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## ICUF Report

**FICF receives \$1.5 million grant to train teachers, mentors** – The Florida Independent College Fund (FICF) has received a \$1.5 million grant from the Florida Department of Education to fund the **Yes Teach! Math & Science** campaign. The program is designed to train up to 800 new math and science teachers and train students, community leaders and parents to serve as math and science mentors in targeted grades three through eight classrooms. “The **Yes Teach! Math & Science** campaign provides a unique opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen existing partnerships between **ICUF** schools and Florida’s 67 school districts,” said **Ed H. Moore**, **ICUF** executive director. Eligible applicants for the teacher training program will receive scholarships to enroll in an online training program. **FICF** will assist them in obtaining temporary certification and applying for jobs. The mentors, and the teachers they will assist, will receive online training aimed at increasing subject area knowledge and classroom readiness. Please help **FICF** get out the word on your campus about these outstanding programs. For more information visit the **FICF** website at [www.ficf.org/yesteachmathscience](http://www.ficf.org/yesteachmathscience).

**12 students selected as Presidential Fellows** – **ICUF** has selected 12 students to participate in the inaugural **Presidential Fellows** program, which will train student leaders to participate in government relations activities. Included in the first group of students to receive the award are:

- **Earl “Ross” Berling**, a Lakeland senior majoring in business administration and communications at **Florida Southern College**.
- **Leah Blair Chambliss**, a Montgomery, AL, junior majoring in political science and theatre at **Palm Beach Atlantic University**.
- **Judith K. Cineas** of Boynton Beach, who is working on a doctoral degree in global leadership at **Lynn University**.
- **Andrew T. Davidson**, a junior from Jacksonville majoring in political science at **Jacksonville University**.
- **Denyve Duncan**, a Dunedin senior majoring in psychology at **Saint Leo University**.
- **Emmanuel Fleming**, a Mobile, AL, senior majoring in business administration at **Edward Waters College**.

- **Elizabeth B. Harbaugh**, a Hollywood junior majoring in English and philosophy with minors in gender studies and history at **Nova Southeastern University**.
- **Ryan S. Hutson**, a Land O' Lakes junior majoring in political science at **Stetson University**.
- **Lawrence R. O'Donnell III**, an Olathe, KS, senior majoring in interdisciplinary studies with proficiencies in Bible and English at **Clearwater Christian College**.
- **Julie R. Ragans** of Lake Worth, a graduate student working on a masters degree in management at **Webber International University**.
- **Ozie W. Thomas**, a Hollister, FL, senior majoring in business administration with a minor in economics at **Flagler College**.
- **Amie E. Waers**, a Tallahassee junior majoring in business administration/accounting at **Flagler College**.

The **Presidential Fellows** program was created to train campus leaders nominated by the presidents of the institutions they attend. The Fellows are participating in the Florida Chamber of Commerce's *College Leadership Florida* program. The Fellows will serve as liaisons on each campus, working to highlight state government issues and decisions that affect students. Students who participate in the fellowship program will receive \$1,000 campus service awards.

**New leaders on board at Rollins, B-CC** – **ICUF** welcomes two new member presidents, **Lewis M. Duncan** of **Rollins College** and **Trudie Kibbe Reed** of **Bethune-Cookman College**, who have recently moved into their new offices. **Dr. Duncan** is the former dean of Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering, and **Dr. Reed** is the former president of Philander Smith College. They are the fourth and fifth new presidents who will be leading **ICUF** institutions going into the fall semester. The others are **Dr. Kerry Romesburg** at **Jacksonville University**, **Dr. Anne B. Kerr** at **Florida Southern College**, and **Sister Linda Bevilacqua** at **Barry University**.

**North Florida students receive Kirkpatrick Scholarships** – Scholarships created in commemoration of the late **ICUF Executive Director George G. Kirkpatrick Jr.** have been awarded to three **ICUF** students. The recipients of the first annual **George G. Kirkpatrick Jr. Scholars Program** are:

- **Cynthia Ford** of Homosassa, a senior majoring in special education at **Florida Southern College**.
- **Kristine Hoppenworth** of Middleburg, a freshman majoring in graphic design with a minor in advertising at **Flagler College**.
- **Nicole Nagaro** of Ocala, a senior majoring in sociology at **Florida Southern College**.

The **Kirkpatrick** scholarship program is administered by the **Florida Independent College Fund**, which selected the recipients from 41 applicants. The scholarship program is open to students from the 16 North Florida counties **Kirkpatrick** represented when he served in the Florida Senate for 20 years. The program is designed to recognize students who have overcome great obstacles to complete their studies. "George was always trying to help people who otherwise might not have had a chance to succeed," said his daughter, Catherine Kirkpatrick

**Governor announces \$1 million grant to HBCUs** – Gov. Jeb Bush has announced that Florida’s four historically black colleges and universities will share a \$1 million AmeriCorps grant to create mentoring programs. The grant money will be spread over three years and will benefit students at **Bethune-Cookman College, Edward Waters College, Florida Memorial College** and Florida A&M University. Approximately 225 students will be selected to serve as AmeriCorps members from the four colleges and universities. Students will tutor and mentor freshmen and sophomores who are struggling at their schools. They will also provide mentoring services to local K-12 students. “This grant will give our college student leaders an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of other students. They will serve as role models and mentors, while enhancing their college experience,” said Gov. Bush. Based on their commitment of service, student members will receive an AmeriCorps scholarship award and a stipend that can be used to cover the cost of living expenses or assist in the repayment of student loans.

**UM proposes biotech research park in Miami** – The **University of Miami** has approached the city of Miami with a proposal to build a research park in the empowerment zone encompassing **UM’s School of Medicine** in the Civic Center area. The site is inside an economic empowerment zone that offers incentives to businesses that locate in the poor, urban communities surrounding the medical campus. The park, which would be the university’s first research park, would house university researchers who would partner with private incubator companies. The research park could support the hiring of more than 100 university researchers and faculty members, said **Camillo Ricordi**, senior associate dean for research at the **School of Medicine**. The Beacon Council is helping prepare an economic analysis that would estimate the private industry impact. “We know that a research park there, close to the hospital and close to the medical center, would be a valuable asset to the market nationwide to encourage biotech companies to come into that area,” said John Cordrey, senior vice president of research at the Beacon Council.

**Sunshine State Conference names new commissioner** – **Dr. Donald Eastman III**, president of **Eckerd College**, has announced that **Mike Marcil** has been named commissioner of the **Sunshine State Conference**. **Dr. Eastman** is president of the conference. The former commissioner of the North Central Conference, another NCAA Division II league, **Marcil** succeeds **Don Landry**, who has retired after serving as **SSC** commissioner for 10 years. “It is a great honor for me to succeed **Don Landry** as commissioner of the **Sunshine State Conference**,” **Marcil** said. “I have always been so impressed with the total commitment by the **Sunshine State Conference** member institutions to achieve the ideal model of academic and athletic excellence.” **Barry University, Eckerd College, Florida Southern College, Florida Institute of Technology, Lynn University, Rollins College, Nova Southeastern University, Saint Leo University,** and **The University of Tampa** are members of the conference.

**Embry-Riddle creates high school Aviation Institute** – **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** has established a one-of-a-kind **Aviation Institute** in partnership with Choctawhatchee High School in Fort Walton Beach. The institute, located at the high

school, will be open to students from all high schools in the school district starting this fall. At the Aviation Institute, instructors from **Embry-Riddle** will teach several of the same courses that are offered at the university's campuses in Daytona Beach and Prescott, Ariz. Students who take courses at the **Aviation Institute** can earn up to 27 credits that are directly transferable to **Embry-Riddle**. "This is a rare opportunity to expose young people to aviation," said **Leo Murphy**, the director of the Institute "These are college-level courses, and we will have college-level standards." The aviation program is open to selected high school juniors and seniors who have a GPA of at least 2.5 and are recommended by a teacher.

**University of Tampa dorm spares old oak tree** – Developers and city officials have agreed on a plan to build a **University of Tampa** residence hall along Kennedy Boulevard without destroying a large oak tree on the site. "I'm happy to say we came up with a plan that would save the tree," environmental lawyer Andrea Zelman told the City Council. The preservation plan for the oak includes surrounding the tree with a 6-foot chain link fence to protect the tree during construction, installing an irrigation hose in the tree canopy, and trimming dead or damaged branches. Council members, who warned developers not to jeopardize the 100-year-old tree, approved the plan unanimously.

**UM's Eye Institute ranked best in nation** – **Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute** has been ranked the number one hospital in the country for ophthalmology in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual survey of "America's Best Hospitals" by *U.S. News & World Report*. "The wonderful care that is delivered to each **Bascom Palmer** patient every day is the keystone of our reputation," said **Carmen A. Puliafito**, M.D., chairman of **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**. "Our clinical, educational and research enterprises continue to grow in size, scope and quality, making it possible for **Bascom Palmer** to reflect the world of ophthalmology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century." **Bascom Palmer** has been first or second nationally every year the rankings have been published.

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