Academic Building 7 Move-in

Located between the new Engineering building and Whitaker Hall, Academic Building 7—the first LEED certified building on campus—is the new four-story home for the College of Arts and Sciences in many capacities, including teaching and state-of-the-art research space as well as faculty offices. The CAS Advising suite is housed on the first floor along with a math lab and computer classroom, a 168-seat lecture hall, and two general purpose classrooms. The second floor holds two scale-up classrooms for physics and biology, faculty offices and two lab classrooms. Two scale-up classrooms for marine science and chemistry can be found on the third floor along with Research Labs including: BSL-3 (Bio Safety Level), cell, Histology, and DNA. The fourth floor is home to the CAS Dean’s suite with analytical chemistry and marine research labs and faculty offices.

Faculty and staff in the Math and Chemistry and the Marine and Ecological Sciences departments moved into the building at the end of December. The Whitaker Center as well as the Biological Sciences department remain in Whitaker Hall, which has undergone a renovation to accommodate a new suite for the Whitaker Center. The suite includes a space for students, a conference room, and office space for Director Douglas Spencer, Administrative Assistant Susan Fohs, and the Whitaker Eminent Scholar.

With spring semester classes well underway, faculty and students have utilized Academic Building 7 for classes including Biology, Music, English, History, Theater, Chemistry, Education, Sociology, Marine Science, and Nursing.
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to a new semester and a new year! The move for 32 faculty and 10 administrative staff into AB7 is now complete. The building is home to more than 100 classes this semester, across disciplines including Biology, Music, English, History, Theater, Chemistry, Education, Sociology, Marine Science, and Nursing. We are working to obtain Platinum LEED certification. The Kapnick Center in Naples is now open and holding functions as well as classes, and the Music Education and Performance Building is making progress toward its completion, scheduled for this summer.

During the spring semester, we will be moving ahead with 26 faculty searches including 15 new faculty. Most positions have now closed on SOAR and been certified by EEOC. February and March will be busy with candidate interviews; a listing of positions with information on search committee meetings and candidate interview agendas can be found on the Current Events link off of the main College website (http://www.fgcu.edu/CAS/events.html).

The spring semester will see efforts in collaborating toward a college-wide reorganization in order to better situate departments and disciplines. I consulted with the College Governance and Leadership Teams to assemble a Reorganization Taskforce. I will be in touch to announce the process soon.

Lastly, please save the date for the State of the College meeting to take place on February 19, as well as three more Teaching Breakfasts, the first of which will occurred on February 5 (please see page 3 for more details).

Best regards,

Donna Price Henry, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Professor of Biology
Revision of the CAS Faculty Evaluation Documents is Underway

During the spring 2009 semester, the CAS College Governance Team began a process for revising the “PECAP,” the Performance Evaluation Criteria and Process document that provides the structure for the evaluation of academic performance for in-unit faculty in the college. After removing from the PECAP language already stipulated in university-level documents, the CGT established an ephemeral team to continue with an in-depth review and revision of the evaluation practices in the college during the 2009-2010 school year. This PECAP Ephemeral Team was given the following charge by the CGT:

This ephemeral team is charged with revising the PECAP so that it is a clearer and more effective document by making substantive and non-substantive changes, such as eliminating inaccurate or conflicting language related to current evaluation practices and aligning its standards and methods with university documents and procedures. During the revision process, this ephemeral team should 1) gather input from faculty regarding the more ideological problems of the current document; 2) communicate regularly with faculty through department input meetings and faculty-wide informational meetings; and 3) prepare a revised document for a full faculty vote.

In line with this charge, the Team began by focusing on faculty concerns relevant to CAS evaluation procedures, criteria, and standards. The Team has actively solicited faculty input through department and program meetings, and through the use of an electronic forum. All in-unit faculty have been strongly encouraged to contribute through participation at these meetings and by directly contacting ephemeral team members. The Team is currently synthesizing faculty input and developing solutions to problems raised, and on January 22 the College Governance Team hosted a meeting for in-unit CAS faculty at which key issues in the revision process were presented and discussed.

In the future, the revised PECAP will be submitted to in-unit faculty for a vote, and if approved will ultimately be sent to the President or his representative for final ratification. In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the revised evaluation document will go into effect one year from the date of ratification, or sooner if the faculty (through UFF) and the administration deem that advantageous.

Department Representatives to the Ephemeral Team:
- Visual and Performing Arts: Tricia Fay, Coordinator
- Biological Sciences: Rob Erdman
- Marine and Ecological Sciences: Greg Tolley
- Social and Behavioral Sciences: Kris DeWelde
- Language and Literature: Jesse Millner
- Chemistry and Mathematics: Tom Beatty
- Communications and Philosophy: Maggie Cavin

Submitted by Brad Busbee, Chair of College Governance Team (2009-2010)
CAS Holiday Party

The Arts and Sciences faculty and staff gathered on Friday, December 18 in the AB7 lobby to celebrate the new building and the start of winter break.

Academic Building 7

LEED Features

Academic Building 7 is the first academic building on the FGCU campus to be LEED certified. As a key element in Florida Gulf Coast University’s signing of the American College and University’s Presidents’ Climate Commitment, all of our buildings will be certified through the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification system. The purpose of this system is to have external verification that our buildings are designed and built to save energy, increase water efficiency, reduce CO2 emissions, improve indoor air quality, and demonstrate stewardship of resources. To learn more visit www.fgcu.edu/cas/ab7. Some of the key features of AB7 include:

- Recycling and Re-use of Materials
  - More than 75% of the construction waste for this building was recycled instead of being sent to a landfill.
  - More than 20% of the materials used in the construction of this building contain recycled content.
  - At least 10% of the materials for the building construction were manufactured within 500 miles of the building.

- Transportation
  - AB7 is less than ¼ mile walking distance from a bus line stop and has easy access to other university facilities.
  - Showers and changing rooms are provided to encourage bicycling to campus.

- Energy, Water Usage, and Efficiency
  - About 30% of this building’s energy will be supplied by solar energy.
  - High performance reflective metal roof and shade over hangs reduce potential heat island formation.
  - High efficiency interior and exterior lighting fixtures, windows, and insulation make this building 18% more energy efficient than a traditional building creating an annual savings of over $50,000.
  - No refrigerants that are harmful to the ozone layer are used in the building.
  - High efficiency bathroom fixtures (e.g. toilets, sinks, showers) reduce water usage, saving over 100,000 gallons of water compared to traditional fixtures.

- Landscape and Vegetation
  - The building landscaping was designed to be drought resistant and incorporates native and Florida friendly plants that will need no watering after they are established.

- Lighting and Comfort
  - Specialized light fixtures outside the building reduce glare and night sky pollution.
  - Electronic systems in the building measure indoor humidity levels and adjust air conditioning systems for humidity control.
  - Task lights are provided at over 90% of the work stations.
  - Shared classroom environments have multiple lighting controls to allow users to tailor lighting levels for specific uses and conserve energy.
  - The building is maintained with green house keeping products.
Winning the Competition, Do the Math!

It was early in the morning, with hundreds anxiously waiting. If this sounds like a regular Thanksgiving sale, you would be surprised hear that this is about a math competition. Yes, that’s right, more than 600 students all the way from Tampa to Miami—almost all of them high school students with a handful of middle school students (you read right, we’ve got the smartest middle school kids who can compete with high school kids here in Fort Myers)—were waiting to take their Individual and Team competition exams on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at FGCU.

This year’s On Demand 7th Whitaker Math Competition was hosted by the Mathematics Department at FGCU. There are two types of exams: Individual and Team to demonstrate their math skills and talents individually and as a Team. Subject of these exams include Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre Calculus, Statistics and Calculus.

The top eight students in each individual exam receive the prize with the winner awarded a 4 year tuition waiver at FGCU apart from the trophies.

Winners in Each Individual Subjects:
- Algebra I: Nick Dunakey, L.A. Ainger
- Geometry: Tyler Bower, Miami Springs Senior High
- Algebra II: Max Bressler, Community School of Naples
- Statistics: Osman Azami, Community School of Naples
- Pre Calculus: Jon Bunce, Community School of Naples
- Calculus: Estebon Gonzalez, Cape Coral High

The top 5 teams are awarded with trophies and a medal on team competition.

Team winners:
- Algebra I: Seacrest Middle School
- Geometry: Miami Springs Senior High
- Algebra II: Community School of Naples
- Statistics: Miami Springs Senior High
- Pre Calculus: Community School of Naples
- Calculus: Cape Coral High School

Overall, the top 3 schools get selected from students’ performance in this competition.

Our Grand Finale (overall winners):
- Third: Miami Springs Senior High
- Second: Community School of Naples
- First: Cape Coral High

Everyone who attended gets to enter for door prizes apart from a t-shirt featuring a well renowned female mathematician Sofia Kovalevskaya. The competition started at 8:00AM with registration and ended at 3:15 PM with the award ceremony.
The Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Human Rights Studies Upcoming Events

Play: “In Memory’s Kitchen,” featuring Lori Shula
Tuesday, February 9 Time: 7:00 pm
Sugden Welcome Center, FGCU campus
Caught in the nightmare of the Holocaust, Mina, at age 70, was forcibly transported to Terezin, Hitler’s “Potemkin village” showplace. While imprisoned and assigned demeaning latrine duty for three years, Mina developed an idea that—despite the great risks in implementing it—succeeded in fanning the flames of hope among her fellow inmates. Based upon the book.

Thursday, February 11
10:00 am, First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
The “Monuments Men” were a group of 345 or so men and women from thirteen nations who constituted the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives section during World War II. Many were museum directors, curators, art historians, and educators. Together they worked to protect monuments and other cultural treasures from the destruction of World War II. In the last year of the war they tracked, located, and ultimately returned more than 5 million artistic and cultural items stolen by Hitler and the Nazis.

Public lecture by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine:
“Jesus and Judaism: Why the Connection Matters”
7:00 pm, Temple Shalom, Thursday, February 18, 2010
Amy-Jill Levine is E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Her most recent publications include The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus; the edited collection, The Historical Jesus in Context; and the fourteen-volume series, Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Writing.

Our third annual “Interfaith Clergy Seminar and Lecture,” featuring Amy-Jill Levine,
Friday, February 19, 2010, Temple Shalom, Naples
Feb. 18 lecture is free and open to the public; please RSVP (jmcox@fgcu.edu) for clergy seminar.

Lev Raphael, author of “My Germany: A Jewish Writer Returns to the World His Parents Escaped”
Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm
Sugden Welcome Center, FGCU campus
From review: “Raphael contributes again to the genre of second-generation Holocaust literature in which he is a pioneer. In this poignant memoir, he takes readers on his journey to reconcile with the past. Having grown up in New York with survivor parents who hated Germans and everything German, Raphael is nervous when given the opportunity to do a book tour in Germany for his book Secret Anniversaries of the Heart. With much trepidation, he visits the places that haunted his family and caused him to bear the burden of their pain. True to his other works, his book is powerful and captivating to the end, painting vivid pictures of his parents’ suffering, his hatred of Germany, and eventually his healing and reconciliation.”
Gender Equality Organization (GEO) presents “The Vagina Monologues”

GEO (Gender Equality Organization) is organizing FGCU’s inaugural celebration of V-DAY, a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler’s award winning play The Vagina Monologues. Our performances will benefit Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership (HTAP) and Abuse, Counseling, and Treatment (ACT), of Fort Myers.

Our performances will be on February 11th (6pm, Academic Building 5, Rm 112), February 13th (6pm, Academic Building 5, Rm 112) and February 14th (3:30pm, Library Lawn). Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for faculty, staff, and community members. Tickets are on sale next Monday & Tuesday, 11-2, in the breezeway, and then again towards the end of the week.

Statistics Professor Conducts Research in Female Egg Preservation Study

Cryopreservation of sperm has been around for over 10 years. Recent advances in technology have made egg (oocyte) freezing now possible; however, the procedure is still viewed as experimental and as such, is only available for women facing certain life circumstances. For example, women that want a baby in the future and are about to undergo chemotherapy as a cancer treatment, which can have an adverse effect on their ovaries, can choose to have their eggs preserved for future use.

While there are a variety of ways for eggs to be preserved the most common approach is by using liquid nitrogen. At present, there is only one FDA-approved method, which involves placing the eggs in a very small straw and then submerging the straw into liquid nitrogen. Due to the size of the straw, the procedure is very challenging.

Dr. Galen I. Papkov of the Department of Chemistry and Mathematics has been working with Craig E. Sweet, M.D., of the Specialists in Reproductive Medicine & Surgery Clinic in Fort Myers, to formulate a study that will provide more data with respect to 2 alternative freezing approaches. The hope is to obtain enough evidence to gain FDA approval for one or both methods.

Both preservation techniques utilize liquid nitrogen and straws, which are a bit larger than the FDA-approved straw and thus, we believe easier to insert the eggs into. The main difference is that, in one method, the eggs are suspended in a straw, whereas they are touching the lining of the straw in the second technique.

The internal review board (IRB) of the hospital that the clinic is affiliated with recently approved the three-phase study. Phase 1 will compare the ease of use in the freezing phase between methods. In Phase 2, they will explore how the eggs respond for each method when thawed. The final phase will examine the fertility and conception data obtained via both cryopreservation techniques.

Honors Program Sponsors Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

The Honors Program, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and the Student Abolitionist Movement of FGCU, Global, Child Rescue (NASAR), and the Student Abolitionist Union are pleased to announce that Marc Klaas, father of Polly Klaas, gave a workshop on domestic sex trafficking of minors at FGCU on Tuesday, January 12th from 3:45-7 in AB5 112.

This workshop was aimed at helping citizens identify and address potential trafficking cases in their midst, while working to make their world a safer place for children. The event was open to all members of the FGCU community and the public.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sean Kelly at 590-7440 or skelly@fgcu.edu.
Bower School of Music

12 of our music majors (voice and piano concentrations) performed for the Cape Coral Friends of the Opera on Dec. 6, 2009, for their annual holiday dinner. The picture to the right contains all students involved except Randy Lozano. From left to right, Heather Jones, Faron Vasson, Carlotta Guarino, Jammie Bocco, Ching Yeung, Megan Kalka, Raul Escalona, Lorena Vargas, Ian Denson, Satoko Hayami, and Carolyn Greiner.

Carolyn Greiner, senior music major in vocal performance, won the Southwest Florida Symphony’s Young Artist Concerto Competition in the Vocal Division Dec. 29, 2009. She is the voice pupil of Jeanie Darnell.

Carolyn was also the featured soloist with the Orchestra and Choir of Naples Holiday Concerts, Dec. 12-13, 2009. She has been a terrific ambassador for the Bower School of Music’s vocal music program!

In the voice area of the Bower School of Music, we presented an evening of songs and duets from American Musical Theatre through the mid-1960s on Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., student ballroom. The program was put together from music majors, students from the voice and piano areas that auditioned in Oct. It will follow the progression of musical theatre in the US since it first began up to the 1960s. The program was repeated for the Naples Opera Society Feb. 8, in the Norris Center, Naples, 7:30 p.m.

Spring 2010 Schedule

All events are at 7:30 p.m. and on the FGCU Main Campus Student Union Ballroom unless otherwise specified by **

February 9**
Voice Area Recital
The Norris Center, Naples, FL

February 11
Wind Orchestra Concert
Jean-Philippe Allard, guest conductor;
William Larsen, faculty soloist

February 16
String Orchestra/Symphony Orchestra Concert

February 18**
Junior Recital—Sarah O’Brien, soprano;
Christina Cortese, mezzo-soprano
Bower Chapel at Mooring Park, Naples, FL

February 23
Faculty Artist Recital—Schumann 200th Birthday Concert
Featuring Michael Baron, Jeanie Darnell, Patrick Neal,
Lisa Mattson, Tom May

February 25
Junior Recital—Roland Forti, violin;
Candace Cehowicz, clarinet

March 9**
Junior Recital—Eric Sengson bass; Ana Abella, soprano
Bower Chapel at Mooring Park, Naples, FL

March 11
Senior Recital—Katherine Abbott, mezzo-soprano;
Gareth Boland, baritone

March 12**
President’s Concert featuring outstanding student performers—7:00 p.m.

March 16
Junior Recital—Ching Yeung, piano; Leah Hassell, piano

March 18
Senior Recital—Michael Caysido, piano

March 23**
Senior Recital—Jamie Spagnola, mezzo-soprano
Bower Chapel at Mooring Park, Naples, FL

March 30
Instrumental Chamber Recital

Dr. Leigh Holman, Director of Opera at the University of Colorado-Boulder, worked with our students as a clinician on the presentation of this program Jan. 21-23, 2010. She directed Opera Colorado’s Apprentice Program for Young Artists for several years, and has free-lanced as a professional opera director for some time.
Visual and Performing Arts

The Arts Complex held a successful Gallery fundraising event “An Evening with Britto” on Thursday, January 7, 2010. A range of FGCU faculty attended in support of The Art Gallery, including President Bradshaw and his wife, Joanna. During the event, a new outdoor sculpture by Britto titled Temptation was unveiled (pictured). The evening was catered by Executive Chef Martin Murphy of the Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center and 55 Degrees Cool Wine and Cheese. Music was provided by Dost Thou Love Me of Naples.

Proceeds went to support the continuing efforts of The Art Gallery to bring cultural events and activities to the region, particularly in South Ft. Myers in the form of public events, exhibitions of national and international artists, funding for artist speakers, and gallery talks.

The artGallery is located within the Arts Complex on FGCU’s main campus. The university is located off Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, east of I-75 between exits 123 and 128.

The artLab is located within the FGCU Library on our main campus.

Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors, parking passes are available at the parking kiosk located at the university’s entrance.

Hours
10a - 4p
Monday - Friday

11a-2p
Saturday
or
by appointment

Free and Open to the Public

Please call 590.7199 for information
or email:
asturdiv@fgcu.edu

Upcoming events include

February 18 – March 19, 2010
Contemporary Art by Caribbean Women
Curated by Patricia Fay
Opening reception: Thursday, February 18
5:00 – 7:00pm
Student Highlights

Lindsey Hogan, senior, maintains an internship with CBS Sports’ “NFL Today” in NYC. Says Hogan of her responsibilities at CBS, “My daily activities here at CBS Sports change every day. On Sundays, I get the opportunity to observe the live taping of The NFL Today Show at the CBS studios as well as transcribe important interviews to be included in press releases. Every day, I organize clips from different media outlets that include information or quotes from our CBS active talent and CBS executives, then I distribute these clips to the communications department as well as CBS executives. I have had the opportunity to go to the CBS College Sports Studio as well and observe the taping of the first episode of “Courtside with Seth Davis” and then I transcribed a few of the interviews Seth did that included breaking news in college basketball. I have only been here a week, but I have already learned a great deal. This semester is going to be very busy with CBS Sports as they broadcast the Super Bowl, March Madness, The Masters, as well as many other tournaments and games during the time I will spend with them. I am very excited!”

Karla Rodriguez, senior, landed a job from her fashion internship with Marissa Collections. She’ll be traveling to Italy later this year for high-end fashion shows and study.

“As a current student at Florida Gulf Coast University, we have to complete an internship as a requirement for graduation. I was fortunate enough to have done my internship at Marissa Collections in Naples and have it turn into a career. This past summer really changed my life because fashion based internships were not the norm, especially for students in the Public Relations branch of our Communication program.

When my internship began the company really had not had intern prior to myself and my partner in crime viviana rodriguez. The tasks that they had us do were essential to what the company was trying to get done for not only internal communications but also for marketing and reaching out to their clients. The philosophy of “hug your customer” is something that we pride in. Being leaders in the service industry is also we take pride in and the fact that we are at times THE only store to carry a product makes us a store that is coveted and really special.

I am privileged to be Marissa Hartington’s personal buying assistant. This job entails me to get to know all the vendors that we carry, making connections with sales reps, setting up appointments, booking flights, etc. It is truly hands on high fashion experience in a local level. Marissa is a wonderful mentor and I am truly grateful for the opportunities she has given and look forward to continue working with the company and its fabulous staff.

My advice for students is: if you really want it, go and get it. You are your biggest obstacle, and there are plenty of opportunities out there for you to grab! Keep it positive and stay optimistic. And never stop being yourself!”

Alex Pena, sophomore, was interviewed on December 22nd on CNN, about his reporting on the drug war in Juarez, Mexico, where he went the week prior. To view his report package and the CNN interview, please visit [http://www.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/ireports/2009/12/22/intv.juarez.ireporter.alex.pena.cnn.html](http://www.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/ireports/2009/12/22/intv.juarez.ireporter.alex.pena.cnn.html)

Please join the English graduate faculty in celebrating the scholarly accomplishments of our graduate students this year! The following students have presented or have been asked to present their work at regional, national and international conferences this academic year:

Chris Foree

“Another Satisfied Customer: Getting Students to Think Creatively by Injecting Advertising Strategies Into the Composition Classroom.” Presented at the 2010 Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference, 2010.

Rob Hiatt

Despite the Rain, the Third Annual FGCU Empty Bowls Soup Lunch a Success

Friday December 4th delivered an unprecedented amount of blustery rain and wind—but the FGCU community responded with much needed assistance to help the hungry in our neighborhood. The Third Annual Empty Bowls Soup Lunch raised a total of $3680.00 for the food bank at Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee, Inc., located on Rockefeller Circle in the San Carlos Park area. Current and former students and staff of the FGCU Art Program put in hundreds of hours producing and staffing the event as well as making 250 beautiful, functional pottery bowls. For a $15.00 donation, visitors to the event picked out the bowl they liked best and enjoyed a “soup kitchen” style meal of soup, bread, and water, all of which were donated by community partners including Brio, Hyatt Coconut Point, Outback, Johnny Malloy’s, Ted’s Montana Grill, The Artisan Bread Company, and Costco. A delightful feature of this year’s event was a fantastic vegan vegetable soup developed and donated by Professor Joe Kakareka’s “Science of Cooking” class. The entire event was produced and managed by art students Tarra Wood and Heather Shanahan during a semester-long internship experience working with Interfaith Caregivers, several local food assistance agencies, and Ceramics Professor Patricia Fay. Thanks to all of them, and to all of you who came out despite the cold rain to help those in need in our community.

Student Highlights continued

Joseph Weakland
“Composition as Ecological Study: Writing and Sustainability at Florida Gulf Coast University.” Presented at the 2010 Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference, 2010.


Parker Stockman
“To Be (Creative) or Not To Be (Creative): A Plea for a More Creative Approach to Composition Pedagogy.” Presented at the Florida College English Association Annual Conference, 2009.

“Who is the Ghost Writer?: The New Jewish Community in Philip Roth’s Novel.” Presented at the Imagining Communities: Alabama Regional Graduate Conference in English, 2009.

“The Anti-Feminist Twilight, or, Why Stephanie Myer Harms Notions of Feminism.” Presented at the Popular Culture Association in the South/American Culture Association in the South Annual Conference, 2009

Nicolette Costantino
“Mortadella Sandwiches in Sainthood: Identifying Saintliness in the Ordinary in Clarice Lispector’s The Hour of the Star.” Presented at the University of Northern Alabama Graduate Conference in English, Imagining Communities, 2009.


Kimberly Lojewski
We are very pleased to announce that Kimberly Lojewski’s short story, “An Arctic Mirage Sounds a Lot Like Rusty Crickets,” has been accepted in PANK, a literary magazine published by the Humanities program at Michigan Tech University. The editor’s acceptance letter included the following praise: “I’ve been thinking about this story for the past two days... I love the richness of detail and how you transported me, as a reader, to a completely unique place.” Congratulations, Kimberly!
Nominees sought for alumni awards

Each year, the Alumni Association Board of Directors honors a distinguished graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University with the prestigious Alumna/Alumnus Award of Distinction.

The association is seeking nominations for this year’s award and for a new recognition program geared toward recent graduates.

Qualified nominees for the Alumna/Alumnus Award of Distinction will have noteworthy professional careers and will have distinguished themselves through ongoing service to the community and the University.

The 2010 award recipient will join the six previously honored alumni, who include: Laura Holquist, ’00 (2009 recipient); Nola Theiss, ’02 (2009 recipient); Guenther Gosch, ’03 (2007 recipient); Robert Mulhere, ’01 (2006 recipient); Dr. Allen Weiss, ’01 (2005 recipient), and Dr. John Little, ’03 (2004 recipient).

This year, the Alumni Association Board of Directors will also introduce a new award, which will honor five alumni – one from each of the University’s five colleges – into the Soaring Eagles Society.

Nominees for these awards must have earned their bachelor’s degree from FGCU graduates who earned their degrees within the last decade. Recipients will be individuals who dedicate time and resources to their communities and excel in their professions.

How to nominate:
Obtain nomination forms online at www.fgcu.edu/Alumni or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (239) 590-1087. The deadline for submission is April 1.

Alumni Highlights:

’04 Caitlin Hustrulid (Communication) coordinated and hosted “The Great Grape Benefit,” a fundraising event benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at The Grape in Coconut Point. Caitlin has also been training for the ING Miami Half Marathon since August. With the help of family and friends, Caitlin has raised over $2,200 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

’06 Sarah DeVille (History) has graduated with a master's degree in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University. She is the reference librarian at Ave Maria University.

’09 Brittney Bartling (Communication) is a customer service and accounting assistant at a luxury home accessories design firm, Kim Seybert, Inc. She lives in Manhattan, NY.
Upcoming Events:

For a complete listing of events and details, please visit www.fgcu.edu/alumni

Grad Fair
February 16-17 | Bookstore (FGCU main campus)
This is the official one-stop source for graduation information, services and products. We guarantee seniors no hassle for a tassel. Take care of your graduation planning and get everything you need to become a FGCU alum!

Alumni/Student Etiquette Dinner
February 17 | Embassy Suites (Estero)
Learn proper etiquette for business meals with employers. Seasoned speaker, Nonnie Owens, will educate you on the right way to leave a lasting impression. Enjoy a five course meal while networking with current FGCU students. Space is limited.

Eagle Tailgate
April 14 | Hammond Stadium (Fort Myers)
Join the FGCU Alumni Association and fellow Eagle fans before the FGCU vs. University of Miami men’s baseball game for an exclusive tailgate experience!

Senior Sendoff
April 27-28 | Student Union (FGCU main campus)

Eagle Escape- Cruise to the Caribbean
June 28-July 3
Embark on a 5-night western Caribbean cruise on Royal Caribbean with fellow FGCU alumni and friends. Set sail from Fort Lauderdale to George Town, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. There are boundless activities onboard and onshore. Book now, or learn more by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at (239) 590-1087 or by visiting www.preferrednaples.com/FGCUAA

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Film Series
Department of Communication and Philosophy
Spring 2010 International Film Series & IDS-3303
Represents:

Buena Vista Social Club (Havana Rhapsody)
A Film by Wim Wenders
(1999, Germany, USA, UK, France & Cuba)

Date: Wednesday February 3, 2010
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Academic Building 5 #112

“Aging Cuban musicians whose talents had been virtually forgotten following Castro’s takeover of Cuba, are brought out of retirement by Ry Cooder, who travelled to Havana in order to bring the musicians together, resulting in triumphant performances of extraordinary music, and resurrecting the musicians’ careers.” (imdb.com)
Mark Your Calendar

State of the College Meeting
Friday, February 19
AB7 114 at 1:30 pm

Eagle Expo
Saturday, February 20

Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center Grand Opening
Monday, February 15
Naples Botanical Gardens at 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Spring Break
March 1-March 6

Teaching Breakfast
March 26
AB7 115 at 9:00 am

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