



ICUF Selects 47 Students as Presidential Fellows

ICUF has selected 47 students representing 20 member institutions as its 2009-10 Presidential Fellows. The Fellows program continues to grow in popularity as the number of students participating this year is more than twice as many as have participated in previous years.

The Fellows participate in civic engagements including grass roots advocacy efforts that support our twenty eight colleges and universities.

"The surge in participation this year shows how important the Fellows Program has become to our members and their presidents," said ICUF President Dr. Ed H. Moore. "Participating in the program introduces students to public policy advocacy in a meaningful way, teaches them about the intricacies of the legislative process and gives them valuable experience in engaging their fellow students to advance the interests of Florida's independent college and university students."

The University of Tampa, Nova Southeastern University and Bethune-Cookman University have hosted regional orientation programs for the Fellows. Senator Charlie Justice spoke at the Tampa meeting, President Trudie Reed of Bethune-Cookman University spoke at the meeting at BCU, and Representative Evan Jenne, spoke at Nova Southeastern. All gave great examples of the role of citizens in the political and policy process and the importance of civic engagement.

ICUF President Ed Moore; ICUF Director of Research, Melanie Hicks; ICUF Deputy Executive Director, Madeline Hollon; and ICUF General Counsel, Robert J. Boyd Jr., made presentations to the Fellows at each of the orientation sessions.

This year's Presidential Fellows are:

Barry University – Roodelyn Davilmar, Michael Worley

Beacon College – Michael Catlow, Chris Muller

Bethune-Cookman Univ. — Eric Bennett, Andrea Muhammad, Kimberly Smith,
And Darrell Thornton

Clearwater Christian College – Music Brunetto, Michael Kleer

Eckerd College – Victoria Reeves, Lauren Dylewicz

Flagler College – Jilian McClure, Carla Valor

Florida College – Elizabeth Amy Garcia, Meredith Qualls

Florida Institute of Technology – Alejandro Chavarriaga, Stacey O'Hara

Florida Memorial University – Marcus Jackson, Belissa Lopez-Pena, Lutze Segu

Florida Southern College – Samantha Tyburski, Kelsi Russell

Hodges University – Robert Mellen, Pablo Lopez

Lynn University – Richard Dallas, Billy Ranta

Nova Southeastern University – Rachel Friedman, Hank Feeney

Palm Beach Atlantic University – Richard Atkins, Adam McKinney
Rollins College – Aislinn Betancourt, Lucy DiBrigida, Ashley Light
Saint Leo University – Nicholas Bliesner, Daniel Izquierdo, Andrew Van Guilder
St. Thomas University – Mary Cano, Fanny Hourigan, Juan Pajon
Stetson University – Ayana Royal, Taylor Smith, Akeel St. Jean, Anne Moore
The University of Tampa – Erika Hofelich
University of Miami – Romy Remior, Matthew Robayn
Webber International University – Alicia Mohler, Caitlin Hall



Nova Southeastern Fellows Orientation



Representative Evan Jenne



Fellows Students from Bethune-Cookman University



Fellows Students from The University of Tampa

Study Impact of New Degree Programs, Moore Urges Legislators

ICUF President Ed H. Moore urged members of the House State Universities & Private Colleges Policy Committee to study whether new four-year degree programs at state colleges are meeting unmet needs or displacing existing programs at independent institutions.

Moore said there is potential for a proliferation of new degree programs at community-state colleges to “make it more difficult for a private institution to compete. Free or subsidized lower cost programs will have a great impact on the sustainability of many programs in those same markets”.

Moore urged the committee to analyze whether the new state college degree programs are expanding the state’s capacity to produce more bachelor’s degrees or displacing existing capacity. “If the capacity they displace is largely not taxpayer supported, then you’re doing a disservice,” he said.

Moore commented in a presentation to the committee in which he discussed the accomplishments of the ICUF institutions and the challenges facing the state in terms of higher education access, affordability and accountability. He noted that the ICUF institutions have either recently opened or are building over \$1 billion worth of new buildings, significantly expanding higher education capacity at no cost to the state. “In a time of economic downturn ICUF institutions continue to build and expand, creating jobs for the communities we serve,” said Moore.

“ICUF members award 26 percent of Florida’s baccalaureate degrees, 38 percent of graduate degrees and 52 percent of first professional degrees,” Moore said. “ICUF is eager to partner with the state and public institutions to increase its degree production. Our degree outputs are an indication of our accomplishments, but more can be done, and we need to find a way to maximize our existing assets.”



Dr. Ed Moore

Rollins Names Dean of Student Affairs

Rollins College appointed long-time employee Karen Hater as Dean of Student Affairs. Hater joined Rollins in 1997 to develop a comprehensive academic support center, which is now The Thomas P. Johnson Student Resource Center (TJ's) and serves hundreds of students annually. She has served as interim Dean of Student Affairs since fall 2008.

"Karen Hater has been a tremendous asset to students at Rollins, both in her work as Director of TJ's and as Interim Dean," said Roger Casey, provost and vice president of academic affairs. "We needed to look no further than the current occupant of the dean's chair to find the right person to fill the long-term needs of the College. Karen is a motivated teacher, excellent administrator, and is the mother of an alumna, too—a perfect combination."

Hater is an active member of professional organizations including Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, the National Academic Advisors Association, and the International Dyslexia Association. She holds a bachelor’s and master's degree from The Ohio State University in special education (developmental disabilities at undergrad level and learning and behavioral disabilities at the master's level) and a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati in school psychology and special education.



Karen Hater

ICUF Schools Win Campus Compact Awards

ICUF members scored big in the Florida Campus Compact service learning and community engagement awards. The PEACE Volunteer Center at The University of Tampa won the Graham-Frey Civic Award named after former Governor Bob Graham and former U.S. Representative Lou Frey. The Center sponsored more than 100 community service events last year.

Barry University, Nova Southeastern University and the University of Miami were part of a team of colleges and organizations sponsoring the Miami Rescue Mission Clinic at Miami-Dade College that won the Campus-Community Partnership Award. Students enrolled in medical, nursing and health science programs provide a variety of health care services to the underserved at the clinic.

Rollins College was second and Florida Southern College was third in the Engaged Campus Award Category. The award summary said that "Community engagement is central to the Rollins experience." Florida Southern has made service learning a priority and incorporated it into the curriculum.

Winning individual honors were Rachel Simmons of Rollins College, Service-Learning Faculty Award, and Deborah Mulligan, Nova Southeastern University, Community Engagement Educator Award. Simmons creates collaborative community art projects and teaches students to be responsible leaders, engaged citizens and accomplished artists. Mulligan is director of NSU's Institute for Child Health Policy.



First Lady Michelle Obama was the Featured Speaker at the Luncheon



Provost Roger Casey, Service Learning Faculty Award Winner Rachel Simmons and President Lewis M. Duncan



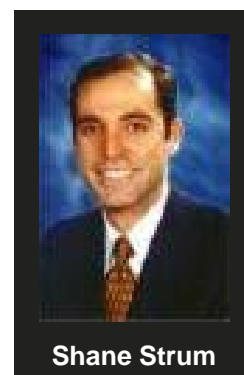
Community Engagement Educator Award Winner Deborah Mulligan

Crist Names NSU Grad Chief of Staff

Governor Charlie Crist named Shane Strum, a graduate of Nova Southeastern University, as his chief of staff. Strum was promoted from deputy chief of staff, succeeding Eric Eikenberg, who left to run Crist's U.S. Senate campaign.

"I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead and working together to better the lives of those we serve," Strum said. "These are challenging times in our state, and I thank the governor for his confidence in me."

Strum received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from NSU and was Director of Corporate and Government Affairs at the university's Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship.



Shane Strum

UM, Stetson, Rollins, UT Business Schools Among Best

Business programs at the University of Miami, Stetson University and Rollins have been included in the Princeton Review's ratings of the 301 Best Business Schools.



The Review ranked the Miami program sixth nationally in providing opportunity to minority students. “The combination of the School’s diverse student body, international faculty and globally-focused curriculum provides all of our students with the kind of experience they need to be successful in an economy where all business is global,” said Barbara E. Kahn, Dean of the School of Business Administration.

Stetson’s School of Business Administration was profiled by the Review, which highlighted the school’s Joseph C. Prince Entrepreneurship Program, Family Enterprise Center, Roland George Investments Program and summer abroad program in Innsbruck, Austria.

The MBA program at the Crummer Graduate School at Rollins was rated 22nd best in the nation. The John H. Sykes College of Business at UT quoted students who praised the level of interaction with their professors and top-notch facilities.

Saint Leo Welcomes Journalist as It’s First Visiting Fellow

Saint Leo University welcomed former New York Times reporter Joseph B. Treaster to its campus as its first guest scholar through the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program. Treaster is now the editor of 1H2O.org, an online magazine that covers global water issues.

Treaster discussed the shortage of clean water in many parts of the world and the impact that has on human rights in underdeveloped countries. He also talked to students about writing and the environment and white-collar crime, subjects he covered as a Times reporter.



Eckerd Receives \$2.8 M Property Donation



President Donald R. Eastman, III

The J. Crayton Pruitt Foundation, Inc. donated \$2.8 million in property to Eckerd College, which plans to use the gift on construction of the new Pruitt Center for Ceramic Arts and program and scholarship endowments.

The Pruitt gift pushed the total raised in Eckerd’s capital campaign to \$70 million. The goal is \$80 million.

“We are please to accept this generous gift which will support the first of several facility improvements planned for the next ten years to enhance our arts programs,” said Eckerd President Dr. Donald R. Eastman, III. “The Center and the funds directed to various endowments will enrich every student’s Eckerd experience.”

Saint Leo Names New Director of Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies

Linda Taggert, a longtime member of the board of the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies at Saint Leo University, has been named director of the center. She is an adjunct professor of theology and religion at Saint Leo.

Saint Leo launched the center as a collaborative project with the American Jewish Committee in 1998. The mission of the center is to promote “mutual respect, understanding, and appreciation among Jews, Catholics and all people of good will by promoting opportunities for inter-faith education and dialogue.” Taggert said she likes to think the center reaches the “four C’s” with its programs – “clergy, congregations, classrooms, and the community-at-large.”



Linda Taggert

Stetson Names Vice President, Business Dean

Stetson University announced the appointments of Gregory Carroll as Vice President of Marketing and Stuart Michelson as Dean of the School of Business Administration.

Carroll, who will lead a new initiative to unify marketing and public relations at all four of Stetson’s campuses, comes from Furman University, where he served 11 years as V.P. of marketing and public relations. “I’ve known Greg for over a decade and have always been amazed at his creativity and perceptiveness,” said Stetson President Wendy B. Libby.

As Dean, Michelson succeeds former Dean James Schiener, who will remain at Stetson as a professor of accounting.

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St. Thomas Inducts Baseball Coach into Sports Hall of Fame

St. Thomas University has inducted former baseball coach Paul Mainieri, who now coaches at Louisiana State University, into its Sports Hall of Fame.

Mainieri coached St. Thomas baseball from 1983 to 1988, leading the Bobcats to four NCAA Division II Top 10 finishes. Fifteen of his players played professional baseball.

After coaching at Air Force and Notre Dame, Mainieri was named coach at LSU in 2007 and led the Tigers to the NCAA Division I baseball championship earlier this year. He was named 2009 National Baseball Coach of the Year. Mainieri is a graduate of the St. Thomas graduate sports administration program.



Hall of Famer
Paul Mainieri

Warner Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

Warner University was awash with the color pink in October as students, faculty and staff, participated in Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Students wore "Think Pink" t-shirts and faculty decorated the university with pink balloons and ribbons. Administrators Doris Gukich and Jan Royal shared stories of their own battles to overcome the disease.

"Think Pink" was an all-women's event where students received prizes in team and individual competitions to see who could wear the most pink.



Bethune-Cookman Breaks Ground on New Buildings

Bethune-Cookman University held groundbreaking ceremonies on two new buildings; the Larry R. Handfield Athletic Training Center and the Lee Rhyant Residential Life Center.

"I am delighted to announce that Bethune-Cookman University is breaking ground on two new buildings that will improve the quality of life and quality of educational experiences for our students," said B-CU President Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed. "Through the outstanding fundraising efforts of our alumni and strong financial stewardship, we are able to move forward with no debt attached to either building. They are fully paid for."

The \$4.6 million Handfield Center, named after the chairman of the B-CU Board of Trustees, will provide strength and conditioning facilities for all of the university's athletes and house its' Athletics Hall of Fame. Handfield is a Miami attorney.

The \$6 million Rhyant Center will house 270 students in three residence wings. The building is named after a member of the university's Board of Trustees. Rhyant is Executive Vice President of the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. facility in Marietta, Ga.



Handfield Athletic Training Center and the Lee Rhyant Residential Life Center

FHCHS, Stetson, JU Host Service-Learning Institutes

Partnering with Florida Campus Compact, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Stetson University and Jacksonville University have each hosted a one day service-learning institute to encourage students to get involved in community activities.

In October, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences sponsored a service learning institute titled “The Life Blood of Education” to address ways in which students can assist their communities on health care. Students who participated in the institute gained hands-on experience in their field of study.

In September, Stetson hosted an institute called “Social 2.0” on using social media to emphasize the empowerment of community partners from across the state of Florida to enhance their effectiveness and productivity through more effective marketing and volunteer management strategies.

JU’s “Freshman to Senior” institute, set for November, focuses on engaging new students in service-learning and keeping them engaged throughout the four years at the university.

Barry Student Nominated for CNN Hero Award

Barry University sophomore Andrea Ivory has been nominated for a CNN Hero of the Year Award for her efforts to raise awareness of breast cancer and encourage women to get mammograms.

Ivory, 50, is a breast cancer survivor who started the Florida Breast Health Initiative. Since 2006, Ivory and other volunteers have knocked on more than 18,000 doors in the Miami area to promote breast cancer awareness. She has helped more than 500 women receive free mammograms.

“The only thing we have to fight this disease and lower the mortality rate is early detection,” Ivory said. “We are the troops on the front lines. No woman needs to die from breast cancer. I can’t be a doctor, but I know I can save a life. Every time I knock on a door, it’s a chance to do that.”



Andrea Ivory

Edward Waters Backers Donate \$500,000 for Building

Brothers John and Edward Baker have donated \$500,000 to Edward Waters College to complete construction of the Adams-Jenkins Sports and Music Center. The project has been on hold for almost three years because of a shortage of funds.

Edward Waters President Claudette Williams said the donation is a substantial boost to the music and athletic programs. “It makes the students feel like they’re being taken care of,” Williams said. “They’re not hanging out in a little building somewhere on the outskirts of campus. They have their own space to grow into.”

The Baker brothers have served in leadership positions with Patriot Transportation Holding Inc. and Florida Rock Industries Inc.



Florida Tech Professor Selected for Engineering Symposium

Dr. Daniel Kirk, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Florida Institute of Technology, has been selected to participate in National Academy of Engineering Frontiers of Engineering Education symposium.

Kirk is one of just 49 faculty members from around the country invited to participate in the event. He is a 2009 Boeing Welliver Faculty Fellow and participated in an eight-week summer program exposing faculty members to career paths at Boeing.

Dr. Daniel Kirk



Lynn Joins Coalition on Teaching Students with Disabilities

Lynn University joined with six state universities in a partnership offering teachers an endorsement for teaching students with severe disabilities, including autism and deaf-blindness.

Lynn's Donald E. and Helen L. Ross College of Education is providing coursework via distance education technology to teachers in the local school district.

The first course, Characteristics and Assessment of Individuals with Significant Disabilities, is being offered this fall at video conference lectures and online interactive classes. Participants who complete the course will earn three credits.

Florida Tech Launches Co-op Engineering Program



Florida Institute of Technology has developed a ProTRACK Co-op program for engineering and applied science students. The program is designed to enhance their ability to gain valuable work experience while they are still enrolled.

Students will be able to complete three semester-long work experiences relating to their major while at the same time, earning a bachelor's degree in four years.

"We are very pleased to be offering now what we believe will give a tremendous advantage to engineering students and meet the needs and expectations of industry," said Gary Hamme, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management.

Embry-Riddle Collaborates with FAA on Space Research

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University entered into a collaboration agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Commercial Space Transportation to research space transportation topics.

The agreement identifies five transportation topics that can be supported by student and faculty researchers at ERAU, at least two of which will be supported initially by the FAA. The topics are: special activity airspace standards, critical spaceport infrastructure needs, space launch operations issues, uncertainty risk study and spaceport capacity study.

"This effort is a timely one, now that a blue-ribbon panel has finalized its report to the White House on the future of U.S. space exploration," said Christina Frederick-Recascino, Embry-Riddle's vice president of research. "Pointing to similarities with the early days of the aviation industry, the panel says it is now appropriate for NASA to start turning to the commercial sector for transporting crew to the International space Station."

Embry-Riddle and Florida Tech are among eight Florida-based universities selected by the NASA Florida Space Grant Consortium and Space Florida to share in \$453,191 in research and education grants.

NSU Receives \$2.7 M to Support Minority Students

The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$2.7 million Title V grant to Nova Southeastern University to support programs designed to increase the engagement and retention of minority students.

The grant is earmarked for graduate student programs in the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, the first time the DOE has awarded Title V funding to graduate student programs.

“We are honored to receive this award, and for the U.S. Department of Education’s recognition of NSU as a leader in providing education to students from a diverse array of backgrounds,” said NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr. “This grant will allow us to better serve our Fischler School students by developing new programs to further their academic success.”



President Ray Ferrero

PBA Projects \$279 Million Economic Impact

Palm Beach Atlantic University projects that it will have a \$279 million impact on the local economy this academic year. PBA President Dr. Lu Hardin noted that 98 percent of the school’s \$70 million budget is spent in Palm Beach County.

The economic impact study found that students spent \$38 million on housing, meals, transportation and miscellaneous expenses and purchases. It said the university attracts more than 32,000 visitors annually.

“Most people still value and continue their commitment to higher education during difficult times,” Hardin said. “For Palm Beach County, this is a positive.”



President Lu Hardin

Saint Leo Students Win Sports Marketing Competition

A team of Saint Leo University students won the annual Sports Marketing Association Conference competition, based on developing a plan to market the Charlotte Bobcats professional basketball team.

Team adviser Eric Schwartz, associate professor of sports business, received the SMA Outstanding Service Award for his contributions to the Sports Marketing Association.



Members of the team: seniors Julian MacMillan and Nick Macchio; juniors Alan LaFleur and Adam Miller; and sophomores Kevin Smith, Angela Solis and Richy Truncale. All are sports business majors.

PBA Names Hall of Fame Catcher as its Baseball Coach

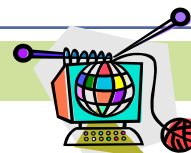


Palm Beach Atlantic University named Gary Carter, a Hall of Fame catcher who played in the major leagues for 19 years, their baseball coach.

“The PBA community is excited to have Gary Carter coaching our young men,” said President Lu Hardin. “He is not only a great ball player, but a fine Christian man who will be a tremendous influence on our players.”

Carter was named to the National League All-Star team 11 times. He played for the Montreal Expos, New York Mets, San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers and managed in the minor leagues after he retired in 1993. His goal, he said, is to make the Sailfish the number one team in NCAA Division II baseball.

Four ICUF Members Featured on College Counseling Website



Barry University, Saint Leo University, Stetson University and The University of Tampa are among hundreds of public and private colleges and universities featured on a new website designed to “fill the need for greater college counseling and preparation resources for first-generation and underserved college-bound students.”

The Center for Student Opportunity College Center website, www.csocollegecenter.org, was founded by a group of concerned parents, admissions professionals, and nonprofit practitioners who felt there was a lack of national organizations effectively advising first-generation and underserved college-bound students. The website is designed to link qualified students with leading colleges and universities.

The website profiles Barry, Saint Leo, Stetson and Tampa, among other institutions, spotlighting the opportunities they offer first-generation and underserved students.

UT Partners with Three Chinese Universities

The University of Tampa has announced partnerships with three Chinese universities that will promote student and faculty exchanges, study abroad trips and research.

“No one right now wants to be without a connection to China, and not just for business opportunities,” said Janet McNeal, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “It’s essential to UT’s commitment to global education that we gain a better understanding of Chinese culture.”

McNeal and Associate Provost Jin Wang travelled to China to sign agreements with the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, Sias International University in Xinzheng and Shandong University of Finance in Jinan.

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