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ICUF BESTOWS SENATE PRESIDENT, HOUSE SPEAKER WITH ALL-STAR AWARD



The Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida annually present their ICUF ALL-Star Award to deserving policymakers. Two recipients this year are Senate President Mike Haridopolos and House Speaker Dean Cannon. Both have been strong supporters of ICUF colleges and universities and student aid programs during their service to Florida. "Senator Haridopolos is a tireless advocate for Florida's students," said Anthony J. Catanese, President of the Florida Institute of Technology and ICUF Chairman. "He understands the vital role that higher education plays in the future of our state and our nation. I'm pleased to call him a friend, and grateful for his continuing commitment to education."

Dr. Lewis Duncan, President of Rollins College had this to say about Speaker Dean Cannon, "Dean Cannon has been a steady supporter of higher education, both public and private. In particular here at Rollins, we appreciate and look forward to his continuing participation in our many academic and community outreach programs. Dean is an outstanding role model for the "active citizenship" goal of our applied liberal education mission."

Dr. Ed H. Moore, ICUF President said, "Both of these public servants has spent their legislative careers seeking to create opportunities for Florida citizens. They both view higher education as a key partner in growing the Florida economy and are very deserving of this high award."

Glover Named 29th President of EWC

Nathaniel Glover is staying put at Edward Waters College. Some nine months after he became the school's interim president, Glover and the school's trustees agreed to make the job permanent. Glover said he hadn't planned to stay in the job, but enjoyed working with the faculty and students and slowly concluded he could do some good there. University of North Florida president John Delaney, Glover's ex-boss, said Edward Waters is getting a good catch. "I think he's a great selection ...," said Delaney, who encouraged him to take the job. "He knows management, and he's terrific with budgets."

Glover said the school's financial trouble several years ago has been addressed, and he's pursuing plans for campus improvements. "We've got a balanced budget. We've energized our stakeholders and have one of the largest freshman classes ... we've had in years. We're on the rise," Glover said.

Other factors that make him want to stay at Edward Waters is an awareness of young people in Jacksonville who feel cut off from higher education, and the potential for EWC to make a difference. "I would not have been able to do things I've been able to do if the school had not been there for me," Glover said. "It all started with Edward Waters College."



President Nathaniel Glover

BCU President Named to NAICU Board

The members of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), selected Bethune-Cookman University President Trudie Kibbe Reed as secretary to its board of directors to serve for 2011-12. "I'm honored to be named to the NAICU board," noted Dr. Reed. "I look forward to working with my fellow board members toward our common goals in higher education."

"NAICU's board members and officers are selected by their peers because of their expertise in the field, proven leadership, and commitment to America's college students," said NAICU President David L. Warren. "They assume their responsibilities at a time of great challenge and transformation for American higher education."

Members of NAICU's board of directors set the association's agenda on federal higher education policy; actively encourage support of NAICU priorities and initiatives; and oversee the association's financial administration. Members typically serve three-year terms.



President Trudie Kibbe Reed

PBA Board Appoints Interim President

Robert Simpson, chairman of Palm Beach Atlantic University's board of trustees, announced the selection of William "Bill" M. B. Fleming, Jr., the University's vice president for development, as interim president. "Bill is a man of quiet strength who will fill the role as interim president well while the University embarks on a comprehensive search for its eighth president," Simpson said. "When his name was introduced, the board of trustees was in unanimous agreement that Bill Fleming has a complete understanding of the University's mission and values, and can maintain the University's culture and valued traditions."



**Interim President
William Fleming, Jr.**

"I love Palm Beach Atlantic," Fleming said. "My life's career has been dedicated to providing the financial support that universities need to go about their business of training students in scholarship, citizenship, character and service. So, for me, it is an honor to serve as a steward to maintain the University's excellence in Christian higher education." Regarding the work ahead, Fleming said, "Our job is to continue to build a community of students, faculty and staff that embrace collaborative learning and strive for high standards."

Beacon Selects New Interim President

The Board of Trustees for Beacon College announced that Dr. John J. Hutchinson has been selected as the new Interim President and is expected to serve for a period of up to two and a half years, while a national search is conducted to select a permanent President. Dr. Hutchinson most recently served as President of Lincoln College, in Lincoln, Illinois and prior to that, he led the helm as President at Thomas University in Thomasville, Georgia.



**Interim President
John Hutchinson**

"The Board of Trustees engaged in an extensive search process to ensure the selection of a highly qualified professional who was the right fit for Beacon College," said Sam Battaglia, Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees. "Dr. Hutchinson brings an extraordinary blend of skills and experience. In addition to his record of strong academic leadership, he holds his Ph.D. in speech pathology and has experience in the college level education of students challenged with learning disabilities. We believe Dr. Hutchinson will effectively move the College in its evolution as a nationally recognized institution for students with learning disabilities."

CCC Search Committee Formed

Clearwater Christian College recently announced the formation of a presidential search committee to seek nominations and applications for the position of its college president. After nine years of exemplary leadership, Dr. Richard A. Stratton has announced his resignation at the end of the 2011 calendar year. It is the desire of the board of directors that the new president continue the path of leadership which has distinguished the college academically and spiritually throughout its forty-five year history.

Stetson Senior Wins Service Excellence Award

Stetson University senior Heather Grove won the 2010 Excellence in Service Award from Florida Campus Compact for being one of Florida's most dedicated student service scholars who is making a positive impact through contribution of service.

Grove is a co-founder of Hatter Harvest, an organization dedicated to food, health and environmental sustainability awareness and education. In 2008, she started a nonprofit organization, the John Grove Memorial Fund, to continue funding her late grandfather's humanitarian efforts in Central America and the Caribbean. She was named the 2010 Udall Scholar for her commitment to environmental awareness and to a career in sustainable development as a means to help end environmental and social injustice.

Stetson Associate Director of Community Engagement Savannah-Jane Griffin said, "I was immediately struck by Heather's sincerity, compassion and humility. Her enthusiasm and passion has really helped transform our university's focus. Needless to say, she is now one of our greatest student leaders on campus..."



Heather Grove

NSU New MBA Degree in Sales

Nova Southeastern University is one of only 12 universities in the country offering graduate level sales courses, and the only one in Florida. The Sales MBA and graduate certificate were launched in January after successfully launching a dedicated sales education curriculum at the undergraduate level last semester. NSU's Sales Program is the first in the Huizenga Business School's innovative 'Market-Driven Education' series of specialty business programs shaped by the trends and opportunities that are driving the marketplace. "Today's economic climate and ultra-competitive job market are dictating that business schools become more specialized in preparing students for employment opportunities in target professions and industries," said Michael Fields, Ph.D., Dean of the Huizenga Business School. "No matter what business you're in, you're involved in selling. Students that have a solid skill set in sales are going to add immediate value to the companies hiring them. It's the best single thing we can do to help students and industry at the same time."

FSC Student Earns Advertising Award

Florida Southern College student Joe Citro received the Silver ADDY Award from the Imperial Polk Advertising Federation for his exceptionally creative work on an advertising campaign. The ADDY Awards is the world's largest advertising competition and recognizes the best creative work in the industry. Citro is a senior majoring in advertising and public relations. He was recognized in the brochure category of the student division for his creative work on a direct mail project. Citro's entry will now move on to the American Advertising Federation statewide district contest in April. "Receiving the student ADDY Award is a wonderful achievement for Joe," said Dr. Alex Ortiz, FSC advertising professor. "I know that Mr. Citro will do very well at the statewide competition."



Joe Citro

Barry Honors 9 Year-Old Philanthropist

Barry University bestowed 9-year-old Joshua Williams, who may possibly be the world's youngest and smallest philanthropist, with the University's Faith and Freedom Award. Joshua received the award because of his efforts in organizing countless food drives and backpack giveaways for the needy in Miami-Dade County. The fifth-grader is the youngest to earn the award, in recognition of his work through his foundation, Joshua's Heart. "I think it's really good and great because it will give awareness to the community about my foundation," he said. "If they know about my foundation, they can donate and we can use that money to buy food to donate to the poor."

His charity began when he just 4 years old, giving away a \$20 gift from his grandmother to a homeless man. Later, Joshua saw a program on TV about the world's poverty and hunger-stricken children, which thrust him into action. Soon Joshua had convinced his mother to donate the canned food in their pantry, and had his grandmother cooking up meals to dish out to the homeless. By the time he was 5, Joshua created his own foundation with his mother's help. "He's a blessing in my life. He's an inspiration," said his mother, Claudia McLean. "He's taught me about humility, a lot about compassion and about being patient in general."



Joshua Williams

Hodges University recognizes 2010 students of the year



(L-R) Dr. William Griz, Program Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies; Louise M. Ghigliotty, HU Student of the Year; Dr. Marcia Brooks, Dean of Students

Hodges University recently recognized the outstanding students of 2010 at its 13th Annual Student Recognition ceremony. Leading the list of exceptional students is the 2010 Student of the Year Louise Ghigliotty, an Interdisciplinary Studies major. The Student of the Year is selected from the twelve Students of the Month, which are nominated by peers, staff or faculty. The honorees are selected for recognition by the Academic Committee.

In accepting the award, Ghigliotty praised the university and its staff. "I knew I had made the right choice in Hodges from the first day at my student orientation," she said. "I knew that Hodges was an institute that would allow me to truly excel. That first day I met (Dean of Students) Dr. Marcia Brooks, who not only embraced me as an individual but my drive to be involved and make a difference. To this day, I get energized just walking into her office. Because of the experiences, support and empowerment I've received at this incredible university I finally know what I want be when I grow up! I am extremely appreciative and proud of this amazing award."

U.S. News & World Report Names Florida Tech Among Top 10

U.S. News & World Report published the report, “*10 Universities Producing the Most Interns*,” ranking Florida Institute of Technology among the top 10 in the nation. The report identified the schools that produced the highest percentage of interns among their undergraduate students. “The work of our Career Management Services has always been a source of great pride here. We are pleased to know that our opinion is supported by U.S. News & World Report, as we strive to ensure that Florida Tech students have the real-world skills they need to get great jobs after graduation,” said FIT President Anthony J. Catanese.

The report also noted that with the growth of college graduates outpacing population growth by more than three-fold, those who seek employment immediately after graduation need to take extra steps while in college to set themselves apart from their peers. “The most logical step to take? Secure at least one internship before you graduate,” said the article.

Lynn Student Volunteers Opt for Alternative Spring Break

At most universities, Spring Break is notorious for partying with friends and laying on the beach, but eight Lynn University students decided to do their spring break an alternative way – helping the needy in New Orleans, La.

For most of their trip the student volunteers along with Lynn’s coordinator of student involvement, Annie Weaver, will help build a home with the St. Bernard Project. However, their first few days were spent helping with Mardi Gras festivities. On March 7th, the group went to the Louisiana Children’s Museum to help create a Lundi Gras party for the children, and on Fat Tuesday, the group participated in New Orleans’ oldest Mardi Gras parade.



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