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Ave Maria University Joins ICUF

~Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida welcomes newest member~

Ave Maria University has been selected as the newest member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF), a statewide association of private, not-for-profit, higher educational institutions. Last June, Ave Maria University received accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and submitted an application which included a thorough review and campus visit from ICUF representatives. Membership to ICUF is at the discretion of its Council of Presidents and they recently voted to accept the new institution.

"ICUF is honored to have Ave Maria University join our organization as they play a significant role in providing additional higher educational opportunities in Southwest Florida. The university offers a world-class curriculum which helps retain local talent thanks to an exceptional faculty and state-of-the art facilities," said Dr. Ed Moore, President and CEO of ICUF. "We look forward to Ave Maria sharing in ICUF's mission to create access to higher educational opportunities and producing needed baccalaureate degrees to help boost Florida's economy."

ICUF serves more than 130,000 students and member schools produce a third of all degrees in Florida. ICUF institutions play a critical role in stimulating Florida's economy by providing nearly \$4 billion in revenue to the state each year generating billions of dollars in local communities throughout the State. Member institutions also help meet the growing need for jobs by employing more than 29,000 Floridians. "I am pleased that Florida's newest university has been admitted to ICUF. This further expands the diversity and accessibility of our 29 independent colleges and universities," said Dr. Anthony Catanese, Chairman of the ICUF Council of Presidents and President of the Florida Institute of Technology.

Ave Maria University, with a student body of more than 750 students, joins Hodges University as the second ICUF institution in the Naples area. It has 12 undergraduate degree programs, including business, music and psychology, and offers bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees.

ERAU President Receives Aviation Safety Award



President Johnson

Dr. John P. Johnson, President of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, has been honored with the John K. Lauber Award for Aviation Safety by the University Aviation Association. The Lauber Award is granted each year to the individual or organization who demonstrates a clear advancement in aviation safety. It is presented in honor of John K. Lauber, a pioneer in the field of aviation safety and human factors. "President Johnson's long history of dedication to safety is reflected in Embry-Riddle's record of safe flying and operations," said Daniel McCune, the university's associate vice president for safety. "President Johnson goes to great lengths to ensure safety in all aspects of the Embry-Riddle community. He provided superior leadership towards recovery and reconstruction after a tornado stormed through the Daytona Beach campus in 2006 and has provided resources for university safety." Johnson established a safety culture program to teach the university's employees the value of safety and accident prevention on campus. Embry-Riddle has a zero accident rate under his leadership and is enjoying one of the safest periods in its history.



C.B. Upton

Scott Names Stetson Law School Graduate

Stetson University Law School Graduate C.B. Upton has been named to Governor Rick Scott's legal team. He will serve as Scott's deputy legal counsel. Upton most recently served as the general council of the Florida Department of State and managed all legal issues related to the 2010 primary and general elections. He previously served as the state's deputy solicitor general and assistant attorney general in the office of Attorney General McCollum.

UM Alumnus Elected RNC Chairman

After two years of campaigning, University of Miami School of Law alumnus Reince Priebus, JD '98, is the newly elected chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC). As chairman, Priebus will be tasked with digging the committee out of \$21 million of debt. Previously he served as chairman of the Republican Party of Wisconsin and he is currently a partner at Michael Best & Friedrich law firm.

Priebus is no stranger to leadership. While attending Miami Law, he served as SBA president from 1997 to 1998. While in office, he was a copy editor for the *Res Ipsa Loquitur*, the official newspaper of the School of Law. He also was a prolific writer for the publication.



Reince Priebus

Barry Alumna Wins National Leadership Award

Shakira Henderson, a staff nurse at South Miami Hospital, and Barry Alumni, is winner of the National Leadership Award for professional organization. Henderson is instrumental in promoting a learning environment on her unit through teaching, training, and coaching. She assisted in developing a breastfeeding initiative, advocated for specialized training for certification in lactation support, and developed an evidence-based program to assist with lactation in the NICU.

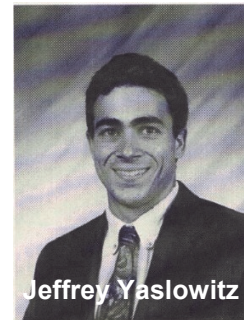


Thanks to Henderson's dedication to excellence in practice, her unit now has an active breastfeeding committee consisting of three nurse-counselors who see more than 50 mothers a month for lactation consultations. Henderson is described as having an "overwhelming impact on her patients and staff and on her unit's reputation."

"Because of Gene Majka's support I have had a wonderful year, I could not have done it without his help," said Henderson of Barry nursing professor Majka. "All my professors do an amazing job with us."

PBA Alumnus Died in Line of Duty

Palm Beach Atlantic University is mourning the loss of one of its alumni, Jeffrey Yaslowitz '93, a St. Petersburg police officer who died during a standoff with an armed man, while trying to serve a warrant. Yaslowitz was one of two officers killed in the shoot-out. PBA President Lu Hardin said, "He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and their three children. I urge you to take a moment today in your classes and offices to gather in prayer for his family and the family of his fellow officer. Officer Yaslowitz had served the St. Petersburg police department for 11 years."



CCC Student Named 2010 Player of the Year



Clearwater Christian College junior, Emma Kile, was named the 2010 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) NCCAA National Player of the Year. Not only was Emma a key player at the NCCAA National Championships, she was awarded First Team All-American, Scholar Athlete, Co-Player of the Year, and the MVP of the 2010 National Tournament. The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) stated, "Emma led the team in kills (787), hitting percentage (.351), total blocks (238) and finished third on the team in digs (539). Due to Kile's dominance at the net, Clearwater Christian led NCCAA Division II in kills with 2203 bombs on the year."

CCC president Richard Stratton said, "Clearwater Christian College is blessed to have Emma Kile as a member of its college family. Of course, she has excelled in her volleyball skills, but more importantly, she has been an outstanding example of a humble, kind, thoughtful, and Christ-honoring young person on our campus."

Deivon Tate



Webber Senior Named First Team All-American

Deivon Tate, a senior at Webber International University, was selected by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the First Team Defense on the NAIA Football All-American Team. Tate, a 5'11", 188 pound defensive back for the Warriors hails from Miami, Florida.

"We are proud of Deivon for achieving All-American recognition and this is an award that our entire program can enjoy as we suited up an entire team of hard working young men that represented our university very well during the 2010 season," stated WIU head coach, Kelly Scott.

STU Expands Curricula and Scientific Research

St. Thomas University has expanded its schools' curricula to address adult learners' and high-potential science students' needs. Honing student leadership skills, the School of Science, Technology and Engineering Management is one of the few to offer undergraduate research in state-of-the-art labs guided by faculty with publishing experience. In addition, STU is made a call for science students to enroll in its first Regional Science Competition, inviting high school students from public, private and charter schools to participate.

Rollins Student Receives Prestigious Scholarship

The Institute of International Education (IIE) announced that Rollins College Hamilton Holt student Kari Smith has been chosen as one of 130 students from across the country to receive a 2011 David L. Boren Scholarship for international study.

Smith, an international relations major and organizational communication minor, will study at the Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka, Japan during the spring semester of the 2011 academic year. She hopes to pursue a career in the Foreign Service after graduation. "I've always had an interest in international affairs and Japanese culture in particular," said Smith. "The Boren Scholarship has given me the amazing opportunity to fulfill my dream of learning Japanese and studying in the country while immersing myself in the culture. I'm also thankful that Rollins embraces global citizenship in its educational mission."



PBA Graduate Appears in Major Motion Picture



Rebekah Kennedy

Actress Rebekah Kennedy, a 2006 graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic University, plays a peasant girl in the new motion picture *Season of the Witch*. The film stars Nicholas Cage, Ron Perlman and Claire Foy. Later this year, audiences will see her in the leading role in an upcoming feature film; *Book of Babylon*. Kennedy majored in musical theater and minored in dance at PBA.

Daniel Gordon, professor of theatre at PBA, recalls Kennedy as an exceptional student. "She was always focused," Gordon said. "She learned this craft on the boards. All the best actors working in the industry today learned their craft on the stage."

VPs Depart Stetson – National Search Planned

Stetson University vice presidents Deborah J. Thompson and George H. Herbst each played critical roles in the first 18 months of Wendy Libby's presidency – moving Stetson into a new era with strategies and best practices to renew the campus landscape and update classrooms with a goal of increasing enrollment and retention. Now, both Thompson and Herbst decided they would leave Stetson at the end of the academic year. Thompson has been named vice president for enrollment and communications at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., and Herbst will be returning to retirement. Stetson intends to launch a national search to fill the vacancies.

"Stetson University has benefited enormously from the talents of these two senior administrators," said President Wendy B. Libby. "They are each leaving us stronger and better positioned for the future. Sometimes, the natural turnover within positions hits at strategically important times," Libby said. "Both George and Deb have worked hard to enhance Stetson University, and have made significant changes with positive results. They have given us ample time to recruit their replacements. So I am confident we will be able to attract talented professionals to these positions."



Deborah Thompson



George Herbst



Tommy Chasanoff

Webber Alum to Represent Team USA

Webber International University alum Tommy Chasanoff, will represent the US at the IPC Athletics World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand. Chasanoff graduated from Webber in 2009 with a dual degree in sport management and marketing. He ran cross country and track all four years. Chasanoff will participate in the 200 meter and 400 meter races for his classification. "I am very excited about being on the team and look forward to competing against the world's best athletes," said Chasanoff.

Lynn Unveils “A place of Remembrance”

Lynn University students participated in a day of caring in honor of the two faculty members and four students killed in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010. Community members participated in more than a dozen projects, on and off campus, among them, making sandwiches for after-school programs, painting homes of those less fortunate, building homes for the poor and hosting a spring training game for disabled children. Then the university community came together for the public announcement and unveiling of the plans for a permanent tribute to those lost: the Lynn University Remembrance Plaza.



Artist's Rendition of “A Place of Remembrance”

The memorial is located at the heart of campus and bordering one of Lynn's lakes. In particular, the memorial will include six prisms shimmering with light representing each of the lost individuals; a waterfall that will cascade onto six steps also representing the six and leading to the lake; a relief map of Haiti including the story of the Journey of Hope; and the Royal Palm, the national tree of Haiti.

John and Jean Gianacaci, parents of Christine, were among those present to witness the unveiling. “We stand here today representing our daughter and the three other daughters,” said John Gianacaci. “We just want to say how proud we are of Lynn University in what they've done not only with this memorial, but also this day of remembrance and service throughout the community.”

FL Tech Panthers Ranked No. 4 in Final NSCAA Poll

Florida Institute of Technology's Women's Soccer team earned a program-best No. 4 national ranking in the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America Division II Top 25 Poll. “In our eighth year of existence, it's a great accomplishment for our team to finish the season ranked among the top four in the country,” Tech head coach Fidgi Haig said. “Reaching the Final Four was a goal when I took over the program five years ago. At the time, we also wanted to compete against the top teams in the country by 2010. We certainly accomplished those goals this season.”



FL Tech's Women's Soccer Team

Barry Student Named Student of the Year

The President's Committee for the American Podiatric Medical Student Association (APMSA) named Barry University podiatry student, Annabelle Santos, APMSA Student of the Year and awarded her a \$1,000 scholarship to use for her studies.

"I'm proud to represent Barry and be recognized for my hard work," said Santos. "I'm also grateful to the APMSA for their support and for presenting such an opportunity, and to my professors, friends, and family for their endless support throughout my podiatric medical education."

Dr. Jeffery Jensen, Dean of Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine said, "On behalf of Barry University, we are very proud of Annabelle's accomplishments and recognition as the APMSA Student of the Year. She is extremely deserving of this recognition and serves as a role model for all podiatric medical students."



(l to R) Associate Professor Armstrong, Annabelle Santos, School Podiatric Medicine Dean Jensen and Professor Sesodia.

FSC Swimmer to Appear in Sports Illustrated



Mary O'Sullivan

Florida Southern College student Mary O'Sullivan appeared in the January edition of Sports Illustrated. Sullivan, a senior swimmer at the College, was featured in the magazine's 'Faces In The Crowd Section.' She was chosen for the magazine because of her performance at the Nova Southeastern Invitational. In her first meet she won five individual events; set school records with NCAA-II automatic qualifying times in four of those events; and swam leadoff in five winning relay teams that each set a school record. For the season, she has competed in three meets and is undefeated in 15 events.

EWC Announces Partnership with Job Corps

Edward Waters College announced its partnership with Job Corps which allows EWC to recruit Job Corps students to enroll at the College upon completion of their Job Corp program. Job Corps Vendor Ronald Jones stated, "The Job Corps-EWC-CSI enrollment and matriculation facilitation is designed to empower and enable young adults to be successful and contributing members of society, now and well into the future. This bold step taken by President Glover and the entire EWC Team speaks volumes to their dedication and commitment to access, opportunity, and inclusion." According to Jones, EWC is now the first four-year college in Florida to enter into such a partnership, and is the only Historically Black College to do so in the entire United States.

NSU Earns Community Engagement Classification

Nova Southeastern University is one of 115 U.S. colleges and universities in the country that recently earned The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's 2010 Community Engagement Classification. The classification acknowledges significant commitment to and demonstration of community engagement, said Carnegie Foundation President Anthony Bryk. It's awarded to colleges and universities that are dedicated to improving teaching and learning, as well as generating socially responsive knowledge to benefit communities. "Earning this prestigious classification is a testament to NSU's commitment to the community and to volunteerism in general," said NSU Chancellor Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D.



One of over 1,000 community outreach projects NSU is involved in is their annual "Give Kids a Smile" day event put on by the College of Dental Medicine. The program provides for up to 150 low-income children between the ages of 2 and 18, to receive free dental services. such as X-rays, exams, cleaning, prophylaxis, fluoride treatment, sealants and restorations. Many of the children have never seen a dentist before. Last year, NSU's College of Dental Medicine provided \$125,000 worth of dental care to the children.

FSC Student Wins Equestrian Award

Florida Southern College freshman Emily Anne Terry won both the 15-17 age group division and the overall award in the Southwest Florida Hunter Jumper Association Equitation Championship. Terry has been participating in horse shows since age 4, having grown up at her mother's boarding and training facility. Terry, who has now changed her status from junior rider to professional, said the Southwest Florida Hunter Jumper Association show was an affirmation of her talents. "It was a really nice way to end my junior career as a rider," she said. "I knew I could do it but it reassures everything I already knew." Smith is majoring in athletic training and hopes to one day become a professional horse trainer.

CCC Receives SACS Reaffirmation

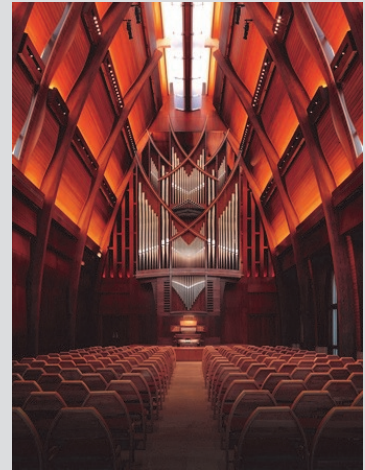
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) announced that it had approved reaffirmation of accreditation for the next ten years for Clearwater Christian College. CCC President Stratton responded, "We are grateful to have completed our third reaffirmation of our regional accreditation with SACS-COC. Our students will continue to benefit greatly from our accreditation status as it will open doors into graduate schools and a variety of different professions across the country and around the world. We praise the Lord for His help in maintaining this vital asset of Clearwater Christian College."

Flagler College Receives \$2.5 Million Bequest

Flagler College President Dr. William T. Abare, Jr. announced receipt of a \$2.5 million bequest from the estate of Mary L. F. "Molly" Wiley, sister of the College's founder Lawrence Lewis, Jr. The funds were added to the College's endowment which was established in 1978 through a gift from Mr. Lewis and currently stands at more than \$44.7 million.

Dedication Ceremony at UT's Sykes Chapel

Hundreds of guests of The University of Tampa waited in anticipation inside the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values. Professor David Clark Isele, followed by Haig Mardirosian, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, lifted their hands to the keys and in seconds, filled the room with music. The dedication ceremony and sounding of the 3,184-pipe custom-built Dobson organ was attended by dignitaries such as Mayor Pam Iorio. President Ronald L. Vaughn called the chapel a realized dream, part of the University's master plan since 1996. "John and Susan have helped to literally transform this University, and their generosity has permanently elevated philanthropy in our community," said Vaughn.



Florida Tech Opens New \$8.5 Million Dining Hall

Florida Institute of Technology cut the ribbon on its new \$8.5 million Panther Dining Hall with state-of-the-art kitchen, which will be the primary dining facility for students, faculty and staff. A new adjacent three-story parking facility, which cost about \$5 million to construct, officially opened at the same time. The cost of the 25,000-square-foot, 500-seat Panther Dining Hall includes planning, design, fees, construction, furniture and equipment. Seating is a combination of indoor-outdoor; patio dining will overlook the university's new swimming facility when it is complete later this year. "Opening the Panther Dining Hall has been a greatly anticipated event," said President Anthony J. Catanese. "Our students deserve this beautiful new facility, and faculty and staff are eager to enjoy the cuisine and pleasant environment of a premier dining center. The university dining experience is rising to a whole new level."



Stetson University Panel: Be Civil

U.S. history bears it out: a certain amount of incivility in politics is part of democracy. But a 24/7 culture, the economic recession, cable TV news, the rise of militias and the Tea Party movement have amped up political polarization in recent years. Those were some of the messages from Stetson University faculty experts who led a panel discussion to address the current crisis of civility and rise of violence in public discourse. The program was organized by Stetson's Diversity Council in response to the tragic shooting of Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.



The panel included Dr. William Nysten, political science; Dr. Paul Lachelier, sociology and anthropology; Dr. Rebecca Watts, communication studies; Dr. William Ball, political science; and Dr. Paul Croce, American studies. Moderated by Dr. Jamil Khader, English professor and co-chair of the Diversity Council.

NSU Business Executive Appointed to Scholarship Board

Former Governor Charlie Crist recently appointed Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) business school executive associate dean of academic affairs, J. Preston Jones, to the Florida Technology, Research and Scholarship Board. The Florida Technology, Research and Scholarship Board was created within the Board of Governors of the State University System to guide the establishment of Centers of Excellence and the attraction of world class scholars. "I am deeply honored for the opportunity to serve and join my esteemed colleagues on the Florida Technology, Research and Scholarship Board," said J. Preston Jones. "I am appreciative of Florida's leadership for selecting me to represent my community, Florida's institutions of higher learning, and the great state of Florida."



J. Preston Jones

JU Research Institute Recognized

Jacksonville University announced that its Marine Science Research Institute (MSRI) has been recognized with a Regional Award for Excellence in Education by the Northeast Florida Regional Council. "It's great to see how the community already appreciates what the MSRI brings to the area," said Dr. Quinton White, executive director of the MSRI. "The synergy of the facility is fantastic, and we are already seeing collaborations taking place that have quickly gone well beyond what we imagined would happen. It is all very exciting and the potential is tremendous."

The Council recognized the MSRI as "a visionary regional resource linking education and environment." Under the leadership of White, JU has created this unique facility to serve as a premier research institute in the Southeast.

Hodges Names School of Professional Studies

In recognition of a generous and significant gift to the institution, Hodges University announced the naming of one of its schools of study as the Nichols School of Professional Studies after Arlene and Jerry F. Nichols. “We are honored to be part of the growing legacy of Hodges University,” said Jerry Nichols. “Arlene and I have always been passionate about supporting children and education and we have admired what Hodges has done for the people of our community. From its leadership, staff and faculty, their singular focus is the student, and that is most important.”

“Hodges doesn’t just give degrees; they give self-esteem and confidence,” Nichols said. Hodges allows people to pursue their dreams and their goals because they know that a diploma can change their personality and their lives. It gives them freedom, independence and the confidence to feel good about themselves to ask for an opportunity they might otherwise not have asked for.”

(L-R): Dr. Karen Locklear, Dean, Nichols School of Professional Studies; Dr. Jeanette Brock, EVP Academic Affairs; Dr. Terry McMahan, HU President; Arlene and Jerry F. Nichols.



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