



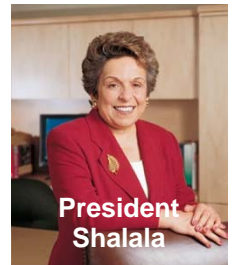
***Sun-Sentinel* Publishes Column by Ferrero, Shalala**

The *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* published a column by Nova Southeastern University Chancellor Ray Ferrero, Jr., and University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala urging the state to involve ICUF institutions in plans to produce more college degrees in Florida. The column was written in response to Chancellor Frank Brogan's drive to produce an additional 25,000 graduates a year. "That's an excellent start," Ferrero and Shalala wrote, "but what is really needed is an all-inclusive plan to maximize the resources of all three sectors of higher education – the state universities, the community-state colleges and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida."

By taking advantage of the capacity for growth at many ICUF institutions and increasing FRAG awards, the state can produce more degrees in the non-profit sector for substantially less than it costs to produce them at state universities, Ferrero and Shalala said. "To give our institutions a vital role in helping to meet the state's higher education objectives, the FRAG must be increased and stabilized," they said. "Working together, Florida's public and private colleges and universities can produce significantly more than 25,000 additional degrees. By involving the independent institutions, the state can achieve its goals at a considerably lower cost than relying entirely on public institutions."



Chancellor
Ferrero



President
Shalala

New Hodges Building Opened

ICUF President Dr. Ed H. Moore was the featured speaker at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Science & Technology Building at the Hodges University campus in Naples. "I am especially grateful to Dr. Moore who took time from his busy schedule to share with our guests his passion and commitment for the ICUF schools in our state," said Hodges President Dr. Terry McMahan. "I'm sure our guests now have a better understanding of how important the FRAG is and the impact that ICUF students have on the economy of Florida."

The building nearly doubles the amount of space dedicated to the Allied Health and Technology programs at Hodges, McMahan said. Before the building opened, the university was running out of classroom space, forcing administrators to schedule more classes online and later in the day. The new facility will enable the university to accommodate enrollment growth for several years to come.



Dr. Moore

Dr. Hodges

Dr. Traina

President McMahan

Flagler Day A Success

Flagler Day at Tallahassee Community College was a rousing success as more than 600 TCC students and others participated in the event organized as a class project by senior business majors. Flagler College has a branch campus at TCC offering the last two years of bachelor's degree programs in several areas.

The event featured fun and games, including free food, a dunking booth, and a raffle featuring an iPod and restaurant tickets as prizes, as well as information on Flagler's programs at TCC and the importance of the FRAG in helping students pay their tuition.

Before the event, the organizers met with ICUF President Dr. Ed H. Moore to discuss ways to promote Flagler College to TCC students attending Flagler Day. Two speakers discussed the FRAG, which covers most of the cost of tuition at Flagler's TCC programs, and organizers distributed a FRAG flyer to attendees.



L to R, Dr. Brian Cornforth; Phil Pradere; ICUF President, Ed Moore; and ICUF Deputy Director, Madeline Hollon



L to R, Phil Pradere, ICUF President Ed Moore, James Wright

War Veteran Joins SLU Students Meeting Legislators

A dozen Saint Leo University students including a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan travelled to Tallahassee to urge legislators to continue to support the FRAG. Robert Tester, a junior ROTC cadet, enrolled at Saint Leo after serving eight years in the U.S. Army and rising to the rank of staff sergeant was among them. He plans to rejoin the Army after he graduates and is commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Tester was a construction supervisor and a gun truck driver during his tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He told legislators he knows of several Saint Leo students enrolled in ROTC who receive the FRAG and that it is helping them pursue their goal of a military career after they graduate.



Robert Tester

Kibbe Reed Appointed to HBCU Advisory Board



President Kibbe Reed

U. S. Education Department appointed Bethune-Cookman University President Trudie Kibbe Reed to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board. The board provides HBCUs with access to financing for repair, renovation, and construction of campus buildings and infrastructure. "It is a tremendous honor to serve on this prestigious panel alongside many of my fellow HBCU presidents," Dr. Reed said. "Historically Black Colleges and Universities play a critical role in our nation's system of higher education. We must work together to ensure that all our sister institutions are able to upgrade their infrastructure to serve 21st Century students."

Nova Southeastern Names Computer Science Dean

Dr. Leo Irakliotis has been named Dean of the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences at Nova Southeastern University. He comes to NSU from the University of Chicago, where he taught computer science and was a founding fellow of the Computation Institute. “Dr. Irakliotis has an impressive amount of experience in both the academic and entrepreneurial worlds of technology, computer science, data architecture, and data mining,” said NSU Chancellor Ray Ferrero, Jr. “We are confident that his background, expertise, and innovative outlook fit perfectly with NSU’s goal of taking our computer science programs to the next level of academic excellence.”



Dr. Irakliotis

JU, Barry Host New Leadership Institute Sessions

Jacksonville University and Barry University have been selected as hosts for the new Connect Florida Statewide Leadership Institute, a Leadership Florida program to train young professionals aged 21 to 35.



JU will host sessions on *Putting Leadership Theory into Action* with Barry hosting sessions on *Making an Impact*. Young leaders participating in the program will attend three weekend sessions over an eight-month period. “Delivering tailored, high quality leadership development programs is what we do, and we’re excited to be a part of Connect Florida,” said Dr. Donnie Horner, Director of JU’s Davis Leadership Center. “It was a highly competitive process to be selected as a site, and this definitely affirms our program quality.”

Eckerd Tabs General Petraeus as Graduation Speaker



General
Petraeus

Eckerd College has selected General David H. Petraeus, Commander of the U.S. Army’s Central Command, as speaker at its spring commencement. “General Petraeus will help continue Eckerd’s campus conversation about peace, international relations, and global awareness that has included this year such voices as anti-genocide activist John Prendergast and Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel,” said Eckerd President Dr. Donald R. Eastman III.

Petraeus, an Army officer for 36 years, previously served as the commander of U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq. In 2007 he was named by *Time* magazine as one of the 100 most influential leaders of the year.

Avatar Star Speaks at JU Commencement

Actor Stephen Lang, who played Colonel Miles Quaritch in the hit movie “Avatar,” is the Spring commencement speaker at Jacksonville University. The university will present him with an honorary degree in theatre and cinema in recognition of his outstanding career. Lang has been performing in movies and on Broadway for more than 35 years. He received the Chairman’s Medal for Distinguished Service from the National Endowment for the Humanities for performing his one-man play “Beyond Glory” for American troops stationed around the world.



Colonel
Miles

Hodges Wins Gold Medal in Educational Advertising

Hodges University received a “Total Advertising Campaign” gold medal award in the Higher Education Marketing Report’s Educational Advertising Awards competition. The award recognized all of Hodges’ marketing efforts, including print, radio and television ads, brochures and other materials. “Our marketing team felt that, since many of our graduates use their knowledge and skills to become leaders in our community, why not highlight a few of them,” said Hodges President Terry McMahan. “The materials they developed were outstanding, and much of the credit goes to them for their insightful approach in showing future graduates and prospective students what is possible with an education from Hodges.”



**President
McMahan**

Florida Tech Researcher Wins NSF CAREER Grant



Lingyu Liu

The National Science Foundation awarded a \$412,801 five-year CAREER grant to Lingyu Liu, Assistant Professors of Physics, and Space Sciences at Florida Institute of Technology. Liu received the grant for his project “CAREER: The Plasmochemistry and Photochemistry of the Upper Atmosphere Induced by Transient Luminous Events.” His research will examine how the atmosphere responds to transient luminous events relating to lightning activities and help advance the understanding of the role of lightning in the atmosphere.

FSC Lauds Author Stephen R. Covey as Honorary Chancellor

Dr. Stephen R. Covey, author of the best-selling “The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People,” has been invested as Florida Southern’s 76th honorary chancellor during the college’s annual Founders Day celebration. Demonstrating how a tiny magnet can throw a compass off, Covey urged students to find their moral center and stay true to it by seeking a life of service. “True happiness and joy comes from serving others,” he said.

FSC President Dr. Anne Kerr said, “Our founding principles and institutional character equip us well for building upon this treasured heritage and pursuing the next stage of possibilities for excellent education along our trajectory.”



Florida Southern Trustees Dr. Robert L. Fryer, Jr., and Richard Fulton, right, Present President’s Medal to Dr. Stephen Covey

Lynn Opens Performing Arts Center

Lynn University held a dedication for its Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold, state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. The Wolds donated \$8.3 million of the \$14.9 million pledged to construct and endow the center. The theater in the Wold Center features superb acoustics, a modern lighting system, and flexible space suited to accommodate plays, concerts and other cultural events.



Ribbon-cutting at Wold Performing Arts Center Dedication

Obama Signs Bill Boosting Funding for HBCUs

President Barack Obama signed into law a bill that provides an additional \$61 million in funding for Florida's historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) over the next 10 years. The breakdown by institution will be announced later. HBCUs in Florida include three ICUF institutions, Bethune-Cookman University, Florida Memorial University and Edward Waters College. "The funding will enhance our ability to strengthen the University's academic programs and resources," said Florida Memorial Interim President Sandra T. Thompson. "It will also support the University's administrative, fundraising, technology, and financial management capacity."



Interim President
Thompson

STU Law Professor Chairs International Rights Panel

Law professor Dr. Siegfried Wiessner, Chair of the St. Thomas University School of Law Intercultural Human Rights program, has been elected chair of International Law Association's Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



Dr. Siegfried
Wiessner

Last year, Wiessner served as a visiting professor at universities in Italy, where he organized a conference on indigenous human rights, and Hong Kong, where he lectured on "Policy-Oriented Jurisprudence: Global Problems – Global Solutions."

President's Campus Cleanup Bags 600 Volunteers

Led by President Catanese, an estimated 600 volunteers participated in the annual Campus Clean-Up at Florida Institute of Technology. In collaboration with Disney's "Give a Day, Get a Day" program, participants who registered on Disney's Web site were given free one-day pass-esto the park. Volunteers picked up 800 bags of trash across campus grounds. President Catanese awarded prizes in a variety of categories, including Largest Group in Attendance, Most Trash Bags Collected, and Oldest Piece of Trash. After the event, volunteers were offered free barbecue in recognition of their hard work.



President
Catanese

Stetson Students Win Investment Competition

For the fifth time in the last seven years, student portfolio managers in the Stetson University Roland George Investments Program have won the RISE Global Investments Forum. They defeated teams from 50 other colleges and universities.

Dr. Larry Belcher, the finance professor who advised the team, said the Stetson students developed a portfolio that produced a risk-adjusted rate of return of 12 percent. Their bond portfolio is currently valued at \$1.18 million. "This year, the bond markets turned sharply upward and the students' portfolio was very well positioned to take advantage of that turn," Belcher said. "We're very good at this."



Members of the Winning Team are Senior Finance Majors Kayley Smothers of Orlando, Chad McVeigh of DeLand and Mark Swick of High Springs.

PBA Students Create Homeless Awareness Film

Students in Palm Beach Atlantic University's Students in Free Enterprise Program and Media Specialist Danilda Gutierrez have created a short film on homelessness that will be featured in a campaign to end homelessness in Palm Beach County in 10 years. The students premiered the film to an audience of city and county officials, homeless advocates and interested citizens. The Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board will use the film to promote its plan to end homelessness in 10 years. "It took a lot of hard work," said student Ariel Jasmin Tucker, one of the film makers. "We wanted to let people know what's going on in Palm Beach County. With the recession, there are a lot of people on the verge of homelessness or who are experiencing it now." Other students who worked on the film were Natasha DaSilva and Paige Wissler.



From left, Jeff Koons, Homeless Advisory Board Chairman, Natasha DaSilva, Paige Wissler, Ariel Jasmin Tucker and Jamie Ressler, Assistant Professor of Marketing and SIFE Sponsor

Flagler Professor Published in Best of South Anthology



Laura Lee Smith

Flagler College English Professor Laura Lee Smith had her story "This Trembling Earth" selected for publication in the anthology "New Stories from the South: The Year's Best, 2010." Smith's story is about conflict and turmoil afflicting a family living near the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia. "It's an enormous honor to be included in this anthology, alongside authors I've read and admired for so long," she said. "I have to give thanks to the incredible community of writers I know and work with at Flagler College, and to the students who inspire me every day."

Warner Social Work Students Lobby Legislators

Seventeen students enrolled in the Social Work Department at Warner University participated in the Florida Lobby Day in Tallahassee, sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers. The organization presented Warner with its University Achievement Award for Outstanding Participation. Erica Sirrione, Director of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department, said Warner received the award because it had the highest percentage of students enrolled in social work to participate in the event. "It was a great learning experience and taught the students that they truly have a voice in local, state and federal government," Sirrione said. "We look forward to taking even more students next year."



Hodges University and ALAD Partner to Improve Literacy in Ghana

Hodges University donated 25 computers to the African Literacy and Art Development (ALAD), a local non-profit that helps communities of rural Ghana, West Africa. According to Johnnie Shubert, an adjunct professor at Hodges and technical project manager for ALAD, the goal is to utilize the computers to set up computer labs at libraries and literacy centers in Ghana. "These labs will provide rural villagers with access to the web, reading/writing software, and a collection of popular e-books in the public domain," he said. "In addition, select participants in our microcredit program for women will be provided with one of the donated computers and will be trained on how to best use them to maximize their businesses. We are bowled over by the generosity of Hodges University, and cannot thank them enough."



L to R: Professor Johnnie Shubert and Hodges University President McMahan

ERAU Seeks \$1.5 Million Green Flight Prize



Richard Pat Anderson

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University researchers are seeking partners to work with them to win the Green Flight Challenge, a \$1.5 million prize to produce and fly an airplane at least 100 miles an hour at 4,000 feet and achieve more than 200 passenger miles per gallon. The competition will allow a multidisciplinary team of 200 students to put their skills to work on modifying a motor glider to meet the standards. The winner of the competition will be determined by a 2-day 200-mile race in Santa Rosa, California, in July of 2011. "Our biggest challenge will be weight," said Richard Pat Anderson, Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering. "We'll use high-performance batteries or hydrogen fuel cells to make electricity drive the engine."

Stetson MBA Finance Program Ranks in Top 15

The Stetson University MBA finance program has been ranked as one of the 15 best in the country by the *Princeton Review*. The rankings were based on a survey of students attending 301 American business schools. "It's truly an honor for Stetson's graduate business programs to be recognized with the nation's best MBA programs," said Dr. Frank DeZoort, Director of Graduate Business Programs at Stetson. "Most of these schools are much larger than Stetson University, and it is very unique to have such a strong graduate business program attached to a small, student-oriented university such as Stetson."



Dr. DeZoort

Rollins Hosts Transforming Learning Summit

The annual Summit on Transforming Learning at Rollins College focused on the theme of “Examining Opportunities for Integrative Learning, Innovation, and Excellence.” “The Summit provides a critical dialogue for our community about what a 21st century liberal education entails,” said Rollins President Lewis M. Duncan.

A featured speaker, Professor Felix Kaputu from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, discussed the Scholars-at-Risk program which finds places at American colleges and universities for scholars who are facing political persecution in their home countries. Kaputu was imprisoned in the Congo until Amnesty International and a French reporter successfully pressured the government there to release him. He now teaches at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.



Professor
Kaputu

Tampa Students Study CSI Effect on Real-Life Trials

In a paper written for an Introduction to Criminal Justice class, The University of Tampa student Audrey Lindeman studied the “CSI Effect” on actual trials and concluded that it is not good. Lindeman and fellow students Morgan Tanaton, Ashley Moreland, Cecily Wood, Sabrina Narain and Mallorie Garcia, interviewed crime scene investigators from Tampa, Orlando and Miami to determine whether the popular CBS television program actually affects trials. “There’s a higher acquittal rate because people expect a kind of (theatrical) forensics in the courtroom,” Lindeman said. “It’s shocking to see how the show effects who gets off and who doesn’t. It’s an interesting project.”

From left, Effect
Researchers Ashley
Moreland, Cecily
Wood and Audrey
Lindeman Interview
Forensic Artist
Jorge Molina



NSU Breaks Ground on Palm Beach Gardens Center

Nova Southeastern University broke ground on a 75,000 square foot Student Educational Center in Palm Beach Gardens. Featuring 26 classrooms, four computer labs, student lounge, fitness area, pharmacy library and offices, the facility is being constructed by Stiles Corp. and is expected to open in the summer of 2012. “We plan to add programs that will meet the needs of the community, especially in the health professions,” said NSU Chancellor Ray Ferrero, Jr. “These additional programs will create new jobs for the area while also providing educational opportunities for its citizens.”



From left, Stiles Corp CEO Terry Stiles, Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Joseph Russo, NSU Chancellor Ray Ferrero, Jr., and NSU President George Hanbury Break Ground on NSU’s Educational Center in Palm Beach Gardens

Dean of St. Thomas Law School Leaving

Alfredo Garcia, Dean of the St. Thomas University School of Law, announced that he will leave his position at the end of the academic year. Garcia served as dean for three and one-half years. "I am very grateful to Dean Garcia for his service," said St. Thomas President Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale. "The Dean will return to teaching, his first love, for which he is so highly esteemed by his colleagues and students."

As dean, Garcia launched a fund-raising campaign that brought in nearly \$1 million. Applications increased by 10 percent, the law school launched the Center for Global Justice and Dialogue and created new graduate programs in Intercultural Human Rights and Environmental Sustainability.



Alfredo Garcia

Barry Student Participates at UN Practicum

Barry University graduate student Christine Willingham participated in a United Nations practicum on the status of women. She was one of just 20 students who participated in the project at UN headquarters in New York. The practicum, stressing advocacy, was held in conjunction with meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women.

As part of her experience, Willingham was required to create an advocacy project at Barry. "We teach the women how important citizen engagement is," said Laura Roskos, Co-President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, a sponsor of the project. "They figure out the ropes, learn how to network with NGOs, meet government officials, and participate in turning specific proposals into documents that can be adopted by U.N. bodies."



Christine Willingham

PBA Professor's Video Featured on Oprah Show

A pro-reading video featuring Jamie Perez, adjunct professor of voice in popular music at Palm Beach Atlantic University, has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show. The video was taped at Ocoee Middle School, where Perez is the former choir director, and was based on the Black Eyed Peas song "I Gotta Feeling." "The enthusiasm that the students have for reading was evident in their enthusiasm for the project," Perez said. "Students who feel uncool about walking around with a book can be more confident because they are making reading an integral part of their lives. Students who haven't been into reading can be reminded every time they see and hear the video."



Jamie Perez

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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
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