dring Corrigan '73**  
died Oct. 3, 2018.

**Judith Cutting Fraser '73** died  
Sept. 6, 2020.

**James "Jazz" Jones '73** died  
April 8, 2020.

**Richard E. Merriman '73** died  
April 28, 2020.

**Loring F. Perez '73** died  
Nov. 18, 2019.

**Midgley "Bob" R. Smith '73**  
died Nov. 19, 2020.

**Richard L. Adkins '74** died  
Sept. 14, 2019.

**Barbara Lee Chaulk '74** died  
April 12, 2020.

Former Lakeland City  
Commissioner **Edith "Edie"  
Yates Henderson '74** died  
Nov. 10, 2020.

**Robin Rivers Neeld '75** died  
Jan. 20, 2021.

**Larry W. Hendrix '76** died  
Oct. 17, 2019.

**Bernadine "Bennie"  
Sentyrz Spanjers '76** died  
Dec. 10, 2020.

**William "Bill" L. Branch '77**  
died Sept. 24, 2019.

**Susan E. Shockley '77** died  
July 19, 2019.

**Leonard D. Brown '78** died  
Oct. 14, 2019.

**Thomas K. Gibbs '78** died  
Dec. 12, 2020.

**Michael S. Broadhead '79**  
died April 10, 2020.

**Dr. Kathryn L. Haggard '79**  
died June 30, 2020.





**Nick Koumantzelis '79**  
died Jan. 18, 2020.

**John L. Stevens '79** died  
May 1, 2018.

## 1980s

**Jane Shank Bryant '80**  
died Aug. 24, 2020.

**Christine Sengstock Kazor '80**  
died July 1, 2018.

**Dr. Yvonne D. Duffe '81** died  
Aug. 5, 2020.

**Jean Hurn Linn '81** died  
Aug. 26, 2020.

**Jacques D. Petite '81** died  
March 13, 2020.

**Frank G. Clark '82** died  
Sept. 25, 2019.

**Lewis "L.K." K. Johnson Jr. '83**  
died June 30, 2020.

**Peggy Dennis Rodgers '83**  
died Dec. 21, 2018.

**Robert Zipko '83** died  
April 19, 2020.

**Laura Hahl Wylly '84** died  
Sept. 26, 2020.

**Barbara V. Connell '85** died  
Dec. 30, 2020.

**Capt. John F. Couture '85,**  
United States Navy (Ret.),  
died Oct. 6, 2019.

**Rev. Madison N. Hankal '85**  
died May 13, 2020.

**James R. Newton '85** died  
March 8, 2019.

**John "Brad" B. Reese '85**  
died June 4, 2020.

**Cdr. Robert E. Kurz '86** died  
June 22, 2020.

**Sharon Ruth McGahagin '86**  
died July 17, 2019.

**Glenden Wilder McQueen '86**  
died July 26, 2019.

**Milena Rudolph '86** died  
Jan. 25, 2020.

**Ronald M. Moore, Sr., '87**  
died June 8, 2019.

**Evelyn Worcester Rapp '87**  
died Sept. 4, 2019.

**Michael L. True '87** died  
Nov. 12, 2019.

**George J. Borowski '88** died  
Dec. 11, 2019.

## 1990s

**Myrna Brown-Welsh '90**  
died March 6, 2020.

**Jeanette M. Rodoski '90**  
died Aug. 4, 2019.

**Dathna V. Henry MBA '91**  
died Dec. 5, 2020.

**Monique Montgomery  
Lee '92** died Oct. 15, 2020.

**Melva Jean Burgess '93**  
died Jan. 8, 2020.

**Patricia "Pat" Mansolf  
MacLennan-Goldrosen '93**  
died Aug. 30, 2020.

**Samuel M. Downie '95** died  
Nov. 1, 2020.

**Anthony Nowicki '96** died  
June 5, 2020.

**Nancy J. Owsley '97** died  
March 10, 2017.

**Diana Dort Simmons '97**  
died Nov. 14, 2020.

**Dorothy Ross Stocker '97**  
died Aug. 21, 2019.

**Amy Towson Harper '98**  
died Sept. 14, 2020.

**Jeanine Savant Stambaugh '98**  
died Jan. 6, 2020.

## 2000s

**Rev. Dr. Duncan L. Gray '00**  
died Oct. 31, 2019.

**Matthew D. Bennett '02**  
died Oct. 20, 2019.

**Donna Jones Harrison '03**  
died Jan. 7, 2021.

**Catina L. Gordon '08** died  
Dec. 13, 2019.

**Natalie Miller Lang Brown '09**  
died Nov. 11, 2020.

## 2010s

**Alexandria D. Watson '14**  
died Nov. 30, 2019.

**Jenna Lanoue Waldrop '16**  
died Nov. 10, 2019.

**Jameson H. Lucier '17** died  
Nov. 12, 2020.

## STUDENTS

**Dalton B. Beitel** died  
Oct. 8, 2019.

**Hung "Casey" Dao** died  
Feb. 28, 2020.

## FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

**Charles "Chuck" W. Bovay** died  
Dec. 23, 2019. He is survived by  
his wife Connie and their four  
children: Jack Bovay, Mary Ann  
Bovay Alger, **Rick Bovay '84**  
**MBA '98**, and **Lynne Bovay '85**.

**Dr. Sherrod R. Campbell III**,  
a strong supporter of FSC's  
basketball program and  
a member of the 6th Man  
Club, died Jan. 18, 2020. His  
survivors include his wife,  
Delores Campbell, and three  
children, Kevin Campbell,  
Courtney Campbell-Reich,  
and Kimberly Attell.

**Ben Hill Griffin III** died July 25,  
2020. A citrus grower and cattle  
rancher, he established the  
Ben Hill Griffin, Jr. Endowed  
Citrus Studies Scholarship at  
FSC in 1991. He is survived by  
his children, Kathryn "Kitty"  
Griffin Rogers, **Ben "Hill" Griffin  
IV '92**, and Candace "Candy"  
Griffin Denton

**Elizabeth "Lisa" D. Ludwigsen**  
died Aug. 10, 2020. She was  
preceded in death by her  
husband, **Hans Ludwigsen**.

**Nancy Thornberry** died  
March 24, 2020. She founded  
the Polk Senior Games in 1992  
and helped organize Lakeland's  
annual Mayfaire-by-the-Lake  
fine arts festival in 1978, when  
she was executive director of  
the Polk Museum of Art.

**Kay Blanton Wentworth**  
died Dec. 19, 2019. She was  
preceded in death by her  
mother, **Alberta Blanton**.  
Survivors include her sister,  
**Ann Blanton Edwards**; and  
brother-in-law, **Ward Edwards**.

## MOSAIC GRANT EXPANDS RESEARCH CAPABILITIES IN MARINE BIOLOGY

The Mosaic Company approved a \$50,000 grant to Florida Southern College for a shallow draft boat to be used by marine biology faculty and students to collect samples and conduct research in Tampa Bay and related waterways.

Mosaic also granted funds for creation of The Mosaic Company GIS Lab in 2019.



“These gifts have helped the biology department grow, create tremendous research opportunities, and attract talented faculty,” said Dr. Gabriel Langford, director of the marine biology program and the George W. Truitt Chair in the Sciences. Dr. Langford plans to collaborate with Dr. Allison Durland, assistant professor of marine biology, and Dr. Melanie Langford, associate professor of marine biology, to study the ecology of sharks and their symbionts in Tampa Bay.

FSC has been in a decade-long expansion of enrollment in science programs, and gifts such as these have helped the school gain recognition as a leader in science education. The growth in this area has made the School of Arts and Sciences the second-largest school at FSC, behind only the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise.

“These gifts were a group effort by the faculty of our biology program that will greatly expand the opportunities our

marine biology students will have to conduct research,” says Dr. Philip Gravinese, assistant professor of marine biology, who conducts research on Tampa Bay’s population of Florida stone crabs. “Students will now be able to gain hands-on experiences through independent research projects, field experimentation, and specimen collection during course work. We are thrilled that we will soon have our own boat to support our teaching and research needs. ■



FSC students participate in shark research at the Bimini Biological Field Station during a 2019 Junior Journey.

### THESE NEW SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

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# WHY I GIVE

## INVESTING IN FLORIDA SOUTHERN'S FUTURE: BISHOP ROBERT E. FANNIN '58 AND FAYE THOMAS FANNIN '59

**B**ob Fannin was in his second year at a state university when his mother — as president of the women's group at their Brooksville church — invited Dr. Ludd Spivey to visit as a speaker.

In conversation, FSC's president suggested that Mrs. Fannin's son should stop by to see him during the summer.

"He offered me a full work scholarship" Fannin says. "I was to work in the cafeteria. I accepted, and it was one of the best decisions I have made in my life."

As a student, he appreciated Florida Southern's smaller class sizes, which factored into his ability to form strong bonds with his professors and many fellow students. Importantly, FSC was also where he met his wife of 65 years, Faye Thomas of Wauchula. They married at the end of Faye's freshman year.

Fannin graduated with a business degree, served two years in Korea with the U.S. Army, and upon his return began working as a sales representative for the Burroughs Corporation in the Cocoa area. That was where he received his calling to enter the ministry.

The Fannins moved to Atlanta, where Bob earned his master's and doctorate from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Following her graduation, Faye taught preschool and worked as a substitute teacher.

During a lifetime of service to The United Methodist Church, the Fannins often were reminded of the inspirational influence they had experienced at FSC. "We were always connected in some way," Faye says, adding how much the College's hospitality had impressed them during the Church's annual conferences on campus. "For 25 years, we came here in June. We enjoyed everything the College had to offer, and they always included us in many activities."

As his retirement neared in 2004, Bishop Fannin was serving the North Alabama Conference in Birmingham, with plans to move back to Lakeland. He was invited to become the College's bishop-in-residence, a position he holds to this day. He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Reflecting on the importance of his work scholarship at FSC, the couple decided to establish a scholarship for students majoring in pre-ministerial studies. Through their generous gifts, the Bishop Bob Fannin '58 and Faye Fannin '59 Endowed Scholarship in Ministry will assist future students preparing for a career in Christian ministry.

"Florida Southern College and our experiences here have always been at the center of our lives," Bishop Fannin says. "Establishing this scholarship is a way of showing our appreciation not only for the College, but also for the ministry of the church." ■

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