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# ICUF Report

## ICUF Holds Orientation for Fellows at Nova Southeastern

The 2007-08 ICUF Presidential Fellows, a group of 26 students representing ICUF institutions, assembled recently at Nova Southeastern University for an orientation on the important role they play in helping to promote the organization’s message to our schools, our students and families, and state policy makers.

ICUF President Ed H. Moore explained the legislative process and issue development to the Fellows and gave them practical advice on the best ways to approach legislators and other elected officials. One mission of the Fellows program is to develop grassroots campaigns on campus, inform students about the Florida Resident Access Grant and other sources of financial aid provided by the state and to work with



From left to right, Philip Ortiz, Ruth Heeney, Mary Ester Flowers, Daniel Izquierdo, Dr. Fred Lippman, Chancellor of the NSU Health Professions Division; State Rep. Evan Jenne; Dahnnny Roman, NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., Aaron Dahl and Joseph Harper.

policy makers to demonstrate the importance of support for independent education. “The Fellows are playing an increasingly important role in helping us to put a human face on the FRAG and other programs that benefit our students,” Moore said. “Their dedication and enthusiasm are an inspiration to all of us.”

Dr. Fred Lippman, Chancellor of the Health Professions Division at NSU and a former 20 year legislative leader, was the guest speaker at lunch and delivered an informative address on how the legislative process works. NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., welcomed the students to his campus and thanked them personally for their efforts on behalf of ICUF.

Representative Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach, who is a strong supporter of the issues important to independent higher education, engaged the Fellows in a spirited discussion of political issues and described his experiences as a new member of the legislature.

ICUF would like to extend a special thank you to Nova Southeastern University for hosting the orientation session for the ICUF Presidential Fellows, and to NSU President Ray Ferrero Jr. for his personal participation. ICUF also thanks Jennifer Ramos, Director of Special Events and Projects, for her valuable assistance in arranging the meeting.

THE FELLOWS IN ATTENDANCE: KEON WILLIAMS, *BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY*; AARON MICHAEL DAHL, *CLEARWATER CHRISTIAN COLLEGE*; GRACE ANN GAIR, *ECKERD COLLEGE*; CLAVER MISAGO, *EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY*; KAYLA D. ROLEN AND JONATHAN M. GROWICK, *FLAGLER COLLEGE*; EMILY A. STERLING AND WILLIAM LEE POSEY, *FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE*; MARY COSMO, *HODGES UNIVERSITY*; JAMES J. BARTMAN, *JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY*; PHILIP W. ORTIZ, *NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*; MARYESTHER P. FLOWERS AND RUTH ANN HEENEY, *PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY*; JUSTIN DONNELLY, DANIEL R. IZQUIERDO, AND CHAD M. KINNEY, *SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY*; DAHNNY ALEXIS ROMAN, *ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY*; ANDREW S. DAVIS, *STETSON UNIVERSITY*; ADELA Z. GHADIMI AND JOSEPH P. HARPER, *UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI*; AND MALLORIE HORTON, *WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY*.

### Long-term Webber President Announces His Retirement

Rex R. Yentes, who helped transform Webber College into Webber International University during his 17-year tenure as President, has announced that he will retire as of Oct. 31, 2008. The search for his successor is underway.

Founded in 1927 as a business college for women, Webber began with only 219 students and was struggling when Yentes took over as President in 1990. Under his leadership, the school has grown into an international university serving students from 37 countries, and enrolling more than 600 students. Additionally during his tenure, Yentes created an MBA program and added a football team.



WIU President Rex R. Yentes

“Webber has been my life for nearly two decades, and I am honored to have been able to serve this institution,” he said. “But it’s time; Webber needs new ideas and new leadership. It’s the right time for me personally as well: I have a wide array of civic activities, a number of wonderful hobbies, a wonderful family which includes a wonderful new granddaughter, and I have reached the age where I need to devote my time to enjoying the blessings which have been bestowed upon me.”



WIU is located on the shores of Crooked Lake at Babson Park in Polk County.

## Monsignor Casale Addresses U.S. House Committee

Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale, President of St. Thomas University, has addressed a U.S. House committee on behalf of the 27 million people who are victims of human trafficking worldwide.

Casale discussed anti-trafficking recommendations developed by the St. Thomas Law School Graduate Program in Intercultural Human Rights, known as the *Miami Declaration of Principles in Human Trafficking*. The recommendations are:

1. The U.S. should urge other countries to ratify the *2000 Palermo Protocol on Human Trafficking*.
2. Diplomats should be stripped of their immunity in cases of human trafficking.
3. Universal jurisdiction should be established for the international crime of human trafficking.
4. The importation of goods made by victims of human trafficking should be prohibited.
5. In addition to law enforcement, clergy and medical personnel should be trained in detecting cases of human trafficking.
6. Independent and reliable research centers specialized in the field of human trafficking should be supported and asked to analyze the problem globally and in depth.



Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale

## Shalala Pushes Congress for Better Care for Veterans

University of Miami President, Dr. Donna Shalala, has testified to the U.S. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee regarding recommendations of the *Veteran's Health Care Commission* that she and former Sen. Robert Dole co-chaired.



She said Congress has yet to act on the panel's recommendations to overhaul the disability and compensation system for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I've learned all you can do in this town is push and push and push," said Dr. Shalala, who was Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services when Bill Clinton was president. Shalala said the Bush Administration has implemented about 90 percent of the panel's recommendations, but congress must do the rest. "As far as I can tell, they're moving," she said.

UM President Donna Shalala

## University of Miami Professors Testify on Impact of Climate Changes

Florida is going to get a lot hotter and wetter as a result of climate changes, two University of Miami professors said at a Florida House Environment and Natural Resources Council symposium on climate issues. The professors were part of a group of 10 scientists and economists who set the stage for upcoming consideration of climate change legislation.

Using Tallahassee as an example, Brian Souden, an Associate Professor of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography at UM, told the state representatives that hotter temperatures are on the way. He said the hottest temperature recorded in Tallahassee, 103 degrees, happens about once every 20 years. By 2100, Professor Souden predicted, high temperatures of up to 109 degrees will be recorded every other year.

Harold Wanless, chairman of the University Of Miami Department Of Geological Sciences, warned that the sea level in Florida will rise by 1.5 feet in 50 years and up to 5 feet by the end of the century, swamping much of South Florida. "We have a huge problem on our hands, one that calls for a revolution in thinking about how we manage our land," he said.

## Embry-Riddle Honors Fallen Alumni in War on Terrorism

In honor of 20 alumni who have lost their lives fighting terrorism since September 11, 2001 in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is dedicating a *War Veterans Memorial Plaque* on Veterans Day. The ceremony includes a reading of the names of the alumni who gave their lives fighting terrorism.

"In light of our mission to educate and support those who defend this great nation, we are determined to acknowledge and honor those in our Embry-Riddle family who have made the ultimate sacrifice," said Wayne Munson, Executive Director of Alumni Relations.

The idea for the plaque was conceived by Air Force 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Robert Clark, a former ROTC cadet at the university. "We wanted to commission a memorial plaque to be dedicated in a place of honor on campus as an inspiration to us all," he said.

## Flagler Chancellor Named Interim Athletic Director at Florida State

State Rep. Bill Proctor, R-St. Augustine, the Chancellor and former longtime president of Flagler College, has been named interim athletic director at his alma mater, Florida State University.

"Bill Proctor is the perfect person for this assignment, based upon his strong financial management skills and his impeccable academic credentials," said FSU President T. K. Wetherell. Proctor was an assistant coach at Florida State when Wetherell played the position of wide-receiver in the 1960s.

Proctor earned three degrees at Florida State and is a member of the FSU Athletic Hall of Fame. He holds the unique distinction of being the only man ever to play college football for Florida, Florida State and Stetson University, which no longer fields a team.



Representative Bill Proctor

## Hodges Expanding to Florida Keys Community College

Hodges University is offering a Baccalaureate degree in management at Florida Keys Community College starting in January. The program will allow students at FKCC to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Management without leaving the campus.

"This expansion will give the students at FKCC the opportunity to complete a bachelor degree programs taking courses at the community college from which they received their associate degree," said Hodges President Terry McMahan. "It's a program that is challenging and intense, but allows the students to get a degree in a timely manner."

## NSU Providing Dental Care to School Children via the Dr. John T. MacDonald Foundation

Nova Southeastern University has received a \$57,000 grant from the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation to provide free dental services to 400 underserved elementary and middle school students in Miami-Dade County.

The NSU College of Dental Medicine will partner with the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine to provide dental care and oral health instruction to the students.



## Building Projects and Expansions

Southeastern University opened a state-of-the-art dining facility, Flagler College has opened a renovated Art Building and Florida Southern College has broken ground on its first new classroom building in 20 years.

*Tuscana Ristorante*, the \$7 million dining facility at Southeastern, was built in the "marche," or French market style, featuring a variety of food serving stations or "islands," a popular concept in the university foodservice industry.

The Molly Wiley Art Building and Annex at Flagler was renovated at a cost of \$5.5 million with support from the state, several foundations, the *St. Augustine Record* and *Florida Times-Union* newspapers as well as numerous individual donors.

The Dr. Marcene H. and Robert E. Christoverson Humanities Building will be the first new classroom building at FSC in two decades. Dr. Christoverson donated \$2 million toward the cost of the building.

Bethune-Cookman University hosted the fall meeting of the public relations directors at member institutions. President Trudie Kibbe Reed welcomed the PR directors to campus and discussed her plans to expand and enhance the vision of the university's founder, noted African-American educator Mary McLeod Bethune. Assistant Vice President Catherine Kershaw arranged the meeting.



## *In the Media*



The *Miami Herald* published an op-ed article by ICUF President Ed H. Moore urging students who are having difficulty gaining entrance into state universities because of the current budget crunches, to consider ICUF institutions. The article was written in response to a *Herald* article that said state universities rejected more than 30,000 applicants last year.

The headline above Moore's article said it all: *Private College: The Right Choice at the Right Price*. Moore's article noted that ICUF institutions have room for students seeking an alternative option to crowded state universities and are doing a great job of arranging financial aid packages, which include the FRAG, that make a private college education affordable for most students.

"Access to a college education is not a right guaranteed to all, but it is an opportunity, a pathway to success, that deserves a place at the top of the state's priority list," Moore said. "The more students who earn a degree as a result of enlightened public policy, the better for the economy and well-being of all Floridians."

*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 · Pam 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 Southern College · Webber International University*

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