



### UPS Awards ICUF \$75,600 for Scholarships

UPS North Florida District Vice President Bill Soumis, along with division and regional representatives, presented a check for \$75,600 to Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida President Ed H. Moore to support a \$2,700 scholarship at each of the 28 ICUF institutions.

"It means the world," Moore told Soumis, noting that the ICUF institutions enroll a higher percentage of financially needy students, minorities, older students and other groups than the state universities. "We know that for the coming year twenty eight students will have a tremendous burden taken off of them."

Soumis presented the check to Moore in front of about 30 UPS drivers assembled at the company's Customer Center in Tallahassee. "Don't think for a moment we would be able to do this if it weren't for the work of all the UPS workers around the world," he told the drivers.

This year, UPS will award more than \$1.6 million in scholarships to students attending nearly 600 private colleges and universities. Since its inception, the UPS Educational Endowment Fund has provided more than \$44 million in scholarships assisting independent college and university students. Each of the 28 ICUF institutions will select a recipient for the UPS scholarship based on need and academic achievement.



l to r: ICUF President Ed Moore, ICUF Research Director Melanie Hicks, UPS North Florida Vice President Bill Soumis and division representatives.

## A Mixed Bag: Record Growth & Significant Loss



Fall enrollment at ICUF institutions is a mixed bag, with several reporting record numbers of students but others seeing declines. Overall, undergraduate enrollment grew very modestly, a significant accomplishment given the recession and FRAG funding cuts.

“Total undergraduate enrollment increased by 3.8 percent, but that figure was influenced by substantially larger increases at several institutions that opened new programs, dormitories and classroom buildings as part of plans to expand their enrollments,” said ICUF President Dr. Ed H. Moore.

Institutions that reported record enrollments included Florida Institute of Technology, Hodges University, Jacksonville University, Florida Southern College, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, and The University of Tampa.

Hodges President Terry McMahan attributed the 23 percent growth in enrollment at his university’s Naples and Fort Myers campuses in large part to students seeking to improve their economic status during the recession.

“Our record enrollment is attributed to several factors, including the recessionary economy, when students look to change careers,” President McMahan said. “As employers scale back on their hiring and job competitiveness increases, having a degree gives an individual the edge over the competition. In addition, having a degree improves the chances of keeping a job.”

Florida Hospital College added 272 students for a total of 2,662, many enrolled in on-line nursing classes. The college opened 17 years ago with 242 students.

“We attribute part of our growth to the fact that a larger number of people have recognized health care professions as stable jobs,” said FHCHS Enrollment Services Director Katie Shaw.

Moore said, “The fact that a number of our schools were able to serve the public interest by increasing enrollment at a time of economic crisis and funding cuts is a remarkable achievement and a testament to sound planning on their part. However, it’s distressing and contrary to public policy objectives that twelve ICUF schools reported enrollment decreases.”

“In general,” he added, “I would say the economy, coupled with a drop in the Florida Resident Access Grant over the past two years, has had an impact on our enrollment. I have great concern about future enrollments without significant changes in the availability of student aid and an upturn in the economy.”

The Legislature has reduced the FRAG from \$3,000 to \$2,529 over the past two years.

“Our schools remain determined to act as private institutions in the public service,” Moore said, “but I fear that a continued decrease in the FRAG will have two negative effects: It will force more schools to increase out of state student recruitment, thus further limiting access for Florida resident students, and it will further limit the choice and affordability for many students who will tend to seek admission to public institutions, costing the taxpayers much more to educate those students.”



## Eckerd President Wins National Leadership Award

Eckerd College President Dr. Donald R. Eastman III is the recipient of the CASE III National Chief Executive Leadership Award. The award is presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for outstanding leadership and service in the organization's South-eastern region.

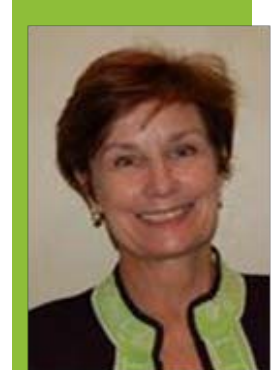


President Eastman

Dr. Eastman was recognized for defining the five essential values of Eckerd College: residential, global, spiritual, environmental and personal. Under his leadership, Eckerd was named one of 13 Institutions of Excellence in the First College Year and been awarded a Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

## NSU Grad Wins Math, Science Award

Volusia County teacher Sara Rebecca Pittard, who earned her master's degree at Nova Southeastern University, has received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She teaches fourth and fifth graders at the Pine Trail Elementary School.



Sara Rebecca Pittard

"With full throttle enthusiasm, I believe providing strong professional development and opportunities for teacher collaboration powerfully impacts student achievement," Pittard said. "My personal delight in receiving this award is only surpassed by the pride I have for the accomplished educators with whom I have the joy of working."

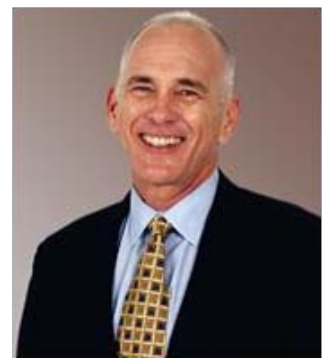
She has studied mathematics education outside the United States and incorporated techniques from Singapore, Korea, Japan and Europe into her classes.

## Stetson Trustees Dig Deep to Aid Students

Stetson University trustees are contributing more than \$2.5 million of their own money over the next three years to provide emergency assistance to students in the form of "We Believe in You" scholarships.

The scholarships are intended to make it possible for students whose families can no longer afford to pay their expenses at Stetson because of financial setbacks or other hardships to remain in school.

Trustees Chairman Nestor de Armas said each of Stetson's 24 trustees, many of them alumni, donated money to create the scholarship fund. "People gave joyfully," he said. "Despite the grim business climate a lot of these people were facing, the pledges kept coming."



Nestor de Armas

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## NSU Grad in Running for National Science Teacher Award

Nova Southeastern University alumnus David Buncher, a science teacher in Miami-Dade County, has been named a finalist for the Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics, Science and Technology in Florida.

Buncher graduated from Nova Southeastern University in 1999 with an Ed.D in Curriculum and Systemic Change. He has been teaching for 28 years, the last 12 of which have been spent at Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School, as the Science Department Chair and a teacher of chemistry and physics.

“As a finalist for the state of Florida, I am grateful to just be in the running to win the national award, for it is the most honorable award a high school science teacher can earn,” Buncher said.



**Alumnus David Buncher**

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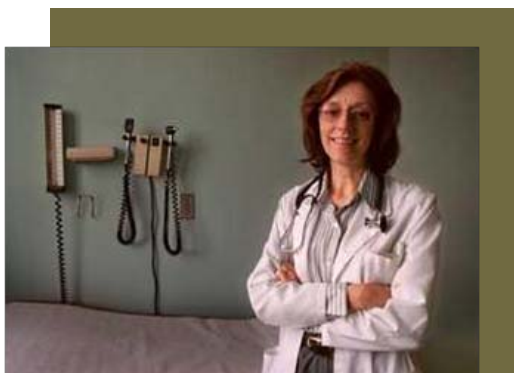
## UM Researcher Prepared to Test AIDS Vaccine

Dr. Margaret Fischl, a pioneering AIDS researcher at the University Of Miami School Of Medicine, developed a promising new AIDS vaccine and is preparing to test it on humans.

Her vaccine is designed to be given to patients who are infected with HIV to ward off the development of AIDS by strengthening their immune systems. If it works it could replace the multiple--drug cocktails of antiretroviral drugs taken by AIDS patients to improve their health and prolong their lives.

Dr. Fischl's drug has been successful in treating small animals. Working with a major biotech firm, she hopes to begin human trials in January.

“The goal is to use the vaccine as the mainstay of treatment, so infected people would no longer need HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy), with its expenses and side effects,” Dr. Fischl told the Miami Herald. “With this, they would take a shot every year to boost their systems and keep them in shape.”



**Dr. Margaret Fischl**

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## Florida Tech Professor Gets \$850,000 NIH Grant

The National Institutes of Health awarded an \$850,000 grant to Dr. Joshua Rokach, chemistry professor at Florida Institute of Technology, to research chronic inflammatory diseases. Rokach is director of the university's Claude Pepper Institute.

His research has received worldwide recognition and could lead to development of new anti-inflammatory and anti-allergic drugs.



**Dr. Joshua Rokach**

## NSU Provides Free Healthcare for Children

More than 7,000 persons participated in the “A Day for Children” health fair at Nova Southeastern University. The fair showcased the university’s clinical programs and featured more than 75 booths representing the university, community service centers and children’s health organizations.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz and her three children were featured guests at the event.

“She has always been a strong advocate for children and she has dedicated her public life to working on behalf of the people of Southern Florida,” said event chairperson Ronnie Oller.



Health Fair at Nova

## UM Partners with Seven Foreign Universities

The University of Miami announced agreements to explore student and faculty exchanges, research and other initiatives with seven foreign universities.

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The universities involved in the agreements are: Fudan University, China; University of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Catholic University, Peru; University of San Adreas, Argentina; and three Spanish Universities, Autonomous University of Madrid, Empresa Business School and Pompeu Fabra University.

## Florida Tech Campaign Raises \$59.4 Million

Florida Institute of Technology President Dr. Anthony Catanese announced that the university raised \$59.4 million in its four-year capital campaign, significantly exceeding the goal of \$50 million.

“The spirit of the Golden Anniversary Capital Campaign is inextricably woven into the fabric of who we are as researchers, scientists and educators,” Catanese said. “We look to the horizon and see not only what is, but what could be.”

Donations to the campaign include a \$5 million grant by the Harris Corporation to create the Harris Institute for Assured Information; a \$5 million gift designed to enhance business offerings and strengthen online education by Nathan M. Bisk, one of the nation’s leaders in continuing education and online learning; and \$1.5 million from Phillip W. Farmer, retired chairman of Harris Corp., to create the Farmer Scholars Program.

## ESPN Features Lynn’s World Cup Experience Class

*ESPN the Magazine* published an article on the World Cup Experience, a Lynn University sports management course to be taught in South Africa prior to next year’s soccer World Cup.

The class gives students the opportunity to explore first-hand the politics of sports on an international level, including the impact of skin color on playing time in certain countries.

“ESPN has been a great partner for us at Lynn University sports management,” said Ted Curtis, Associate Professor of Sports Management. “It is a huge advantage for our students to be affiliated, in such a meaningful way, with the worldwide leader in sports.”



## ERAU Graduate Circles Earth as Part of Space Station Crew

Mission specialist Nicole P. Stott is circling the Earth for three months as the latest member of the International Space Station crew. She is a 1987 aeronautical engineering graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Stott achieved a unique distinction shortly after the crew of the Space Shuttle Discovery delivered 33,000 pounds of equipment to the Space Station in September. A runner, she had the honor of being the first astronaut to use the \$5 million treadmill, Discovery, delivered to the Space Station.

Stott said in a recent interview that Embry-Riddle played a “huge role” in preparing her for a career with NASA. “At Embry-Riddle, I learned how to function as part of a team, one of the core skills NASA requires of astronaut candidates.”



Nicole P. Stott

## Representative Hudson Speaks at Hodges ESL Graduation

Representative Matt Hudson addressed nearly 200 graduates from the English as a Second Language Program at Hodges University. Students from more than 20 countries attended the class, and many of them will go on to enroll in other classes at Hodges.

“When you know how far they have come in such a short time, it’s quite inspirational,” said Leisha Klentzeris, director of the program. “They work so hard and are extremely dedicated, using the program to achieve a variety of personal goals.”



Rep. Matt Hudson

## UM Professor Participates in Future of Nursing Initiative

Dr. Rosa Gonzalez-Guarda, Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Miami, has been selected for the Institute of Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation study on the future of nursing.

The initiative is aimed at finding solutions to the national nursing shortage and proposing ways to improve nursing education and the delivery of health care. UM President Donna Shalala is chair of the study committee.

“I feel honored to be able to work alongside leaders in nursing, public health and health care delivery to help shape the future of nursing in the U.S.,” Gonzalez-Guarda said.



Dr. Rosa Gonzalez-Guarda

## Flagler SIFE Team Misses Semifinals at World Cup

The Flagler College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was eliminated from the organization’s World Cup competition in Berlin in the opening round. Flagler won the SIFE USA National Competition earlier this year to advance to the World Cup.

Two teams, representing Singapore Polytechnic and the University of Swaziland, advanced to the semifinals from Flagler’s bracket.

SIFE is a global nonprofit that sponsors competitions in which student teams develop projects aimed at creating economic opportunity by teaching concepts related to free market concepts economics, business ethics, entrepreneurship, personal finance and success skills. Flagler finished second in the world in 2004.

## Saint Leo Participates in Alcohol Education Program

Saint Leo University, Pasco-Hernando Community College and Bay Care Behavioral Health all received an alcohol education grant from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The purpose of three-year grant is to educate students at Saint Leo and the community college about the dangers of alcohol. The 500 incoming freshmen at Saint Leo are participating in AlcoholEdu, an online, a multi-media program that gauges their attitudes about alcohol and provides them with information designed to help them make healthy choices about drinking.



Fernandez Family Center

## St. Thomas Dedicates State-of-Art Wellness Center

St. Thomas University dedicated its state-of-the-art Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness. The 62,000 -square foot facility includes the Athletics Department, basketball and volleyball courts, the Sports Administration Program and a wellness and fitness center.

“Designed to develop both physical fitness and academic leadership, the Fernandez Center provides our students with one of the most cutting edge athletic and learning centers in the area and serves as a symbol of the University’s transformation into one of the Florida’s leading hubs for higher education,” said St. Thomas President Rev. Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale.

The center is named for the family of Miguel “Mike” Fernandez, chairman of MBF Healthcare Partners, whose donation led to its development.

## FSC Student Wins Two National Scholarships

Alyssa Heubner, a biology and psychology major at Florida Southern College, has been awarded two prestigious national scholarships.

The National Institute of Health, where Heubner interned in the summer, renewed her \$20,000 NIH Undergraduate Scholarship. She has also been awarded an Omicron Delta Kappa National Scholarship, and will serve as an assistant program director for ODK’s training program “Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow.”



Alyssa Heubner

## Flagler Newspaper Advisor Wins Award

Brian Thompson, advisor to the Flagler College student newspaper, “The Gargoyle,” won the 2009 Ken Nordin Award in research from the College Media Advisors.

Thompson was honored for his paper, “Exploring Connectivity at the College Newspaper: Can it Help Explain the Success of the Collegiate Press?” His paper addressed the level of “intimacy” that college journalists have with the collegiate communities in which they operate. Thompson wrote it as his master’s thesis at the University of Missouri Journalism School.

## Stetson Announces Science Fellow, Visiting Professor



Prof. Terry Farrell

Stetson University announced the first recipients of the Cici and Hyatt Brown Faculty Fellow and Visiting Professor Program. Biology professor Terry Farrell, an ecologist who specializes in Florida reptiles, was named Brown Faculty Fellow. The visiting professor is Dr. Paul Andreadis, a biologist who taught most recently at Denison University in Ohio.

The two professors will work on research with undergraduate students and participate in Stetson's community outreach and environmental programs.



Dr. Paul Andreadis

## Barry Law Names Juvenile Justice Center Director

Longtime children's advocate Carrie Lee has been named Director of the Juvenile Justice Center at the Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law. She previously served as the staff attorney for the center.

Lee will focus on improving the quality of legal representation for children facing charges in delinquency court. She will also spearhead implementation of the John D. and Catherine T. Mac Arthur Foundation Models for Change pilot projects in Florida.

Lee is a former lead attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Orange and Osceola Counties Public Defender's office.

Director Carrie Lee



## Rollins Announces Curriculum Reform Pilot Projects

As part of its plan to reform its curriculum, Rollins College will launch two pilot projects in the spring offering first-year students a series of seven courses balanced across divisions and focused on a "big idea" or theme. The themes of the pilot projects are Global Challenges: Florida and Beyond, and Revolution.

Known as the Rollins Plan, the curriculum is designed to engage students inside and outside the classroom, deepen the connection between theory and practice, and expand the relationships between the College and the larger community.

"The Rollins Plan brings cohesion and strength to the general education at Rollins by examining a single big idea from a variety of viewpoints, culminating in a capstone course in which students integrate these various ways of approaching the big idea in a cooperative project," said Mark Anderson, a math professor who helped design the curriculum.

## Retired Colonel Wins UT Ethics Award

Retired Col. Joseph House received the Tampa Bay Ethics Award presented annually by The University of Tampa's Center for Ethics. House is a former member of the university's Board of Trustees.

He currently serves as chairman of the advisory board of BECK, a construction, architecture and development firm that has built several UT residence halls.

"He is a passionate and consummate professional, evidenced by the number of community activities he is involved in," said Kim Scheeler, former president and CEO of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. "Because of his principled concern on issues, his counsel is still sought by Chamber staff and leadership more than 13 years after his term as chair of the board has ended."



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## McCollum Campaigns for Governor at PBA

Attorney General Bill McCollum, Republican candidate for governor, campaigned at Palm Beach Atlantic University where he met with student leaders, trustees, alumni and invited guests.

McCollum discussed his campaign and the future of higher education in Florida. Asked about the role the state should play in helping to advance the mission of private higher education, McCollum said he hopes to become a spokesperson for private institutions.

“I believe they need to be elevated. We have a great workforce issue surrounding some of the institutions,” he said. “I don’t think most of the public knows how great a presence there is in Florida of private institutions and the impact they have.”



**Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum interacts with Palm Beach Atlantic University student leaders (l-r) Richard Atkins, Victoria Lott, Bethany Williams and Adam McKinney**

ICUF members are: Barry University · Beacon College · Bethune-Cookman University · Clearwater Christian College · Eckerd College · Edward Waters College · Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University · Flagler College · Florida College · Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences · Florida Institute of Technology · Florida Memorial University · Florida Southern College · Hodges University · Jacksonville University · Lynn University · Nova Southeastern University · Palm Beach Atlantic University · Ringling College of Art and Design · Rollins College · Saint Leo University · St. Thomas University · Southeastern University · Stetson University · University of Miami · The University of Tampa · Warner University · Webber International University

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