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Southeastern Names President

Southeastern University has named its next president with the selection of Dr. Kent Ingle of Washington State. Ingle is currently dean of the College of Ministry at Northwest University.

Acting President Charles Kelly, a Southeastern alumnus and longtime member of the Board of Regents said he was delighted by the committee's recommendation and the board's approval. He added that it was a "wonderful privilege and high honor" to have been of service as acting president during the transitional period.



Dr. Kent Ingle

B-CU Granted Reaffirmation by SACS

Bethune-Cookman University announced its reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges. SACS did not find any standards that the university did not meet placing B-CU in a category with only two percent of schools who receive this level of reaffirmation.

"It was an incredible thrill to hear this wonderful news in person today about The GREAT Bethune-Cookman University," said B-CU President Trudie Kibbe Reed. "Thanks be to God, our founder and the entire B-CU family. This goes to show the level of success we can reach together with incredible teamwork. I could not be more proud of our beloved institution."

"On behalf of myself and the B-CU board of directors, I would like to commend the entire team involved with the reaffirmation of accreditation process with SACS," stated B-CU Chairman Dr. Larry R. Handfield. "We couldn't be more proud of the incredible leadership of Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, who managed this process from start to finish. The success of our reaffirmation is a clear indication of the standards of excellence upheld by the institution and its administration and I am deeply proud personally as both an alumnus and chairman of the board."



CCC Takes Home Two National Titles

Clearwater Christian College women's volleyball team captured another national championship banner for the fifth straight season marking their tenth national title in the past 16 years. CCC also won its second straight men's soccer title in the national championship final. Volleyball coach Vickie Denny said, "After graduating three key starters from last year's championship team, we had some big spots to fill. The Lord brought in some great new players while returners really stepped up big for us. The amount of improvement seen on this year's squad from the start of our season to now was tremendous"

James Whitaker, CCC's Athletic Director and men's soccer coach said, "This was a great way to cap off an amazing season. I'm so proud of our guys and the way they have played and continued to improve all season. This win was the result of a lot of hard work and a team-first attitude. I'm happy for this outstanding group of seniors who have worked so hard and been the cornerstone of our team."



CCC Men's Soccer Team



CCC Women's Volleyball Team

EWC Students Die in Car Crash

Edward Waters College students Najee Culmer and Roberto Armenteros passed away from a car crash in Armenteros' hometown of Miami. Najee Culmer was co-captain of the cross country team, and was recently nominated Top Ten All-Conference by the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. He was part of the squad that set a school record as the first men's cross country team to ever win an award in a conference championship. Blake Hacht, a college spokesperson said, "I had the pleasure of meeting with Najee after they took second place in the cross country championship. He was an outstanding individual, and very talented both in and out of the classroom. He and his family are in our prayers, as well as Roberto and his family."



Najee Culmer and Roberto Armenteros

Mr. Armenteros was a graduating senior, an outstanding scholar, co-captain of the College's cross country team, chosen ICF/UPS Scholarship recipient and a campus role model. He was well respected and admired by many students, faculty and staff, and he made an indelible impact. Executive V.P., Dr. Eurmon Hervey said, "Mr. Armenteros was an exceptional student athlete. He was a shining example of what we want all students to aspire to be. Mr. Armenteros and Mr. Culmer leave behind a legacy of excellence, leadership, ethics, and friendship that will resonate throughout the halls of the College for many years to come."

Flagler SIFE Student 'Lends a Hand'

McKenzie Blaine, member of Flagler College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), was one of 10 college students chosen nationwide to participate in Liberty Mutual's "Liberty Lends a Hand – The Community Project." The project was started as a way to help in the response to catastrophic events like the recent southern California wildfires that impacted communities throughout the surrounding Los Angeles area in the summer of 2009. Blaine will be part of a group that will be working in the Angeles National Forest and at a local elementary school.

"We will be planting new saplings to help replenish the forest and cleaning up an old ranger station," Blaine said. "There is a ranger station out there that has sat unused for a long time, and it was almost completely demolished. That's where our [volunteers'] headquarters will be."



McKenzie Blaine

FSC Students Raise \$22,000

Students in Florida Southern College's new full-time, 16-month MBA program have raised \$22,000 for Lakeland nonprofits during a first-semester "Marketing Management" project. The project was designed to integrate real-world experiences and academics, a philosophy that defines FSC's MBA program.

The class, led by Dr. Nicholas Nugent, assistant professor of business administration and sports management program coordinator, had the assignment of designing and implement a fundraising event to benefit Polk County charities. The class divided into two teams and chose the United Way of Central Florida and the Humane Society of Polk County.

The team benefitting the United Way of Central Florida, led by Rachel Wright, staged a bachelor's auction that raised \$12,500, and the team benefitting the Humane Society, led by Sarah Hartsfield, held a poker tournament that raised \$9,500. Students not only had to handle the logistics and legalities of planning events, but they also experienced potential future career paths. "Business is not just about balancing a financial statement, it's about incorporating communications, leadership and teamwork," said Dr. Larry Ross, business professor and director of Florida Southern's MBA program.

Saint Leo Cadet Given Leadership Post

Saint Leo University ROTC student, Robert Tester, who is also a veteran of U.S. Army tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, served during the fall semester as cadet battalion commander. The unit is comprised of 250 Army ROTC cadets studying at seven different colleges and universities in the Tampa Bay region. It is the first time a Saint Leo University ROTC cadet has held the position.

Cadet Robert Tester "transitioned" from serving as an Army staff sergeant to a Saint Leo University student under the Green-to-Gold scholarship program. He is a history major, due to graduate at the end of April, when he will be commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Army.



Cadet Robert Tester

Stetson Alumna Part of Prestigious Fulbright Program

Class of 2010 Stetson University alumna Hannah Chapman is spending the 2010-2011 academic year in Gori, Georgia, as part of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. She is team-teaching English language and American culture at two schools in Gori and directing clubs and extracurricular activities for the students. She is also doing an independent research project and studying the Georgian and Russian languages. "In addition to these primary goals, I hope to educate the students and teachers about the United States and to build stronger relationships with the Georgian people," says Chapman.



Hannah Chapman stands on the top of a mountain at Gori Jvari

Dr. Michael Denner, associate professor of Russian studies, says Chapman's selection for the prestigious Fulbright program is a "tremendous success" for both Chapman and Stetson. And he's excited about her future.

Webber Grad Wins First Pro Golf Tournament

Craig Isabel, a recent graduate of Webber International University, won his first golf tournament as a Professional. Isabel won The Founders Club Series and was the only player in the field at even par or better. His even par 72, for the 18-hole tournament pushed him to third place in the "Race to the Ritz" Q-School competition. Isabel won \$1,000 as the tournament champion. "I am sure Craig Isabel will win many more professional golf events," stated WIU golf coach, Nancy Nichols. "He has that passion for the game that is needed to be successful in professional golf."



Craig Isabel

Barry Cuts Firefighters Tuition

Barry University's School of Adult and Continuing Education, in partnership with the Florida State Fire College, announced that it has cut tuition by 20 percent for all firefighters who enroll at the university. The 20 percent discount applies to all of its bachelor and master degree programs and will be instituted in all 19 counties where ACE has a campus or site.

JU Announces VP for Advancement

Jacksonville University announced that Michael Howland '76, will return to the University to take on the role of vice president for University Advancement. "We're delighted to welcome Michael back to campus to become a part of our administration," said President Kerry Romesburg. "He's always been an active and involved alumnus and we look forward to him bringing his expertise back to contribute to the advancement of the University."

"I'm thrilled to return to JU, to become a part of President Romesburg's terrific team and lead our efforts to grow resources for JU today and for our future," said Howland.



Michael Howland

UM Names Interim Dean of Business School

A University of Miami alumna and seasoned financial services executive who has led some of the top wealth management organizations in the world will serve as interim dean of UM's School of Business Administration. Frances Aldrich Sevilla-Sacasa, earned her bachelor's degree from UM in 1977 and was most recently president of U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management. "The University of Miami is delighted to welcome back one of its best and brightest. Frances Aldrich Sevilla-Sacasa is not only a leader in the rapidly evolving business landscape, she's familiar with the business school's regional and international mission as well," said UM President Donna E. Shalala.



Frances Aldrich Sevilla-Sacasa

NSU Director Gets Appointment

Florida Governor Charlie Crist announced the appointment of Susan Kabot, director of Clinical and Therapeutic Programs at Mailman Segal Institute (MSI), to the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. As the director of clinical programs at MSI, Kabot specializes in researching and developing programs for children with autism spectrum disorders. She also supervises two of MSI's programs for children with autism, Starting Right and the Unicorn Children's Clinic, and serves as chair of NSU's Interdisciplinary Council for the Study of Autism.



Susan Kabot

Eckerd Ranks Highest for Students Studying Abroad

According to the Institute of International Education's Open Doors 2010 Report on International Educational Exchange, Eckerd College ranks #27 among the top 40 baccalaureate institutions by undergraduate participation (68.5%), #16 among the top 40 baccalaureate institutions sending total number of students to study abroad (377), and #10 among baccalaureate institutions sending students to study abroad for a short-term duration (265). Eckerd College is the only Florida baccalaureate institution on all three lists.

"Eckerd College has a strong tradition of study abroad," said Dr. Donald R. Eastman III, President of Eckerd College. "The international dimension and perspective are vital to all of the College's academic and extracurricular programs."

Eckerd provides semester, full year, winter term, and spring-into-summer programs for student participation. More than 280 Eckerd students will travel on 21 trips during the January 2011 Winter Term for language study, cultural immersion, research, and service-learning. Destinations include Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Tanzania, the Galapagos Islands, Suriname, and India.



President Eastman III

Florida Tech Professor Receives Research Contract

Andy Knight, associate professor of chemistry at Florida Institute of Technology, has been awarded a five-year, \$963,777 contract from the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington D.C.. Knight and his research group will study the cooperative effects of organic and inorganic coordination complexes on the catalytic degradation of organophosphorus compounds. These compounds are of interest because of their similarities to a number of phosphorus containing chemical warfare agents.



Research Group: From left: Aaron Funk, Andy Knight, Ross Russell, Orsolya Karácsony and Christa Simmers. Group member Rafaela Nita is not shown.

Hodges Announces Employee and Professor of the Year



Peter Van Leeuwen

Peter Van Leeuwen, Director of Distance Education at Hodges University, was named Employee of the Year at the Institution. The award recognizes his outstanding work for the University in its distance education program. "I am pleased to honor Peter with this award," said Dr. Terry McMahan, President of Hodges University. "Our students are able to take advantage of quality programs anywhere and anytime, thanks in part to the hard work that Peter has put into the program."

This year's winner of the Professor of the Year award was Dr. Valerie Weiss. Dr. Weiss is the Chair of the Health Studies program at Hodges, teaching in both the Medical Assisting and Health Studies programs. She has been with the University since 2004. "Dr. Weiss is an individual with extraordinary character who is dedicated to education and the development of her students," wrote a nominating student. "Her encouraging nature gives students who lack confidence - hope, and those with determination - a map to help guide them to achieve their dreams. She helps students to believe in greater possibilities that lie ahead in life."



Valerie Weiss

Lynn Recognized as Model Site

Lynn University's Project ACCESS (Assimilation to Community, Careers, Employment, and Self-Sufficiency) – a program that brings young people from the local community with disabilities to campus for employment opportunities – was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to be one of only three model sites for this type of program in the state of Florida.

In addition, Lynn's program was awarded the 2010 On the Job Training Site of the Year. Currently, Lynn employs seven transitional students who assist with everyday tasks in Lynn's library, cafeteria, fitness center, bookstore, study abroad office, College of Hospitality and College of Education. In addition, Lynn was awarded a \$2.5 million federal grants by the U.S. Department of Education to help build and support additional programming.

Flagler College Bestows High Honor

Twenty five years after his father received Flagler College's highest honor, Tom S. Kenan III has now received his own Flagler College Medallion for supporting the institution. "I was surprised and overcome when I was informed that I would be receiving the medallion," said Kenan. "I remember when my late father received it in Palm Beach, and he was very thrilled and grateful, as am I."

In 1985, Frank H. Kenan was the first to receive the medallion; the highest honor Flagler bestows to an individual who has made significant contributions to the development of the college. William T. Abare, Jr., president of Flagler College, said that Kenan has been a loyal supporter of the college from its earliest days. "He has encouraged us, he has supported us, he has challenged us in terms of the quality of our faculty, the quality of our academic programs and in terms of fundraising."



Tom Kenan III

NSU Health Chancellor Appointed to Education Team



Fred Lippman

Fred Lippman, chancellor of Nova Southeastern University's Health Professions Division was appointed to serve on Florida Governor-elect Rick Scott's Education Transition Team. Lippman oversees six colleges at HPD; osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, dental medicine, medical sciences, and allied health and nursing.

Webber Tennis Players Nationally Ranked

Webber International University's tennis teams have four players, one woman and three men, ranked in The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) 2010-2011 Preseason Individual National Rankings. The women's team is represented by Nathalia Chaddad, ranked #45 in singles. Singles men who were ranked are Rafael Teixeira, at #35, Juuso Tapaneinen, ranked #43, and Andres Riobueno, ranked #46. "I am always very pleased to see our individual players receive honors and awards," stated Coach Bill Heath, "but the main goal we have for this year is to win matches and have our individual successes result in success for the team."

\$4 M Propels Development of PBA's Athletic Campus

Palm Beach Atlantic University announced the largest gift to support Sailfish athletics in program history with a \$4 million gift from the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Foundation for construction of the University's new athletic complex. "The students, faculty and staff of Palm Beach Atlantic University are grateful to John Rinker and the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Foundation for this extraordinary gift," University President Lu Hardin said. "This is certainly the largest gift in the history of our NCAA Division II sports program. In light of this economy, this gift is exceptional. The Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Foundation has been a vital partner in the development of Palm Beach Atlantic University and it will be an honor to name our primarily athletic facility in their name."



Rollins College Receives \$12.5 M Gift

Rollins College announced the pledge of a \$12.5 million gift from the Harold Alfond Foundation. The grant will be used to construct the Alfond Inn at Rollins and will create a permanently endowed fund. The fund will be used to establish the Alfond Scholars program, which will offer full scholarships (tuition, room and board) for top students as well as providing additional financial aid. Net operating income from the Inn will be directed to the fund over the next 25 years or until the endowment principal reaches \$50 million, whichever comes later. "One of the most exciting aspects of this gift is that it's entrepreneurial," said Rollins President Duncan. "The unique structure will fund a key strategic project, provide annual financial assistance to deserving student scholars, and contribute significantly to our long-term endowment growth. It's a triple win for the College."



Harold Alfond

STU Expands Minority Opportunities

St. Thomas University was once again selected as a National Partner for the Cristo Rey Network that includes 24 Catholic high schools and 6,500 students. The University Partner Initiative seeks to formalize strategic relationships with colleges and universities committed to supporting Cristo Rey Network students. The partnership is regarded as the platform upon which future programs will be built to ensure postsecondary access and success for Cristo Rey Network students. "This partnership is an important aspect of St. Thomas University fulfilling its mission of Developing Leaders for Life," says St. Thomas President, Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale. "Cristo Rey students represent the future of this nation and we are honored to partner in the preparation of the next generation of world leaders. Cristo Rey Network students will be an important addition to our already diverse and talented student body."

Barry Rehab Program First of its Kind

Barry University's Andreas School of Business Entrepreneurial Institute and L.E.A.P., the Ladies Empowerment and Action Program, helped a dozen female inmates complete a five-month-long rehabilitation course at the Broward Correctional Institution – first of its kind for the state. L.E.A.P. is committed to staying connected with the inmates up to one year after their release date in order to help them stay on track for a successful transition from prison to the outside world. One of the graduates of this pilot program will be released this month.

The leaders of the nonprofit organization hoped to develop this course with a business angle and help convicted felons re-enter society. The innovation with L.E.A.P.'s program is the academic component, which gives the women a chance to start their own business through the help of Barry University business professors.

FHCHS Nuclear Medicine Moves to B.S. Degree

The A.S. Nuclear Medicine Technology Program at Florida Hospital College of Health Science is in the process of transitioning to a baccalaureate degree to meet the needs of the profession. The Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section (SNMTS) has proposed that the B.S. degree become the standard for entry-level technologists by 2015 due to the expanding knowledge base that will be required to understand the emerging technologies in molecular imaging and therapy. In addition, there is an increased need to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills due to a changing workplace.



The SNMTS selected FHCHS to serve as a pilot program in this transition. The program was selected due to its longstanding programmatic accreditation, faculty involvement with professional organizations, and strong administrative support. Program Director, Joe Hawkins said, "We are honored to be one of only three programs in the country to be selected. The move towards a B.S. degree will be a benefit to our students and to their future employers."



UM Medical School Gets "A" Grade

The University of Miami was the only medical school in the state to receive an A rating for its conflict-of-interest policies on a national scorecard recently. The PharmFree Scorecard, released by the American Medical Student Association, measures 11 areas including schools' policies about revealing doctors' financial ties to drug companies and whether they accept free drug samples. UM, which received a B last year, unveiled a website in April where anyone can see financial ties with its medical staff.

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