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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been quite a year, full of change, achievement and promise.

Jo Anna and I arrived on the Florida Gulf Coast University campus on November 13 excited to start a new opportunity at this stellar institution. Since then, the University has approved its first doctoral program, Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.); the FGCU Eagles witnessed unprecedented success with the move to NCAA Division I; performances by music majors in the Bower School of Music won significant state competitions, challenging master's and doctoral students from long-established universities; new buildings are going up that will bring relief to an ever-increasing student population of more than 10,000; and 1,685 FGCU students earned degrees and entered the workforce or graduate programs in their chosen professions with knowledge and personal values of civility, inclusiveness, diversity, civic engagement and environmental sustainability. This is indeed a year to celebrate.



Wilson G. Bradshaw, Ph.D.

These and many other accomplishments are the result of your willingness to give your time, talents, energies and resources. Your work and gifts this year helped attract top students and faculty, assist students with need, fund critical research, establish new degree programs and build classrooms and laboratories. Because of your generosity, we are achieving greatness. To you, I offer my sincere thanks on behalf of

Florida Gulf Coast University and the greater community.

Showcased herein are a few of the many University patron stories from the 2007-2008 academic year. The patrons and their stories are both interesting and inspiring!

Wilson G. Bradshaw, Ph.D.
President



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When talk among friends, neighbors or business acquaintances turns to the economy or other challenges facing us today, the wisest solutions are always embedded in education. Many are moving to action with outright gifts while others are taking advantage of favorable charitable structures to establish their future legacies in education. Whether the gift advances pioneering research, attracts the best and the brightest faculty and students to the region, assists students with need who are the first in their families to attend college, or builds a state-of-the-art academic facility, the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation is judiciously accomplishing the patron's intent.

In this annual report, we are

delighted to tell the stories of long-time friends who, through their generosity, are making the world a better place. Benefactors Elizabeth and Jack Conner of Bonita Springs wanted to help students reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. Over the years, they established three scholarship endowments and two distinguished professorship endowments that will continue to produce awards year after year. Benefactors Marj and Pop Kelly of Clewiston wanted to give back to a region so good to them in life and established an estate gift that, when fully funded, will become the University's largest scholarship endowment. Benefactors Nancy and Norm Vester saw promise in FGCU's marine research and how they personally could help advance scholarship. Their gift was a spacious field station with deep water access and a dozen boat slips close to the main campus. BB&T, an expanding financial services company with an entrepreneurial spirit and a commitment to core values, stepped forward to help FGCU produce a like workforce. The company's gift endows a distinguished professorship in free enterprise.

As you enjoy these stories and the many others herein, perhaps you too will be motivated to make a positive difference in a single life, a family, your community, even society with a gift to education.

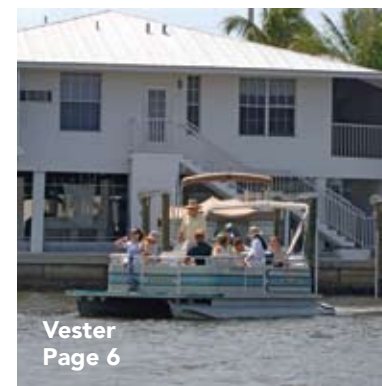
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PS: Please feel free to share this annual report with your friends.

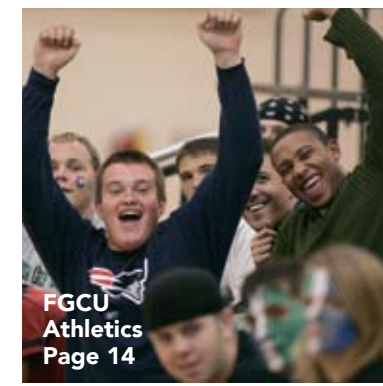
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On the cover: A sunset view over Fish Trap Bay from the FGCU Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station in Bonita Springs. **Insets:** Norm and Nancy Vester, FGCU students conduct marine research.

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MARJORIE AND E.E. "POP" KELLY

Devoted couple
leave FGCU
its largest
scholarship fund

Marjorie and E.E. "Pop" Kelly devoted their lives to running companies that supplied the farm and construction equipment vital to coaxing the rich, mucky soil around Clewiston into crop-yielding farmland and paved roads being built in the early 1900s.

The success the couple reaped in life will help sow college educations for generations of students.

When Marj Kelly died in March 2007 at the age of 98, she left Florida Gulf Coast University a planned gift that will total \$4.3 million over five years. The gift, which is eligible for one-on-one matching dollars from the state, will endow the Pop and Marj Kelly Scholarship Fund.

"When fully funded, the Pop and Marj Kelly Scholarship Fund will be the largest scholarship endowment at FGCU," says President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "Our thanks go to this lovely couple who cared very much about Southwest Florida and its University."

Pop Kelly was born in Kearney, Mo., and found his way to Florida through a job transfer. He met his future wife in 1935 at a Palm Beach restaurant, where she worked as a cashier and waitress. She eventually went to work for his business, the Clewiston Motor Company,

and the couple wed in April 1939. Today the business is called the Kelly Tractor Company.

During their 27-year marriage, the Kellys were active members of the First Baptist Church in Clewiston, traveled extensively, and built a summer home in Wayneville, N.C., where they loved to play golf and entertain friends.

Pop Kelly died in 1966. Marj Kelly subsequently created the scholarship.

"It was a way for them to ensure that the good they did in life continued on after they died," says Peter Lefferts, FGCU director

of planned giving.

Marj Kelly was born in Concord, Ga., but spent most of her life in Clewiston, where she was a member of the Clewiston Garden Club, the Business and Professional Women's Group and the church.

"She was a very devout Baptist and very much a lady," says Alden Wyse, a longtime friend and co-trustee of the Kelly trust. "She wanted young people from the South Florida area with a financial need to get help to go to school. Over the years, this gift will help a lot of students achieve that goal."



Marjorie Kelly



E. E. "Pop" Kelly



Elizabeth
and Jack
Conner

ELIZABETH AND JACK CONNER

Gifts benefit
students,
nursing program
in perpetuity

Florida Gulf Coast University students for generations to come will benefit from the generosity of Elizabeth "Betty" and Jack Conner, who placed a high value on education and the University.

"Jack and I appreciate being associated with FGCU and the people who strive to make it the best

University in Florida," Elizabeth "Betty" Conner wrote to University officials several years ago.

Their trusts funded The Elizabeth A. and Jack A. Conner Professorship of Nursing, The Elizabeth A. and Jack A. Conner Professorship of World Affairs, and their third scholarship fund. Both estate gifts, valued at more than \$3 million, will be doubled by the State of Florida.

In 1998, they established the Jack and Betty Conner Endowed Scholarship Fund, which encourages ethics in business. When Betty Conner later learned that one of her scholarship recipients wanted to pursue her master's degree but couldn't afford it, she established the Jack and Betty Conner Fellowship Fund, which gives preference to FGCU graduate students who received the Conners' undergraduate scholarships. The distinguished professorships in Nursing and World Affairs will honor profes-

sors who have published widely and shown a commitment to using their achievements to give FGCU students the most stimulating education possible. Their trust-funded scholarship will benefit undergraduate students in Collier and Lee counties who have academic ability and financial need.

Jack Conner was a toolmaker, retiring from Delva Tool in Cinnaminson, N.J., where he helped create a special case for the second moon buggy, allowing astronauts to transmit from their suits directly to earth. He was also an accomplished craftsman, designing furniture and accessories for the studio in their Bonita Springs home. He died in 2002.

Betty Conner was a registered nurse who worked in hospitals, then became a school nurse. For 22 years, she worked in the Cherry Hill, N.J., school system, retiring in 1984, two years after being diagnosed with lymphoma. She valiantly fought the disease for 25 years. She died Feb. 18, 2007.

Attorney Jim Kerr says, "The uncommon love Jack and Betty felt for each other overflowed to their non-traditional family. (Their financial adviser) Bob Ratti and I became part of their family, as did many at the University and all their scholarship recipients."

Among their past scholarship recipients was Bianny Fernandez who wrote to Betty Conner at the end of her life: "I will always remember your kindness, your sweet words, your smile. Thank you for the gift of education, for caring for me like I never thought anyone outside of my family would. I love you and I count on soon having an angel in the heavens watching over me. Please do not forget me when you are in the paradise that you so well deserve."



Nancy and Norm Vester

NANCY AND NORM VESTER

Couple's gift brings greater depth to Marine Science program

Like so many Southwest Floridians, Norm and Nancy Vester are transplants who discovered the joys of subtropical living later in life.

Having done so, they grew attached to the region and came to admire the students and accomplishments of Florida Gulf Coast University. That led them to help the University establish its first waterfront research center.

The Vesters met at summer camp in the Berkshires when they were 15. They later married and raised a family in Vermont, then Cape Cod. Nancy Vester worked as a school librarian while Norm Vester started in the refractory business (which involves firebrick and boiler linings), then moved into real estate and the stock market.

About 10 years ago, the couple started spending winters at Bonita Beach Plantation Resort, along Fish Trap Bay just off Bonita Beach Road. They later bought the resort, ran it for a while then decided to sell it.

They believed FGCU could put the property to good use, so they sold it to the University for more than \$1 million less than its appraised value. It is now FGCU's Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station.

While the Vesters still live on the property, FGCU researchers and students make full use of the boat slips, lab, office space and apartments for visiting scientists.

Students and faculty are conducting research into the effects of red tide on marine organisms, ways to restore mangroves and sea grasses and the effects of rising sea levels on coastlines and ecosystems, among many other projects.

"To see young people coming out here, that's exciting," says Nancy Vester.

University officials agree.

"This will benefit not only the University, but the region as well," says Donna Price Henry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Breakthroughs that occur as a result of research done here could result in ways to improve the marine environments of Estero Bay, the Caloosahatchee River, the Ten Thousand Islands and the Everglades.

"We could not be as responsive to the needs of Southwest Florida without the generosity of people like the Vesters and others who see the promise of the role a comprehensive state university can play in enhancing the region's quality of life," says President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

Norm Vester says he hopes that visiting the site will inspire others to contribute, too, and he has another wish: "We have a deep down desire to find a solution for the red tide mess. If the University can do that and get the proper credit for it, it will really enhance its reputation."

BB&T

Cultivating ethics in tomorrow's capitalists

It's not enough to know how the free market system works. Instilling a strong ethical approach to business is critical

to a successful career and that's a primary goal of the new BB&T Distinguished Professorship in Free Enterprise at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business.

"We find that many graduates from business schools, while understanding the technology of business, do not have a clear grasp on the moral principles underlying free markets," says BB&T Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John A. Allison. "Our contribution

to Florida Gulf Coast University to establish a Distinguished Professorship in Free Enterprise will encourage meaningful dialogue on the concepts of reason, individual rights, economic freedom, and the personal pursuit of happiness; promote a better understanding of our economy; and provide an enhanced ability to make meaningful contributions to the world."

BB&T committed \$600,000, which qualifies for a 50 percent match from the state, bringing the total value of the gift to \$900,000.

"The establishment of the BB&T Distinguished Professorship in Free Enterprise will provide a critical foundation for the Lutgert College of Business to enhance public understanding and creative initiatives that address capitalism and the importance of private incentives in economic growth and development," says Dr. Richard Pegnetter, dean of the Lutgert College of Business.

BB&T's gift will provide for the BB&T Distinguished Professor in Free Enterprise, who will be available to speak in the community and will develop a book club that will focus on free enterprise. The professor will teach a new course for business majors that will explore morality in business.

In addition, the University will create an annual lecture series designed to bring prominent thinkers of national status to Southwest Florida to teach the tenets of free enterprise capitalism.

"BB&T believes strongly in giving back to the communities in which we work and live," says Susan Maurer, BB&T senior vice president, area executive. "That is why we are so pleased to support FGCU with a gift that will continue to enrich and educate students in our community."



John Allison

SCHOLARSHIPS help students achieve their dreams

Scholarships have always helped open the doors to higher education, but as costs climb and state money grows more limited, there has never been a greater need for them.

Money is often the deciding factor in whether promising students have the opportunity to further their educations. For others, scholarships are public recognition of distinguished educational journeys, providing encouragement to

New Endowed Scholarships

Abernathy Port Charlotte Kiwanis Foundation, in honor of John F. Abernathy, Endowed Scholarship Fund

Jack Amar Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund

Judge Isaac and Andrea Anderson Scholarship Endowed Fund

Mrs. Keith S. Benson Scholarship Fund

President Wilson G. and Jo Anna Bradshaw Scholarship Endowed Fund

continue on this path.

In the 2007-08 academic year, \$1.17 million in scholarships was awarded from more than 210 established endowed funds that continue in perpetuity. These funded scholarships for 891 students.

An endowment is established with a minimum gift of \$10,000 that may be paid over time. The fund is carefully invested and proceeds from the endowment are awarded as scholarships each year. The contributors name the scholarship funds and determine the criteria for awarding them. The state of Florida matches endowment gifts of \$100,000 or more. Matches range from 50 percent to 100 percent, based on the

Keith Bullock Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund

Carol and Jim Burnette Endowed Graduate Scholarship Fund

Ruth M. and Cleveland L. Campbell Engineering Scholarship Endowed Fund

Computing Services Endowed Scholarship Fund

James F. and Lynn E. Knupp Scholarship Endowed Fund #2

Dr. Erich Liebert Endowed Scholarship Fund

Roger and Nancy McCabe Scholarship

Diana Nerestant Memorial Scholarship Fund



At FGCU's annual scholarship luncheon, scholarship recipient Stephanie Cifuentes talks with Kathie Beeken, donor of the William and Kathryn Beeken Scholarship.

size of the contribution.

The reasons scholarships are established are as varied as their selection criteria, but what they all have in common is that sponsors know their gifts make a difference, changing lives and creating a better community and world.

Owen-Ames-Kimball Company Engineering Scholarship Fund

Physical Plant Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Schoen Foundation Veteran's Scholarship Endowed Fund

Douglas R. and Terri L. St. Cerny Scholarship Endowed Fund

Ellen Wolfson Smyle Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund

Taste of Collier - in honor of Ray & June Singer Scholarship Endowed Fund

Tier Electric Endowed Scholarship Fund

US Bank, N.A. Endowed Scholarship Fund

THE SCHOEN FOUNDATION

In a tribute to veterans seeking to study business, The Schoen Foundation has created an endowed fund to help them achieve their goals.

The Schoen Foundation Veteran's Scholarship Endowed Fund will benefit FGCU full-time students enrolled in the Lutgert College of Business. Recipients must be honorably discharged veterans of any branch of the U.S. military and must have served on

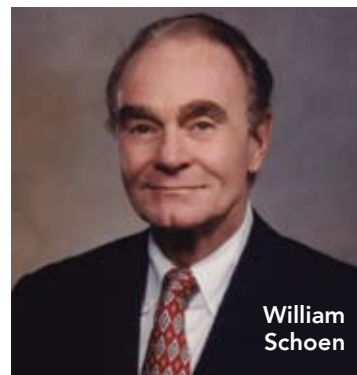
continuous active duty for a minimum of two years within the past decade.

The Schoen Foundation committed \$200,000 to FGCU, which qualifies for a 50 percent match from the state, bringing the total value of the gift to \$300,000.

"My life was deeply affected by my experience as a Marine and by the generosity of others who provided scholarships to enable me to further my education," says William Schoen, foundation chairman. "As a resident of Southwest Florida, I saw an opportunity to establish a military endowment scholarship fund at FGCU's new Lutgert

College of Business."

Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and students may receive them in successive years.



William Schoen

TIER ELECTRIC

The owners of Tier Electric believe that businesses that support one another make for a stronger community.

That's why the company donated \$100,000 to create the Tier Electric Endowment Scholarship Fund, which will award scholarships to Lee and Collier county students with financial need. When matched by state funds, the gift's value will be \$150,000, and should fund at least three \$2,500 scholarships each year.

"We like to do business with people who do business with us," says John Cammarata, who owns the company with Dennis Lawton, Rick Newton and Dale Quick.

Tier, which has been in business since 2003, has been involved



From left: Rick Newton, Dennis Lawton and John Cammarata at FGCU construction site. Not pictured: Dale Quick

in the construction of several University buildings, including the new five-story student residence that opened this fall as well as the campus laundry facilities and central energy plant.

"The University has always been there as part of the Tier Electric team," Cammarata says. "We thought what's better than putting our resources back into those who helped our company grow?"

ABERNATHY PORT CHARLOTTE KIWANIS FOUNDATION

John Abernathy was a long-time resident of Port Charlotte and a loyal Kiwanian. When he died, he left a portion of his estate to the Port Charlotte Kiwanis Club to fund scholarships for deserving students.

The group formed the Abernathy Port Charlotte Kiwanis Foundation to award scholarships to Port Charlotte students, committing \$100,000 to the endowed



From left: Darlene McCloud, FGCU Foundation director of major gifts; Abernathy Port Charlotte Kiwanis Foundation representatives Lawrence Hurley, Gabrielle Azar-Levin, Allen Levin, and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

fund established in his memory. When matched by the state, the Abernathy Port Charlotte Kiwanis Foundation, in honor of John F. Abernathy, Endowed Scholarship Fund will be valued at \$150,000.

"On behalf of the Abernathy Port Charlotte Kiwanis Founda-

tion, it gives us great pleasure to create an endowed scholarship fund at FGCU," says Allen J. Levin, the foundation president. "The fund will provide scholarships to students from Port Charlotte who seek a leadership role in the public or private sector."

CLEVELAND AND RUTH CAMPBELL

Couple share good fortune, urge others to do the same

Cleveland Campbell knows firsthand how important a solid education is to a successful life. The son of a tenant farmer, he grew up poor in eastern Arkansas.

After high school, he enlisted in the military and became a fighter pilot in World War II. In return, the military paid for his college education and he was able to earn a degree in mechanical engineering, which he says became his ticket to a meaningful career and happy life. He started out as an agricultural engineer, dealing with machinery, soil conservation and such, then eventually shifted into real estate sales in Naples.

Now retired and living in Fort Myers, he and his wife, Ruth, want others to have the opportunities they did. To help in that regard,



they have established the Ruth M. and Cleveland L. Campbell Engineering Scholarship Endowed Fund.

"It means a lot to us to be able to help young people," he says. "We know the importance of education. It is extremely valuable as a way to secure a successful future. Ruth and I have been lucky, so it is now pay-back time. We offered a scholarship matching opportunity to FGCU as a way to get others involved."

The Campbells are contributing \$100,000 to establish the scholarship fund. To encourage others to follow their lead, the Campbells matched contributions from other scholarship gifts the Foundation

received. The state of Florida will provide a 50 percent match to the Campbells' gift. While the scholarships provided through the Campbells' fund will be awarded to engineering students, donations from others went toward scholarships in any discipline offered at FGCU, at the discretion of individual donors.

The Campbells expect something from recipients as well.

"Each student who receives our scholarship at FGCU sends us a letter about themselves," he says. "We then write to them and encourage them to also give back when they become successful in life. Then it's their payback time. That's how it works."

FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIPS HELP STUDENTS BLAZE NEW TRAILS

For some families, sending their children to college continues a well-established tradition. For others, whose children are the first in the family to attend college, it is the culmination of a lifelong dream.

The First Generation Scholarship Program helps Florida Gulf Coast University students achieve these dreams, making grants to

undergraduate students with financial need whose parents have not earned baccalaureate degrees. Created in 2006 by the Florida Legislature, the state program doubles every scholarship gift made in support of First Generation students. The funds may be used for whatever students need – books, tuition, housing, etc. – in order to work toward a degree.

The Southwest Florida community has given generously, enabling FGCU to claim its maximum match from the state. In 2007-08, the University awarded \$415,033 in scholarships to 433 First Generation students.

The need remains great. FGCU has more than 800 First Generation students applying for assistance for the 2008-09 academic year.

LUTGERT HALL

Area companies, individuals unite to build strong foundation

Lutgert Hall provides concrete and dramatic evidence of the level of community support the Lutgert College of Business has attracted. The new structure's graceful columns and soaring glass atrium are the results of the generosity of area businesses and individuals joined in the conviction that what happens in this building would benefit everyone.

The \$19.4-million, 62,000-square-foot structure that houses the multi-faceted Lutgert College of Business opened in August.

Designed by the Fort Myers architectural firm of Schenkel-Schultz and constructed by Owen-Ames-Kimball Company, the building was made possible by a \$5-million donation by Raymond and Beverly Lutgert. The state of Florida, which had previously com-



mitted \$9.4 million to the project, also matched the Lutgerts' gift.

"The faculty, staff and students of the Lutgert College of Business will benefit, not only in the immediate future, but for many years to come thanks to the generous support of our community partners and alumni in funding our educational endowment through sponsorship of rooms and classes within Lutgert Hall," says Dr. Richard Pegnetter, dean of the Lutgert College of Business.

Other area businesses and individuals provided additional money to name specialized rooms. Their gifts also create a permanent endowment fund that will provide enhancements for faculty recruitment and development as well as student travel and activities. In

addition, it will contribute to making the College a state-of-the-art training center for future entrepreneurs and business leaders.

These new resources can only enhance the success this 10-year-old College has enjoyed.

It exceeded standards set by AACSB International, the premier accrediting agency for colleges of business administration and did so in a very short time. The graduate program is among those selected for The Princeton Review's 2007 edition of "Best 282 Business Schools."

The Lutgert College of Business also has close ties with the area's business community and has forged alliances with several international universities and their nations' business sectors.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

The HMA Foundation, Inc. named Lutgert Hall's distinctive three-story atrium, which will serve as the lobby. The glass-fronted facade, fronted by four stately columns, creates an imposing exterior and a naturally well-lit interior. It's the first structure visitors see when arriving via the University's main entrance.

"Effective leadership defines success, and Health Management Associates, Inc. is proud to continue its support of Florida Gulf Coast University and the Lutgert College of Business in the development of tomorrow's leaders," says Gary D. Newsome, CEO of Health Management Associates. "We embrace our partnership with FGCU, recognizing the invaluable combination of a superior academic environment with a dynamic faculty and student body with the opportunity to apply classroom theory in real-world settings. Southwest Florida's future looks bright."





James R. Gillis and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw

SOURCE INTERLINK

Source Interlink Companies made a generous donation to name a case study classroom in Lutgert Hall. This classroom will enable groups of students to work together incorporating state-of-the-art technology in the process.

“FGCU is a tremendous resource for us, and a great provider of new talent for all the companies in our area,” says James R. Gillis, co-CEO of Source Interlink. “Creating and maintaining a vibrant and dynamic local economy depends on access to quality educational facilities like FGCU.”



Michael Smith, Charlie Kleman and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw

CHICO'S CHARITIES

Chico's Charities, Inc. has named the Chico's Executive Board Room in Lutgert Hall. This stellar space will be used for meetings and as a training ground for business students.

“Chico's is proud and eager to support FGCU as it endeavors to maintain the already high standards it has established,” says Charlie Kleman, president of Chico's Charities. “FGCU's impact on the community is being felt far beyond the numerous skilled graduates across many disciplines who have become Chico's associates and who now call Fort Myers their home.”



Harlan Parrish

COLONIAL BANK

The Colonial Bank Academic Advising Suite affords private meeting space for students and faculty.

Harlan C. Parrish, president and CEO of Colonial Bank Florida West Coast says, “Participating in the naming rights of the Academic Advising Suite for Lutgert Hall underscores our commitment to supporting education. We are proud of the success that FGCU has achieved and we have been pleased with the quality of graduates who have joined our growing team.”



John Pollock and Gary V. Trippe

OSWALD TRIPPE AND COMPANY

The Oswald Trippe and Company Conference Room will provide much-needed space in Lutgert Hall for business meetings and seminars.

“Support for education is an opportunity to reach beyond our individual communities, says John M. Pollock, company president. “Education is forever, and that influence that students and graduates have on lives has no boundaries or limits. Helping to help make that happen is a privilege.”



Martin M. Wasmer and Michael J. Schroeder

WASMER SCHROEDER

The Wasmer, Schroeder & Company Portfolio Trading Room adjoins the HMA Atrium in Lutgert Hall. Business students will manage actual investment portfolios here, gaining real-world experience.

“It is exciting to be a part of the Lutgert College of Business,” says Martin M. Wasmer, CEO of Wasmer, Schroeder & Company. “We are pleased to bring a unique learning experience through the fit of a classroom dedicated to the education about, and trading of, securities.”



Jeffrey Roth, Laura Holquist and FGCU Dean Richard Pegnetter

ALLETE PROPERTIES

Faculty members have an informal gathering place of their own in the ALLETE Properties Faculty Lounge on the building's fourth floor.

“ALLETE Properties is honored to contribute to the growth of FGCU and the Lutgert College of Business in particular,” says Laura Holquist, president of ALLETE Properties. “The excellent programs it provides along with the state-of-the-art facilities at Lutgert Hall will attract talented future professionals who can help diversify and strengthen our regional economy.”



Patricia Ruble, Dan Lavender, Michelle Payton, Patricia Barton, Guenther Gosch, FGCU Dean Richard Pegnetter, FGCU Associate Dean Howard Finch, Alan Korest, FGCU Dean Denise Heinemann, Mike Fallon and Kent McRae

MOORINGS PARK

The fourth-floor executive training room named for Moorings Park provides a full complement of technological resources that benefits both the executive MBA program and the Small Business Development Center.

“Moorings Park's contribution to Lutgert Hall is an expression of gratitude to the faculty and staff for their personal contributions of time and talent to our community. Helping to provide an excellent teaching environment will help assure we will continue to enjoy this valuable resource,” says Guenther Gosch, CEO of Moorings Park.

Student Study Areas

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ATHLETICS ENJOYS SOLID SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY

Florida Gulf Coast University's Athletics program is growing into its status as a Division I contender, with a solid team of supporters helping it along.

In the past year, the addition of the colorful new Outdoor Sports Complex, soccer complex and batting cages have given the program a major upgrade.

"The Outdoor Sports Complex has turned out to be a tremendous showcase building for our athletic department as well as the entire University," says Athletics Director Carl McAloose. "We feel that this is one of the premier facilities in the country and it has already paid huge dividends for the sports that it houses in terms of recruiting."

The 20,000-square-foot sports center houses coaches' offices, locker rooms, showers, laundry facilities and study space for the men's and women's soccer, baseball and softball teams and offices for men's and women's tennis and golf as well as women's swimming and diving teams.

Among those area businesses that have generously contributed to making these facilities a reality are the following:

- Architecture, Inc. donated extensive architectural and engineering services to design and build the Outdoor Sports Center, the soccer complex and the plans for a proposed tennis center. "FGCU is our community's



biggest resource, and the athletic program is a significant factor in the University's development," says Ted Sot-tong, vice president of Architecture, Inc. "All of FGCU's students and faculty are responsible for making the school strong, but the student-athletes are the ones carrying the banner. We are proud to be able to support them and all that the University does for Southwest Florida."



Top: Outdoor Sports Complex
Above: Batting cages

- McGarvey Development Company provided substantial in-kind support for the Outdoor Sports Center, overseeing the building's construction and donating profit back to the University. "We donated our profits back to FGCU because our company believes strongly in higher education and in giving back to the community that has helped us become so successful," says John S. McGarvey, the company's CEO and president.
- Allen Concrete & Masonry Inc. supplied all of the labor involved in the concrete wall construction on the Outdoor Sports Complex and contributed to the batting cages and skybox.
- GCM Contracting Solutions

Inc. donated 80 percent of the concrete used in the building and batting cages.

- Florida Aluminum & Steel provided the steel used to build the Outdoor Sports Complex.
- Stevens Industries International Inc. contributed all the wood cabinetry in the locker rooms in the Outdoor Sports Complex.

"We have been very fortunate with the outstanding community interest and support directed to our intercollegiate athletic program," McAloose says. "The newest additions to our athletic complex – the Outdoor Sports Complex and batting cages and the soccer complex – are great facilities. Without the support of these businesses, the dream would not have become a reality. On behalf of the staff and student-athletes, we thank you."

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NAPLES CHILDREN AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Program nurtures literacy skills in pre-schoolers

Reading is the foundation on which an education is built. Research shows that children who enter kindergarten with solid reading skills are far more likely to succeed and stay in school.

That's what the Early Literacy



Collier County pre-schoolers participate in ELLM program.

and Learning Model (ELLM) aims to do. Supported by the Naples Children and Education Foundation, the program works in 54 classrooms of four-year-olds with high-risk factors such as poverty and language barriers.

According to Dawn Montecalvo, executive director of the Naples Children and Educa-

tion Foundation, "The trustees of NCEF are proud of the quality of education ELLM provides the pre-school children in Collier County. The success and commitment of the ELLM program has allowed at-risk children to start school better prepared to learn."

ELLM is implemented under the auspices of Florida Gulf Coast University. It provides literacy coaches who work with teachers in the classrooms, lesson plans and student activities as well as engaging materials and classroom libraries for children.

Program sites include Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Guadalupe Center, Immokalee Children Center and 35 Head Start classrooms. Some 850 children participate each year.

HOLMES HALL

New building helps engineering program come of age



With the opening of Holmes Hall in early 2009, the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering enters a grand new phase in its fast-paced expansion.

Supporters who recognize the growing demand for well-trained engineers in the region joined forces to fund this state-of-the-art facility in which the University's bioengineering, civil engineering and environmental engineering students will engage in hands-on learning and hone their skills.

The engineering program was launched with a \$5 million gift from The Whitaker Foundation to build Holmes Hall, named in honor of Dr. G. Burt Holmes, then-chair of The Whitaker Foundation and his wife Dr. Ruth Whitaker Holmes, daughter of U.A. Whitaker. The state provided matching funds for the building.

Additional donors and state matching funds are being devoted to several special features within the building.

"Support from generous donors and from the state made it possible to design and build Holmes Hall with all of the features that are needed to help the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering make progress towards achieving its vision of being internationally recognized for excellence in interdisciplinary engineering education," says Dr. Susan Blanchard, founding director of the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering.

JOHNSON ENGINEERING

When people pass through the main entrance of Holmes Hall, they will do so through the Johnson Engineering Lobby, named for Johnson Engineering Inc. because of the firm's generous gift to the program.

FGCU Foundation will pursue state matching funds, thereby doubling the gift, which will be used to purchase scientific equipment.

"Johnson Engineering is deeply rooted in Southwest Florida



From left: Dr. Richard Peggnetter, dean, Lutgert College of Business; Gary Bull, director of administration, Johnson Engineering; FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; Steven Morrison, president, Johnson Engineering; and Dr. Susan Blanchard, director, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering.

and we look to local graduates to continue our tradition of excellence in the community," says Steve Morrison, company president. "Supporting FGCU, especially the

engineering program, was an easy decision for us. The Johnson Engineering Lobby is our latest effort to help create and attract the leaders of tomorrow."



From left: Jim Sweeney, chairman, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering; Frank Maas, Arthrex vice president of engineering and RA/QA; Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU president; Reinhold Schmieding, Arthrex founder and president; and Susan Blanchard, director, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering.

ARTHREX

Arthrex Inc. is supporting the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering with a \$50,000 contribution to name the Arthrex Biomechatronic Research Lab in

Holmes Hall. When matched by the state, the gift will be valued at \$100,000. The money will be used to purchase scientific equipment.

The company, which develops medical devices and technology to improve the practice of medicine, sees the potential for a symbiotic

relationship with FGCU.

"Arthrex is pleased to partner with a local university such as FGCU in this research and development process," says Frank Maas, Arthrex vice president for engineering and RA/QA. "We recognize the benefits that these collaborations provide to Arthrex, FGCU, the students and the community. The company plans to leverage FGCU's research facilities and personnel as an adjunct to our own resources in the development of new and innovative medical devices. The close proximity of FGCU and Arthrex will certainly facilitate this collaboration. Arthrex is proud to sponsor one of the main research labs at FGCU dedicated to this important research."

JOHNSON-PREWITT & ASSOCIATES

The Clewiston engineering firm of Johnson-Prewitt & Associates Inc. has pledged \$50,000 to the Whitaker School of Engineering.

When matched by the state, the gift's value will total \$100,000. The gift will fund the Johnson-Prewitt & Associates High Bay, a two-story laboratory that will afford space for the installation of a bridge crane used to move heavy equipment or materials such as concrete and steel. That will enable students to build tall test structures inside the building and provide windows



From left: Linda Lehtomaa, FGCU senior director of Advancement; Tommy Perry, president, Johnson-Prewitt & Associates Inc.; FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; and Dr. Susan Blanchard, director, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering.

from the second story for students to watch the testing and building.

Tommy Perry, company president, says, "Johnson-Prewitt & Associates Inc. recognizes that Southwest Florida needs engineers with good technical training and FGCU's new engineering curriculum can help fill this need. For

engineers to best serve our community they need to be vested in the community, and by attending college in Southwest Florida, the students will build lifelong ties to the region. Johnson-Prewitt & Associates Inc. looks forward to someday having an FGCU graduate working in our Clewiston office."



Lindsey Touchette



Cynthia Bennett

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KEEPS GRADUATES IN TOUCH

As the number of Florida Gulf Coast University graduates approaches 9,000, the Alumni Association helps keep them connected to their alma mater and one another.

Through special events, as well as Pinnacle, the University magazine, and Eagle Entourage, the online community, the Alumni Association helps graduates stay informed about what's happening at the burgeoning University and what and where their classmates are as well.

Alumni remain connected in many ways, including speaking at events, establishing internships and getting involved in a range of projects. Because the University and the Alumni Association are

still quite young, individuals who choose to get involved can make a big impact.

Because 96 percent of FGCU alumni live in Florida – 61 percent within the five-county Southwest Florida region – it's easy for them to stay connected.

"Whichever road we choose to travel in life has been made easier because of the knowledge we acquired at Florida Gulf Coast University," says Cynthia Bennett '99, president of FGCU's Alumni Association. "As we travel down that road, the alumni of FGCU should bear in mind the mission of our Association by supporting FGCU with our talent, time and financial resources."

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PLANNED GIVING

Gifts create a lasting legacy

Donors can leave a lasting legacy by remembering Florida Gulf Coast University in their wills.

An endowed fund creates an enduring legacy for the family name, recognizing the givers for their generosity.

Supporters give in various ways. Some prefer to donate quietly, and may do so anonymously so that the University learns of their intentions when the gift arrives.

Other contributors prefer



From left: Planned Giving Advisory Committee members John Little, Dick Riley, John Sheppard, Linda Treise, Leo Boisvert, Kim Johnson, with FGCU Director of Planned Giving Peter Lefferts. Not pictured: Shelly Church, Brad Clark, Joe Cox, Grace Gutierrez, Bill Horowitz, Jim Kerr and Alex Lambros.

to announce their gifts before they die, giving them an opportunity to become more involved with the University by attending events with students, faculty and staff, gaining a firsthand look at the programs their gifts will support.

Estate gifts can change the lives of students through the ages.

Donors can use these to establish endowed chairs or expand the scope of programs about which they care passionately, enrich-

ing the educational experience for students.

Estate gifts to FGCU also provide a means for families to take care of their health and family members first, then apply the remaining funds to programs or scholarships they care about.

Through the generous support of estate gifts, FGCU makes a real difference in the lives of students and in the community at large.

The Heritage Society

Established in 2005, recognizes alumni and friends who have included Florida Gulf Coast University as a beneficiary in their estate plans through generally irrevocable deferred gifts such as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and retained life estates.

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President Wilson G. Bradshaw with Patty and Jim Borden

PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

Annual donors build strong ties to University

The Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation recognizes supporters who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to The President's Society. There are currently 124 members in this premier annual giving society.

Members' gifts support start-up programs that promote critical thinking and intellectual engagement among students and faculty.

One of the programs funded through such donations is the Whitaker Math Competition hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences faculty for high school students from the surrounding five

counties. Donations also support the Adaptive Sports Expo, the First Generation Scholarship Program, the Dominican Republic Service Learning Project and the freshman convocation.

"We are committed to the President's Society because it encourages consistent annual giving, allowing the University to continue both unprecedented growth and excellence," says Patty Borden of Fort Myers. She and her husband, Jim, have been members since the Society began in 2003.

"The contributions generated by the President's Society are vital

to the University," she says. "They enable President Bradshaw to direct these funds to specific needs. In these difficult economic times, it is essential that community leaders come together and join President Bradshaw in taking our University to the next level of greatness."

Society members are honored at a celebratory brunch each spring and are invited to many prestigious University events.

By participating in the premier annual giving society, donors establish a vital tradition of caring and philanthropy that will benefit FGCU and its students well into the future.

EVENTS CONNECT DONORS WITH FGCU



President's Celebration 2008

A sell-out crowd of more than 450 friends and supporters toasted Florida Gulf Coast University's 10th anniversary at the President's Celebration 2008 – A Decade of Distinction.

Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw presided over the event, which filled the Pavilion Ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. With its sumptuous supper, silent auction and "Blue Room" lounge, the event netted \$281,000.

Money raised through support of the President's Celebration helps fund student scholarships, academic programs and new buildings, all of which are vital to the University's continued growth.

Looking ahead, Bradshaw said, "FGCU will be more exciting than the first decade. The University will thrive and serve as the driver of economic development."

He also thanked those in attendance.

"We are what we are because of the commitment and generous support from all of you," he said.

The FGCU Foundation is the private fund-raising arm of the University, which organizes this annual signature event.

Whether it's a black-tie gala, a day on the links or a campus-wide celebration, the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation strives to make every event special.

Through fund raisers, donor-recognition ceremonies and community activities, the Foundation works to enlighten area residents about the opportunities and resources FGCU brings to the region.

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Events also get people involved, often for the first time, in the myriad programs and activities FGCU offers.

The money the Foundation raises goes toward scholarships and educational needs not covered by state funding.

The Foundation thanks all of the Southwest Florida individuals and businesses that generously support FGCU events and education.

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FOUNDER'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf tournaments abound in Southwest Florida, but Florida Gulf Coast University's Founder's Cup Golf Tournament at Mediterra stands at the head of the class.

The benefit event began in 1991 as the first fund-raiser for the as-yet-unnamed University. Since 2002, it has been held at Mediterra, Bonita Bay Group's master-planned community in North Naples. The 2007 tournament filled two courses. The 16th annual event raised more than \$80,000, bringing the total raised by all of the tournaments to more than \$790,000.

Daniel Dannenhauer, president of Five County Insurance Agency, was among the original

sponsors of the event, which he continues to support.

He signed on early, agreeing to sponsor the official tournament golf shirts, as part of a group determined to show state officials that Southwest Florida was serious about wanting its own university.

"I believed it was a good investment in the community and that it would increase our pool of young entrepreneurs," he says.

Seventeen years later, he couldn't be happier about the way the tournament has grown and succeeded.

"I see those shirts everywhere," he says. "It's become a way for me to advertise."

It's this kind of continuing support by businesses and individu-

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Daniel Dannenhauer and Dr. Richard Pegnetter

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MEDIA COMPANIES SPREAD 10TH-ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Florida Gulf Coast University celebrated a decade of learning during the 2007-08 academic year.



Besides a festive Community Day, which was attended by more than 4,000 people, the University produced a series of Historical Moments, short videos highlighting FGCU's growth and accomplishments in areas such as research, athletics, environmental action and the arts.

In support of the University and its mission, Waterman Broadcasting, Comcast and WINK-TV generously aired these informational messages multiple times throughout the year, allowing a wide range of viewers to learn of the vast strides FGCU has made in a 10-year span.

"We are grateful to these generous media companies for donating so much time to help us deliver our message," says Audrea Anderson, associate vice president for Community Relations and Marketing. "It's important for the community to know what's happening at FGCU and all the benefits it offers. Partnering with Waterman, WINK and Comcast helps us spread the news throughout the five-county region the University serves."

Major community support was reflected in the 40,000 cases of Coca-Cola sold in Southwest Florida over a three-month period. FGCU partnered with the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. to produce the 8-ounce commemorative Coke bottle and carrying carton bearing the University's 10th anniversary logo.



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FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$8,453,149
Interest receivable	33,602
Accounts receivable	5,145
Pledges receivable, current	95,500
Total current assets	<u>8,587,396</u>

NONCURRENT ASSETS

Investments	828,176
Restricted investments	47,115,574
Pledges receivable	232,100
Royalties receivable	2,902,186
Loans receivable	5,000,000
Land holdings	5,841,500
Capital assets, net	17,677
Total noncurrent assets	<u>61,937,213</u>
Total assets	<u>\$70,524,609</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$53,103
Unearned rent revenue	24,000
Due to others	144,426
Gift annuities payable, current portion	6,725
Total current liabilities	<u>228,254</u>

NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Loans payable	4,300,000
Unearned rent revenue	72,000
Gift annuities payable	150,518
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>4,522,518</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,750,772</u>

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets	17,677
Restricted	
Restricted by donors - expendable	19,338,458
Permanent endowments - nonexpendable	40,263,677
Unrestricted	6,154,025
Total net assets	<u>65,773,837</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$70,524,609</u>

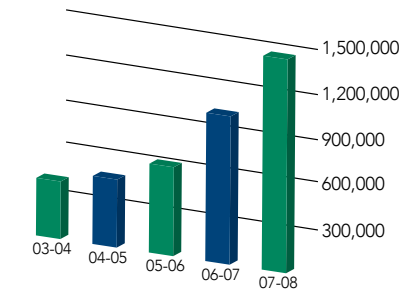
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

OPERATING REVENUES	
Contributions	\$6,223,476
Rental income and other	<u>1,425,616</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>7,649,092</u>
 OPERATING EXPENSES	
Program services	
Program fees	3,813,753
Scholarships	1,094,203
University support	5,595,453
General and administrative expenses	<u>1,135,616</u>
	<u>11,639,025</u>
Other expenses	
Interest	197,604
Depreciation	6,828
Courtelis match funds	<u>7,500,000</u>
	<u>7,704,432</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>19,343,457</u>
Operating income	<u>(11,694,365)</u>
 NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Interest earnings	1,247,024
Net appreciation in investments	<u>(1,759,844)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>(512,820)</u>
Income before capital additions	<u>(12,207,185)</u>
 CAPITAL ADDITIONS	
Contributions to endowments	5,426,594
Decrease in net assets	<u>(6,780,591)</u>
 NET ASSETS, beginning of year	 <u>72,554,428</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$65,773,837</u>

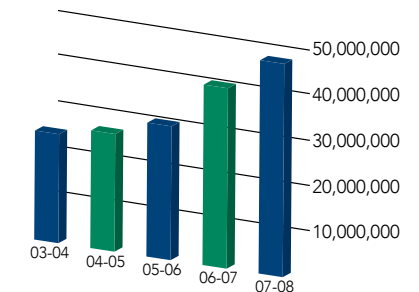
Scholarships issued by the Foundation over the past five years:

Fiscal Year	2003-2004	373,690
Fiscal Year	2004-2005	441,779
Fiscal Year	2005-2006	577,313
Fiscal Year	2006-2007	963,020
Fiscal Year	2007-2008	1,388,719



Growth of the Endowment over the past five years:

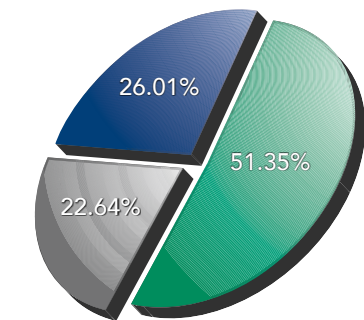
Fiscal Year	2003-2004	23,762,722
Fiscal Year	2004-2005	25,651,506
Fiscal Year	2005-2006	29,177,545
Fiscal Year	2006-2007	39,330,726
Fiscal Year	2007-2008	46,499,251



Despite market losses in 2003, the Foundation has been able to grow the endowments with current earnings and additional contributions.

Breakdown of the Endowment Fund as of June 30, 2008:

Professorships	12,096,727	26.01%
Scholarships	23,876,847	51.35%
Programs	10,525,677	22.64%
	<u>46,499,251</u>	100.00%



● Professorships ● Scholarships ● Programs

Endowment funds are established with a minimum gift of \$10,000. Endowed funds carry on in perpetuity, generating income for scholarships or programs.

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