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A letter *from the president*



Another academic year is under way, and we couldn't be more excited about what lies in store for Florida Southern College. We continue to plan for new facilities and new academic programs, and this edition of *Southernnews* highlights many of these wonderful developments.

In August, we welcomed 723 freshmen, and as a group they are the most academically gifted in the College's history, boasting an average SAT score of 1205, the highest ever among entering classes at FSC. Our enrollment is now 3,100 full-time students, and that, too, is a record. Raising the quality of our student body is one of our highest goals, and in the pages that follow, you will also meet four of our students who have been named Fulbright Scholars, among the most prestigious honors an undergraduate can attain. We are very proud they represent FSC.

The newest addition to campus is the magnificent Sharon and Jim France Admissions Center, designed by our Frank Lloyd Wright restoration architect, Jeffrey Baker. It is already proving to be invaluable for welcoming the best prospective students and their families to campus, as well as providing much-needed office space for our Enrollment Management staff.

Looking to the future, two important programs are in the process of being launched. The first is the Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health. This pioneering center, named in honor of one of our dearest and most generous alumni, will combine the resources of our schools of Education and Health Sciences to train teachers and nurses across disciplines.

Also, we are very excited about the new Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program, which will welcome its first students in 2019. This program is the result of thorough study, and we believe it will help fill a critical healthcare need in Polk County and beyond. The faculty has been assembled under the able leadership of the program director, Dr. Nancy Nuzzo, and preparations for a new facility are well under way.

On a sad note, two longtime supporters and members of our Board of Directors, Trustees Maida Badcock Pou and Dr. John Rodda, have passed away. Both contributed generously in numerous ways to the development of the College, and we will miss their wisdom and dedication. Tributes to their contributions and their remarkable lives can be read in the following pages.

It is a wonderful time to be a Moc, and I hope this edition of *Southernnews* will bring a sense of pride in your College's accomplishments. We always welcome the well-wishes and contributions of our alumni and friends, and I encourage you to come see for yourself all the great things happening at Florida Southern College.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.
President

On the cover:

France Admissions Center on the campus of Florida Southern College. Photo by Robin Hill

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REFLECTING THE ESSENCE OF FLORIDA SOUTHERN

THE SHARON AND JIM FRANCE ADMISSIONS CENTER





Above: Jim France speaks at the dedication of the France Admissions Center at FSC as President Anne Kerr and architect Jeffrey Baker listen.

Below: Interior lobby of the France Admissions Center

Just three days before Christmas, the newest architectural gem on the Florida Southern campus, the stunning Sharon and Jim France Admissions Center, was dedicated.

The Center houses the College's division of Enrollment Management, providing a welcoming space for prospective students and their families. The 19,000-square-foot structure includes 28 offices for staff; a conference room; interview rooms; a presentation room featuring a semicircular digital projection system; and a spacious lobby with an expansive view of Lake Hollingsworth.

The building is named for motor sports executive Jim France '68, chairman of the board and chief executive officer at NASCAR and chairman of the International Speedway Corporation, and his wife, Sharon.

At the dedication, FSC President Anne Kerr thanked Mr. and Mrs. France for their generous support of the College through the years.

"In the history of every private college and university, there are families that make a profound difference and set the course for the success of those institutions. We are blessed to have the France family, who have supported us and made a significant investment in the College and the students who study here," she said.

President Kerr also called attention to the building's dramatic design and said the College's architectural legacy, including its collection of Frank Lloyd Wright structures, is articulated in a powerful new way in the France Admissions Center.

"Our architecture is reflective of the essence of Florida Southern, because we are in the business of making dreams come true. For a college, the dream begins in admissions," she said.

Mr. France called the building "absolutely spectacular." After noting the lobby is named for the late Frank Szabo '52, the legendary dean of men at FSC for many years, France credited Dean Szabo for keeping him in school after he got into a bit of mischief.

"He made some phone calls," he said, "and I stayed and went on to graduate. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be standing here."

Designed by eminent architect and Frank Lloyd Wright scholar Jeffrey Baker, of the firm Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker of Albany, N.Y., the building shows Wright's influence. Mr. Baker has been the lead architect for the College's efforts to restore Wright's historic structures on campus, including the Water Dome and the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel.

John Grundig, vice president for enrollment management, joked that the Center was "my Christmas gift."

"They say you only get one chance to make a first impression, and I can assure you that every family that walks through this building is in awe," he said. "The field of student recruitment is very tough. We're competing against about 4,000 other colleges and universities in the United States. Having this facility gives us major advantages, distinguishing FSC in a profound way."



A SHOW OF TRUE MOCS TEAMWORK

WELL-ORCHESTRATED MOVE-IN DAY LAUNCHES NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Right: Incoming student C.J. Giles, with his mother, Kristie, and father, Jim, were greeted by President Anne Kerr in Allan Spivey Hall during Move-In Day. C.J.'s grandmother, Hazel Mason Giles '65, and his great-aunt, Lynn Mason Dennis '71, are FSC alumni.

Below: Students and staffers provide concierge service, shuttling the belongings of incoming students into Wesley Hall during Move-In Day 2018.



Florida Southern's campus came alive with amazing efficiency on Move-In Day, August 18, as teams of volunteers fanned out to provide the College's distinctive concierge service.

Welcoming new arrivals and their families with speed and precision, tireless members of the campus ROTC, athletic teams, fraternities, sororities, and faculty helped everyone get settled as quickly as possible.

FSC headed into the 2018-2019 academic year with a total of 723 full-time first-year students. Each of these eager freshmen could look forward to a stellar experience within FSC's close-knit living and learning community.

"Florida Southern is a destination college," said Vice President of Enrollment Management John Grundig. "Students come to Lakeland for the opportunity to experience a world-class education taught by our extraordinary faculty."

The Class of 2022 arrived with an average high school GPA of 3.76 and an SAT composite score of 1205, exceeding the record SAT average seen the previous year. Among the new freshmen are students who achieved a perfect score on sections of the ACT and SAT, and a student with a perfect overall ACT score; four National Merit recipients; 16 valedictorians and salutatorians; a National Youth Correspondent; political campaign staffers; published authors; and nationally ranked athletes.

As the concierge teams pitched in to minimize logistical concerns for the new arrivals, many students and their family members were able to take a break to visit with President Anne Kerr.

Standing together in a third-floor hallway at Allan Spivey Residence Hall, incoming freshman Charles Andersen, of Park Ridge, Ill., mentioned to Dr. Kerr that he is a pitcher.

"Good! Are you any good?" she joked. "I asked one of our basketball players once, and he said 'I'm the best!'"

Andersen said he was drawn to Florida and especially to Florida Southern College because of the baseball program's "great, illustrious history," he said. "It's an honor to be part of it."

On the other side of campus, teams of helpers continued to expertly direct newly arriving vehicles into parking spots. Allie Levine relaxed with her parents, Don and Lisa Levine, of Portsmouth, R.I., while waiting briefly for the concierge service.

Allie was looking ahead to the start of her first academic semester at FSC.

"Florida Southern had the major I wanted — psychology," she said. "And I met the psychology teachers, and they were very welcoming. I'm really excited to meet new people."



Carrying on the FSC Tradition

Legacy Luncheon Celebrates New Students, Family Alumni

Florida Southern's annual Legacy Luncheon always brings multiple reminders of the affection legacy families feel for their beloved school.

As the 2018-2019 academic year began, legacy students made up more than 15 percent of FSC's full-time first-year enrollment.

The annual Legacy Luncheon event which took place Aug. 18 in the Charles T. Thrift Building sparked many family conversations about earlier good times at FSC.

Take the Dinkins/Searles family, for example. Patricia Ross Dinkins '52, of Lakeland, grew up one block west of campus, on Finney Street. Her earliest memory of the campus was as an eight-year-old, when the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel still was under construction.

"We climbed to the top of the chapel when it was being built," she said. "We played hide-and-seek in there. But we did not do any damage!"

Patricia met her husband, the Rev. Ed Dinkins '54, at FSC.

"As the years passed," he said, "I fell in love with the architecture and enjoyed walking under the esplanades." It was a joy to come back to the campus, he added.

Granddaughter Megan Searles, a legacy freshman from Palm Bay, Fla., visited the campus as a young girl "and I am proud that I am a third generation," she said. Both her mother, Linda Dinkins Searles '84, and her aunt, Lois Dinkins Chauncey '86, were second-generation Mocs.

During the luncheon, each new student explained his or her legacy

connections. Incoming freshman Madison Avery, of Boseman, Mont., chose FSC because of its education program, and to be close to family — including her grandfather, Bob Fauls '70, of Naples, Fla,

"She had researched other schools," Fauls said, "and narrowed it down to here."

Kelsey Elmhorst, of Lakeland, was part of one of the largest legacy representations at the Luncheon.

"My parents met here," she said. Two of her cousins, three aunts, and an uncle are proud legacies, as well.



Mulberry residents Lynda Claville (left) and her husband, Gary, who attended FSC in the mid-'70s, joined their granddaughter Shelby Claville for Legacy Luncheon 2018. Gary's mother, Jeannetta Simmons Claville Joiner '50, was an FSC legacy, as is one of Shelby's cousins.



Freshman legacies, many of whom attended this year's Legacy Luncheon, made up more than 15 percent of FSC's full-time first-year enrollment for the 2018-2019 academic year.

FOUR FSC GRADUATES RECEIVE FULBRIGHT AWARDS

Continuing the tradition of scholastic achievement at Florida Southern College, three of last year's graduating seniors have been named 2018 recipients of Fulbright Awards. Kylie Torres of Clearwater received an English Teaching Assistant Award, and Elise Barnes of Marietta, Ga., and Leyna Stemle of Wesley Chapel received Study/Research Awards. Natalie Aleman '16 received an English Teaching Assistant Award.

These talented scholars will travel to countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe to pursue independent research or help teach English while serving as cultural ambassadors for the United States. They exemplify ongoing academic excellence at FSC. Last year, students receiving Fulbright and Goldwater awards taught English abroad and pursued research projects at nationally recognized centers such as the National Cancer Institute.

"Elise, Leyna, Kylie, and Natalie represent the highest academic and civic standards of Florida Southern College," said President Anne Kerr. "They have demonstrated superb scholarship, principled leadership, and an unselfish commitment to service. I am certain that their Fulbright experience will be invaluable as they fulfill the College's mission to make a positive and consequential impact on the world."

FOR ELISE BARNES, THREE OF HER FAVORITE THINGS converged in her Fulbright Study/Research Award—dance, people, and France. Elise, who graduated with honors with a degree in exercise science, will use her award to pursue a master's degree in sports science and physical education at the École Normale Supérieure de Rennes (ENS Rennes) in Rennes, France, one of the most selective and prestigious of the French state grandes écoles.

Elise has been a dancer for years, and her love of physical activity drew her into exercise science. She fell in love with the program and saw the opportunity to conduct research in dance movement. "I knew I wanted to work with people, so it was natural for me to combine that with dance and sports," she says. Her senior thesis explored how to improve the movement patterns of dancers in FSC's Department of Dance, using a program called Functional Movement Screen.

Elise has been to France twice, including her Junior Journey trip. She will continue her research on improving dancers' movements through scientific techniques. Following the completion of the two-year program, Elise is considering an advanced degree in physical therapy.

KYLIE TORRES ADMITS THAT TEACHING ENGLISH in a foreign country will be a new experience for her, one she sees as a great opportunity. Under her Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award, Kylie will spend 11 months at the National Taiwan College of Performing Arts in Taipei.



Elise Barnes



Kylie Torres

Kylie, who played flute in the FSC Symphonic Band, graduated with honors with a degree in music education and a minor in psychology. It will be a return trip to the island nation for her. On FSC's Junior Journey program, she traveled with Assistant Professor of Music Fen-Fang Chen to Taiwan, Dr. Chen's home country. "I loved the culture, I loved the people. It was a fantastic experience," she says. Kylie even learned how to play the pipa, a traditional Chinese lute. She will teach fifth- through ninth-graders at the college, which specializes in traditional Chinese arts and culture.

Following her Fulbright term, Kylie will earn a master's degree in school psychology. Motivated by the struggles of her sister, who has a learning disability, she hopes to become a staff psychologist at the elementary or secondary level.

LEYNA STEMLE WAS LURED BY THE DEPTHESS mystery of the ocean, even though she grew up in Missouri, a long way from the sea. "There is so much about the ocean that isn't known," she says.

Leyna graduated with honors with a degree in marine biology and a minor in environmental studies. She credits her collaborative research with Dr. Gabriel Langford, associate professor of biology, in preparing her for international research projects. She was named the 2018 Honor Walk student, FSC's highest student award. (See page 16.)

A Junior Journey trip to South Africa, in which she participated in an ocean-based research project, led to her Fulbright Study/Research Award. Her nine-month research project will take her to Ghana to study how to prevent sea turtles from becoming ensnared in the nets of traditional fishermen. The project combines her interest in turtles, the environment, and the ocean.

Following her Fulbright project, Leyna will return to Florida to pursue a Ph.D. in marine biology at the University of Miami. "I want to continue to be involved in research and to someday have my own laboratory," she says.

FOR NATALIE ALEMAN, STUDYING BUSINESS WAS A matter of altruism, not financial gain. Natalie graduated in 2016 with a degree in business administration and minors in psychology and Spanish. Her decision to study at the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise was motivated by a desire to learn how innovation and leadership can yield life-changing solutions for social problems.

Natalie was an active member of FSC's Enactus team, the student organization that is dedicated to creating a better and more sustainable world. Enactus teams develop sustainable business models in which the proceeds improve the quality of life in the selected communities.

She traveled extensively while at FSC, including a Junior Journey trip to Spain and a semester at sea, in which she visited



Leyna Stemle



Natalie Aleman

11 countries in 100 days. Her travels sharpened her desire to move abroad, teach English, and take part in an international service project. During her 10-month Fulbright English Teaching Assistant program, she will teach at a business school in the Czech Republic. Natalie's selflessness will continue after completing her Fulbright term. She plans to enter an Americorps program focused on preventing human trafficking in Florida.

SMUCKER'S EXECUTIVE RICHARD SMUCKER DELIVERS

CEO100 Lecture

Richard Smucker, executive chairman of the J.M. Smucker Company, one of America's most familiar and respected brands, delivered the annual CEO 100 Lecture hosted by the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise at Florida Southern College in February. The event was attended by a large gathering of students, faculty, and community leaders.

Mr. Smucker spoke about the history of the company, which was begun by his great-grandfather, a Mennonite farmer, 120 years ago. He said the company has maintained a positive culture through the years that includes thanking employees for a job well done, looking for the good in others, and having a sense of humor. Smucker said the company has succeeded in part because it has maintained awareness and focus on its mission.

"It all gets down to the Golden Rule and common sense," he said. "Our purpose is helping to bring families together to share memorable meals and moments. It's our way of making the world a better place."

Mr. Smucker began his career at J.M. Smucker in 1972, and is the fourth generation of his family to lead the company. He has served in a variety of roles, including co-chief executive officer from 1998 to 2011, and chief executive officer from 2011 to 2016.

Mr. Smucker described the company's strategy of targeted mergers and acquisitions over the past 15 years that propelled Smucker's from a \$600 million company in 2002 to an \$8 billion company in 2017. The company now has more than 100 brands in consumer foods, pet foods, and coffee. The Smucker's brand accounts for about 15 percent of the company's revenue, with Folger's Coffee accounting for almost a third of corporate revenue, he said.

Dr. James W. Fenton, Jr., dean of the Barnett School, said it is rare to see a company that has maintained such a coherent family management structure and philosophy.

"I thought it was interesting that they have had success in developing and executing a long-run strategy that has an emphasis



Mr. Smucker addressing the guests of the CEO100 lecture.

on customers, products, and employees, rather than a short-run focus on stockholder return," he said.

Mr. Smucker was invited to deliver the lecture by Dr. Ed Crenshaw, Chairman of the Board of Publix Super Markets, Inc., a longtime friend of Mr. Smucker's and a member of the FSC Board of Trustees. Mr. Smucker complimented Publix as a company that is "built on the same values" as his own was.

Prior to his lecture, Mr. Smucker met with students of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, and at the beginning of his address, he commented on the encounter.

"I was most impressed with the students. They're bright and talented, and asked penetrating questions," he said.

At the conclusion of the CEO 100 program, Mr. Smucker was presented with an honorary doctor of business degree from the College. In the proclamation accompanying the presentation, President Anne Kerr commended Mr. Smucker for maintaining his company's success and its wholesome image, calling him "an exemplar of professional ethics."



Richard Smucker, left, executive chairman of the J.M. Smucker Company, delivered Florida Southern's annual CEO 100 Lecture on Feb. 6, 2018, at the invitation of his longtime friend, Dr. Ed Crenshaw, right, Chairman of the Board of Publix Super Markets, Inc., and a member of the FSC Board of Trustees.

Former Students Join Guest Lecturer Defining the Future of Theology



Professor Jürgen Moltmann



Dr. Steffen Lösel



Dr. Nancy Bedford

In a landmark event not only for Florida Southern but in contemporary theological studies, the distinguished theologian Jürgen Moltmann and four of his former students who have become eminent scholars gathered in November for a two-day series of lectures on the subject “The Future of Christian Theology.”

Dr. Moltmann, emeritus professor of systematic theology at the University of Tübingen, Germany, is widely considered the most influential living Christian theologian. He was joined at the conference by Dr. Nancy Bedford, Georgia Harkness Professor of Applied Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Steffen Lösel, associate professor of systematic theology at Candler School of Theology, Emory University; Dr. Douglas Meeks, Cal Turner Chancellor Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies Emeritus at the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University; and Dr. Miroslav Volf, Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale University Divinity School and founding director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture.

The five theologians were brought to FSC for the 2017–2018 Warren W. Willis Lecture in Religion, which this year was held jointly with the inaugural P.M. and Mary Boyd Lecture in Evangelism. The Rev. Dr. Boyd '35 was a longtime pastor and district superintendent in the Florida United Methodist Conference, who also served as chaplain at FSC and was a College Trustee from 1953 to 1961.



Dr. Miroslav Volf

The event marked the third time Dr. Moltmann has participated in the Willis Lecture, including last year, when the College conferred upon him an honorary doctor of divinity.

According to Dr. Waite Willis, Pendergrass Professor of Religion and chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at FSC, the subject of the conference emerged from Dr. Moltmann’s writings.

“One of his most important concepts is hope and Christian eschatology—the study of last things. Something is in the air these days, and we wanted these scholars to address the question of where theology is going,” he said.

In the keynote lecture, Dr. Moltmann said theology historically has been a product of the church, the academy, and public discourse, but trends within the discipline — and outside pressures — had threatened its cohesiveness and identity.

“Christian theology must hold the triangle together,” he said.

In his conclusion, he returned to the theme of hope and said that future theology must speak of the coming of God into human life.

“Christian hope is not only hope for eternity, but hope for our future on the earth and even of the earth,” he said. “Hope stands against the arrogance of the powerful and the apathy of the powerless.”

In perhaps the boldest moment of the conference, Dr. Volf expressed his frustration with the current state of theology, which he said has become “irrelevant, uninteresting, and limited to niche groups.” In the face of the ascendance of science, he said, theology has adopted a “self-marginalizing, self-defeating attitude.”

“We should dare to believe God’s home and our journey to it is the highest good. What kind of life, what kind of world is worthy of human desire?” he asked.



Dr. Douglas Meeks

Patriots Plaza Dedicated In a Tribute to Veterans



A permanent place of tribute to military men and women, past and present, was dedicated at Florida Southern College in a meaningful ceremony in April.

Patriots Plaza, located near the center of the campus at the entrance to the Barnett Athletic Complex, is a place of honor and remembrance for veterans and active-duty service members. It also was designed to serve as the site for ROTC programs and formations, as well as to welcome alumni and visitors to our campus. The circular plaza displays the flags of the United States, the State of Florida, and Florida Southern College.

The Plaza was created through generous donations from many alumni and friends of the College. The naming gift for the Plaza was given by Fort Lauderdale businessman and U.S. Army veteran John J. “Jack” Smith ’53. FSC Trustee Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Donald Kerrick ’71, U.S. Army,

made the initial gift to launch the project’s campaign as a fitting tribute to all Mocs veterans.

The Plaza’s recognition terrace is paved with bricks purchased by donors, many of which are engraved with the names of military veterans and those who died in service to our nation. Among the memorial bricks are those dedicated to the memory of U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Charles Rubado, a 2004 FSC graduate who was killed in action in 2005 while on patrol during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to the memory of Capt. Riley Pitts, father of FSC Trustee Mark Pitts and the first African-American to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

In the stirring dedication ceremony, Mr. Pitts and Lt. Rubado’s father placed a wreath at the Plaza to the sound of “Taps.” FSC student Jade Ferrell sang America the Beautiful. Army Lt. Col. Rocky Vaira, commander of the ROTC Moccasin Battalion, paid tribute to Lt. Rubado and others.

“The Moccasin Battalion walks in the steps of giants. These names represent selfless warriors,” he said. “Daniel Webster said that God grants liberty only to those willing to defend it. The United States is engaged in the longest conflict in its history, an effort led by the best army in the world, from the best country the world has ever known. Nowhere else will you find men and women willing to share democracy with others.”

The Army ROTC program at Florida Southern has a long and distinguished history. It was begun in 1951 and has produced nine generals. The Moccasin Battalion at FSC was named the winner of the 2017 General Douglas MacArthur Award as the top ROTC program in the Army’s 6th Brigade, which consists of 39 programs in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. (See page 26.)

Top: President Anne Kerr, Lt. Col. Rocky Vaira, and Trustee Mark Pitts pay their respects during the playing of “Taps.”

Left: Patriots Plaza

Far Right: Retired Army 1st Sgt. Charles Rubado (left) and Trustee Mark Pitts place a wreath in memory of their loved ones and other fallen veterans at the dedication ceremony. Seated at left is Jack Smith ’53.



Jack Smith '53: This Is Your Captain Speaking

As students at FSC, Jack Smith '53 and his roommate, Charles F. "Fred" Kennard '53, decided to pool their money and buy a motorcycle. They found they couldn't afford a new Harley Davidson, so they bought an airplane instead.

Mr. Smith already had been taking flying lessons at the old Lakeland Airport. He and Mr. Kennard found an old prop-driven plane that had been used by the Army as an observer, and they bought it. It was the beginning of careers in flying for the two. Mr. Kennard went on to become a 2nd Lieutenant and pilot for the U.S. Air Force, flying the U-2 spy plane, among other aircraft. Mr. Smith, a veteran of the U.S. Army, went to work for United Airlines as a commercial pilot, a career that spanned 30 years.

"Flying," he says, standing in his Fort Lauderdale office, "was the best job in the world."

The Chicago native's father died when he was 10, and his mother struggled to support the two of them. Mr. Smith recalls eating spaghetti two or three times a day, knowing he wanted a better life. An older stepbrother helped him find summer jobs in construction, and he saved his money. Like many students who come to Florida Southern, he was attracted in part by the warm climate, but he found right away that the school suited him well. He was voted president of the freshman class.

"Everything about the school was dandy. It was the best four years of my life." Always quick with a quip, Mr. Smith adds, "I even learned some things."

There were the usual college hijinks. He recalls waterskiing on Lake Parker behind a J-3 Piper Cub that had been outfitted with floats. And there was the time Dean of Men Frank Szabo had to get him and some friends out of police custody after they had helped themselves to some watermelons from a broken-down produce truck.

Mr. Smith studied business at FSC, and had a real passion for flying. He became good enough that he got a part-time job as an instructor at the Lakeland Airport. After graduation, while serving in the Army, he split his time as a trainer on a Link flight simulator and with duty in the military police.

When he was discharged from the Army in 1955, Mr. Smith returned to Chicago, where he was hired as a pilot for United Airlines. During what is sometimes dubbed the Golden Age of commercial air travel, he began by flying the four-engine DC-6 and eventually flew many of the major commercial jet aircraft, including the



DC-8 and the Boeing 727 and 737. He says his favorite route was Chicago to LaGuardia Airport in New York.

"I flew three times a week with four days off. How can you beat that?" he says.

Mr. Smith has had a number of side businesses over the years, and upon retiring from United, he and his wife settled in Fort Lauderdale, where he opened a construction finance firm, the Florida Land Company. Long past the age when most people would have retired, he continues to work in his office filled with colorful memorabilia, including an old pinball machine and a vintage slot machine.

Reflecting on his time at Florida Southern and his own military service, Mr. Smith says his generous donation to build Patriots Plaza was appropriate. He recalls friends, growing up in Chicago, who were killed in World War II and the Korean War.

"The defense of our country is something that has to be done, and this is my way of honoring men and women who have done their part," he says.

PRESIDENT ANNE KERR HONORED WITH VISUAL ARTS AWARD



Above: President Kerr received the Visionaries of the Visual Arts Award for her efforts to bring the Polk Museum of Art into an organizational affiliation with FSC.

Right: President Kerr is seen here with Harmon-Meek Director Emeritus J. William Meek '72 following the presentation of the Visionaries of the Visual Arts Award. (Photo by Nicholas A. Shirghio '93, courtesy Harmon-Meek Gallery)

President Anne Kerr has been named a recipient of the Visionaries of the Visual Arts Award, which was presented at a benefit dinner at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, organized by the Harmon-Meek Gallery of Naples. The award recognizes individuals who are noted for their efforts to promote the visual arts.

President Kerr was honored for her efforts to bring the Polk Museum of Art into an organizational affiliation with Florida Southern. Since the new arrangement was announced in June 2017, the Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College has become an outstanding example of an academic museum that also serves the Greater Lakeland community. Recent exhibitions have included works not seen before in Central Florida — including a unique collection of work by Dutch students from the Academy of Rembrandt van Rijn, and drawings by French Impressionist Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The museum also has acquired a substantial permanent collection of American figurative art through the advocacy of Harmon-Meek Director Emeritus J. William Meek '72.

“I’m honored to receive this award, and I am mindful of all the people who helped bring about this wonderful new affiliation between Florida Southern and the Polk Museum,” President Kerr remarked. “The award belongs to them as well, and it is a recognition of how the Polk Museum

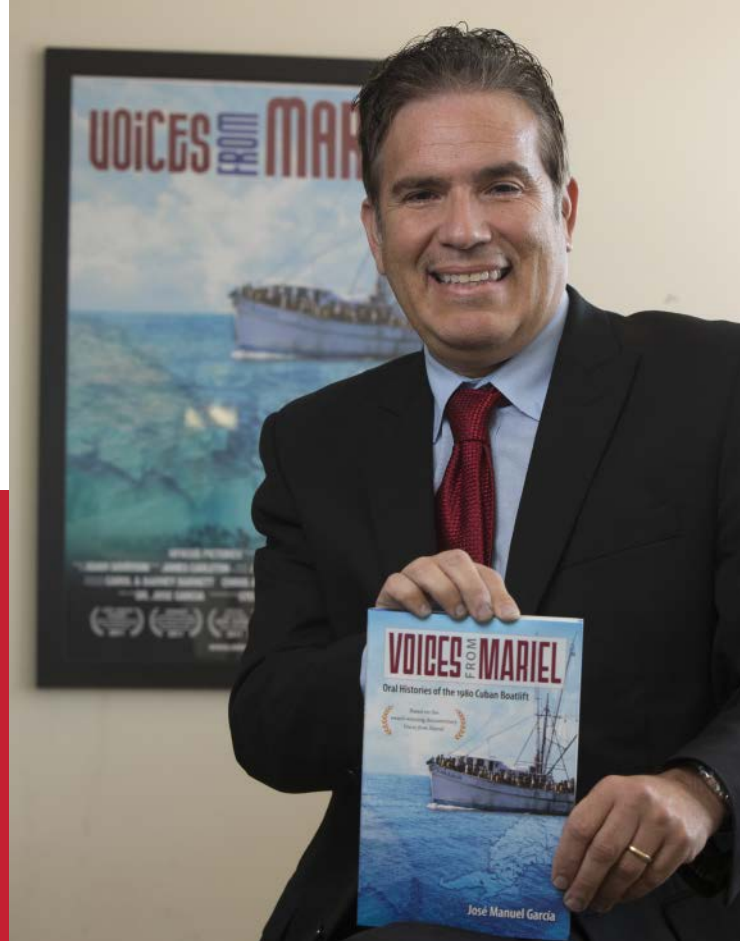


of Art at Florida Southern College will be an asset to the community and our students.”

Dr. H. Alexander Rich, assistant professor of art history at FSC and director of exhibitions and galleries at Florida Southern and the Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College, was the keynote speaker at the event.

DR. JOSÉ M. GARCIA

NEW BOOK RECOUNTS PERSONAL STORIES OF MARIEL BOATLIFT



The 1980 Mariel Boatlift was one of the most dramatic and historic events of the 20th century, but for Dr. José M. Garcia, associate professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies, it was a personal experience. As a teenager, Dr. Garcia was part of that mass migration from Cuba to the United States, surviving the trip across the Florida Strait in a leaky boat with his family.

He has published a book about that event, telling not only his own story, but those of other Marielitos, Cubans who made the journey and made new lives for themselves. The book, *Voices from Mariel: Oral Histories of the 1980 Cuban Boatlift*, has been released by the University Press of Florida. In it, Dr. Garcia recounts how he and his family and many others came to join the 125,000 Cubans who fled the island over a six-month period.

Dr. Garcia stressed that the book does not try to make a political point, but to tell a human story.

“A lot has been written about the economic impact and the immigration policy issues of Mariel, but very little has been written in terms of hearing the testimonies of the people involved,” he commented. “This was Latin America’s biggest seaborne emigration in history. I had a need to share that.”

The boatlift was the Cuban government’s response to rising unrest. President Fidel Castro made the decision to allow people who wanted to leave to do so. People fled in overwhelming numbers, using whatever boats and vessels they could find. A relative who lived in the U.S. came for Dr. Garcia’s family in a boat from Key West, but the exit from the island was harrowing.

“My father was arrested just before we were supposed to leave. Then the government told us we would have to take others along on the boat as well. The boat almost sank on the trip over,” he said.

The book is a companion to the award-winning documentary film of the same name, produced by NFocus Pictures and released in 2011, based on Dr. Garcia’s work collecting the stories of his fellow refugees and his return trip to his homeland.

Dr. Garcia has stayed in touch with some of his fellow Marielitos, as well as his best friend in Cuba, who remained behind. They met for the first time in 30 years when Dr. Garcia returned to Cuba, and they now talk frequently.

“In the documentary, he tells me that after I left, he took my name and buried it under a tree. It was almost like he buried me,” Dr. Garcia said.

Although the documentary was released first, he began working on the book during a sabbatical in 2009.

“I told a student at the time, Jesse Larson ’09, that I would like to go back to Cuba to get the story from that side, and he said that if I were willing, he knew someone who would like to go with me to produce a documentary,” he said.

Larson, who now is the president of NFocus, pitched the idea to the company and became one of the producers of the documentary, which won the Best of the Festival Award at the Alexandria (Va.) Film Festival. The film generated quite a bit of attention, and it was screened across the U.S. and in several foreign countries, but it always was Dr. Garcia’s intention to complete the book he started.

Voices from Mariel has been the subject of an article in the American Historical Association’s magazine, *Perspectives on History*. During the summer, Dr. Garcia taught a class at the Australian National University in Canberra and gave a presentation on Cuban immigration as part of the Macquarie University Global Leadership Program in Sydney. He also received invitations to speak about the book in Spain and England, and the University Press of Florida invited Dr. Garcia to participate in the Miami Book Fair.



Architect Jeffrey Baker, who has overseen a number of high-profile restoration and design projects on campus, presented the commencement address at both the undergraduate and graduate ceremonies.



Dr. Cindy Hardin, professor of business administration, walked to commencement with students.



Senior Speaker Gabriella Scoleri graduated with a BFA in Musical Theatre *summa cum laude*.

WINTER COMMENCEMENT

“BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF YOUR OWN POTENTIAL”

In order to accommodate the growing number of master’s and doctoral degrees awarded, Winter Commencement at Florida Southern took a new turn in December, with separate ceremonies held for the first time for undergraduate and graduate programs.

The College presented degrees to 137 undergraduates in a morning ceremony at Branscomb Auditorium. In an afternoon ceremony, 89 master’s degrees in accountancy, business administration, nursing, and education were awarded, along with five doctoral degrees in educational leadership.

Campus architect Jeffrey Baker delivered the commencement address at both ceremonies. Mr. Baker has been the architect for restoration projects involving the College’s collection of Frank Lloyd Wright structures, including the 2008 restoration of the Water Dome and the Theatre-in-the-Round. He also oversaw the construction of the Wright-designed Usonian House and designed the new Sharon and Jim France Admissions Center. (See pages 2-3.)

“You must believe in the power of your own potential, the power of your ideas, and the power of the talents given to you,” Mr. Baker said. “Your impact on this world will be determined by how much of yourself you will give away; how much of your talents, your

ideas, and your resources are shared with others. ... You will never question your worth, now or in the future, because too many people will be thankful for having you in their lives.”

The College conferred the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters on Trustee Robert Puterbaugh, a partner in the Lakeland law firm Peterson & Myers. Well-known for his *pro bono* work and his expertise in the field of healthcare law, Dr. Puterbaugh has been named to the prestigious *Best Lawyers in America* list for more than 10 years and served on the judicial nominating commissions for 10th Circuit Court and 2nd District Court of Appeals. He has been a vigorous supporter of the arts, especially the Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College, where he is a past president.

“Dr. Puterbaugh has made an incredibly positive impact on Florida Southern College through his wise counsel,” said President Anne Kerr.

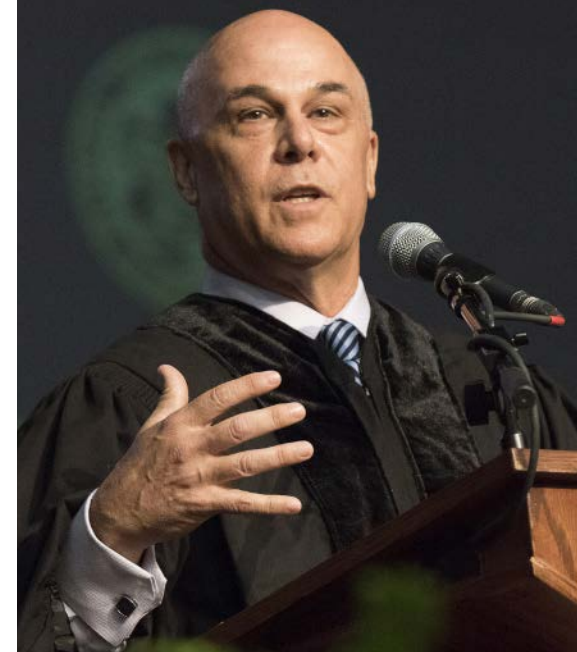
President Kerr also presented the President’s Scholar medal to Edward Spansk, who graduated with a bachelor of science in psychology *summa cum laude*. Spansk, a four-year letterman on the men’s soccer team and an NCAA Division II Academic All-American, was praised by President Kerr as a gifted researcher and a leader in social causes on campus. The medal is presented to a graduating senior who exemplifies the values of the College and has demonstrated a commitment to scholarship and leadership.



Trustee and Lakeland lawyer Dr. Robert Puterbaugh received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.



Some students added special touches to their mortarboards for Spring Commencement at the RP Funding Center, where they were joined by a capacity crowd of friends and family members.



Patrick J. Geraghty, chief executive officer of Florida Blue, delivered the day's commencement address.



Jordan Honc, who graduated *summa cum laude* and earned three degrees at once, was awarded the President's Scholar Medal.

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

“BE A PERSON OF PURPOSE AND MEANING”



Dr. Kira Omelchenko (left), was presented the Miller Distinguished Faculty Award by Provost Kyle Fedler.

At Spring Commencement in May, Florida Southern continued to set new marks in the number and quality of its graduates. Before a capacity audience at the RP Funding Center (the former Lakeland Civic Center), the College conferred 452 degrees — including 52 master's degrees and five doctoral degrees — matching the record total for Spring 2017. Graduate degrees awarded included 33 master of science in nursing and five doctor of education in educational leadership.

Three graduating seniors received Fulbright awards. (See pages 6-7.)

Senior William A. “Wil” Fisackerly V graduated *summa cum laude* with degrees in multimedia journalism, sports communication and marketing, and film studies, and a minor in economics. Wil is the fourth generation and the 18th member of his family to graduate from FSC.

The commencement speaker was Patrick J. Geraghty, chief executive officer of Florida Blue, who is widely recognized for his humanitarian activities and business acumen. The College conferred on him the Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa*. In his address, he credited his parents for instilling an understanding of humility, hard work, and a commitment to others.

“We will always need creativity, people willing to challenge the norm, to take risks, and to take ethical responsibility,” he said.

Citing a statement by Martin Luther King, Jr. about times when, in the midst of crisis, friends remain silent, Mr. Geraghty said, “Don’t be that silent player. State your beliefs and stand firm with those beliefs. In this life, be a person of purpose and meaning.”

The President’s Scholar Medal was awarded to Jordan Honc, who graduated *summa cum laude* and earned three degrees at once. Under the dual-degree program of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, she earned a bachelor of science in business administration and a master of business accountancy degree, as well as a bachelor of arts in Spanish. The medal is awarded to a graduating senior who exemplifies the College’s values of scholarship, leadership, and service.

The Miller Distinguished Faculty Award, given by John and Eleanor Miller to recognize excellence in teaching, scholarly productivity, and advising, was presented to Dr. Kira Omelchenko, assistant professor of music, director of the strings program, and conductor of the FSC Symphony Orchestra. In presenting the award, Dr. Kyle Fedler, provost, said she “has taken the orchestra to new heights” and that she “always offers the best she has.”

Founders Day Convocation

GUY HARVEY NAMED HONORARY CHANCELLOR



Dr. Guy Harvey delivers the address at the Founders Day Convocation in March, marking FSC's 135th year.

Acclaimed as an internationally respected wildlife artist, conservationist, and entrepreneur, Dr. Guy Harvey was named Florida Southern's 84th Honorary Chancellor at the College's annual Founders Day Convocation in March.

During the investment ceremony, President Anne Kerr said, "His stewardship of invaluable research initiatives offers hope for achieving a naturally boundless ocean ecosystem for future generations." The College also bestowed on him the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Dr. Harvey, famous for his colorful and exciting artwork of ocean creatures in their natural habitat, earned a Ph.D. in fisheries biology from the University of West Indies, where he also served on the faculty. He began his legendary career as an artist and businessman after showing some of his works at the 1986 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. He uses the proceeds from his licensed artwork and merchandise to fund important research and conservation efforts, including the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation and the Guy Harvey Research Institute. His foundation has funded hundreds of scientific and educational programs throughout the world.

In his convocation address, Dr. Harvey noted that his English family first arrived on Jamaica in 1664, and he recounted his "open-air childhood" on the island, fishing and exploring in the ocean. He also outlined the work that he and his foundation do in presenting the results of ocean research to the public through documentaries.

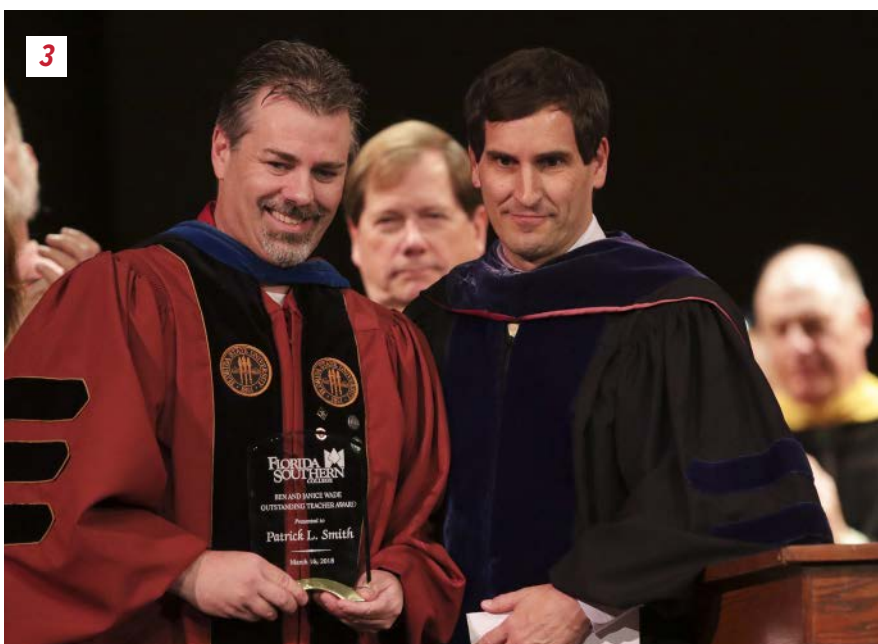
Dr. Harvey admonished the students to be grateful for their opportunity to learn.

"I'm always indebted to my parents for spending the money they did on my education. It's my only inheritance. So work hard. Make yourselves and your parents proud," he said.

The convocation, in which the College marked its founding 135 years ago, also included the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to three accomplished alumni: Guy D. Colado '66, Susan Ezell Roberts '66, and R. Howard Wiggs '86. (See pages 18-20.)

Senior Leyna Stemle was named the 2018 Honor Walk recipient, FSC's highest student award. Stemle is a Hollingsworth Scholar and Honors Student; a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective honor society; Rho Rho Rho marine biology honor society; and serves as president of the FSC chapter of Beta Beta Beta biology honor society.

The Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Patrick L. Smith, professor of psychology, now in his 16th year of teaching at Florida Southern. Smith described the honor as a recognition of faculty members who demonstrate a commitment to students, "to set the bar for engaged learning — in the classroom, and by mentoring students outside the classroom."



1 Distinguished Alumnus Guy Colado '66 (right) has a word with Dr. Guy Harvey after he has been presented the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

2 Guy Harvey presents one of his paintings to President Anne Kerr for the College's art collection.

3 Dr. Patrick L. Smith (left), professor of psychology, was presented with the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award by Dr. Kyle Fedler, FSC provost.

4 Dr. Robert L. Fryer Jr. '70 (left), Chairman of the Florida Southern College Board of Trustees, congratulates Dr. Guy Harvey after he is invested as FSC's Honorary Chancellor.

5 Guy D. Colado '66 (from left), and Trustees Susan Ezell Roberts '66, and R. Howard Wiggs '86 are honored as Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award recipients during the 2018 Founders Day Convocation.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

Susan Ezell Roberts '66



Trustee Susan Ezell Roberts '66 is highly regarded as a successful entrepreneur, committed volunteer, and a woman of great faith. She exemplifies integrity and the utmost allegiance to value-based leadership in her professional role as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Capital Formation Counselors, Inc.

Mrs. Roberts was raised in Murfreesboro, Tenn. At Florida Southern, she was president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and served as treasurer of Cap and Gown Honor Society. She graduated *cum laude* with a degree in mathematics and went on to graduate studies in that field at the University of Tennessee.

In 1967, she joined Capital Formation Counselors, Inc., a consulting firm in Clearwater, which is dedicated to preserving large family-owned businesses through strategic planning, financial and management advice, and a wide range of business services.

Mrs. Roberts and her husband, Owen, have partnered to develop an impressive business that serves clients throughout the United States.

She is respected for her relentless focus on excellence throughout the business's operations.

Mrs. Roberts also is appreciated for her annual funding of the Center for Free Enterprise at the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. She is involved in the national dialogue about the importance of free enterprise through the Acton Institute, a leading educational organization, and the Donors Trust.

Mrs. Roberts serves on the Advisory Board of Essentials PetCare LLC, a company that places convenient veterinary clinics in retail businesses. For more than 20 years, she has been a hospice patient volunteer in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. She also served as treasurer and director of The Ockham Foundation in Charlotte, N.C., which has provided funding for brain research to hospitals and research centers.

Mrs. Roberts enjoys adventure hiking in scenic locations around the world, including Thailand, Nepal, and the Himalayas. She also has an interest in equestrian sports.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

R. Howard Wiggs '86

Trustee R. Howard Wiggs '86, a native of Mulberry, has carried forward the virtues of hard work, service to community, and faith in God that he learned growing up in Polk County.

In addition to his degree in business administration from Florida Southern, Mr. Wiggs is a graduate of the Florida School of Banking, and the School of Bank Marketing at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was a vice president for commercial lending and a branch manager for Flagship Bank, and following its acquisition, a vice president of marketing for SunTrust Bank of Central Florida. For many years, he and his wife, Linda Bagley Wiggs, were the owners of Bagley Advertising, a successful firm in Lakeland. They recently began a consulting firm, Bagley Wiggs CoLab, which offers collaborative services in business, politics, and life coaching.

Mr. Wiggs was elected to the Lakeland City Commission in 1993, where he served with dedication and distinction for 21 years as a commissioner, after which he was elected to a four-year term as mayor. Known for his tireless promotion of the city, he worked as mayor to create a more

favorable climate for business in the city; formed a roundtable among the area's college presidents to encourage partnership with the business community; and encouraged the City Commission to fund and support Lakeland's arts and cultural organizations. He retired from public service in January 2018.

In recognition of his significant community government, civic, and social service within the Lakeland area, Mr. Wiggs received the prestigious Jere Annis Award from Leadership Lakeland in 2013. He has been named to the Mulberry High School Hall of Fame and is a Distinguished Alumnus of Polk State College.

Mr. Wiggs has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Florida Southern College since 2004 and is a former president of the College's Alumni Association. He remains active in his church and his community. He and Mrs. Wiggs have four children, Johnny, Christopher, Scott, and Kimber, and two grandchildren.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
Guy D. Colado '66



A native of Winter Park, Guy D. Colado '66 has had a long and distinguished career as an executive in the banking industry, and he has served his community and his nation with honor.

As a student, he was the recipient of the Florida Bankers Scholarship and president of Kappa Alpha Order. Upon graduation with a degree in business administration, Mr. Colado was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. He served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam, earning the Combat Infantry Badge. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves for 28 years, retiring at the rank of colonel.

Mr. Colado earned his MBA degree from Rollins College in 1971 and began pursuing his passion for community banking with First National Bank of Orlando, now SunTrust. In 1986, he and other investors started National Bank of Commerce, which later was acquired by Wachovia. In 2003, with his son, Ray, and FSC classmate Jim France '68, Mr. Colado organized Commerce National Bank &

Trust, serving as the organizing president, CEO, and chairman of the board. He remains Chairman and CEO of Commerce National Bankshares of Florida, Inc., and serves as a member of the bank's board of directors. The *Orlando Business Journal* describes him as "one of central Florida's best-known bankers."

Mr. Colado has shared his experience and expertise with a wide range of professional, civic, and charitable organizations. Among his many activities, he has been Chairman of the Board of Community Bankers of Florida, a member of the Board of Directors of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, and a member of the Winter Park Planning and Zoning Commission.

He and his wife, Donna, have a son, Ray, a daughter, Jeannette, and seven grandchildren.

FSC in CHICAGO

An Alumni and Friends Event



In July, a group of nearly 100 Florida Southern College alumni and friends, together with faculty and staff, explored the Windy City of Chicago on a three-day trip that featured visits to several local examples of architecture and renovation work by Frank Lloyd Wright. The extended weekend visit included a Friday bus tour of Oak Park — to see Wright's first home and studio, as well as the recently restored Unity Temple — and a Saturday road trip to Racine, Wis., which introduced group members to the Wright-designed Wingspread home and SC Johnson Wax headquarters. The group capped the day with dining and entertainment at The Rookery, with its striking lobby renovated by Wright in 1905.

Along with members of the FSC Board of Trustees and the National Alumni Board of Directors, the alumni group also visited the Art Institute of Chicago and took both a Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise and an Odyssey Lake Michigan Dinner Cruise. Special guest speakers and a free day of touring and shopping on Thursday completed the spectacular trip.

1 Different generations of FSC alumni connected during the trip, including Rolf Westman '51 (from left) of North Manchester, Ind., and Lakeland residents Lauren Williams Gibson '14 and Ivelisse De la Fe '07.

2 Carlton "Sam" Schwartz, Jr '66 poses in front of the Chicago skyline during an Odyssey Lake Michigan Dinner Cruise.

3 Members of the tour group gathered for dinner in The Rookery's light court.

4 Members of the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust conducted guided tours of The Rookery's historical library and vaults.

A CHARIOT RACE MYSTERY:

UNRAVELING THE HISTORY OF A 'LOST' PAINTING



When Florida Southern College President Anne Kerr unrolled the large, dirty, torn painting, Dr. Alex Rich was baffled.

The painting, which depicted a Roman chariot race, had been stored in a campus maintenance closet at the school for 60 years and had just been found. There was no signature and no identifying mark, except for a cryptic symbol in a corner.

Dr. Rich, assistant professor of art history, promised to do some research. He discovered that the painting was a version of a work by Hungarian master Alexander von Wagner that became one of the most famous images of the 19th century — and which may have influenced the climactic scene in the novel *Ben-Hur*, and the movies later based on it.

After FSC engaged a conservator to restore the canvas, it became the centerpiece of a fascinating exhibition this summer at the Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College. The exhibition, “The Von Wagner Code,” was created by Dr. Rich, who also is curator and director of galleries and exhibitions at the museum. It was the first-ever exhibition to draw attention to how the image became embedded in the popular imagination.

The painting, apparently the gift of a benefactor, Emile Watson, hung for a time in the Lake View Room of the College’s student lounge. Sometime in the early 1960s, however, the canvas was cut out of the frame, rolled up and stashed in a storage area in the maintenance department.

At first, based on a letter in the Florida Southern College archives, the painting was thought to be a 17th-century Italian work, but Dr. Rich quickly discovered the connection to von Wagner and how the image had been world renowned.

“At one time, von Wagner was a household name. The most surprising thing to me is how the image surpassed his own painting. It almost became a brand that stood for a product, like Xerox or Kleenex,” he said.

In 1873, von Wagner (1838-1919) painted a large work titled “The Roman Chariot Race,” which depicted a grand scene in an ancient Roman arena, with two charioteers behind teams of horses madly galloping toward the finish. It was displayed in an exhibition in Vienna and, as Dr. Rich puts it, “seems to have started a craze.”

A second version by von Wagner hung at the American Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. At the same time, an etching of the painting was reproduced and sold across the country. The popular print apparently inspired chariot races staged as civic events, advertisements used the image, and composer John Philip Sousa wrote a “Chariot Race” march.

The image also likely inspired novelist Lew Wallace to use a chariot race as the climactic scene in his *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*. Published in 1880, Wallace’s novel was made into a full-length movie in 1925, again in 1959 — winning 11 Academy Awards — and in 2016. Dr. Rich believes it is all due to von Wagner.

“If not for the painting, there’s no scene in *Ben-Hur*,” he said.

Whether the painting was by von Wagner remained unclear until August 2018 — toward the end of the exhibition’s run — when Dr. Rich’s assistant found an inventory of the College’s art collection from the early 1950s. It listed a painting hung in the student lounge titled “Claudius Triumph” by “Alexander Wagner.”

According to Dr. Rich, it is believed von Wagner painted three versions of the chariot race. The only one still known to exist, painted in 1882, hangs in a museum in England. The College has found no documentation to establish when Watson donated the painting, or how he obtained it. The search continues.

Further conservation work is needed, Dr. Rich said. Although the painting was able to be displayed in the Polk Museum exhibition, it still cannot be hung normally or it would crumble under its own weight.

“The end goal is to raise the money to conserve it to the point it

can be hung and framed,” he said. “I’d like to have a semipermanent installation at the museum.”

President Kerr expressed gratitude to donors who have helped with the restoration efforts.

“I am grateful to the many alumni who have contributed to the fund to fully restore it,” President Kerr said, “and to include it among the signature works in our Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College collection. We are grateful that Dr. Rich has had such success in tracing its provenance, and we look forward to sharing it with all our college friends, especially those in Polk County.”



Dr. H. Alexander Rich
Curator & Director of Galleries & Exhibitions

Greetings from FLORIDA

ALL ROADS LEAD TO FSC!

Homecoming once more was a treasury of silver and gold, as alumni from the Class of 1968 were welcomed into the Golden Mocs Club, and class years 1991 to 1995 joined the festivities as Silver Mocs at the Spivey Society Reception. The Homecoming weekend, March 16–18, coincided with Founders Day, and the Golden Mocs were honored at the annual Convocation. Activities included a special breakfast and dinner and the retro dance party Blast from the Past, as well as lots of opportunities for alumni to gather with their friends and classmates.

Left: Members of the Class of 1968, wearing their golden stoles, were recognized at the Founders Day Convocation."

Right: Diane Burton Gershenson '68, who was Miss Southern 1968, re-creates the moment with a picture of herself with then-President Charles Thrift and her tiara.





1 Jerry Haralson '68 and Joanne Gietek Criswell '68 exchange news at the Golden Mocs breakfast.
 2 At the All-Alumni Luncheon, Cindy Howell Wilhelmsen '71 and classmate Mary Lu Heald Mixon '71 get reacquainted.
 3 Tim Scobie '62, Fran Biddix, and Holly Stahl attended the Golden Mocs Dinner at the Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College.
 4 The Hon. John Antoon II '68 and friends Carolyn Cleveland Buie '69 and the Rev. Archie Buie '66 visit at the Golden Mocs Dinner.
 5 At the Golden Mocs Dinner, President Kerr greets Robert T. "Bob" Caldwell '42. Bob was the college bugler when he was a student, waking up the campus every morning and signaling the changing of classes. His bugle is kept in the College's archives and it was on display during Homecoming weekend.
 6 Trustee Ed Myrick '61 and Becky Price swing to the music at the Blast from the Past party at Lone Palm Golf Club.
 7 Tara Merlina Valentine '97 and Matthew Valentine '97 share a laugh while dancing at the Blast from the Past.

MOCCASIN BATTALION PRESENTED MACARTHUR AWARD AS TOP ROTC PROGRAM IN SOUTHEAST



Florida Southern's Army ROTC program has long represented excellence in preparing future military officers, but now it has attained recognition as one of the most elite ROTC programs in the nation. The Moccasin Battalion was named the winner of the 2017 General Douglas MacArthur Award as the top ROTC program in the U.S. Army Cadet Command's 6th Brigade, which includes 39 programs in five Southeastern states, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Just eight ROTC programs out of 275 nationwide are presented the award each year.

This is the first time Florida Southern has received the prestigious award, which is presented by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation and Army's Cadet Command. Winners are the most successful of the Cadet Commands' units in accomplishing their mission of training and commissioning the majority of the lieutenants entering the Army each year. The award, presented each year since 1989, recognizes the ideals of "duty, honor and country" as advocated by Gen. MacArthur.

The 6th Brigade Commander, Col. Nelson Kraft, visited FSC in April to formally present the Mocs Battalion with a plaque and a guidon streamer representing the award. He said the battalion is "the best that we have."

"What's going on here is very special. When picking the best program, we

ask whether it is meeting its mission of preparing men and women to be leaders, and this program does. These cadets performed the best," he said.

Lt. Col. Rocky Vaira, professor of military science and commander of the Moccasin Battalion, said, "I'm extremely proud of all the cadets in our program, the Army instructors in our cadre, and the great Department of the Army civilians in our program. The award is truly a testament of the hard work of our students and cadre, but also it was only made possible with the strong partnership and truly amazing support from Florida Southern College and the Lakeland community."

Alyvia Orsini, the battalion's cadet commander and a senior biotechnology major, said it is an advantage being part of a small, close-knit program.

"We're not just another number here. The cadre knows us well. We're all really good friends and work well together," she said.

In 2017–2018, the Moccasin Battalion had 82 cadets, including cadets from cross-enrolled programs at Southeastern University and Polk State College.



MOCS BATTALION CADETS BECOME ARMY OFFICERS

The 15 cadets of the Moccasin Battalion about to become U.S. Army officers received encouragement and a challenge at their commissioning ceremony in May. Retired Army Lt. Gen. Donald Kerrick '71 told the cadets it is difficult to be a leader.



“Great leaders have physical and moral courage. You will be respected more for speaking up than allowing a flawed decision to go forward,” he said. “You will have many adventures, and the nation will honor you for your service. You are joining the most capable army the world has ever seen, but it is not perfect, so your task will be to make the Army better. Your allegiance as an officer must always, always be first to the nation.”

The commissioning ceremony took place on the heels of the recognition of the Moccasin Battalion as the 2017 winner of the MacArthur Award as the top ROTC unit in the Army Cadet Command's 6th Brigade. (See page 26.) In addition, several of the cadets commissioned wore the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, the result of scoring high in a grueling two-day fitness test in April.

The Mocs Battalion commander and professor of military science, Lt. Col. Rocky Vaira, spoke proudly of the capabilities of the new officers.

“You are prepared to lead our sons and daughters in the defense of the nation,” he said.



1 The 15 graduating seniors of the Mocs Battalion await their commissioning as Army officers.

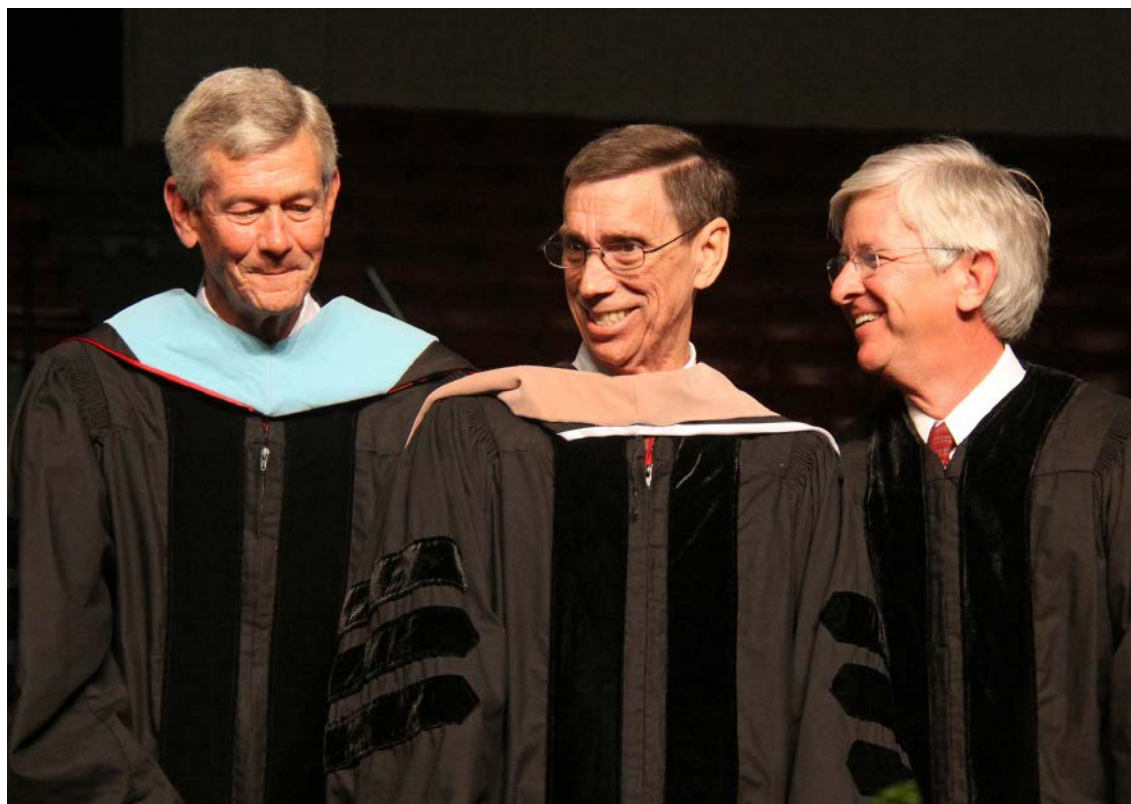
2 FSC Trustee and retired Army Lt. Gen. Donald Kerrick '71 addresses the cadets and their families and friends.

3 2nd Lt. Jesse Hudson (right) takes the Army officer's oath.

4 2nd Lt. Alyvia Orsini receives her ceremonial first salute from Master Sgt. Nelson Velazquez, who was an instructor in the Mocs Battalion cadre before his retirement.

Trustee John Rodda

1955–2018



John Rodda (center) was presented the honorary Doctor of Business degree during Spring Commencement in 2013. At left is Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70, and at right is Trustee Clayton Hollis '80.

Dr. John Rodda, who served Florida Southern College as a trustee and supporter of athletics — but most of all as a builder of its modern campus — died April 30, 2018, of complications from a long illness.

A highly respected member of the Lakeland community, Dr. Rodda was the founder of Rodda Construction and had a long relationship with Florida Southern College. Rodda Construction built or renovated 30 of the campus's 52 buildings, including the Barnett Athletic Complex, Barnett Residential Life Center, Becker Business Building, and the Sharon and Jim France Admissions Center; and also oversaw the renovation of Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium and hundreds of other structures throughout Polk County.

Dr. Rodda joined the Board of Trustees at FSC in 2004, serving until his death. In recognition of his service to the College and the community, he was presented an honorary Doctor of Business degree by FSC in 2013.

In addition, he was a volunteer assistant coach with the FSC baseball team for three seasons, and he was inducted into the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.

Dr. Rodda also served on the boards for SunTrust Bank Central Region, Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, Talbot House, and Parker Street Ministries, and was an elder at First Presbyterian Church Lakeland. He also was active in local youth sports, including Lakeland City Baseball, where he was a longtime coach and served on the board of directors, and at George Jenkins High School, which renamed its baseball field John Rodda Field in his honor.

His many civic recognitions include the 2013 Leadership Lakeland Alumni Association Jere Annis Award and the 2013 Business Partner of the Year from the Polk County School Board for Rodda Construction.

Dr. Rodda is survived by his wife, Rebecca Higginbotham Rodda '03; a son, Jason Rodda '02, and his wife, Abby Rodda '03; a daughter, Leslie Rodda Blondell '05, and her husband, Brett Blondell '06; a brother; a sister; and eight grandchildren.



Dr. Rodda receives his plaque from President Kerr following his induction into the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.

Trustee Maida B. Pou

1930–2018

MUCH-LOVED FRIEND OF FSC BROUGHT SMILES TO ALL



Mrs. Pou, front left, plants flowers with daughter-in-law Kathy Pou during the Badcock Garden dedication. They were watched by Mrs. Pou's daughter, Ebbie Pou Doherty '81, back left, and son Bill Pou, Kathy's husband.

Maida Pou's faith, love of her family, devotion to friends and her church were inspirational.

Plus, "Maida had sparkle."

With those words, President Anne Kerr captured the joyful nature and charming presence of Maida Badcock Pou, longtime supporter and Trustee of Florida Southern from 2008 until her passing on Aug. 8, 2018.

"She could light up a room when she entered," the President added. "She encouraged everyone in her world."

A resident of Plant City, Mrs. Pou was born in Mulberry, graduated from Mulberry High School, and attended Florida State College.

Upon her graduation, she taught elementary school in Sarasota and Plant City before becoming a full-time mother.

"She was proud of her friends' accomplishments and she made everyone feel better just by being with her," said President Kerr. "She always searched for ways to help others — and in so doing — made a huge impact on countless lives."

Mrs. Pou's family connections to Florida Southern led to her strong personal bond with the College. She named the central garden on campus in honor of her mother, Evelyn Clark Badcock '25, and she started the science instrumentation initiative with the purchase of a nuclear magnetic resonance machine, naming the lab after her beloved husband of 52 years, Billy Pou '49. She recognized her daughter, Ebbie Sue Pou Doherty '81, with scholarships and various naming gifts, and she took great pride in grandson Andrew S. Pou '12 for earning his Master of Business Administration degree at FSC.

Through her involvement with the College, Mrs. Pou also brightened the lives of students at the Roberts Academy, FSC's transitional lab school for children with dyslexia. She was the first to use the slide at "Aunt Maida's Fun-Time Playground" — so named in her honor by her children — to the delight of the students.

Many have noted that anyone encountering Mrs. Pou who asked how she was doing would receive the same emphatic reply: "I am blessed!"

The same could be said for all who were lucky enough to know this special lady, who brought a bit of sparkle wherever she went.

Her son, Bill Pou, now serves on the Florida Southern College Board of Trustees.



Mrs. Pou, right, with sister Evelyn Badcock Baber, test out a "Moc-shaw" passenger cart at the dedication of Badcock Garden on the FSC campus.

AN ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

CAROL JENKINS BARNETT CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND HEALTH



At a groundbreaking ceremony in February, President Anne Kerr announced the establishment of the Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health at Florida Southern. The Center will house a unique interdisciplinary program that will be among only a few undergraduate programs in the world linking early childhood learning and health.

The Barnett Center will be a national model for teacher and pediatric nurse preparation, setting the precedent for a new standard of interdisciplinary education for undergraduate and graduate students in early childhood learning and health to achieve optimal early childhood learning outcomes. It will bring together the resources of the School of Education and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to conduct research and prepare both teachers and nurses on how education and health affect each other in early childhood. Future teachers and nurses will be trained to identify issues that impact childhood learning, including vision and hearing problems, learning challenges, oral health concerns,

behavioral challenges, and general health and environmental stressors.

The addition of a Community Resources Studio will provide a unique service to Polk County's families, offering health and wellness screenings, developmental assessments, and referral and educational services at minimal or no cost. The Studio will enable parents, nurses, and teachers to work together to ensure educational success for our community's children.

An anonymous gift named the Center in honor of Carol Jenkins Barnett '79, daughter of Publix Super Markets founder George W. Jenkins. Her husband, Trustee Barney Barnett '65, paid tribute to his wife at the ceremony, mentioning her "abiding passion" for early childhood learning.

"Carol has been doing this for as long as I've known her. She loves it, lives it, and she deserves this recognition today. The union of early childhood learning and health for teaching and research will provide new and significant contributions to the way our children learn and grow," he said.



Dr. Tracey Tedder (left), Dean of the School of Education and Head of School for the Roberts Academy, and Dr. Linda Comer, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, along with faculty and students from both disciplines, will be partnering academically through the Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health.

President Kerr praised Mrs. Barnett, saying she is recognized nationally for being a children’s champion. “In this Center, we will carry forward her legacy,” she said.

The new facility to house the Barnett Center is being built on Frank Lloyd Wright Way next to the Roberts Academy, FSC’s transitional school for student in grades 2–8 with dyslexia. The 17,700-square-foot building will include classrooms and offices for 15 faculty members. The Center also will house the College’s Early Learning Preschool/Lab, which will provide a model school for early childhood education. The new facility will permit the program to expand current enrollment, thus serving more children from the community.

Dr. Tracey Tedder, Dean of the School of Education and Head of School for the Roberts Academy, said the “spectacular and beautiful facility” will be a place of opportunity for many children and their families.

“The Carol Jenkins Barnett Center will be the vehicle for providing many generations of young children the opportunity to learn, play, and experience the world in new ways,” she said.

Dr. Linda Comer, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, said she and her faculty are delighted to be partners with the School of Education.

“Students from both disciplines will learn collaboration and teamwork skills,” Dr. Comer said.

The Carol Jenkins Barnett Center for Early Childhood Learning and Health will educate a whole new generation of early childhood practitioners who are united in a common goal to provide life-changing education and services for the most vulnerable population in society: our children.



FSC Chairman Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70 and Carol Jenkins Barnett '79 look on as Barney Barnett '65 speaks about the new facility to be named for his wife.



Participants in the groundbreaking were Wesley Barnett (from left), Nicholas Barnett MBA '18, Carol Jenkins Barnett, Barney Barnett, Ashley Gibson Barnett '13, President Anne Kerr, Dr. Tracey Tedder, and Chairman Robert L. Fryer, Jr. '70.



BARNETT ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Renovated Facilities Give Sports Teams a New On-Campus Home

Florida Southern's multi-million-dollar renovation of the Barnett Athletic Complex provides a new home on campus for Moccasin softball and the men's and women's soccer and lacrosse teams. Construction updates included renovations to the fields, a reorientation of the softball stadium to face Frank Lloyd Wright Way, the addition of new parking, air-conditioned press boxes, a concession stand, new restrooms, and entryways.

"We have two of the finest new soccer-and-lacrosse and softball facilities in the country for NCAA Division II," said Director of Athletics and Dean of Wellness Pete Meyer. "And we are fortunate to have a tremendous support system of donors who give back to the College. We can't express our thanks enough for what they do."

Chris Bellotto Field, the reconfigured softball stadium — named in honor of FSC's longtime coach — was inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting event on Feb. 16, 2018.

"The brand new, beautiful field has enhanced our recruiting efforts greatly," said Chris Bellotto '80, head coach for women's softball. "Normally at this time of year [October], we would have four commitments; we currently have 17. It is one of the most beautiful fields in Division II."

Kara Reber, head coach for women's lacrosse at FSC, is especially grateful for the "absolutely amazing" opportunity to have the team's home games played on campus.

"We love the field, the atmosphere, and the ability to be able to play in front of a larger crowd now," Reber said, "as students can swing by to catch a game much easier. We are so thankful for this facility."

Marty Ward, head coach for the men's lacrosse team, concurred, calling the facility "top-notch."

"It's a pleasure to play on campus," Ward said, "and we're very grateful to have it as our home field."



Above: Friends and donors assembled for the ribbon cutting for Chris Bellotto Field at FSC's Barnett Athletic Complex before the field's inaugural softball game on Feb. 16, 2018. Those present included, in front row from left, Peter C. Golotko '90, Lois E. Webb, Ward Edwards, Trustee Ann B. Edwards, President Anne Kerr, Chris Bellotto '80, Carol Jenkins Barnett '79, Trustee Hoyt R. "Barney" Barnett '65, and Trustee J. Jason Rodda '02.

Left: Aerial view of Barnett Athletic Complex

Mother's Day Luncheon

With Florida's First Lady, Ann Scott



The First Lady of Florida, Ann Scott was the guest speaker at the fifth annual Mother's Day Luncheon to benefit the Roberts Academy in May. A near-capacity audience welcomed Mrs. Scott, who has been a champion for childhood literacy during her tenure as Florida's First Lady.

The Roberts Academy at Florida Southern College is Florida's only private school dedicated to preparing talented students with dyslexia. Founded in 2010, the school employs a full elementary and middle school curriculum that incorporates the Orton-Gillingham approach to reading instruction, designed to help students with dyslexia master the skills to accommodate their learning differences until they are fully prepared to succeed in a traditional school setting. The Academy has an enrollment of approximately 200 students in grades 2 through 8.

Dr. Tracey Tedder, dean of the School of Education at FSC and Head of School at the Roberts Academy, introduced Mrs. Scott as a mother

and grandmother who earned a degree in business administration from Southern Methodist University. She and her husband, Gov. Rick Scott, are active in a wide range of charitable organizations, including the Salvation Army and World Vision.

In her address, Mrs. Scott spoke of the joys of motherhood and how important it was for her daughters, Allison and Jordan, to have their parents' encouragement.

"I believe early learning builds the foundation for lifelong learning, and I have loved visiting schools in all 67 counties in Florida," she said. "Rick and I recognize the work you do here to ensure your students reach their full potential. To everyone who makes the Roberts Academy a success, thank you for your dedication to these students."

Mrs. Scott especially noted the efforts of Drs. Marjorie and Hal Roberts, whose generous gifts established the Roberts Academy and have helped it expand over the years.

"Without your generous support, this would not be possible," she said.

As a gesture of her own support to the Roberts Academy, Mrs. Scott donated a copy of her new children's book, inspired by her daughters, *Ally and Jordy's Adventures in Florida*. Following her address, she read the book to a group of third-grade Roberts Academy students.

The students entertained the First Lady and the audience at the beginning of the program by singing "The Future's Looking Good to Me" and a tribute to mothers, "M-O-T-H-E-R."



Above: Mrs. Scott reads to Roberts Academy third-graders from her new children's book, *Ally and Jordy's Adventures in Florida*.

Right: Roberts Academy third-graders sing "The Future's Looking Good to Me."



DR. JENNIFER BRUNO IRICK '11 EMPHASIZES LIFELONG IMPACT OF DAY-TO-DAY LEARNING

In January, the 2018 Spencer Symposium welcomed Florida Southern alumna Dr. Jennifer Bruno Irick to present a talk on the importance of fundamental science in her chosen field of emergency medicine.

At the time, Irick was a senior resident in emergency medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C. She participated in the Spencer Symposium at the invitation of its organizer, Dr. Carmen Gauthier, Jessie Ball duPont Chair and Professor of Chemistry at FSC.

In an interview, Irick said FSC provided both the instruction and the guidance she needed to succeed. She was the 2011 recipient of the Honor Walk Award, the school's highest student award.

"I want the students to know how what they are learning in class is applied every single day in clinical medicine," she said. "What they are learning will be important later."

Irick's lecture, "From Biochemistry to Bedside: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology as the Foundation of Clinical Medicine," explained how fundamentals of chemistry can influence the diagnosis and treatment of disease. She also spoke of her work in emergency medicine.

She credited Florida Southern's small class sizes for her ability, as a student, to talk one-on-one with professors. Irick also made special mention of Dr. Robert H. Baum, professor emeritus of biology, and Dr. James M.

Lynch, professor of athletic training, both of whom provided helpful advice about a medical career.

"Dr. Baum was a mentor," Irick said. "He encouraged me to work at Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, and that was integral in helping me realize I wanted to work in clinical medicine."

Irick was part of a dual-acceptance program in which FSC pre-medical graduates who meet other requirements are automatically accepted into the Morsani College of Medicine at the University of South Florida. After completing her medical degree, she went on to the residency program at Wake Forest Baptist.

"A lot of the doctors there are leaders in the field of emergency medicine," Irick said, calling it "an honor to train there."

In August, she and her husband, Dr. Michael Irick — also an emergency medicine physician — took positions as attending physicians in the emergency department at St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem, Pa.

The Spencer Symposium annually celebrates the successes of FSC alumni in the fields of medicine and chemistry. The symposium is named for the late Dr. Jack Spencer, an FSC professor of chemistry who made major advances in the research and development of antibiotics.

ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT

CAROLYN ROBERTS '69



Carolyn Roberts '69 has devoted much of her life to public service, and developed her deep passion for education as a student at Florida Southern College.

"My days here at Florida Southern helped me realize how important education is," says Mrs. Roberts, "developing an environment where people feel they can succeed. The faculty was very encouraging and supported personal achievement."

Her time at Florida Southern had a great impact on her career, having offered "such a unique and relevant educational experience that inspired my desire for excellence in education," she says. "The faculty members were always so passionate. They encourage students to determine their skills and gifts."

Mrs. Roberts looks back with great pride to her educational instruction at Florida Southern, and she is excited to see what the future holds.

"There is a reason why FSC students are so successful in life," says Mrs. Roberts. "FSC is a college that encourages their students to achieve their goals."

Mrs. Roberts has contributed greatly to the growth of Florida's university system in a variety of ways by serving on the Board of Regents, the Florida Board of Education, the Florida Board of Governors, and on the University of Florida Board of Trustees.

In addition, the University of Central Florida recently awarded Mrs. Roberts with an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

"She proved to be one of the most effective leaders in support of public and private higher education in the state's history," said Dr. Dan Holsenbeck, senior counsel to the president at UCF. "She created a medical education strategy for the state university system, and she had an important role in UCF being granted a College of Medicine."

Mrs. Roberts also was Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents when John Hitt was appointed UCF's president, a position he held for 26 years, Dr. Holsenbeck added. "She was a huge supporter of President Hitt and UCF in so many ways."

Wright's Great-Granddaughter Visits

Melissa Galt (right), great-granddaughter of Frank Lloyd Wright, paid her first visit to FSC in May and was greeted by President Kerr. Mrs. Galt, who owns an interior design firm in Atlanta, was attending a conference in Orlando and decided to make a detour to see the campus designed by her great-grandfather. Mrs. Galt's grandmother was Catherine Wright Baxter, third child of Frank Lloyd Wright and his first wife, Kitty. Mrs. Galt's mother was the late Oscar-winning Hollywood actress, Anne Baxter. Upon seeing the campus, Mrs. Galt said, "It was really a treat to see the great care that you all have taken in preserving and protecting great-grandfather's architectural legacy. Sometimes his genius exceeded the capabilities of engineering, but FSC is making it work."



President Anne Kerr with Melissa Galt

FSC to Launch

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM



The College's Board of Trustees decided to start the program following an extensive assessment study that found an overwhelming need, said Provost Kyle Fedler. Among its findings:

- The number of physical therapists is projected to increase 28 percent over the next eight years, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. The increasing demand for physical therapy is coming from baby boomers who stay active later in life, making them more susceptible to certain ailments. Physical therapists also will be needed to treat mobility issues related to diabetes, obesity, and other chronic conditions.
- According to the Florida Hospital Association, physical therapist positions take longer to fill than any other health-related field with 60 percent of positions requiring at least 61 days to fill. Yet physical therapy has been ranked among the Top 10 happiest jobs by Forbes, with a median salary of \$86,850 for Doctors of Physical Therapy, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2017.
- Polk County has the fourth-lowest distribution of physical therapists per 100,000 residents, but the fourth-highest county population in central Florida.

"We believe this program will be a public service to Polk County, central Florida, and beyond," Dr. Fedler said. "Just as our School of Nursing and Health Sciences has supplied high-quality nurses to serve the healthcare needs of this region, the doctor of physical therapy program will fill a critical need as this region continues to expand."

The founding program director and dean of the School of Physical Therapy, Dr. Nancy A. Nuzzo, came to Florida Southern after starting the physical therapy program at the University of Jamestown in Fargo, N.D. Dr. Nuzzo has more than 25 years of experience in the field of physical therapy, having taught for 20 of those years while practicing as a physical therapist.

"We are intentional in building a strong program that is committed to excellence and serving the community," Dr. Nuzzo said. "This is a great opportunity because we will be building a new laboratory and classroom building, and it will be appealing to prospective students to have these facilities in such close proximity to the College."

The program will have eight faculty members, with seven already under contract. The director of clinical education and assistant professor of physical therapy is Dr. Christine Martin Morgan '06, former captain of the Mocs' women's swim team, who earned master's and doctoral degrees in physical therapy from Florida Gulf Coast University and specialized in sports rehabilitation. She came to FSC from Gainesville, where she held a residency at the University of Florida and Shands Rehabilitation Center and was in charge of a clinic at the UF Health Sports Residency program.

Dr. Morgan said she applied for the new faculty position as soon as she saw it had been announced.

"I really wanted to come back, as I loved being a student here," she said. "Both academics and athletics are thriving, and I am excited to be a part of our new School of Physical Therapy."

Florida Southern's graduate studies will expand in a bold new direction with the addition of a doctor of physical therapy program.

The new School of Physical Therapy will supply highly trained physical therapists to healthcare facilities in Florida and beyond, representing a major expansion into the field of clinical health. FSC also offers doctorates in education and educational leadership.

Pending its candidacy with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), the program will begin in fall 2019, and is to be housed in a recently acquired building in the Dixieland Historic District on South Florida Avenue. The renovation of the 6,500-square-foot former office building will include a new 11,000-square-foot addition.

Physical therapists are movement experts who treat people of all ages and abilities, helping them improve and maintain function and quality of life. Graduates are considered clinical doctors similar to physicians, dentists, and podiatrists, and provide services in settings such as hospitals, private practices, clinics, home health agencies, and nursing and assisted living facilities.

Up to 36 students will be accepted in each admission cycle, with the course of study taking 2½ years, including 36 weeks of clinical experience. Students will perform clinical rotations throughout the U.S., with local sites to include Lakeland Regional Health and Watson Clinic. Students and faculty also will help underserved populations by providing *pro bono* services and community outreach.



Accreditation

Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. Contact: 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org

Florida Southern College is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. The program is planning to submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the Pre-accreditation stage, on December 1, 2018. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.

PRODUCING RESULTS AS A DOCTOR AND ON THE NEW YORK STAGE



Science and the arts generally are regarded as opposite pursuits, but Dr. Jeff Grove '86 has a foot in both worlds.

Look around his office, and you can see evidence of his successful career as an osteopathic physician — his degrees, leadership awards, tokens of appreciation — along with items from the world of theater, such as posters, playbills, and family photos from the Tony Awards.

While not giving up his work as a physician, Dr. Grove has helped get three big New York shows off the ground, and he and his partners are working on producing two more. It has become a mid-life obsession for a man who had limited exposure to the theater growing up, and who doesn't recall attending a single show on campus while at FSC.

"I loved going to Florida Southern," he says, "It was a tremendous experience, but my world revolved around science and my fraternity."

In 1993, Dr. Grove joined his father's practice in Largo. That practice, now known as Suncoast Family Medical Associates, has

six Tampa Bay-area offices. Dr. Grove was voted Physician of the Year for Florida by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians in 2003, has served on their Board of Governors, and in 2013-2014 was its president.

Several years ago, he renewed an acquaintance with Dr. Michael Jackowitz, a fellow medical school student. An ardent fan of the theater and the founder of WitzEnd Productions — a theatrical company that funded and produced a revival of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* as its first Broadway show — Dr. Jackowitz invited Dr. Grove to a performance. Bitten by the show business bug, Dr. Grove joined WitzEnd Productions as a partner.

The company co-produced *Daddy Long Legs* off-Broadway, and a 2016 Broadway production of *Tuck Everlasting*, which ran for 18 months. That show was followed by a revival of the 1990 musical *Once on This Island*, a fantasy set on a Caribbean island with elements of mythology and romance. Dr. Grove felt so strongly about the

show, he invested additional funds as an individual, and is listed as a co-producer alongside WitzEnd Productions.

With an ensemble cast that included Tony winner Lea Salonga and Lakeland native Quentin Earl Darrington, *Once on This Island* garnered eight Tony nominations. Dr. Grove attended the awards ceremony at Radio City Music Hall with his children, Garrett and Victoria, and his partner, Jerry Sosa — but in category after category, their hopes were dashed. Before the nominees for Best Revival of a Musical were read, *Once on This Island* hadn't won a single Tony.

"We were all holding hands, and when they announced *Once on This Island*, we just screamed," he says. The production was named 2018's Best Revival of a Musical. "We all piled up on stage. I'm still speechless today."

He continues to see patients, but Dr. Grove has turned more of his attention to administering his clinics and investing in the theater.

Recently, WitzEnd Productions has been involved in the musical *Gettin' the Band Back Together*, which opened in August, as well as an original drama, *Lifespan of a Fact*, starring Daniel Radcliffe of Harry Potter fame.

"I spent my career trying to inspire folks," Dr. Grove says, "but if you had told me five years ago this is where I would be, I would never have believed it."

NEAL BOGOSIAN'S RECENT BOOK

HELPS CHILDREN DEAL WITH DEATH



Stories by Laura T. Greene, Contributing Writer

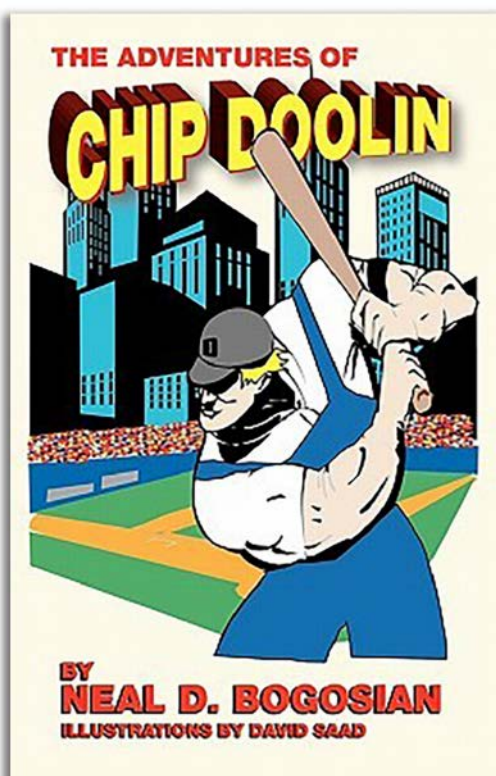
After completing her education, Contributing Writer Laura T. Greene hopes to work as an editor at a publishing house (and “maybe, one day” write a book of her own).

From his time as a student at Florida Southern, to acting in major theater productions, to teaching, to owning a healing practice, Neal Bogosian '92 has had a colorful and versatile career.

One thing Bogosian always has been, however, is a writer.

In high school, he had a passion for baseball and books. His favorite children's novels included *Winnie the Pooh*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, and *A Wrinkle in Time*. Inspired by these authors — as well as F. Scott Fitzgerald and John O'Hara — Bogosian began to dabble in writing his own stories.

At Florida Southern, illness prevented him from playing baseball, but did not deter him from his academic pursuits. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Communications, a double Master's Degree in Education (Elementary and Special Education), and a degree from The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. In 2010, he opened his own Holistic Therapy Healing practice.

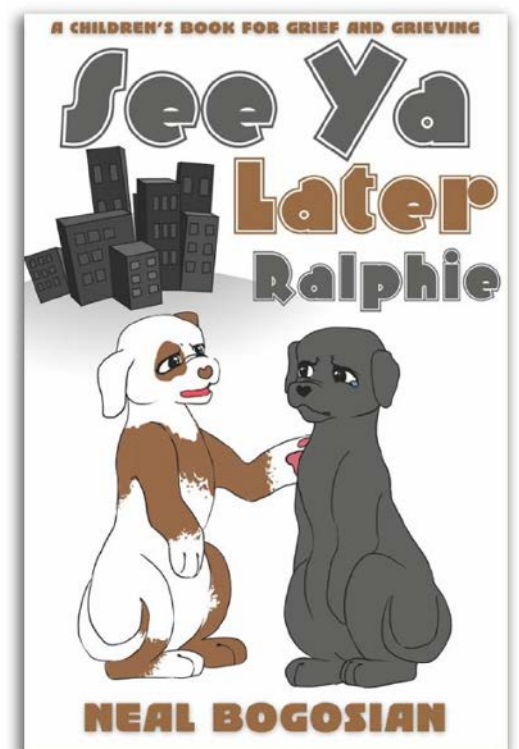


“Through it all, I was writing,” Bogosian says.

His passion for writing eventually led to his first children's book, *The Adventures of Chip Doolin*. Set in 1909, the tale captures a simpler era through Bogosian's nostalgic and light-hearted portrayal of America's greatest pastime. In the book, young and talented Chip navigates the world of baseball and encounters some of its most famous faces.

Bogosian's books are not just for entertainment, however. They are meant to function as tools for learning, self-discovery, and even healing. In *See Ya Later Ralphie: A Children's Book for Grief and Grieving*, children can learn about and understand death by reading about two best friends and their special bond. It prompts children, as well as adults to walk through the pain of separation together.

When asked the importance of children's literature, Bogosian said, “Children should be allowed to be children.” He believes the innocence of childhood should not be thrown away for the independence of adulthood. “We are so much more than we are taught in school. Reading the right stuff, listening to their inner selves, they will be directed to the books they need to read.”



Author Neal Bogosian '92

CREATIVE LEANINGS FOSTER LEARNING

ALUMNI AIM TO CONNECT, INSPIRE THROUGH CHILDREN'S BOOKS

How is a melting chocolate bunny related to a young elephant's efforts to improve his father's bad mood?

What do human and canine friends Duggy and Jam have in common with a bowl of oatmeal?

These interesting characters inhabit the pages of children's books written by creative Florida Southern alumni. Although the four authors featured here have pursued varied career paths — as a teacher, an administrator, a lawyer, and an artist — they are distinguishing themselves in the field of juvenile literature, as well.



Author Evett L. Simmons '79

IN ALL HER PROFESSIONAL and creative endeavors, FSC Trustee Evett L. Simmons '79 has sought to promote multiculturalism, minority leadership, and youth development.

After graduating from FSC, Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Ga., and Suffolk University in Boston, Simmons started her career as a lawyer. In 1990, she opened her own firm, which grew into one of the largest minority-owned, woman-owned law firms in Florida.

Writing was an outlet for Simmons during her adolescence, and in writing her own children's books, she hopes to minister to those facing the challenges

of childhood. *A Special Bowl of Oatmeal* and *The Sunday Before Christmas* explore the gifts of family, faith, hope, and love.

Much of her community service is focused on youth and youth programs. For example, after being elected as 58th president of the National Bar Association, Simmons established the Crump Law Camp to give high school students the experience of becoming a law student. She also has been active on the diversity committees of the American Bar Association. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Florida Southern, and chairs the college's Diversity Task Force.

In 2013, Florida Southern named the Multicultural Center for Simmons in recognition of her accomplishments and philanthropy. Her current firm, E. L. Simmons Law, PLLC, is located in Port St. Lucie.

WHAT BEGAN FOR FSC alumnus, L. Robert Dillon '69 as a family story ultimately became a book for all children to enjoy.

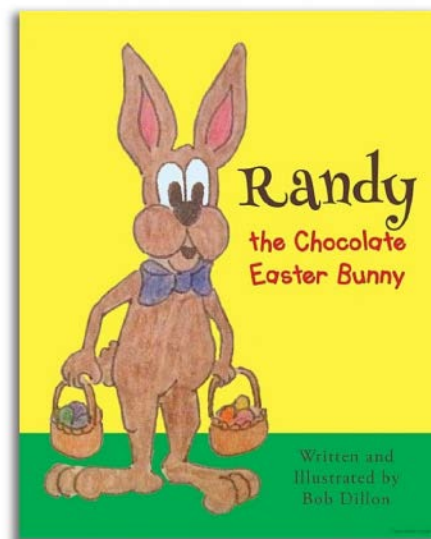
Dillon's daughter Ashleigh was introduced to Randy, a melting chocolate Easter bunny, more than 40 years before the book's publication.

Randy, the Chocolate Easter Bunny sat untouched on a bookshelf for years. It was not until his niece found the story that Dillon decided to bring his bunny's tale to a larger audience.

"The reader encounters messages of friendship, imagination, problem-solving, and love," Dillon says.

Following his graduation from FSC and Florida Atlantic University, Dillon worked as a teacher, coach, and administrator for Broward County, and as an employee of Duke Power and Duke Energy. He also founded Kaleidoscope consulting services, a subsidiary of Duke.

Retired and living in North Carolina with his wife, Shelia, Dillon now can read Randy's story to his six grandchildren.



Author Bob Dillon '69



Author Fred Koehler '01

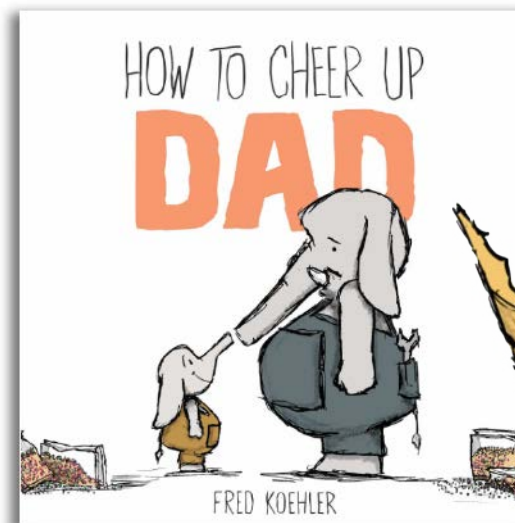


FOR ONE PROLIFIC AUTHOR and illustrator with ties to FSC, life has been nothing short of an adventure.

At Florida Southern, Fred Koehler '01 was the yearbook editor and wrote for the student newspaper, *The Southern* — and, he said, he would “roller skate on top of the esplanades when the guards weren’t looking.”

After graduating with a degree in graphic design, Koehler joined the Peace Corps and served in West

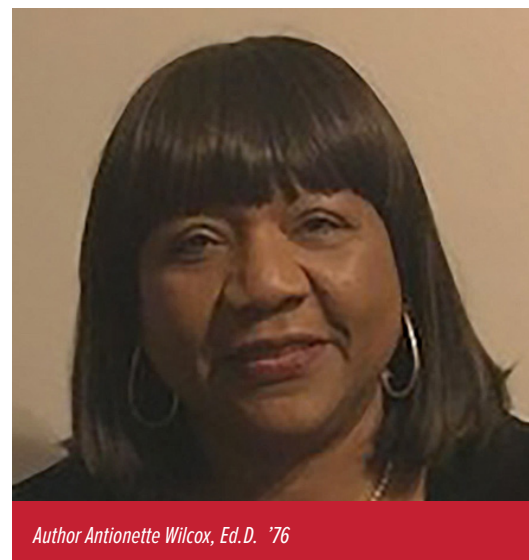
Africa for two years. Upon his return, he settled down in Lakeland, started a family, and opened TFG studio, which helps companies tell their stories. Koehler also has worked as an illustrator for Penguin Random House and Boyds Mills Press.



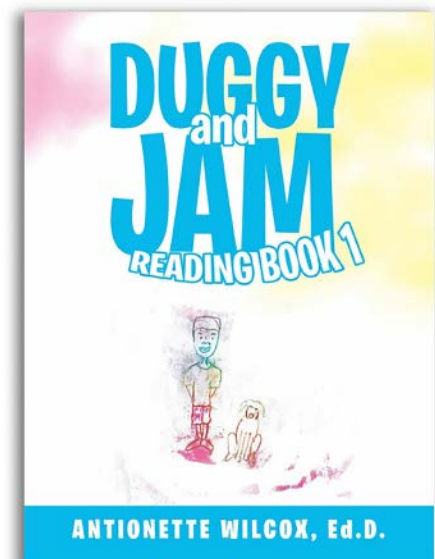
His children’s books *How to Cheer Up Dad* and *Super Jumbo* feature his writing in addition to his illustrations. In *Garbage Island*, a fall 2018 release, “a mouse and a shrew, lost at sea, try to navigate to their home in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch,” he says. “Braving multiple dangers, they discover they have more in common than they could ever have imagined.”

Through his illustrations and writing, Koehler invites children into the great adventure that is reading.

“I am thankful for all I learned at Florida Southern College,” he says.



Author Antionette Wilcox, Ed.D. '76



AFTER GRADUATING FROM FSC WITH A DEGREE IN business administration, Antionette Nixon Wilcox '76 went on to earn her master’s and doctorate. She worked for 35 years as a teacher with Polk County Public Schools, and was selected as the Polk County Public Schools Teacher of the Year for 2003. She also has served as an Education Ambassador through the United Nations.

Her passion for teaching, and for connecting with local and global communities, has earned Wilcox numerous awards.

Recently, she authored *Duggy and Jam*, a book to teach children their first 100 reading words. The book, volume one in her planned *Duggy and the Critters* series, is meant to aid children in their development and to cultivate a future generation of readers.



Retired Judge E.J. Salcines '59

Honored with Courthouse Statue

When E.J. Salcines '59 became a lawyer in Tampa in 1963, he and other young legal professionals “with brand-new, shiny briefcases” would mingle with more experienced judges and lawyers in the lobby of the Hillsborough County Courthouse.

The significance of those days — when the court’s old-timers, with their scratched and scuffed briefcases, would help usher newcomers into the justice system — was much on the mind of Judge Salcines as he addressed a crowd of friends and supporters outside that same courthouse 54 years later.

The longtime attorney, prosecutor, and judge received a remarkable honor with the unveiling of a bronze statue of him on the courthouse grounds in October 2017.

“It’s too much to fathom,” Judge Salcines told the assembled crowd.

The statue project was undertaken by members of the Mayor’s Hispanic Advisory Council, who raised more than \$45,000 in partnership with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. They commissioned sculptor Steve Dickey to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Judge Salcines, the son of poor immigrants from Spain.

“I’m especially pleased that you all selected this courthouse plaza for the Salcines statue,” the judge said. “I’m going to be here, welcoming all the young lawyers.”

After graduating from Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga., young Emiliano José Salcines studied history and political science at Florida Southern College.

After going on to the South Texas College of Law in Houston, he returned to Tampa for a job in the State Attorney’s Office. He later was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida, then returned to the 13th Judicial Court for four terms before spending 13 years in private practice.

Governor Lawton Chiles, a longtime friend — appointed Judge Salcines to the Second District Court of Appeals.

At the unveiling ceremony, Judge Salcines thanked the crowd of friends and coworkers and said he could not be there without their support.

“Every single one of you has had people in your life who have helped you,” he said, shortly before he and his wife, Elsa, removed the sheet concealing his life-sized likeness. “Nobody makes it on their own. All of us owe many, many thanks to those that have helped us along the way.”

After the statue was revealed, as a bagpiper played and onlookers applauded, Judge Salcines smiled and shook the outstretched hand of the statue, jokingly comparing the expertly sculpted hairline to his own.

Wright-Influenced “Cat Condos” Find Homes as Off-Campus Housing

Around the time when Frank Lloyd Wright’s long-dormant design for a Usonian House was taking shape in 2013 — to become the 13th of the famed architect’s distinctive structures at FSC — Wright’s unique vision began to be “purrfectly” translated in a whimsical-but-practical fashion.

Restoration architect Jeffrey Baker, of Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects of Albany, N.Y., created a classy design for “cat cafes,” each of which could shelter a half-dozen feral felines.

Rodda Construction, Inc. built two or three of the six planned structures, using leftover construction materials from Florida Southern’s Usonian House project. But the “cat cafes” never were installed on campus, and instead were sent into storage in a half-finished state.

A few years later, Trustee Dr. Bob Puterbaugh found himself wondering what had become of those sturdy concrete-and-metal structures.

Dr. Puterbaugh, a senior attorney at Peterson & Myers, P.A. in Lakeland, contacted the College’s Vice President for Finance and Administration, Terry Dennis ’94, who located two of the structures in a warehouse.

“It’s questionable whether there was a third,” he said. “That was a long time ago.”

The College was “quite glad” to remove both existing structures from storage, Dennis said, so Dr. Puterbaugh could paint them and place them outside his home in Christina Woods. Nicely spruced-up and redubbed “cat condos,” they now provide shelter for some of the many feral cats in a nearby wooded area.

“There are three levels and six condominium units in each one,” Dr. Puterbaugh explained. Many times, both structures are filled, he said, “especially if they have kittens” or when the cats seek shelter from heavy rains and summer heat.

The sheer weight of the concrete structures made their relocation — on the back of a flatbed truck — a major operation. Dr. Puterbaugh appreciates the safety and security they provide to his four-legged visitors, however.

“They survived the hurricane last year,” he said, clearly impressed.



Above Left: Trustee Dr. Bob Puterbaugh



Above Right: When the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Usonian House was being built at FSC, architect Jeffrey Baker developed this “cat café” design with a nod to the iconic works of Frank Lloyd Wright. After years in an FSC warehouse, a pair of these concrete structures have been put to good use outside the home of Trustee Dr. Bob Puterbaugh, providing shade and shelter to a local population of feral cats. Wright created his own ultra-modern design for a cat house in 1954, painted in his signature Cherokee Red and preserved at the Feline History Museum in Alliance, Ohio.

Why I Give

MAPPING THE FUTURE

ED CORVI '72

A FASCINATING TECHNOLOGY CAREER COMES FULL-CIRCLE AT FSC

It came as a great surprise to alumnus Ed Corvi when he learned his pattern of annual giving to Florida Southern is one for the record books.

Every year for the past 45 years, Mr. Corvi has made a donation to FSC. His unbroken streak of loyalty makes him one of the College's most consistent donors — if not, in fact, the longest consecutive giver.

"It's not that complicated," Mr. Corvi said, near the end of a busy campus visit in early October. "I love my college. I have great pride in what it's become."

A soft-spoken gentleman with an easy smile, Mr. Corvi pointed out that others certainly have donated much larger sums. However, his remarkable gusto for giving is an inspiration in its own right.

"I don't know what I gave that first year," he said, adding that each individual gift has been small, "although I think it does big things."

He encourages other alumni — including recent graduates — to make a point of acknowledging their debt of gratitude to the school by starting an annual pattern of giving, at whatever amount they can afford.

"I didn't change the world or become rich, but it is still a rich life," Mr. Corvi said. "And it all began at Florida Southern. Because when you go to college, that's where you begin to become yourself."

Now retired and living in Wesley Chapel, Mr. Corvi has been back to FSC only a few times since graduation, although the unique beauty of the campus always has impressed him greatly,

For his most recent visit, the avid amateur photographer captured many familiar scenes and documented the tremendous growth of his alma mater. Mr. Corvi delights in creating photographic calendars, magnets, and other gifts for friends, and he expects some of his recent shots to show up in future projects.

As a student, Mr. Corvi began as a biology major, then switched to math. Those two buildings became his home away from home.

If you go into the math department, he said, "just to the right, there was a narrow little office, and that's where I was?"



Mr. Corvi's academic background led to a rewarding career that included serving as the Geographic Information System section chief in the I.T. Directorate for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Commonly known as GIS mapping, the technology system provides a framework for gathering, managing, and analyzing data. The potential of GIS technology has exploded recently, he explained, with a vastly diverse range of applications.

"Everything is spatial and can be mapped in one way or another," Mr. Corvi said. "It's really coming alive on campus. To know that it's being used so much in the Biology department is a really big deal to me."

During his October visit, Mr. Corvi met with Eric Kjellmark, Professor of Biology, and Associate Professor Christy Wolovich. They are among the faculty members leading the way with GIS, applying the software in a new coastal ecology class. GIS will allow students to track animal movements by drone, creating maps and analyzing data.

"If I had a lot of money, I'd do something here on campus that's GIS-related," Mr. Corvi said. "It's something I never knew I would get into when I graduated, and it was the happiest part of my career."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE FALLS JUST SHORT OF NATIONAL TITLE

FSC's women's lacrosse team fought its way through to the NCAA Division II national championship game in May, but fell short of its goal of reclaiming the national title, won in 2016. The Mocs lost to a rugged Le Moyne University team 16–11 to finish a highly successful 2018 season as the national runners-up for a second consecutive year.

The Mocs finished the year with a 21–2 record, winning the Sunshine State Conference regular season and tournament titles, and the NCAA South Region title. The team's seven seniors finished their career with a record of 80–12 and won seven conference titles (four regular-season and three tournament), a pair of national runner-up finishes, and a national championship.

“That group will never be able to be replaced or matched,” said Head Coach Kara Rebe. “They are going to be sorely missed. They gave their heart and soul to this program for the past four years and I couldn't have asked for a better class, a better group that was fully united together and dedicated to the goal of getting to the national championship and trying to win it.”

Julia Couch, a sophomore attacker on the Mocs team was named the recipient of the Elite 90 award for NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse. The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. Couch, majoring in communications, carries a 4.0 grade-point average. She played in 19 games for the Moccasins during the season and scored 15 goals while tallying 24 assists in helping lead Florida Southern back to the national championship tournament for the third straight year.

In August, the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) named the Florida Southern team as the Zag Sports NCAA Division II Academic Merit Squad, having earned the award by finishing with the highest cumulative team grade-point average among all Division II women's lacrosse programs. The Mocs finished the 2017-18 academic year with a team GPA of 3.57, better than 62 other squads that posted a 3.0 GPA or better this year. The team also had 34 Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll selections.

FSC RETIRES NO. 24 BASEBALL JERSEY WORN BY MATT JOYCE

The No. 24 jersey worn by former Florida Southern baseball standout Matt Joyce was formally retired January 24, during a halftime ceremony at a Moccasin men's basketball game at Jenkins Field House. Joyce, who helped lead the Mocs to the 2005 NCAA Division II National Championship, spent three years at Florida Southern before being drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 2005. Currently an Oakland A's outfielder, he has played in more than 1,000 games in his 10-year Major League career, with 131 career homers and 444 RBI. One of nine former Moccasins to have their numbers retired, Joyce joined former head coaches and alumni Chuck Anderson (No. 12), Joe Arnold (No. 11), and Hal Smeltzly (No. 7), as well as former players Ken Huebner (No. 43), Andy McGaffigan (No. 22), Greg Pryor (No. 17), Jay Smith (No. 20), and Brett Tomko (No. 35).



Baseball Head Coach Lance Niekro, former player Matt Joyce, President Anne Kerr, and Athletic Director Pete Meyer formally retired Joyce's No. 24 jersey on January 24 at Jenkins Field House.

VanDerLaan, O'Brien Named Outstanding Student-Athletes

Men's golf all-American John VanDerLaan and women's lacrosse all-American Meghan O'Brien were named as outstanding male and female student-athletes for the 2017-2018 academic year.

VanDerLaan '18 received the Hal Smeltzly Award, named for the Moccasins' longtime baseball coach and athletics director who died in June. He also won the 2018 NCAA Division II individual national championship, and the Jack Nicklaus Award as the nation's top golfer at the Division II level. VanDerLaan helped lead the Mocs to third place at the national tournament, and earned first team all-American honors.



John VanDerLaan



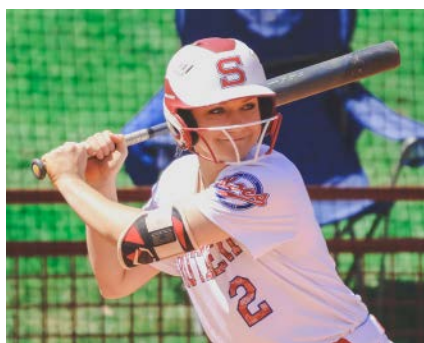
Meghan O'Brien

Meghan O'Brien '18 was named as the inaugural winner of the Lois Webb Award, established in 2017-2018 and named for the Mocs' longtime volleyball coach and athletic director. She had led the women's lacrosse team to their third-straight appearance in the national title game and their fourth-straight SSC regular-season title.

Just the third student-athlete from Florida Southern to be a finalist for the Honda DII Woman Athlete of the Year, O'Brien was selected to play in the IWLCA All-Star game following her graduation in May. She also was a first team all-South and all-SSC selection, and was the third women's lacrosse student-athlete to earn Florida Southern's Most Outstanding Female Student Athlete Award.

Athletic Notes

Senior runner **Bobby Ormsby** was awarded All-Academic Honors by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The organization also named Florida Southern an All-Academic Team. Ormsby, an exercise science major, posted a 3.67-grade point average in the fall semester and carries a 3.39 career GPA. He was named to the USTFCCCA All-South and All-SSC First Teams, and was a member of the Sunshine State Conference All-Championship Team.



Mocs softball senior center fielder **Shannon Bell** was voted 2018 Sunshine State Conference Player-of-the-Year in a vote of league coaches, sharing the honor with Palm Beach Atlantic player Magnolia West. Bell also was a repeat selection on the All-SSC First Team. She led the Moccasins in hitting for the second year in a row, and her .407 batting average ranked

second in the SSC. She was the first Moccasin to hit .400 in seven years, and in conference play was even better, hitting a league-best .441. Her defensive ability was equally impressive, as she handled 60 chances without committing an error.

The Florida Southern College women's basketball team won the Sunshine State Conference regular-season and tournament titles, falling to Valdosta State, 63-60, in the first round of the 2018 NCAA South Regional. The Mocs finished the year with a 25-5 record. Head Coach **Betsy Harris** was named the SSC Coach of the Year. **Anja Fuchs-Robetin** was named the Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year and a first team All-SSC selection, joining FSC's career 1,000-point club. **Camille Giardina** and **Jensen Blassage** also were named All-SSC. Giardina joined Fuchs-Robetin as first-team All-South Region players.



Amanda Gartrell, a sophomore from Lakeland, shot a final-round 71 at the NCAA Division II South Super Regional tournament in May to qualify as an individual at the National Championship tournament. Gartrell moved up 12 spots on the final day of the tournament and finished third overall. The Mocs women's golf team shot 298, the best score of any team, on the last day of the tournament, but fell four shots short of qualifying for the National Championship.

Athletic Notes

- **Cris Allen '91**, a career .349 batter, All-American and member of the Moccasins' 1988 NCAA Division II National Championship baseball team, was inducted into the 2018 Hall of Fame Class of the Sunshine State Conference in March.



- The Mocs softball team beat Rollins College 7-0 in March, giving Head Coach **Chris Bellotto '80** 1,216 wins and moving her to second place on the NCAA Division II all-time list for fast-pitch career wins.

- **Jill Stephens** announced in January she would step down after 17 years at the helm of the Moccasin volleyball program. Athletic Director Pete Meyer promoted Associate Head Coach **Chris Keen** to Head Coach.

- Husband and wife **Matt Levassiur** and **Stephanie Bylander** were selected in May as the new head coaches for FSC's cross country and track teams, in an announcement by Director of Athletics Pete Meyer.



- **Anja Fuchs-Robetin**, of the women's basketball team, and **John Coultas**, of the men's golf team, were named in April as winners of the 2017-2018 Pat McFadden Award.

- Junior guard **Jonathan Lawton**, who helped lead the men's basketball team to the NCAA South Region semifinal, was named to the All-South Region second team by the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association.



- The 6th Man Club is a supportive group of alumni and friends that raises funds to recruit and retain student-athletes in the Moccasins men's basketball program. The club originated at Florida Southern in 1978. "We're doing a luncheon each month with the coaches, to give club members an update," said **Nolen Bailey '07**, the club's new president. "And we're working on getting more of the basketball alumni involved."

BOB GEORGES '73

NAMED TO POLK COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Bob Georges '73, a member of the Moccasins' 1971 NCAA national championship baseball team and an avid supporter of FSC athletics, was among the eight-member class of 2018 inductees to the Polk County Sports Hall of Fame.



The Lakeland businessman was honored for his contributions to the baseball teams at both Florida Southern College and Polk State College, along with his support of the George Jenkins High School basketball program. His efforts, it was noted, "have left an indelible mark on hundreds of athletes."

After his graduation from high school in 1969, a chance encounter with FSC's late Athletic Director Hal Smeltzly brought the Staten Island native to Lakeland.

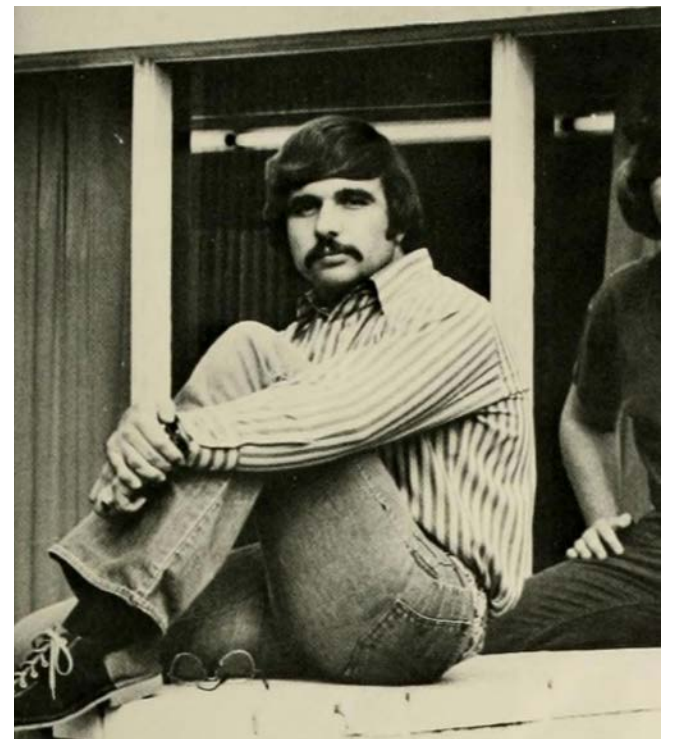
That unexpected connection, following a semi-pro baseball game, landed Georges a full scholarship to FSC. He arrived on campus for the first time on the first day of classes, and two years later was part of the national championship-winning team.

"I had such a great experience as a student-athlete," Georges said, "that I want that same experience for everyone who plays a sport. I want them to have the best experience they can have, because they'll stay here and contribute to the success of the area. They become our business leaders, doctors, and teachers."

The Hall of Fame awards were presented June 12 at the 2018 Polk County All-Sports Awards Banquet held at the RP Funding Center. The event was sponsored by the Central Florida Polk County Sports Marketing Association. Founded in 2000, the Polk County Sports Hall of Fame in Auburndale showcases the area's most notable athletes, teams, and events. Current and former Hall of Fame inductees have been honored for their outstanding contributions in 12 different sports.

In addition to his continuing support of local athletic teams, Georges has organized celebrity golf tournaments and created an endowment from his family trust.

He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, Kim and Brittney, and four grandchildren.



Students

In April, the FSC chapter of the College Diabetes Network won the Philanthropic Event of the Year award for their Diabetic for a Day/ Pod Challenge event. The chapter also received FSC's Spirit of the Cornerstone award.

In December, **Kelly Morrill**, a student in the doctor of education in educational leadership program, was named Teacher of the Year at Lithia Springs Elementary School in the Hillsborough County School District. A fellow doctoral student, **Debby Pion**, was named Teacher of the Year at Cleveland Court Elementary School in Lakeland.

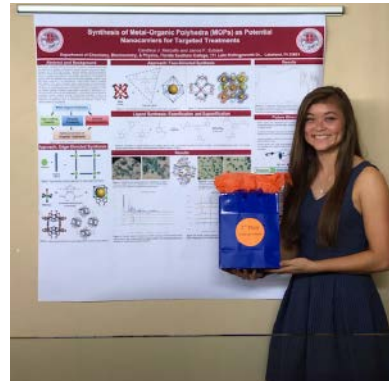
Accounting student **Callan Muffley** was named the winner of the inaugural Steve Christie Memorial Scholarship by the Florida Council of the Institute of Management Accountants. She will be entering the Barnett School's early MAcc program in the fall. The scholarship is named for the former vice president of the board of the Florida Council of the IMA.

In April, **Kassidy Watkins** represented FSC's Gamma Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority as a student lobbyist for the 2018 Fraternity and Sorority Congressional Visits in Washington, D.C. The student lobbyists spoke on behalf of several measures, including protecting students' freedom of association, and supporting the REACH Act and other anti-hazing legislation.



The Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma at Florida Southern College has been recognized as a Highest Honors Chapter by Beta Gamma Sigma national headquarters. Beta Gamma Sigma is the world's premier business honor society for elite programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The Florida Southern Chapter was recognized based on over a dozen

criteria, including the chapter's service to the community, number of sponsored events, quality of formal tapping and induction ceremonies, and percentage of those invited to join that accept.



In September, **Candace Metcalfe** placed second at the Florida Inorganic and Materials Symposium (FIMS) poster competition at the University of Florida with her presentation "Synthesis of Metal-Organic Polyhedral (MOPs) as Potential Nano Carriers for Targeted Treatments". Dr. Jarrod Eubank was her research mentor.

FSC's ENACTUS team, comprised of **Emma Gallagher, Elizabeth Hicks, Abbey Hoffman, Hulya Tekar, Erin Burrows, and David Balandi**, were awarded second place at the ENACTUS National Exposition in Kansas City, Mo., in May. The team's performance ranked them among the top 32 teams in the nation.



Faculty

Associate Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies **José Manuel Garcia** has published a book, *Voices from Mariel*, published by University Press of Florida, a companion volume to the documentary of the same name for which he wrote the script. Like the film, the book tells the story of the Marielitos, who fled Cuba on the Mariel boatlift of 1980. Professor Garcia was a teenage refugee in that boatlift.

Associate Professor of Athletic Training **Sue Stanley-Green** was retained by the National Football League as a concussion spotter at the Pro Bowl in Orlando in January. She has previously served in that role for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars.

Dr. **Carmen Valdez Gauthier**, professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry, biochemistry, and physics department was honored by the American Chemical Society for her contributions in the field of metal-organic materials and her mentorship of students in undergraduate research. She received a Fellow designation at the 256th American Chemical Society National meeting in August.

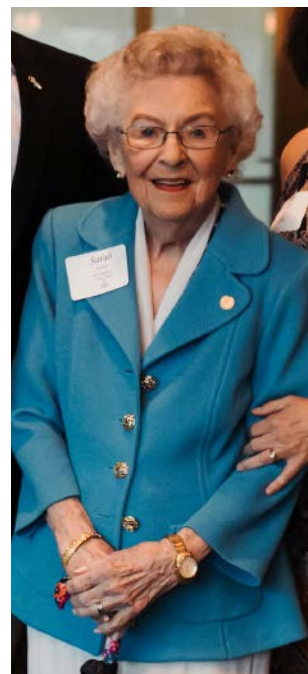


FSC education professor **Julie Hasson** launched Chalk & Chances, a blog where she shares stories and interviews about how teachers have impacted the lives of their former students. Professor Hasson has conducted more than 200 interviews and hopes to turn a selection of the stories she has collected into a book someday.

Trustees



Florida Southern film studies professor **Matthew Hertz** wrote and directed the short film “My Florida Home”. Florida Southern students comprised about half of the support crew, including **Amanda Grisanti** and **Dean McGregor** who worked as associate producers on the project. The film will be entered into film festivals this spring.



At the Junior League of Greater Lakeland’s annual meeting and spring banquet in May, **Sarah Dukes McKay** was honored by the creation of a special Sarah D. McKay award, to be given annually to a member of the Junior League of Greater Lakeland who is committed to the betterment of the community and embodies the traits of leadership, empowerment, inclusiveness, and philanthropy. A past president of the organization — serving in 1964-1965 — she also has chaired FSC’s Board of Trustees and was proclaimed a “Great Floridian” by the State of Florida in 2010.

Photo provided by the Junior League of Greater Lakeland.

CLASSNOTES

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

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

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

Class of
1940

Virginia Royall Bryan celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 7, 2017. She retired in 1980 from a career as a teacher at Highland City Elementary School in Polk County. She lives in Lakeland.

Class of
1949

Patricia Fredericks Bryan cares for horses as a groomer at a local equestrian center and was featured in an article in the Ocala Star-Banner. She lives in Micanopy.

Class of
1951

Ned W. Hill, Jr., writes that he is involved with an “Internet company, computer systems, etc.,” and that he hopes FSC has retained the warmth and charm he remembers. He lives in Newport, R.I.

Class of
1953

Rennie Filewicz Cochran is the accompanist for St. Jerome Catholic Church in Largo. The choir of St. Jerome has performed before Popes John Paul II, Benedict, and Francis.

Class of
1954

Dr. Joe B. Craig practiced dentistry for 20 years before starting a medical missions program, Volunteers in Medical Evangelism, which supervised 70 projects in 40 countries. He also served as a volunteer counselor with soldiers returning from the conflict in Iraq, for which he received three commendations from the U.S. Army. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Class of
1959

Richard C. Jensen, vice president of Michael Riesz and Co., a construction firm in Edison, N.J., recently marked 60 years as a Freemason. He became associated with the fraternal organization during his senior year at FSC — following in the footsteps of his father and a brother — becoming a member in good standing of the Blue Lodge, and faithfully supporting the organization over the course of six decades.

Norma Moore Storms, of Fernandina Beach, was installed as the Worthy Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, Fernandina No. 55. Celebrating her installation, from left, were daughter-in-law Elena and son Russell Storms, with granddaughter Demi Storms, friend Maureen Neiman, Norma and her daughter, Carol Storms, and brother William Amos Moore, with his wife, Sigrid.



Class of
1962

Rev. Dr. Gary Shiplett released his 10th book, *The Mature Man: How to Become the Husband Your Wife Deserves*, in December 2017. He is a full-time writer since retiring from the ministry in 2000. He and his wife, Carol, live in Escanaba, Mich., and winter in Auburndale.

Class of
1967

Pat Harris Agnew attended Homecoming and shared that she and her husband, Bob Agnew '67, are the proud grandparents of two boys. The Agnews live in The Villages.

Bruce E. Aitken lives in Hong Kong, where he has resided since 1972. He is the host and producer of radio shows, including Hour of Love, Hong Kong's only Christian radio program. He also is the author of a recently published book, *The Cleaner*. He has two sons and two granddaughters.

Jack Coyle is retired as an insurance agent and lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. In November, he (and his restored World War II-era Jeep) participated in the Veterans Day parade in Atlanta, Ga., representing the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. He lives in Oxford, Ga.

Dr. Robert “Bob” Kerr retired in July, having served as a United Methodist Minister in the Western North Carolina Conference for 46 years. He was actively involved in the church growth movement, helping to build churches in Cuba as part of the first building team approved by the U.S. State Department and the Cuban government in 1998. He is a certified 5th Degree Black Belt instructor, a longtime Tae Kwon Do aficionado, and a songwriter. He and his wife, porcelain doll maker Linda Newsome, will continue to live in North Carolina.



Class of
1969

Carolyn King Roberts was the speaker for the spring 2018 commencement ceremony for the College of Education and Human Performance and the College of Nursing at the University

of Central Florida. She is a former chair of the Florida Board of Regents and the Florida Board of Governors. She is the founder and president of Roberts Real Estate, Inc., in Ocala.

Class of
1971

Cynthia Trefry Anderson writes that her husband, Joe, passed away in November 2016 after a long struggle with cancer. She now lives in Young Harris, Ga.

Class of
1972

Olivia Faulkner Kirtley was elected to the Accounting Hall of Fame by the American Accounting Association and was inducted during the association's annual meeting in August. She is the former chief financial officer and vice president of Vermont American Corporation, a former chair of the board of the American Institute of CPAs, and a former chair of the board of the International Federation of Accountants.

Class of
1974

Bill Burnett writes that he began his career in radio and TV broadcasting, but retired in 2012 from his second career in law enforcement. He lives in Largo and has three sons and three grandchildren.

Mike Coombs returned this summer to Newport, R.I., to manage the Newport Gulls, a team in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, a summer league for college players. Mike managed the Gulls for 11 seasons, winning four league titles, and is the winningest manager in league history. He is a former player and coach at FSC.

Paul Kurtz recently was inducted into the International Educators' Hall of Fame for his efforts to produce braille editions of trumpet method books. He has provided 44 braille music books to the Library of Congress for use by students across the U.S. He was recently appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind. He is a retired computer specialist with Fleet Readiness Center, and his wife, Pamela Clark Kurtz, recently retired as a medical case manager. They live in Jacksonville.



Class of
1975



Tony Coleman has been named chairman of the board of directors of the University Area Community Development Corporation, a Tampa nonprofit organization that offers support for thousands of Tampa residents through youth programs, adult education, and resource assistance in the vicinity of the University of South Florida. He also is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise at FSC. Tony is co-founder and president of The AaSys Group in Tampa.

Mickey Mantle Fortin marked his 65th birthday in June by completing the pilgrimage of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, a 400-mile walk. He is retired from restaurant and insurance businesses and lives in Gray Court, S.C.

Class of
1977

Randy Dusenberry writes that he has four children, five grandchildren, and plays a lot of golf. He and his wife live in Lutz.

Class of
1978

Ward Register is chief financial officer of Stoneweg US, a real estate investment and portfolio management corporation. He lives in Odessa.

Class of
1979

Lora J. Moore has joined the office of Carolina One Real Estate in Mount Pleasant, S.C., as an agent. She previously worked as a sales planner for Nabisco and Kraft Foods, Inc.

Class of
1980



Lakeland resident **Dr. Lenny Giammatteo**, a human performance and sport studies professor at Southeastern University, released his book *The Winning Edge* in August 2018. Giammatteo's book is meant to provide athletes with the tools and skills needed to excel

by developing a more positive outlook and increasing mental toughness.

Class of
1981

Karen Compton Arnold teaches English to ESL students. She also writes that she is a very proud parent of two adult sons who both graduated from college in 2016. She lives in Lakeland.

Class of
1982

In January, **Terry Kassien** was inducted into the Woodrow Wilson High School (Long Beach, Calif.) Hall of Fame. Terry pitched on the Mocs' 1981 NCAA National Championship baseball team. He lives in Tustin, Calif.

Dr. Bill Payne, who retired from the Navy in 2012 after serving for 29 years as a chaplain, currently teaches at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. He recently published the first book in a two-part series, *Adventures in Spiritual Warfare: Defeating Satan and Living a Victorious Life*. He also has presented a series of lectures at the University of Notre Dame and other academic conferences.

Class of
1983

Bryan Brethauer retired in February. He lives in Gainesville.

Carla Johnson Meeks has been named to Continental Who's Who as a Pinnacle Lifetime Member in the field of real estate in recognition of her role as a Realtor at Web Pro Realty, LLC. She is married to Mark Meeks, and they live in Bartow.

Class of
1984

Juan C. De Rada manages a factory that manufactures car detailing supplies in Santa Clarita, Calif.

Susann Hensley is a customer service associate at Eaton Wiring Devices in Peachtree City, Ga.

Kimberly Davis Paradise has been promoted to vice president of marketing and professional services for Ability Commerce, a software solutions and services company specializing in e-commerce and OMS systems for multi-channel retailers. She lives in Lake Worth.

Mary-Jo Nobile Robinson is vice president of business development at HealthDatix, Inc., a healthcare data analytics firm in St. Petersburg. Her husband, Jerry, is president of the firm.

David Saliba is head baseball coach at Santa Fe Catholic School in Lakeland. In April, he marked his 35th year of coaching with his 700th career win. He has been inducted into both the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Polk County Sports Hall of Fame.

Mike Zizzo continues as vice president of communications at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, a position he has held since 2005. He recently was featured in an interview on Jeff Gluck's podcast, "How I Got Here."

Class of
1985

Richard Hopper has joined IberiaBank as senior vice president, commercial banking group manager for Sarasota and Manatee counties. He and his wife, **Karyn Folland Hopper '85**, live in Bradenton.

Nora Gould Rupert has been elected chairwoman of the Broward County School Board. She was first elected to the school board in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. She is married to **Eric Rupert '82**, and they live in Coconut Creek.

In July, **Art Stow**, who since 2005 had served as principal of Red Hill Elementary Schools in Albemarle County, Va., was appointed associate principal of Sutherland Middle School. He lives in Charlottesville.

These three alumni from the Class of 1985 — and their spouses and friends — had a mini-reunion last summer in Old Alexandria, Va. Standing, from left, they are **Mark Tallo**, **Gary Westerman**, and **Mike Honsharuk**. Also pictured, seated, from left, are Susan Tallo, Lori Westerman, and Karen Petersen.



Class of
1987

Doug Dodd has been selected by the Florida School Boards Association to fill a vacancy on the Florida High School Athletic Association Board of Directors. He will serve a one-year term and be eligible for re-election. Doug has been a member of the Citrus County School Board since 2014. He lives in Inverness.



Jennifer Mosher and Dan Pruehs '93 work for the City of Auburn, Ga. They discovered they both are Mocs over a coffee break! Dan is the director of Parks and Leisure, while Jennifer is with support services for the police department.



Victoria Villalba has been reappointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Miami Branch, where she will provide economic information from her industry to the district bank's president and head office directors, who use the information in discussing monetary policy. Victoria is founder, president, and chief executive officer of Victoria & Associates Career Services, Inc., in Miami.

Class of
1988

Rick O'Steen (MBA '01) has accepted a new position as financial controller with Kelly's Foods, Inc., in Winter Garden, a full service protein/food distribution company. He previously was controller at Growers Fertilizer Corporation in Lake Alfred.

Lisa Quattlebaum Warren is a fifth-grade teacher in the Orange County School District. She lives in Orlando.

Rhonda Kaiser Zweber has published her second book, *Reading Between the Signs*, which chronicles her journey of living with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer — and, in the process, developing a deep faith. The book relates her experiences at the time



of her original diagnosis in 2007 and through all the subsequent hills and valleys.

Class of
1989

Tim Moore is manager of the CSX Transflo International Ethanol Terminal at the Port of Tampa. He lives in Plant City.

Class of
1990

Shannon McWilliams, far right, along with his wife, Kim, and son, Kyle, celebrated the recent graduation of his daughter, **Kolby McWilliams '18**, from Florida Southern College.



Class of
1992

Dahlia Diaz Glass recently celebrated her 25th-year work anniversary as a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance. She and her husband, David, have a son who is entering the University of Alabama and a daughter who is in high school. They live in Jacksonville, Ala.

Tina Bower Roper has been named the director of IT and communications at the Running Industry Association, a non-profit organization supporting independent running retailers and their suppliers. She lives in Clearwater.

Class of
1993

Ian Bethune is a photographer for the sports news website SB Nation and runs TheUConnBlog, which follows sports news at the University of Connecticut. He lives in Lebanon, Conn.

Brant Menswar has been a member of the blues/soul band Big Kettle Drum for 15 years. He recently wrote a book, *Rock 'n' Roll with It: Overcoming the Challenge of Change*, and he also is a motivational speaker who discusses his son's miraculous recovery from cancer. He and his wife, **Emily Schorr Menswar '93**, and their family live in Cocoa.

Daniel Saenz has moved back to the U.S. after three years in Germany, working as deputy commander for support at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe. On Sept. 3, he assumed a new position at Army Medical Command Headquarters as director of the business office for the Health Facilities Planning Agency (HFPA).

Class of
1994

Russ Hedgecock is co-owner of Powerhouse Outdoor Equipment in Valdosta, Ga., with his brother, Ray. The business caters to lawncare businesses and services.

Class of
1995

Kim Eagleburger Davis has been named controller of Eastside Distilling, Inc., a producer of small-batch craft spirits in Portland, Ore. She previously was the chief financial officer of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Cherie Pede Shifflett is an assistant editor for Group Publishing, a Christian publishing company in Loveland, Colo. Her latest book, *Dandelions for Sasha*, is a children's story about a little girl with autism.

Class of
1996

Heather Puffer Childree is a professor of English at Polk State College and co-advisor of the college's Creative Writing Club. She lives in Lakeland.

In December 2017, **Christopher Holloway** sang as bass soloist in performances of Handel's *Messiah* with the Sarasota Choral Society at Church of the Palms in Sarasota and at St Andrews Episcopal Church in Boca Grande. He performs regularly in operatic roles and is the owner of the Tampa Bay Voice Studio. He is married to **Elizabeth Monroe Holloway '96**.

Ann Williams Loughborough has a studio in Tampa from which she sells her decorative and wearable art online, under the name Ann-Monique. She and her husband, Michael, have a son.

In January, **Holly Oosterhoudt McGlashan** began new duties as provost of the College of Central Florida's Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus in Levy County. She has served the college since 2010, most recently as campus manager at the Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus. She also is a doctoral candidate in higher education administration at the University of Florida.

Christopher Swink, Sr., has been named to the board of directors of Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture & the Arts, a nonprofit partnership organization that promotes arts and culture. He is senior vice president and senior wealth director for BNY Mellon Wealth Management. He and his wife, **Ashley Nelson Swink '96**, live in Tampa.

Class of
1997

Jennifer Marshall Bleakley's first book, *Joey*, a true story of a blind rescue horse, was published in May and is in development to become a film. She lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Class of
1998

Zelda Wilson Abram (MBA '02) is chief financial officer of MidFlorida Credit Union in Lakeland. She is married to **James Abram '04**.

Leslie Kirby DeVoght placed seventh in the 18th Annual Short Short Story Competition sponsored by Writer's Digest. Her piece, "Avoiding the Bouquet," was one of only 25 submissions to receive recognition, out of more than 3,000 entries. Her story was published in the July/August edition of Writer's Digest, and fellow alumni can read it on her website, www.lesliedevooght.com.

U.S. Army Chaplain **Maj. J. Nathan Kline** was recognized as the inaugural member of the Order of St. Martin of Tours and received the Order's first medal at a ceremony in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes on Nov. 8, 2017. U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Paul K. Hurley, left, presented Chaplain Kline the medal and the Order's membership certificate. Also present were his wife, **Dawn M. Kozlowski Kline '94**, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Martinez, regimental sergeant major



of the chaplain corps, right. Chaplain Kline currently serves as the U.S. Army's instructor of World Religions, Culture, and Conflict at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, S.C., where he was 2016-2017 Instructor of the Year. Dawn Kline also is an educator, serving at Leslie M. Stover Middle School in Elgin, S.C., where she teaches special education students.



Chris Scofield and Cindy Chastain Scofield '98 recently marked 21 years together, having begun their relationship at FSC. The couple will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in December 2018. Chris also writes that he now works at his "dream job" as an instructional technologist at Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores, after many years as a math teacher. He adds that he has self-published his first fantasy novel, *The Lost Tayamu*, under the pen name of Ben Cass.

Dr. Chevis Shannon MBA, research associate professor in the Departments of Neurological Surgery and Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, was named the recipient of the 2018 Elaine Sanders-Bush Award for Excellence in Teaching. She joined Vanderbilt in 2013 and is the founding director of the Surgical Outcomes Center for Kids program.

Class of
1999

Aimee Paquin DeFilippo has been named a partner in the law firm Jones Day in

Washington, D.C. Her practice is devoted to antitrust and competition law. She holds a law degree from George Mason University.

Class of
2001

Dr. Michael Flynn was hired in June 2018 as a full-time professor of instruction and internship coordinator for the Department of Sport Management at the University of Tampa. He had been an adjunct professor of Sport Management at UT during the 2017-2018 school year. He earned his Master of Education in Collaborative Teaching and Learning from FSC in 2008, and his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration in 2017.

Bárbara Rivera Holmes has been appointed to the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents by Gov. Nathan Deal. She continues to serve as president and CEO of the Albany (Ga.) Chamber of Commerce and sits on the boards of directors for Commodore Conyers College and Career Academy in Albany. She and her husband, David, have a daughter.



Tara Bisby Johnson has been named coordinator of alumni relations and special events for FSC. She will continue the College's time-honored tradition of connecting FSC's alumni around the world through special programming and events.

In January, **Michael A. Monahan MBA** was promoted to president of Tech Image, a digital public relations agency in Chicago. He has been a vice president with the firm since 2014.

Class of
2003

Jenine Montalbano has been named chief financial officer of CFO Strategic Partners in

Orlando, a firm that provides financial services to middle-market-sized organizations.

Class of
2005

Brendan Armitage, of Apollo Beach, relocated back to Florida after spending the past four years in Bloomington, Ind., working for Indiana University's athletic department. In 2017, he accepted an associate director of athletics position with the University of South Florida. He and his girlfriend, Krista Wilder, have a daughter, Braelyn Mackenzie Armitage, born in 2015. Brendan writes that he hopes Braelyn will someday be a proud Moc like her dad. "I am extremely excited to be back in Florida, and look forward to getting back to campus to see all the exciting changes made since graduation," he says.



Ashley Bell Barnett has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to fill a seat on the Polk State College District Board of Trustees. She is a community advocate, and she and her husband, Wesley Barnett, live in Winter Haven.

Jamie Yates Burrow works at the University of Florida's IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, and earlier this year she was presented a 2018 UF/IFAS Superior Accomplishment Award. She and her husband, Caleb, live in Haines City.

Jeff Donatelli was elected president of the Builders Association of Eastern Ohio and

Western Pennsylvania for 2018. He is assistant director of operations at Donatelli Electric in Sharpsville, Pa.

Brook Kohlheim has been named women's basketball head coach at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio. Previously, she was an assistant coach at Michigan Tech and Nova Southeastern universities. Brook was a standout player on the Mocs women's basketball team.

Class of
2006

In January, **Dr. Christine Martin Morgan** began a new position at FSC's new School of Physical Therapy as the Director of Clinical Education. In August 2017, she had her first child, a daughter named Chloe.

Class of 2008

Gwen McDole-Peters was promoted to the rank of Major and selected for the DBA Homeland Security Program at Northcentral College in San Diego, Calif.

Braxton Williams has been named vice president, corporate banking relationship manager, at the Tampa regional office of City National Bank. Previously he was senior business banking relationship manager for Wells Fargo Bank — where, in 2016, he received the Pinnacle Award for business banking.

Adrienne Collier Wright (MBA '16) is practice manager of Releve Sports Medicine in Winter Haven and also provides grant writing services and economic impact analysis reports for local non-profits.

Class of
2009

Jenny Glisson (MSN '17) has joined Central Florida Health Care, Inc., as a pediatric nurse practitioner at its clinic in Wauchula.

Jesse K. Larson has been named president of NFocus Visual Communications in Lakeland. Previously, he was an art producer for Publix Super Markets, Inc.

U.S. Army **Capt. Rene Polit** recently relinquished command of Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army Europe, and is now the operations officer in the Office of the Commanding General for U.S. Army Europe, stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. Also, Capt. Polit was recently honored with the Steel Order of the de Fleury Medal, which is presented by the Army Engineer Association to junior officers, for his contributions to U.S. Army Europe and the Engineer Regiment.



Class of
2010

Finley Allen has been named the coordinator of athletic development for FSC. He will be responsible for spearheading donor and sponsorship efforts, communicating with alumni, and handling corporate partnerships for athletics. He also oversees Florida Southern's 6th Man Club and all other athletic booster organizations.

Class of
2011

Arpit Agrawal is executive director of the Vishal Group, a diversified corporation in Kathmandu, Nepal. The company was notified in November that it was selected as Nepal's Best Employer in 2017 for valuing employee development and retention. Arpit credits FSC for teaching him "build on your people first, and then build on your business."



U.S. Army **Capt. Blair Martin** is a unit commander serving in Paktia, Afghanistan.

Sable McCullough McGalliard is working toward her certification as an elementary educator and hopes to complete a master's in exceptional education for students with special needs. She is an admissions adviser with Full Sail University. She and her husband, William, have a daughter, Serenity Jean, born in 2013, and they live in Orlando.

Class of
2012

Adam Ismaeil has moved from New York City and works for a startup company called 42 Floors, selling commercial real estate software. He also founded a health and performance brand called Perform True that is dedicated to empowering individuals and organizations to higher levels of health and performance. He lives in Middletown, N.Y.

Class of
2013

In April, **David William Carson** had an exhibition of his artwork, "The Nature of (Political Economy)," in Miami. He was working as a commercial real estate agent, but is about to pursue graduate studies in sustainability.

Ashleigh Orem Chambers MSN is a certified nurse practitioner on the staff of Associates in Dermatology in Osceola County, specializing in skin diseases and conditions of the skin, hair and nails. She lives in St. Cloud.

Joshua Mazur recently was appointed director of the inaugural Ocala Symphony Orchestra Chorus and will conduct two performances of the chorus and Ocala Symphony Orchestra next season, including Handel's Messiah. He continues as the associate director of the Gainesville Civic Chorus and Philharmonic Orchestra, and currently is the director of music ministry and organist at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Gainesville. He is married to **Hannah Hough Mazur '12**.



Alyson McCoy is business manager of Gulfshore Playhouse, a local theater company, in Naples. She joined the organization in 2014.

Brian Moran has a new position as assistant to the city manager/communication coordinator for the City of Cleveland, Tenn. He earned a master's degree in public policy and administration from the University of Tennessee in 2015.

In November, **Ashley Rigney** was selected Teacher of the Year at Hilltop Elementary School in Wauchula. She teaches kindergarten at the school.

Kristin Goerl Sanchez has joined NBC6/WTVJ in the Miami area as its weekday morning traffic reporter. Previously, she was a news reporter at WINK in Fort Myers.

Hannah Weldon Thiriet is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in international tourism and convention management at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She also recently was married to Pierre Thiriet.

Class of 2014

Savannah Douglas and **Thomas Therrien** are engaged. An October wedding is planned in Ticonderoga, N.Y. Savannah is completing a masters degree in school psychology at Plattsburgh State University while working as a school psychology intern at Northeastern Clinton Central School in Keeseville, N.Y. Thomas is a police officer for the Village of Lake Placid, N.Y.

Daniel Hinson has achieved certified financial planner status. He is a financial advisor for Vanguard in Charlotte, N.C.



Ross Johnson MBA has been named international marketing director of the Idaho Potato Commission, where he will oversee marketing efforts in the

U.S. and Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Greater China. He is based in Eagle, Idaho.

Allasyn Lieneck is the graphic design coordinator for the Toronto Blue Jays during spring training and for the Blue Jays' High A affiliate, the Dunedin Blue Jays, during the regular season. She lives in Gulfport.

Class of 2015

Courtney Davis recently started her third year of medical school in Birmingham, Ala.

Allison Fojtik (MSN '17), an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner-Certified, has joined the staff of Watson Clinic in Lakeland, assisting four cardiology physicians.

Krystal Clarke Loudermilk (MEd '16) is employed by the Moore County (N.C.) School District. She is married to **Thomas Bryce Loudermilk '14**, and they live in Whispering Pines, N.C.

Meagan Miller is a social media strategist at Ashley HomeStore corporate headquarters in Tampa, managing the influencer program for national social media channels. She lives in St. Petersburg.

Rachel Prestage Miller writes that she was married in January 2017. She lives in Lakeland.

Class of 2016

Katie Gainer is pursuing an MBA at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

Dylan Travis is playing basketball for the Westernport Steelers, a professional team in Australia. He spent the previous year playing in Germany, where his team won the league championship.

Class of 2017



Blake Crosby won first place during the 2018 University of Florida College of Dentistry Spring Synergy event for a research project on treatment of periodontitis. As part of the award, he will travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the American Association for Dental Research annual meeting in June 2019. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Robert Burne, UFCD associate dean for research; Dr. Isabel Garcia, UFCD dean; Blake; and Leslie DuPlooy of Dentsply Sirona, a manufacturer of dental equipment that sponsors clinical research.

Danielle Sutherland, left, writes that she met **Sonja Wagner '13** at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, Conn., in the summer of 2017, although they didn't know each other at FSC. Danielle was a counselor in arts and crafts and Sonja was a counselor in recreation. The camp, founded in 1988 by Paul Newman, allows



kids with serious illnesses to have a camp experience. "I'm so happy that it brought us this friendship as well!" Danielle says.

Jazrick Haggins Ed.D. is assistant principal of Chamberlain High School in Tampa.

Lyda J. Mazur, of Monticello, is employed by the Florida Department of Corrections, “with prospects to move to the Office of the Attorney General,” she reports. She also plans to pursue a graduate degree in English Literature within the next year, and she wishes to thank **Audrey Waters '17** and the whole Waters family for their ongoing support since her relocation to the Tallahassee area.

Greg Radford is co-owner with his wife, Sabrina, of Radford Homes LLC, a real estate services company in Bartow.

Danika Thiele is the communication director for YLakeland, an initiative of the Lakeland Economic Development Council to attract and retain young professionals in Lakeland.

Class of
2018

Luke St. Lifer has joined Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., as director of basketball analytics for the Bulldogs' 2018-2019 season. While attending FSC, he spent three seasons playing for the Mocs, including an NCAA Division II tournament appearance in 2018. He was a manager on the FSC team that won a Division II national championship in 2015, and he also served in student government while a freshman.

Laina Sweetney won Cox Media Group Tampa's Diversity Scholarship, which included a paid internship that she began in May. The scholarship was open to minority students from the Tampa Bay area attending one of 12 colleges and universities in the region.





Bethany Henderson '11 and **Givi Kokaia '11** were married on Dec. 23, 2017, beside a lake at Bethany's family home in Sanford. Many FSC friends and alumni were present. Pictured in the wedding party are **Patrik Dandanell '09** (far left), **Robert Lewis '09** (second from left), **Johan Jönsson '11 MBA '12** (sixth from left), **Sebastian Bergh '11 MBA '13** (eighth from left), **Givi and Bethany** (center), **Madeleine Henderson '17** (seventh from right), and **Emily Yehia '12** (far right). Bethany and Givi currently reside in Malmö, Sweden, where Givi works as a management consultant and Bethany is an entrepreneur and owner of an international yoga studio.



Amanda Triest '09 wed political consultant **Jonathan Schmieder** on August 31, 2017, in an intimate ceremony in Park City, UT. The newlyweds hosted several post-nuptial celebrations with friends and family including FSC alumni **LuAnn Triest ('75)**, **Grant Hansen ('70)**, **Ann Hansen ('70)**, **Susan Atchley ('75)**, **Rev. Robert Atchley ('70)**, **Peter Hansen ('74)**, **Tara Atchley ('00)**, **Josh Atchley ('00)**, **Kelly (Triest) Oglialoro ('05)**, **Vivian Sanchez ('11)**.



Lindsey McKnight Scarpati '05 and her husband, **Thomas Scarpati**, are the proud parents of fraternal twins, **Nathan James** and **Natalie Rose**, born on April 20, 2018. Lindsey works for Deutsche Bank as vice president of national accounts and Tom is a sales and account executive with Fisher Printing.



Lindsay Obed Mueller '08, **Bill Mueller '08**, and their daughter, **Abigail**, welcomed **William "Liam" Henry Mueller V** into the family.



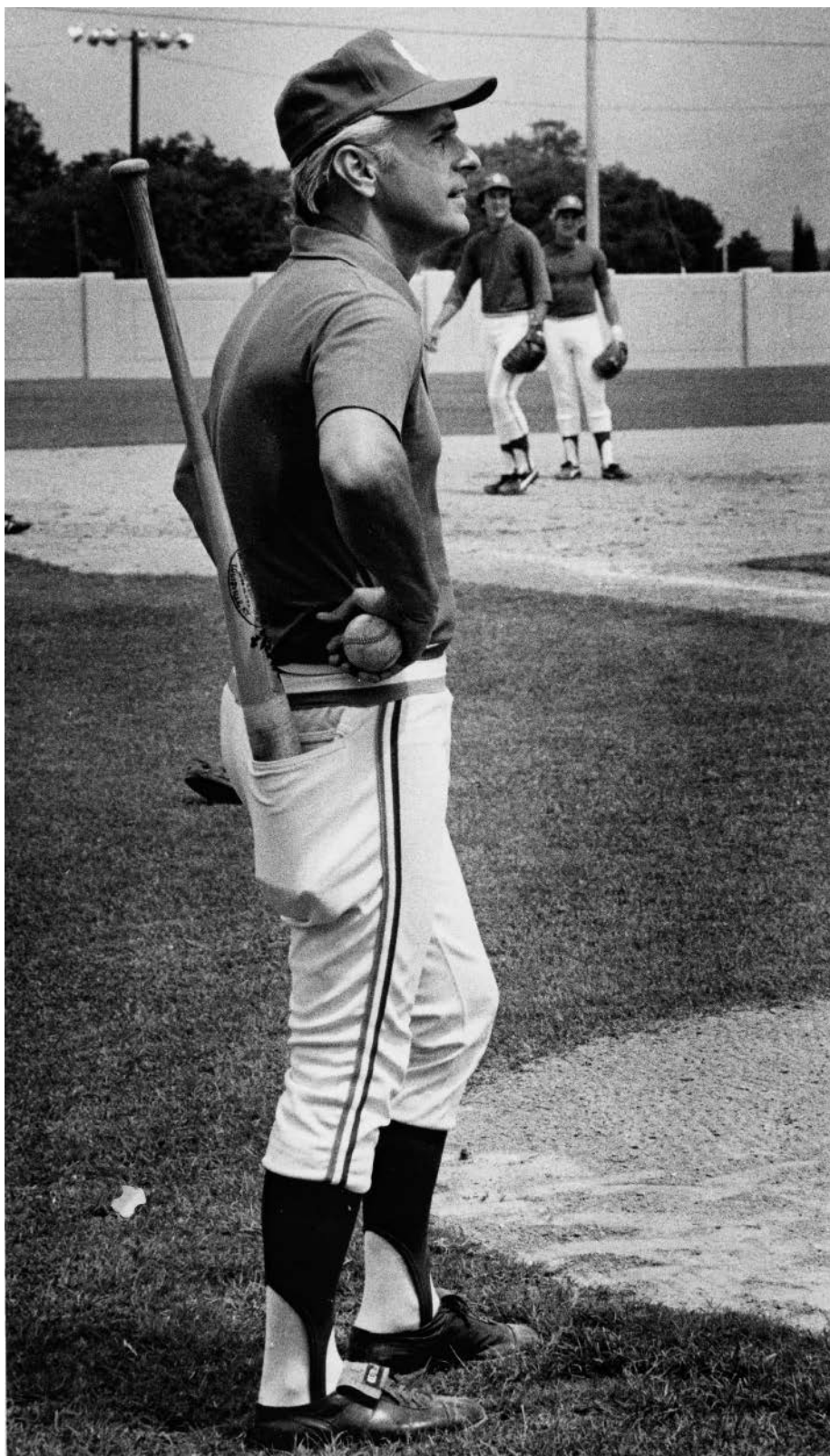
Melissa Kelly Baranowski '10 married **Adam Baranowski** on June 16, 2018. Pictured, from left, are groomsmen **Rory McHugh**, **Zach Morgan**, **Sean Kelly**, **Mat Kelly**, **Lane Price**, **James Ruth**, **Bill Oliver**, with **Adam Baranowski**, groom, **Melissa Kelly Baranowski**, bride, and bridesmaids **Mallory Stenberg**, **Amanda Atun '10 (MBA '12)**, **Jennifer Price**, **Melissa Kelly**, **Hannah Stahulak**, **Sara McCrorey**, and **Dana Porter**.

Connor Johnson '10 and **Mandy Giordano '11** were married in a ceremony in Sarasota on July 2, 2017. The couple lives in Bartow.

Melissa Ann Futia MBA '16 and **Matthew Thomas Lenihan** were married on Sept. 30, 2017, at Resurrection Church in Rye, N.Y. After a honeymoon in Jackson Hole, Wyo., the couple returned to their home in Tampa.

Hal Smeltzly '57

1931-2018



Head Coach Hal Smeltzly strikes a typical pose — with a fungo bat stuck in his back pocket — during a Mocs practice at historic Henley Field in 1976.



Minneapolis native Harold “Hal” Smeltzly first stepped on the Florida Southern College campus in 1950 as a student. He would spend more than five decades serving his alma mater.

Smeltzly died June 15, 2018. His wife, Sylvia, passed away in 2017. He is survived by their three daughters and three grandchildren.

After playing baseball and basketball for the Moccasins, Smeltzly signed a professional

baseball contract, but was drafted into the United States Army in 1953. He returned to the baseball diamond after his military service, continuing his education at Florida Southern and graduating in 1957.

Hired as the head baseball coach in 1958, Smeltzly built the Mocs into a perennial national powerhouse. He led the team to NCAA Division II National Championships in 1971, 1972, and 1975, and to six regional titles.

After retiring from coaching in 1976, Smeltzly served as the director of athletics from 1978 to 2000, helping to transform athletics at Florida Southern into premier programs. Under his guidance, the Moccasins claimed 22 national championships, finishing as high as fourth in the Learfield Directors’ Cup standings on two different occasions. Following his retirement, he served as a member of the FSC Board of Trustees.

One of the founding members of the Sunshine State Conference, Smeltzly was instrumental in adding women’s athletics to the College in 1976. A two-time national baseball Coach of the Year, he served as part of the NCAA Division II Rules Committee for nearly two decades and was heavily involved with USA Baseball. He also was instrumental in adding baseball as a medal sport in the Olympics, and in the 1970s, coached Team USA to second-place finishes at the World Amateur Tournament and Pan-Am Games.

A member of seven different Halls of Fame, Smeltzly was inducted into the Florida Southern College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002. His uniform, No. 7, is one of eight to have been retired at FSC.

1930s

Rabun Calhoun Chappell '39 of Jacksonville died Jan. 28, 2018.

1940s

Marion Surrency Farabee '41 died March 5, 2018, in Bridgton, Maine.

Jewell Fannin Haddock Blackburn '42 of Jacksonville died March 8, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Bishop Robert M. Blackburn '41**.

E. Marie Shepard '42 of Boynton Beach died March 13, 2018. She was preceded in death by a brother, **Alfred C. Shepard '38**; and a sister, **Margaret Shepard Brown '46**. In 1997, FSC presented her with the Distinguished Service to Humanity Alumni Award. Memorial gifts may be made to FSC.

Opal Wilson Benson '44 of Winter Park died Jan. 7, 2018.

Neva Morqus Howard '45 of Lakeland died April 24, 2018.

Mary Jean Harris Carlton '47 of Winter Park died Jan. 28, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, the **Rev. George H. Carlton '49**.

Virginia Chapman Anza '47 of Sanford died Jan. 28, 2018.

Rev. David C. Groves '48 of Bartow died Dec. 2, 2017.

Mary Lefler Mangin '48 of Largo died March 24, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Nicholas Mangin '47**.

John R. "Jack" Deedrick '49 of Winter Haven died March 5, 2018.

Dr. Joycelin Packard Blyth Little '49 of Cocoa died July 4, 2017.

Lyle O. Wright '49 of Boiling Springs, Pa., died Dec. 4, 2017.

R. Ann Smith Murray '45 of Fort Lauderdale died Aug. 8, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Chalmers Murray '45**.

1950s

U.S. "Jack" Rinaca, Jr. '50 of Shenandoah, Va., died Dec. 28, 2017.

Doris Mayfarth Baron '51 of Grand Isle, Vt., died March 19, 2018.

D. Evelyn Hendry Blackmon '51 of Ona died Nov. 21, 2017.

G. Clayton Cone '51 of Union City, Calif., died April 7, 2018.

Rev. Lyle M. Hadler '51 of Lakeland died Dec. 24, 2017.

Barbara "Bobbie" Peel Lardie '51 died March 10, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, former student **Lew Lardie**. Survivors include a daughter, **Kim Lardie '80**.

William A. "Bill" McKenna '51 of Clemmons, N.C., died Oct. 15, 2017.

Alan L. Novak '51 of Raleigh, N.C., died Oct. 12, 2017.

George L. Stansbury III '51 of Lakeland died Jan. 17 2018.

Rev. Henry M. Schmidt '52 of Lakeland died Nov. 1, 2017.

Peter W. Stiles '52 of Lake Wales died May 11, 2017.

Nancy Farmer Crowder '53 of Atlanta, Ga., died Oct. 30, 2017.

Dr. Basil Owen Sweatt, Sr. '53 died Dec. 12, 2017 in Fayette, Ala.

A. Burt Whiting '53 of Lakeland died March 19, 2018.

Rev. Dillard J. Burrell, Sr. '54 of Lakeland died Jan. 1, 2018.

Rev. D. Ross Denslow '54 of Brevard, N.C., died June 11, 2017.

Walter J. "Walt" Fitzgerald '54 of Palm Harbor died Jan. 27, 2018.

Joan Robbins Mosco '54 of Glendale, Ariz., died April 25, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Col. Richard A. Mosco '55**.

James Alton "Al" Ready '55 of Lakeland died Dec. 31, 2017.

Carolyn Greer Bly '56 of Tucker, Ga., died Dec. 3, 2017. Survivors include her husband, **Allan R. Bly, Sr. '56**.

John C. Ellis '56 of Palm Beach Gardens died Feb. 12, 2018.

Truman H. Kennedy, Jr. '56 of Daytona Beach died Feb. 21, 2018.

Eugene L. "Gene" Lyon '56 of Lakeland died Jan. 31, 2018. Memorial gifts may be made to the Eugene Lehman Lyon Scholarship Fund at FSC.

Maurice B. Marcum '56 of Boone, N.C., died Oct. 20, 2017.

Lt. Col. Benjamin G. Neff '56 of Fort Walton Beach died April 7, 2018.

John D. Pelham '56 of Tampa died Dec. 21, 2017.

Thomas H. "Tom" Taylor, Sr. '56 of Sarasota died April 27, 2018. He was presented the Citrus Alumni Achievement Award from FSC in 1985.

Esther Albrecht Grant '57 of Melbourne died Jan. 16, 2018.

Luther P. Lewer '57 of Brookfield, Wis., died June 14, 2016.

Rev. Laurence B. Upham '57 of Clearwater died Jan. 16, 2018.

Richard Marcus "Marc" Weaver '57 of Rockledge died June 17, 2017.

Glenn N. Yeilding '57 of Lakeland died March 17, 2018.

Jefferson Gaines Jr. '58 of Boca Grande died Aug. 12, 2018.

William J.J. "Bill" Gardner '58 of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, died Jan. 2, 2018.

Constance Shipp Huston '58 of London, Ky., died March 17, 2018.

E. William Loy '58 of Ponte Vedra died Feb. 14, 2018.

Rudolph D. Schwager '58 of Clearwater died March 14, 2018.

John G. Ayre III '59 of Harrisburg, Pa., died March 28, 2018.

George C. Dill '59 of Largo died Jan. 10, 2018.

Alfred M. "Al" Mingione '59 of Jacksonville died Nov. 21, 2017.

Pauline M. Sandala '59 of Palm Coast died July 7, 2017

Beryl L. "Bee" Insinger Tindell '59 of Gresham, Ore., died Feb. 16, 2018. Survivors include her husband, the **Rev. John R. Tindell '58**.

Micaela Morien Zydell '59 of St. Augustine died April 7, 2017.

1960s

Capt. Edward A. Basdekian '60 of Gainesville died Sept. 1, 2015

Benjamin B. "Ben" Bennett '60 of Clearwater died Sept. 14, 2017.

Robert E. "Bob" Hayes '60 of Peachtree City, Ga., died Jan. 10, 2018

Susan Scott Anderson '61 of Mesa, Ariz., died Nov. 29, 2017.

Gordon L. Bush '61 of Elmhurst, Ill., died Feb. 21, 2018.

James Robert "Bobby" Walton, Jr. '61 of Cape Canaveral died Jan. 6, 2018..

Maj. Howard L. "Sonny" Ellis '62 died Dec. 17, 2017, in Frankfort, Ky.

George H. Odiorne, Jr. '61 of Brandon died Feb. 13, 2017.

Edward I. "Ned" Goldsmith '62 of Middletown, Md., died March 10, 2018.

Rev. James M. "Mac" Speights '62 of Northport, N.Y., died Feb. 10, 2018.

Nancy J. Denyes '63 of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 24, 2017.

Herman L. Harrell, Sr. '63 of Lakeland died Feb. 18, 2018. He was presented the Citrus

Alumni Achievement Award by FSC in 1988. Survivors include his wife, former student **Mary Lee Harrell**, and a daughter, **Susan Rogers '88**. **Carol Carnahan Rufenacht '63** of Gotha died March 31, 2018.

John R. Slaughter '63 of Franklin, Tenn., died Aug. 4, 2017.

Betty Ann Wetmore Phair '64 of Canton, Ga., died July 15, 2017.

Virginia Andreu Stults '64 of Winter Haven died March 15, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Dennis Wayne Stults '71**.

Katie Jenkins Gieger '65 of Lakeland died Jan. 7, 2018.

Judy Durrett Brower '66 of Suwanee died Feb. 18, 2018. Survivors include her husband **Peter H. Brower III '68**.

Eunice Watkins Miller '66 of Orlando died Nov. 7, 2017.

George W. Phelps '66 of Kent, Wash., died Jan. 2, 2018.

James B. Stewart '66 of Jacksonville died Nov. 24, 2017.

Kenneth E. "Ken" Huebner '67 died Dec. 30, 2017, in Hawthorne, N.J. He was a member of the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame.

Patricia "Trish" Wirick Rankin '67 of Howard, Ohio, died Oct. 30, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Dr. David L. Rankin '66**.

Richard L. "Rick" Spitz '68 of Tampa died March 9, 2017.

1970s

Candace Carle McGreevy '70 of Lakeland died April 15, 2018.

Gary L. Sinclair '70 of died Dec. 13, 2017, in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Earnest W. "Earnie" Truby '70 of St. Petersburg died Dec. 11, 2017.

G. Evelyn Loudy Willis '70 of Lakeland died Nov. 7, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Rev. Warren W. Willis '38**. Survivors include daughters **Frances Willis Ragsdale '66**, **Eileen Willis Wills '67**, and **Diane Willis Stahl '73**, associate professor of music at FSC; a son, **Dr. W. Waite Willis, Jr. '70**, Pendergrass Professor of Religion at FSC; grandchildren **Rachel Wills Hart '93**, **Rebekah Wills Stephens '99**, and **Keith E. Stahl '93**; and a great-granddaughter, **Emily Wills '21**.

John Eash '71 of Sacramento, Calif., died March 1, 2017.

Roger Kuder '71 of Jacksonville died Aug. 9, 2018.

John Stephen "Steve" King of Sarasota died Feb. 25, 2018. Survivors include his wife, **Roberta Lynne Porter King '74**.

Richard D. Chastang '72 of Mobile, Ala., died Feb. 9, 2018.

James H. Futch, Jr. '72 of Dade City died Dec. 21, 2017. Survivors include his wife, **Robin Schmidt Futch '72**.

Mary Lou Eckart Gibson '74 of Largo died April 25, 2018.

Charles E. "Chuck" Schmidt '74 of Winter Springs died Dec. 31, 2017.

Amy L. Dalton '78 of Fort Wayne, Ind., died April 8, 2018.

Cliff M. Jacobs '78 of Orlando died April 11, 2018.

Juanita Perry Clark '79 of Wauchula died April 22, 2016.

John Michael "Mike" Fausset '79 of Lafayette, Ind., died Nov. 30, 2017.

1980s

James E. Wright, Sr. '81 of Fort Smith, Ark., died Feb. 3, 2018.

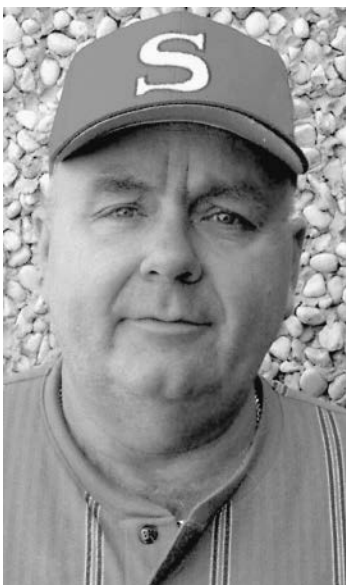
Robert K. Bendfeldt '82 of Odenton, Md., died Feb. 12, 2018.

Joe W. Morrison, Jr. '82 of Orlando died Jan. 13, 2018.

Edward M. "Ed" Rodriguez '82 of Gulf Shores, Ala., died Jan. 7, 2018.

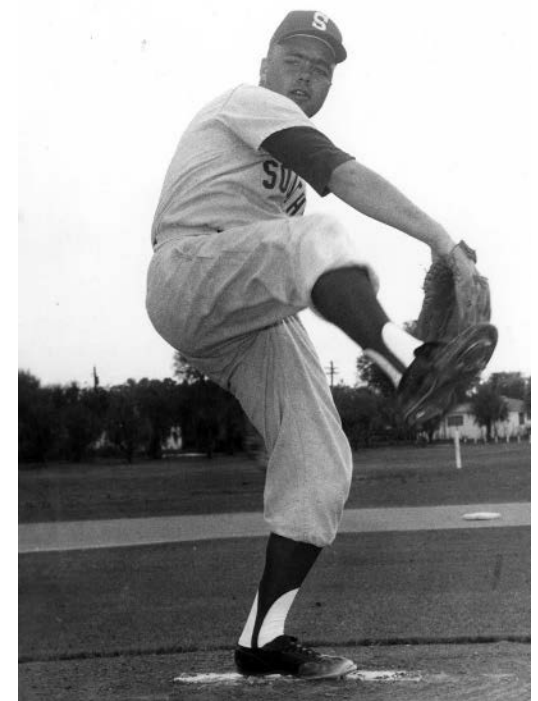
Josetta Ruth "Jo" Williams Strauss '82 of Altamonte Springs died Dec. 1, 2017.

Ken Huebner '67, 1944–2017



Ken Huebner '67, Florida Southern's first All-American in baseball, died Dec. 30, 2017, in Hawthorne, N.J. Huebner was named All-American in 1964 and was a three-time Moccasin Most Valuable Player from 1963-65 as a pitcher and outfielder. In 1964, he became the first Moccasin in the modern era to hit .400, and his career batting average of .376 stood as an FSC record for 14 seasons.

On the mound, his 1.45 career earned run average is still the third-lowest ever posted at Florida Southern. For his career, Huebner was 14-5 on the mound with 148 strikeouts over 155 innings. In 2002, he was inducted in the inaugural class of the FSC Athletics Hall of Fame. His jersey, No. 43, is retired.



Stephen K. Fetrow '83 of Manakin-Sabot, Va., died Jan. 7, 2018.

Lawson L. "Tad" Wolfe II '83 of Groveland died Feb. 1, 2018.

Linda King Hammock '84 of Fort Pierce died March 12, 2018.

Rebecca Goff Riordan '86 of Sebring died April 16, 2018.

Joy Ann Feaser Slate '87 of Winter Park died Jan. 14, 2018.

Gary H. Wilson '87 of Orlando died May 14, 2018.

1990s

Sherman Lee Johnson '91 of Tampa died Nov. 26, 2017.

Brett K. Bowman '93 of Orlando died Jan. 23, 2018.

John A. Steyer '93 of Altamonte Springs died Sept. 5, 2017.

Leslie Blount Medders '94 of Bartow died Sept. 8, 2017.

Ronald D. Pierce '94 of Lakeland died Feb. 13, 2018. Survivors include his wife, **Jeannine Long Pierce '86**.

Mabel L. Morgan-Anisz '98 of Port Charlotte died Dec. 20, 2017.

Johnny N. Simancas, Jr. '98 of Alexandria, Va., died Dec. 1, 2017.

James D. Dix, Jr. '99 of Orlando died Nov. 9, 2017.

2000s

Daunita Williams '07 of Mableton, Ga., died Feb. 11, 2018.

STAFF

Magdalen L. "Maggie" Sciola Futch of Lakeland died Feb. 17, 2018. She was employed in the College's Admissions office for many years until her retirement in 2000.

Rev. Dr. Walter Y. Murphy of LaGrange, Ga., died May 11, 2018. He was a former executive vice president of the College.

Marjory Dewell-Sheppard of Lakeland died Aug. 14, 2018. She was employed at FSC as the administrative assistant to the president. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Al Sheppard, a retired professor of mathematics at FSC.

Martha A. Young of Lakeland died April 21, 2018. She worked at the College bookstore.

FACULTY EMERITA

Dr. Paula R. Buck of Daytona Beach died Sept. 20, 2018. She was a Professor Emerita in English, having served the College with distinction for 29 years, from 1981 to 2010. She was well known for her teaching excellence and as an inspiring mentor to countless students.

TRUSTEES

Dr. Arthur L. Eberly, Jr. '55 of Greenville, S.C., died Feb. 16, 2018. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for 10 years. In 1994, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus by FSC and granted the degree Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

Dr. J. Quinton Rumph '46 of Jacksonville died March 29, 2018. He served on the FSC Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1994, and upon his retirement from the board was named Trustee Emeritus. In 2003, the College granted him the

degree Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ann Stephens Rumph '45**.

Dr. Charles W. "Jack" Sahlman '49 of Tampa died Aug. 26, 2018. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2001 and was an Emeritus Trustee. In 2000, he received an honorary degree from FSC. He was CEO of Sahlman Seafoods Inc. for many years, and served for seven years as chairman of the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority.

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

Patricia Bay of Lakeland died Dec. 8, 2017. Memorial gifts may be made to the FSC Department of Music.

Bob Hudgins of Lakeland died Sept. 2, 2018. He and his wife, Jean, opened and managed two Sonny's restaurants in Lakeland.

Rev. Walter N. Kalaf of Gainesville died March 1, 2018. The College conferred the degree Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, on him in 1972.

AT 50, THE ROUX LIBRARY AGES GRACEFULLY

In the age of Google, when information is instantly available, it is an open question what a library ought to be. The Roux Library at FSC has undergone its share of changes since it was dedicated on March 24, 1968. As it marks its 50th anniversary this year, rows of computer terminals have replaced the typing rooms, the collection is now mostly in digital form, and much of the first floor is occupied by Tutu's Cyber Café.

The current building is the library's fourth location since the College moved to Lakeland in 1922. According to a 1950 article in *The Southern*, only 25 to 50 books survived the fire that destroyed the College's buildings when it was located in Southerland. The first meager library in Lakeland was a leaky little building on the current site of Allan Spivey Residence Hall. The library moved to Edge Hall in 1927, and then-President Ludd Spivey augmented the collection by donating his own books and organizing "book showers" among donors.

Dr. Spivey's vision for a modern campus, designed by the renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright, included the College's first true library building. The E.T. Roux Library — now the Buckner Building — was completed in 1945, named for a College Trustee and prominent banker and agricultural magnate. Wright's open-concept design was unconventional for a library, although it is difficult to see now because of alterations, and oddly, it included a chapel on the first floor. According to a 1945 article in the *Bulletin of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association*, the library had 50,000 volumes in its collection.

The library would exist in Wright's building for only 23 years because rapid growth of the College rendered it inadequate. In the mid-1960s, President Charles Thrift began making plans for a much larger building, to be designed by a student of Wright, Nils Schweizer, who also designed Branscomb Auditorium. When it was built, the new library had 36,841 square feet, accommodated 450 people, and cost about \$1.28 million — just a little more than the library's current annual budget. Mr. Roux had passed away, but his widow substantially supported the project, and the new facility was officially named the Roux Family Library.

As the dedication approached, the problem of transferring all the books 150 yards to the new library was solved by recruiting students to form a human conveyor belt. A photo in *The Southern* showed the line of students handing the volumes to each other a few at a time. Lynn Mason Dennis '71, executive assistant to President Anne Kerr, participated in the effort as a freshman and recalls that classes were cancelled for the day.

"All the fraternities and sororities were there. We worked in the morning till lunch, and there was a picnic. We went on till mid-afternoon. We didn't move all the books, but we did get a large portion," she says.



Today the Roux Library is busier than ever. Director of the Library Randall MacDonald says when he arrived in 1986 as a reference librarian, it was open about 82 hours per week; now, on an average week, the figure is more than 103 hours. Including auxiliary libraries at the Roberts Academy and the Polk Museum of Art, its print collection is almost 169,000 volumes — but through the wonders of digital technology, it counts 736,280 titles in its collection.

Most importantly, the library remains a place of research and study, says Mr. MacDonald.

"I think it has aged rather gracefully," he says.



Above: Students passing books from the E.T. Roux Library to Roux Library. It shows students on March 7, 1968, along what was dubbed "Alligator Alley."

Left: In November 1966, pictured from left, President Charles T. Thrift, Jr., architect Nils M. Schweizer, Trustee and Board Chairman J. Carlisle Rogers, and Director of the Library Oween Summer stand at site of new library.



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