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"Scholarships transform the promise of an education into a reality for today's most promising students."

#### Dear Friends & Alumni,

Your support of scholarships at Florida Gulf Coast University opens doors for students from all walks of life. Scholarships provide opportunities for qualified, aspiring students to benefit from a university education regardless of their ability to pay and, in the process, change lives for the better. We invite you to celebrate with us the accomplishments of Florida Gulf Coast University made possible with your generosity.

In 2009-10, the FGCU Foundation awarded students \$1.58 million in scholarships on the basis of merit, performance and financial need. These scholarships transform the promise of an education into a reality for today's most promising students.

New state-of-the-art academic buildings have enhanced the campus. In the past year, the Bower School of Music moved into its permanent home. Biscayne Hall, a 400-bed residence for freshmen, opened in South Village, bringing the number of students residing on campus to 2,700. The University opened its first permanent classroom and laboratory building in Collier County, the Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center. These facilities provide the settings in which inspiration, imagination and innovation can flourish.

This report highlights the generosity of donors, including two whose gifts created new eminent scholar chairs: The Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management and The Backe Chair in Renewable Energy. These new chairs will enable the University to attract and retain renowned faculty members in academic areas critical to the continued growth of this region.

Community support also energizes FGCU's athletics program as teams compete at the highly visible Division I level. Intercollegiate athletics attract the attention of a national audience while also significantly enhancing the University experience.

This annual report chronicles these inspiring stories. They are daily reminders of the power of philanthropy and the responsibilities of a public institution. Together we are creating a University whose graduates will become tomorrow's leaders. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Wilson G. Bradshaw, Ph.D. President

Florida Gulf Coast University

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FGCU Foundation Chairperson

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#### Dear Friends.

It has been my genuine honor to have served as chairperson of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation Board over the past year.

I am very proud of the extraordinary efforts and unwavering commitment to our University that allowed us to exceed the challenging goals the board set for itself. Included among those were the generation of new funds, growing our assets in difficult economic times, attracting potential benefactors, supporting our students and strengthening academic excellence.

The engine to drive a successful foundation requires four key elements: (1) a superior development staff, (2) a respected university president, (3) a dedicated board and (4) a community of generous people. We are blessed to have all of these.

Undergirding the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation is a group of talented, hard-working, experienced professionals. They quietly go about their duties with intensity of purpose. They embody the Foundation mission and breathe life into its strategy. This year, they involved donors whose gifts varied from a collection of rare books to The Backe Chair in Renewable Energy to pre-school literacy programs.

As Dr. Bradshaw enters his fourth year as Florida Gulf Coast University president, he has made his mark on the Foundation Board. His leadership prompted the board to provide 394 scholarships to "first-generation students," involve our small but ever-growing alumni body through the introduction of a matching gifts program and ultimately raise \$13.6 million in contributions.

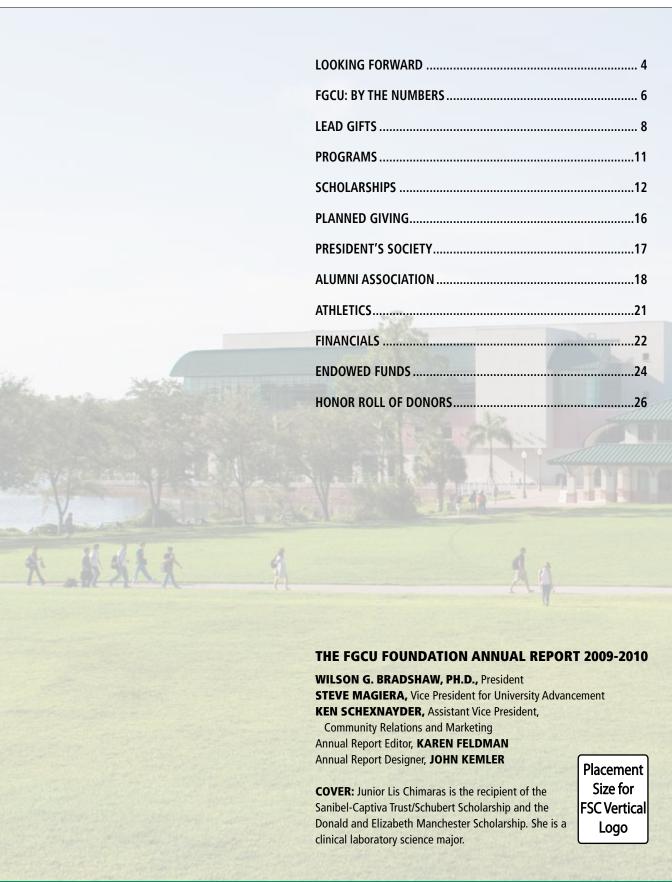
Given our economy and significant budget cuts, the Foundation Board members' pledge to increase their personal and financial accountability could not have come at a better time. Board membership in the President's Society soared, and the highest ever percentage of board members participated in the President's Gala. I am especially pleased with the number of board members who endowed their own scholarships and the creation of the Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management.

In 50 years, when historians write about our times, they will emphasize that the area's robust economy, its astonishing number of engineering patents, its advances in alternative energy, its medical breakthroughs, its pristine environment, its breadth of the arts and its overall quality of life were due to the generosity of the extended community that made Florida Gulf Coast University the county's crown jewel.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, I thank all of you whose financial and moral support allowed us to establish this legacy of learning.

Dr. Stephen S. McIntosh Chairperson, 2009-2010

Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation



#### **Looking Forward**

# University **prepares** for bright future

Even as they strive to educate today's 12,000-plus students, Florida Gulf Coast University's leaders are looking ahead, anticipating the needs of future generations.

Over the next decade, the University expects enrollment to grow to about 22,000.

Since opening in 1997, FGCU has developed 84 degree programs and built 85 structures to serve its burgeoning student body. Four more buildings are under construction, with plans to break ground on more in the coming year.

One of the driving forces behind the University's rapid growth has been the generosity of the people of Southwest Florida who have contributed the resources, expertise and passion required to create a vibrant institution, one

that could not have grown at this remarkable pace by relying solely on state funding.

Among the major additions this year has been the opening of The Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center, the University's first permanent facility in Collier County. Situated at the Naples Botanical Center, the 15,000-square-foot center provides state-of-the-art education space, research labs and a greenhouse for FGCU students and researchers as well as the community at large.

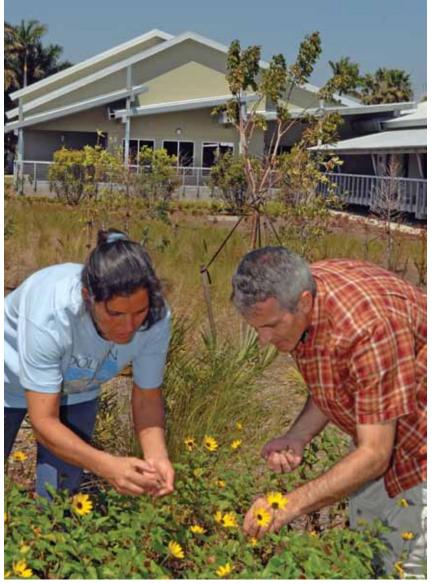
The structure is named for the late Harvey Kapnick, a long-time Naples resident and philanthropist, whose vision played a primary role in securing the land for the botanical garden. His son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Kathleen Kapnick, supported construction of the building and the naming of the FGCU center in his honor.

Significant additions to the main campus include the 15-acre solar field that now supplies 18 percent of the energy FGCU's main campus requires.













Among the structures it powers is the new health and sciences laboratory and classroom building. The new building earned platinum status, the highest certification awarded in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system of the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Bower School of Music moved into a home of its own in August, with the completion of the music education and performance building, which includes a 196-seat recital hall with the latest in acoustic technology, a 3,000-square-foot rehearsal hall, 10 studios and 10 practice rooms.

Another residence hall, a fourth parking garage and a health and sciences building currently are under construction and 20,000 square feet are being added to the Student Union.

Even as the University builds residence halls, demand for oncampus housing continues to exceed availability. FGCU's recent acquisition of the nearby College Club Apartments, which will be renamed Westlake Village, will add 500 beds to the 2,700 currently available in Northlake and South villages.

Over the summer, the University acquired a 500-acre property in rural Buckingham, east of Fort Myers. Previously a residential facility for people with developmental disabilities, the center closed after the state relocated residents to smaller community-based group homes. Because it was already state property, FGCU need only assume its operational expenses. The property will serve as a retreat and recreational center, at least initially, according to Joseph Shepard, FGCU vice president for Administration and Finance.

FGCU prepares to become a fully participating member of the NCAA Division I Atlantic Sun Conference next fall when all of its teams will be eligible for post-season tournament play. Meanwhile, the long-debated question of whether the University should add football to its athletics program may come into sharper focus when the results of a feasibility study conducted this fall are released early in 2011.

By the Numbers

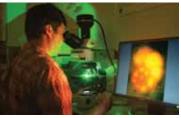
By the Numbers

















## **Student demographics**

**Enrollment: 12,024** 

as of fall 2010-11, **10,333** undergraduates; **1,150** graduates; **541** non-degree seeking

**Average age: 23** (compared to 29 in 2000 and 32 in 1997)

Come from: 48 states and the District of Columbia, plus 95 countries outside the United States

From Florida: 92 percent; 53 percent from Southwest Florida (32 percent from Lee County, 16 percent from Collier County, 3 percent from Charlotte County)

Reside on campus: 2,781 (full capacity)

Average GPA for students entering FGCU: 3.35

Average SAT score for entering students: 1,534

Average GPA for current students: 3.06

**Organizations: 158** registered clubs, plus **25** sports clubs

**Athletics: 14** NCAA Division I teams, competing in the Atlantic Sun Conference

Community service: 114,170 hours service learning performed July 2009-June 2010; 893,633 hours performed since 1997

### Research

**Grants awarded: \$14.4** million (in 2009-10), up from **\$3** million (1997-98)

Patents applied for: 9



### **Communication**

Home to WGCU, the region's public radio and television stations

### **International partnerships**

FGCU has formal exchange programs with universities in China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden.

## **Environmental stewardship**

- Academic Building 7, the new facility housing science laboratories and classrooms for the College of Arts and Sciences, achieved platinum certification, the highest level awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.
- The University's 15-acre solar field supplies about 85 percent of the energy needed to operate Holmes and Lutgert halls as well as Academic Building 7, reducing FGCU's reliance on Florida Power & Light Co. by 18 percent.
- An ice thermal storage plant sends chilled water through an underground loop that cools campus buildings, saving more than \$1.64 million over five years.
- The newest 400-bed residence halls, Biscayne and Everglades, get hot water from rooftop solar tanks.

Lead Gifts

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## Backe Foundation fuels FGCU's renewable energy program

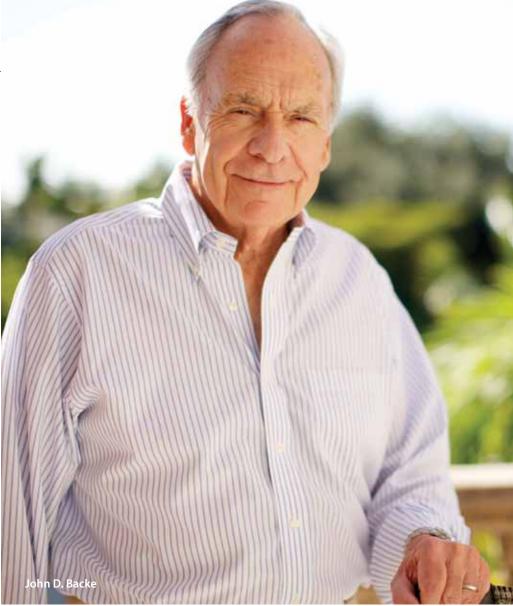
As the efforts to develop new forms of renewable energy ramp up, Florida Gulf Coast University's goal to play a role in this burgeoning industry has received a boost in the form of a \$1-million gift from the Backe Foundation.

The gift creates an endowed fund to hire an eminent scholar who will lead the University's renewable energy research and instruction. FGCU will apply to the state for matching funds of \$750,000, creating a \$1.75-million fund.

The eminent scholar will bring leadership, knowledge and cutting-edge research to the University. In addition to teaching classes in topics related to renewable energy, he or she will conduct research and outreach as well as support the efforts of local economic development councils to attract industries involved in renewable energy to the area.

"This is a partnership that will benefit everyone," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "The Backe Chair complements the institutional values and strategic priorities of the University. We are excited at the expertise the Backe Chair will bring academically, allowing students to benefit from work in classrooms and labs, affording faculty the chance to collaborate on research and helping attract forward-thinking companies to Southwest Florida."

The person hired will play a critical role in FGCU's collaborative venture with the Backe Group to develop the Florida Gulf Coast University Innovation Hub, a 1.2-million-square-foot research park in which researchers and entrepreneurs will work to develop alternative and renewable energy sources and further explore green technology and biotechnology.



The 241-acre site is adjacent to the south side of Southwest Florida International Airport and minutes from FGCU's main campus.

"Considering the growing importance of 'green' and 'sustainability' on a national and global scale, we feel the I-HUB will attract attention to the area, and create a leadership role for Florida Gulf Coast University in the area of environmental sustainability," says John D. Backe, president of the Backe Foundation and a member of the team that will develop the I-HUB in collaboration with FGCU. Other development team members include John E. Backe and Richard Galvano, of Galvano Development.

"The I-HUB marks the start of a new era

for FGCU," says Bradshaw. "It's a sign that we are developing the faculty and research capacities that enable us to create a cuttingedge center of this type and clearly illustrates the high caliber of our existing faculty."

FGCU has 5 acres in the park and plans to build a 50,000-square-foot research facility. The development team anticipates that private companies as well as colleges and universities will be drawn to the research facilities at the park as well.

"Our hope is that the I-HUB becomes home to vision, diversity of talent and a spirit of collaboration that will guide the region and the entire state of Florida into the future," says Backe.

## Naples resident Judy Sproul endows ecology chair

A gift by Naples developer and philanthropist Judy Sproul will enable Florida Gulf Coast University to add a renowned authority on tropical systems and ecology to its faculty.

A member of the FGCU Foundation board of directors and long-time supporter of the University, Sproul pledged \$600,000 to create the Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management. The University will apply for a 70 percent matching grant from the state, bringing the gift's value to \$1.02 million.

The eminent scholar who fills this position will provide leadership and conduct research aimed at enhancing the Southwest Florida environment and enriching the education of students majoring in environmental science and environmental studies. He or she will also conduct lectures and seminars for the community.

"Florida Gulf Coast University has long been dedicated to environmental education and research," says Donna Price Henry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "This generous gift from Judy Sproul will allow us to expand the scope of our efforts even as we expand our outreach into the Naples community."

The person selected as the result of a national search will work primarily at the University's new Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden.

"I am pleased to endow the chair for the Kapnick Center at the Naples Botanical Garden," says Sproul, who also serves as chairman of the garden's board of directors. "Florida has so many beautiful habitats, and I feel it is important to maintain, preserve or restore the land in Southwest Florida. This chair will help to educate and research new ways to improve and preserve this valuable part of Florida." Sproul is a partner of Barron Collier Companies; a partner in The Halstatt Partnership; and developer of Grey Oaks. She is a board member of the Gordon River Greenway, a member of the Trinity-by-theCove Church, the YMCA of Collier County board of directors and past director of the Forum Club and the Community School of Naples advisory board.



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- Donna Price Henry

### Fitzgeralds donate stellar fish book collection

Although he was a successful businessman and banker, Gerald F. Fitzgerald's didn't focus simply on numbers.

"My father was always a very avid reader," says his son, James. "He was a very dynamic businessman who also had significant intellectual pursuits, a love of learning and a love of reading ... He read close to a book a day most of his life, devouring books on all different subjects."

Today, Florida Gulf Coast University students have the opportunity to see a sampling of those volumes as a result of a gift by the Fitzgeralds to the University.

The Gerald F. and Marjorie G. Fitzgerald Fish Book Collection, valued at close to \$833,000, contains dozens of volumes, some dating back to the 1500s.

There's the five-volume "The Natural History of British Fishes," from the early 1800s, which includes 120 hand-colored copper plate engravings; "La Nature et Diversity des Poissons" ("The Nature and Diversity of Fish") published in 1555, with 190 woodcuts attributed to artist Pierre Goudet; and more contemporary works, such as "Fishes, Crayfishes, and Crabs: Louis Renard's Natural History of the Rarest Curiosities of the Seas of the Indies," published in 1995.

There are books about fishes of the Antarctic, Japan, the tropics and Ceylon, written in English, French, German, Russian and Latin.

"The Fitzgerald fish book collection affords FGCU an historical reference that is invaluable for faculty and students in marine and

environmental sciences," says Donna Price Henry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "It is a collection of books that provides an anatomical and descriptive survey of a broad variety of fish species."



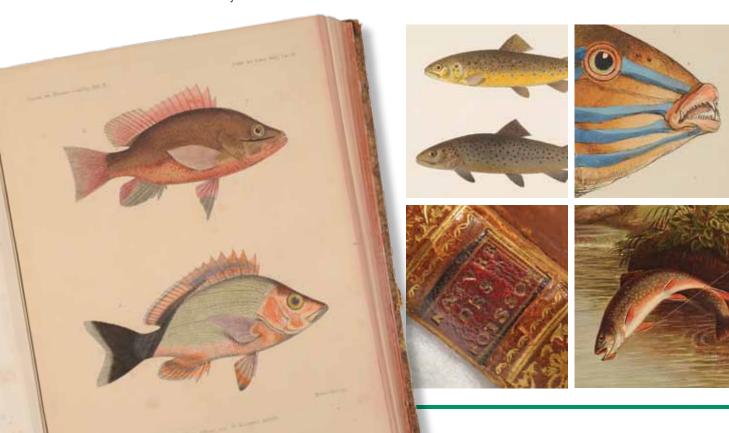
Harry L. Stern, a Chicago appraiser of antiquarian books, says the collection is so valuable because of its condition.

"The exceptionally fine condition of nearly all of these works is a key factor in determining their worth because of the excellent hand coloring of many of the plates," he says. "Institutional copies of these works are frequently missing plates or have other faults."

Becky Donlan, University librarian and assistant director of collection management, says receiving the collection was thrilling.

"When I opened the boxes, I remembered why I'd become a librarian," she says. "These books are magnificent."

Gerald Fitzgerald, a World War II veteran, earned his bachelor's degree at Northwestern University, where he met Marjorie, to whom he was married for 61 years. He and a friend formed a public relations firm that eventually became a division of J. Walter Thompson. He went on to become a successful banker. He died Oct. 30 at 85.



### Quality management focus of new endowment

Quality doesn't just happen. Whatever the business, a quality product depends on intent, planning and expertise.

Teaching tomorrow's aerospace and defense industry leaders how to achieve this is the goal of a program that will operate at Florida Gulf Coast University thanks to a gift from the Aviation, Space and Defense Division of the American Society for Quality.

Leaders of the organization established the ASQ – Aviation, Space & Defense Quality Endowed Fund with a gift of \$100,000 to FGCU. It is the first such endowment by an American Society for Quality division.

The University will apply to the state for matching funds, increasing the gift's value to \$150,000.

The endowment will establish the Program for Quality Management in the Lutgert College of Business, which will engage faculty, students and the community in the development of education programs, forums and professional development opportunities in the study of integrated quality management and effective value-stream management.

The endowment arose from the realization that college graduates need an understanding of quality principles. By creating an endowment, the Aviation, Space and Defense Quality Division can help to ensure a focus on quality.

"There were many advantages for selecting FGCU," said Michael Dreikorn, education chair of the division. "FGCU was very willing and eager to work with the division. Since FGCU is a relatively young University, it is still growing and open to new ideas."



Professor David Collier, who holds the Alico Chair of Operations Management in the Lutgert College of Business, will lead the endowment efforts.

He says the endowment comes at just the right time.

"We are growing at a very guick pace and this money will provide us with a cornerstone to solicit local businesses for more support and funding," he says. "Working with AS&D Division and local section members, we can also develop a feeder pool of ready-to-use talent. The local economy is ripe for high-tech and defense sector businesses and we hope to be part of the solution."

## Programs bolster youngsters' reading, language skills

Being able to read and communicate are the principle building blocks for a successful education which, in turn, is the basis for a successful and satisfying life.

Extensive research has determined that children who enter kindergarten with solid reading and language skills are more likely to succeed and stay in school.

Helping children achieve that goal is the objective of the Early Literacy and Learning Model and Wings on Words Initiative. The Naples Children and Education Foundation supports these programs that provide educational enrichment to more than 1.000 Collier County preschoolers ages 3 to 6 years who might be at risk because of poverty or language barriers.

The programs funded by NCEF enable schools to equip classrooms with engaging materials and libraries for children. The funding also supports literacy coaches who work with teachers in pre-K classrooms to develop lesson plans and student activities.

Funded by NCEF's \$350,000 gift, Florida Gulf Coast University administers the program in sites such as Guadalupe Center, Redlands Christian Migrant Association and numerous Head Start classrooms.

Assessment tests show the program helps teachers become more effective in teaching these vital skills and that 95 percent of the children who participate improve their English vocabulary skills.

"The Early Literacy and Learning Model and Wings on Words are critically important programs," says Steve Magiera, vice president for Advancement. "The support of the Naples Children and Education Foundation for these programs means that more than 1,000 preschoolers will receive the help and nurturing they need to be successful in school and in life."

## Access to education made possible by life-changing scholarships

Increasingly, scholarships play a pivotal role in determining whether an aspiring student is able to pursue higher education.

As costs rise and state funding is unable to keep pace, scholarships matter more than ever.

Money is often the key factor that determines whether students are able to further their educations and, in the process, enhance their chances for successful careers and satisfying lives. Scholarships also serve as tangible proof of their educational accomplishments and help inspire them to continue on this path.

In the 2009-10 academic year, the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation awarded 1,011 scholarships totaling \$1.58 million. That includes 394 First Generation scholarships to students who are the first in their families to pursue baccalaureate degrees.

Many scholarships come from endowed funds that continue in perpetuity. An endowment can be 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. 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 size of the contribution.

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



## Scholarship funds established in 2009-2010

- Sheldon and Celie Chassin Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Clarence & Natalie Chesnutt Scholarship Fund for Instrumental Music Education
- William and Susan Dalton Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Fifth Third Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Greater Fort Myers Women in Business Scholarship Fund
- Harvard Jolly Architecture Scholarship Endowed Fund
- HMA Scholarship Fund in Memory of Robyn Wright
- Edward T. and Esther W. Kuss Scholarship Fund
- Sheryl and Donald A. Lesch Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Lodge Construction Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Raymond L. Lutgert Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Steve and Connie McIntosh Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Naples Garden Club Fellowship Endowed Fund
- Nurse Practitioner Council of Collier County Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Private Wealth Consultants, LLC Leo Boisvert / Erik Heben Athletics Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Rockin' Christmas Endowed Scholarship Fund Founded by PrivateSky® Aviation Services, Inc., the Vincent and Illona Wolanin Family, and the Dr. John and Liz Kagan Family
- Scandia Lodge 3-617 Sons of Norway Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Warfield-Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Foundation Scholarship Endowed Fund

## Fifth Third creates scholarship for Lutgert College students

In an effort to help educate the next generation of business leaders, Fifth Third Bank created a scholarship fund at Florida Gulf Coast University for students who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend college.

The bank pledged \$100,000, establishing the Fifth Third Scholarship Endowed Fund. The University will apply for 50 percent matching funds from the state, bringing the gift's value when fully funded to \$150,000.

"Fifth Third Bank is proud that, despite a challenging economy, we are able to maintain our steadfast commitment to making a difference in the communities we serve," says David Call, Fifth Third Bank (South Florida) president and CEO. "Through these scholarships, Fifth Third Bank reiterates its commitment to assisting students — and tomorrow's leaders — in turning their higher education dreams into reality."

The recipients must be undergraduates living in Charlotte, Collier or Lee counties who maintain a 2.5 GPA, demonstrate financial need and are majoring in business, economics or finance.



From left: Dawn Morbee, Fifth Third assistant vice president; David Call, Fifth Third president and CEO for South Florida; and Randy Braun, Fifth Third senior vice president

Michael Dunn and Cabot Lodge Dunn, Jr.

## Lodge Construction establishes endowed scholarship fund

Grateful for the success their company, Lodge Construction, Inc., has enjoyed, its founders decided to show their appreciation to the community with a gift that will last for years to come.

Company President Cabot Lodge Dunn, Jr. and Vice President Michael Dunn pledged \$100,000 to establish the Lodge Construction Scholarship Endowed Fund at Florida Gulf Coast University to help students who might otherwise be unable to afford a college education.

The fund will provide up to six scholarships a year in perpetuity. The University will apply for a 50 percent match from state, bringing the gift's value to \$150,000.

"The unconditional and fundamental ability to give back to the community is what defines who we are, what we stand for and where we are going," says Cabot Dunn, Jr. "We felt there would be no better way to give back to the community that has helped our family prosper than to provide the means for young adults to achieve a higher education and develop opportunities for themselves. It is a truly rewarding feeling to be capable of establishing this fund."

FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw says the gift "demonstrates Lodge Construction's awareness that education is critical to success and the company's commitment to the community. We are grateful to the Dunns for their generosity."

## Scholarship aids students whose parents have died

When parents die, their children's dreams are in danger of disappearing, too.

But an endowed scholarship will help aspiring Florida Gulf Coast University students who have lost parents realize their dreams through a college education.

The Rockin' Christmas Endowed Scholarship Fund has been created by PrivateSky® Aviation Services Inc., the Vincent and Illona Wolanin family and the John and Liz Kagan family.

The \$100,000 fund will assist students who have lost parents through illness or sudden death, who have achieved academic excellence and exhibited dedication, sportsmanship, discipline and a strong work ethic. Preference will be given to Lee County students enrolled in FGCU's science, engineering or resort and hospitality management programs.

The University will apply to the state for a 50 percent match, increasing the value of the donation to

\$150,000.



Whitney Wolanii

Vincent Wolanin, chairman and founder of PrivateSky® Aviation Services Inc., founded the fund, but he says it is his daughter, singer-songwriterrecording artist Whitney Wolanin, who raised the lion's share of the money through six years of Rockin' Christmas performances with her All Star



FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw, center, with John and Liz Kagan, left, and at right, Victoria, Illona and Vincent Wolanin

Band at an annual fundraiser at the PrivateSky® Aviation executive terminal complex.

"Our entire organization is committed to helping young people,"
Vincent Wolanin says. "We hope this gift inspires others to give as well."
Gifts such as this provide scholarships in perpetuity.

"I am so pleased on behalf of our students to accept this generous gift from the Wolanin and Kagan families," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

## Naples Garden Club fellowship established

Florida Gulf Coast University students conducting horticultural, botanical and environmental research at The Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center will benefit from the Naples Garden Club Fellowship Endowed Fund.

The club established the fund with a gift of \$100,000. FGCU will apply for 50 percent in matching funds from the state, bringing the gift's value to \$150,000.

Proceeds will be awarded as Naples Garden



Naples Garden Club President Liz Chehayl and member Lydia Galton

Club Fellowships to juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in horticulture, a botany-related field, or environmental studies who conduct research at the Kapnick Center at the Naples Botanical Garden.

Naples Garden Club President Liz Chehayl says, "Garden Club members will be able to witness the students' research and interact with them because they will be working in our own backyard at the Naples Botanical Garden. We are delighted to partner with FGCU."

President Wilson G. Bradshaw says, "Florida Gulf Coast University deeply appreciates this generous gift from the prestigious Naples Garden Club organization."

## SWFL Children's Charities funds scholarship for future pediatricians

Helping aspiring pediatricians realize their ambitions is the goal of a scholarship fund established by Southwest Florida Children's Charities.

The not-for-profit organization that stages a successful annual wine festival fundraiser pledged \$100,000 to create the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Dr. Steve Machiz, founding chairman of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, says, "Our mission is to help the children of Southwest Florida. The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is our primary beneficiary. We are delighted with our new partnership with FGCU. Establishing a medical scholarship to help deserving residents of Southwest Florida become pediatricians fits nicely with our mission."

To fund the endowment, Dr. Brian and Maureen Schwartz along with Allen and Donna Price Henry, dean of FGCU's College of Arts and Sciences, hosted a chef vintner dinner during this year's wine and food fest. Dinners and the grand tasting and auction at future festivals will



From left: Dr. Steve Machiz, Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest founding chairman; Ester Machiz; Allen Henry; Donna Price Henry, dean of the FGCU College of Arts and Sciences; Maureen Schwartz; and Dr. Brian Schwartz

continue to grow the endowment.

The FGCU Foundation will apply for 50 percent matching funds from the state, bringing the value of the gift to \$150,000. Recipients must be enrolled at FGCU in a program in which they complete three years at FGCU and four at a state medical school.

## Botanical Garden helps cultivate research

Dr. Leonard Ginger and Naples Botanical Garden have sown seeds that will help cultivate the next generation of plant-based researchers.

The Dorothy M. Rygh Fellowship was established to assist juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in botany-related fields and who conduct research at The Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center.

Naples Botanical Garden will donate at least \$5,000 per year in perpetuity to provide these fellowships, which are funded by a donation from Ginger to the botanical garden.

"I had previously set up scholarship awards at Northwestern University for students conducting research at the Chicago Botanic Garden," says Ginger. "The newly created FGCU fellowships, named for



my good friend Dorothy Rygh, follow in this tradition."

The University welcomes such support for its research efforts at the Kapnick Center, situated within the Naples Botanical Garden.

"The research our faculty and students conduct at the Kapnick Center, our first permanent facility in Naples, will benefit the whole region," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "We are grateful for this investment, which will further that effort."

### Estate gifts last more than a lifetime

Throughout their lives, Ed and Esther Kuss spent considerable time and energy improving the lives of others.

The Fort Myers couple also made sure their efforts to make the world a better place would continue after they were gone by remembering Florida Gulf Coast University in their wills.

The Edward T. and Esther W. Kuss Endowed Scholarship Fund is the result of their estate gift. State matching funds will give the fund a total value of almost \$260,000. Income produced will provide tuition and books for FGCU students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial

The Kusses believed that educating young people benefitted society as a whole and, through their estate gift, ensured that they would be able to help students in perpetuity.

"Students for generations to come will benefit from the Kusses' generosity," says Steve Magiera, FGCU vice president for University Advancement. "The University deeply appreciates such gifts, which make a difference in so many lives."

Such gifts not only provide opportunities for students who receive scholarships, but also create lasting tributes to the donors and their generosity.

Estate gifts can be handled in one of two ways. Some donors prefer to remain anonymous

until the gift arrives. Others prefer to let their intentions be known while they are alive. Doing so affords them the opportunity to become involved with the University by attending events with students, faculty and staff and being able to see first-hand the programs their gifts will

In addition to endowed scholarship funds, donors may choose to establish endowed faculty chairs or help to expand programs that are important them.

When making an estate gift to FGCU, donors may ensure that their individual needs and those of their families are met first, applying the remaining funds to the programs or scholarships they designate.

#### The Heritage Society

Established in 2005, The Heritage Society 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.

- Anonymous
- Mr. and Mrs. Gray C. Ballman
- William\* and Kathryn Beeken
- Richard and Sandy Bishop
- Dr. and Mrs. Amal K. Das
- Dr. and Mrs. George Fisher\*
- George and Rebecca Fogg ■ Thelma B. and Edwin M. Oulton\*

**The Covenant Society** 

Established in 2005, The Covenant Society recognizes alumni and friends who have included Florida Gulf Coast University as a beneficiary in their estate plans through generally revocable deferred gifts such as wills, living trusts, life insurance policies and qualified retirement accounts.

- Mr and Mrs Richard C Ackert
- Anonymous (9)
- Joan and William Attridge
- Mr. Bedford H. and Dr. Fay R. Biles
- Steve Bostwick
- Jane S. Brenner
- Dianna P. Durbin
- The Bill Eshbaugh Family
- George and Rebecca Fogg
- Mary K. Gallagher
- John and Dorothy Guigon
- Denise Heinemann, DRPH, RN
- Saundra and Alan Kaplan
- Martin\* and Patricia Latter
- Dr. John R. and Mrs. Veora Little
- Elissa D. Manna
- Michael B. Peceri
- Harry W.\* and Ruth M. Service
- Robert W. Shrader
- Dr. E. J. Arpin-Sypert and Dr. George W.

#### The Covenant Society Cont'd

- John and Constance\* Temoyan
- Keith and Doris Trowbridge
- Herbert J.\* and Barbara S. Wolfe
- Dr. Bonnie L. Yegidis

#### The Legacy Society

Established in 2005, The Legacy Society recognizes alumni and friends who have made estate distributions to Florida Gulf Coast University. These ultimate gifts have contributed to FGCU's ability to provide outstanding higher education and public service throughout Southwest Florida.

- Anonymous\*
- Bernice J. Bongiorno\*
- Lillian and Clay Clukies\*
- Elizabeth A. and Jack A. Conner\*
- Marian E. Davis\*
- Dr. Edith Potter Deats\*
- Robert L. DuGene\*
- Evelvn L. Egan\*
- Ruth L. Faith\*
- Marguerite and Guy Howard\* ■ Marv V. Hull\*
- Pop and Mari Kelly\*
- Mabel and Arnold Keys\*
- Edward T. and Esther W. Kuss\*
- Donald and Elizabeth Manchester\*
- Helen E. Nestor\*
- James D. and Eleanor F. Newton\*
- Thelma B. and Edwin M. Oulton\*
- Marlin F. and Alice M. Perry\*
- Mary I. Peterson\*
- Frances V. Rilev\*
- Frances B. Setterblade\*
- Richard W. and Esther A. Shaughnessy\*
- Hans and Erna Siebert\*
- Grace J. Sneckenberger\*
- C. Gilbert and Emma Spies\*
- Richard W. Steves\*
- Alex and Patience Stom\*
- Mary B. Ullman\*
- George C. Van Rhee\*
- Mrs. Idell Walkoe\*
- \* Deceased

Shirley Gerstenberger and Bob Shrader

## President's Society forges strong connection

The President's Society is Florida Gulf Coast University's premier annual giving society, composed of donors who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to provide continuing support for student success, while building strong ties to the University.

There are currently 107 members in the society, which helps fund start-up programs that promote critical thinking and intellectual engagement among students and faculty. Members also enjoy several prestigious University events, including the annual President's celebratory brunch in their honor.

#### President's Society

There are many programs funded through the society's donations, including the Adaptive Sports Expo, the First Generation Scholarship program, the Dominican Republic Service Learning Project and the Whitaker Math Competition hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences faculty for high school students from the region.

Bob Shrader and Shirley Gerstenberger find their membership in the society highly rewarding.

"I consider it a great pleasure to participate in the growth of FGCU and to witness the vitality of the students, along with the dynamic program developments," Shrader says.

"The students of today will be the leaders of the future, facing new and bold challenges that I could not imagine 30 years ago. I had the opportunity to work on both the NASA Apollo and Space Station programs and the first-generation e-mail product, none of which compares to the microsecond stock transactions, the reprogramming of adult cells for medical purposes, and the instant communications of this world.

"These technological advances represent real challenges and opportunities for the educational community and I know that FGCU, both faculty and students, are well prepared to seize them."

The couple consider their membership in The President's Society a gratifying way to play a part in helping FGCU's students and faculty achieve their goals and aspirations.

Through The President's Society, members have established a vital tradition of philanthropy and caring that benefit FGCU students today and into the future.

#### **President's Society**

- Dick and Sue Ackert Audrea Anderson \*\*
- Anonymous
- Mr. Scott and Mrs. Linda Bacheler
- Mr. and Mrs. Grav C. Ballman
- BB&T Oswald Trippe and Company
- Samira Kanaan Beckwith
- Kathryn I. Beeken\*\*
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary E. Bickel\*\* Bedford H. Biles, J.D., and Fay R.
- Jack and Shellev Blais\*\*
- Bonita Bay Group
- Patty and Jim Borden
- Rick and Lori Borman
- John D. and Barbara A. Bowlin
- Dr. Wilson and Jo Anna Bradshaw\*\*
- Drs. Jon and Alice Brunner ■ Tom and Lynda Case\*\*
- IoAnn and Joseph Catti\*\*
- Brian and Denise Cobb\*\*
- College of Life Foundation
- Bernese Davis

- - Al and Sally Hanser
    - Larry and Mary Hart

  - Holt. P. A.
  - Dr. Donna and Mr. Allen Henry
  - William and Andrea Horowitz
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Idelson\*\*

- Mr.\* and Mrs. Brad Clark
- Barron Collier III
- Cathy Doyle

- Eva Sugden Gomez\*\*
- The Gricenko Family
- Mr. and Mrs. John V. Guigon
- Ann Howard Hamilton
- The Hanno Family\*\*
- Henderson, Franklin, Starnes &

- Ann R Jacobson
- Glen and LaVonne Johnson\*\*
- Rick and Catherine Johnson
- Paul and Susan Jones

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Edwards\*\*
- George and Rebecca Fogg ■ Roberto and Renee Garcia
- Jennifer Goen
- Peg and Scott Gray Vickrey
- Drs. Marci and Patrick\* Greene

- Hayward Baker Inc.

- Drs. G. Burtt and Ruth W. Holmes\*\*
- Lewis Johnson
- Skip and Mary Ellen Johnston\*\*
- Ken and Mary Kavanagh
- Nick Kellen • Charlie and Abby Kleman

- James F. and Lynn E. Knupp\*\*
- Alan and Marilyn\* Korest\*\*
- Kraft Construction Company, Inc. ■ Barbara Krell
- I A T Foundation Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Larson
- Marc and Lise Laviolette
- Vee H. Leonard
- Chip and Shervl Lesch W Bernard and Flaine P Lester
- David Lewis Linda and David Lucas\*\*
- Mr. and Mrs. Vito Manone\*\*
- Mathews Construction ■ Duncan C. McBride
- Dr. and Mrs. Stephen S. McIntosh\*\*
- Dr William C Merwin\*:
- Madeleine and George Michaels Ken and Pat Millar
- Kathleen F. Miller, Ed.D.
- Karen and Jim Nathan ■ Pamela Noland\*\*

G. Jeffrey Provol

- Dr. Richard Pegnetter ■ CarolAnn Ponovich
- Steven Pruchansky Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc. Drs. J. Robert and Diana J. Ouatroche

Rov and Beverly McTarnaghan\*\*

■ Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Roberts

■ Regions Bank

 Robbie Roepstorff Drs. Hudson and Elsa Rogers Jack and Sue Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Rice

- Dr. J. Michael Rollo and Ms. Amy
- Klaus and Mary Ann Saegebarth
- Ken Schexnayder and Ellen Atkins Dr. Ioe and Marcela Shepard
- Bob Shrader Carol Slade
- William and Joan Slocum\*\* Dr. and Mrs. Paul Snyder Juliet C. Sproul\*\*
- Kenneth and Halcyon St. Hill Steinway Piano Society
- Robin and Pat Stranahan\*\*
- Margaret and Peter Sulick\*\* Dr and Mrs Ronald B Toll ■ Dolph and Sharon von Arx\*\* ■ The Val Ward Family\*\*
- Jaynie and Stan Whitcomb\*\* ■ Charles and Melanie Winton\*\* • Michele and Richard Yovanovich

\*Deceased

\*\* Life member



## Alumni Association keeps graduates connected

With more than 11,500 graduates, Florida Gulf Coast University's Alumni Association plays an ever more critical role in keeping those graduates connected to their alma mater.

The Alumni Association offers a variety of ways through which graduates can stay in touch, including e-newsletters, Pinnacle magazine, special programs, services and events, and social networks such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

"There are so many ways to stay involved with the University after graduation," says Lindsey Touchette, director of alumni relations. "We offer a variety of benefits to graduates and they, in turn, can make a positive impact on FGCU."

Alumni can attend seminars and networking

programs that may help them advance professionally and socially. They can also take part in fundraisers such as Dollars for Scholars, community service projects and career seminars made possible through the efforts of alumni and other volunteers.

The Alumni Association serves as the connection that helps keep those ties strong and meaningful.

"The FGCU Alumni Association plays a vital role in keeping our graduates connected to the University," says Jim Robinson, Alumni Association president. "Among other things, the association constantly seeks ways to help alumni give back to the University, whether through donations, scholarship endowments, volunteer work, or other meaningful activities."

The FGCU Alumni Association board of directors and staff thank the members and contributors for their support.

#### 1998

- Paul Allen\*\*
- Nina Schwartz\*\*
- Jennifer Sparrow\*\*

#### 1999

- Cynthia Bennett\*\*
- Connie Brown
- Kimberly (Trombly) Cambareri ■ Donna Chapman
- Patricia Ciborowski
- Joann Ellis
- Duncan Fields, Jr Tracy (Shonak) Fishe
- Patricia Gordin
- Gail Hall
- Judy Harris Kenneth Kemp
- Wendy Key-Buxton
- Adriana (Kain) Kinn
- James Robinson II\*\* ■ Henry Robinson III

#### 2000

- Rebecca (Barber) Antonucci
- Iames Bladich
- Deborah Brown Carlos Cavenago III. Esq.
- Jennifer (Parker) Cavenago ■ James Fritz
- Kelly Gilbert-Brewe
- Deber Harris
- Laura (Timmers) Holquist\*\*
- Linda Kraatz
- Rebecca Maglott
- Michael McCabe
- Rose McGahee\*
- Penny (Mercer) Mourer\*\* Adam Musolino
- Carol Newcomb-Iones
- Ricky Pires
- Jeanette Rogers
- lacob Scott
- leremy Totten David Vazguez

#### 2001

- Mary Banks\*\*
- Ianet Borchers ■ Shelagh Brodeur
- Susan Byars Chervli Cohen
- Tara (Joly) Cooley
- Jacquelyn Fresenius
- Jan (Rogers) Frick
- Kevin Gaffney\*\*
- Carolynne Gischel Kerry Griffin, Jr.
- Richard Hackney
- Annamarie Grimes

#### Bree Hamsher Gary Kluckhuhn

- Betty Oglesby
- Laura (McLean) Phillips
- Carol (Dalia) Lopez ■ Pamela Prochaska Silvia Ramos Jorge Lopez
- Tara Ruska Steve Magiera\* Amy (Berczik) Sand Shirley (Bishop)

■ Derek Lamely

Ronald Lestock

■ John Little\*\*

Garry Long

Rosado

Meghan (Sand)

Jason McMillan

Patrick O'Connell

Mariel Pijanowski

Courtney (Fleming)

■ Nelson Campbell III

Suzanne Decopain

Jeanne (LaCost)

Andrew French

Amber Greco\*\*

■ Regina Hevia

Angela Hodge\*

Rebecca (Yost)

Hollingshead

Michael King

John Kollar\*\*

• Reid Lennertz

■ Megan Greenleaf

Ezcurra

■ Brennan Courtwright

Catherine Burke

■ Barbara Miller

Kelly Nicolosi

Brad Phelps\*\*

Wayne Pingel

J. Price\*\*

Ruth Riedel

2004

- Margaret Stockhus Dana Thorne
- I Rodney Watson ■ Howard Wegis
- Allen Weiss, M.D.\*

#### 2002

- Rachel (Feaser) Ball Robert Banker
- Isaac Brundage Vanessa Clarke\*
- Deborah (Rhodes)
- Amy (Estes)
   Gaffnev\*\*
- Ulf Goebel
- Tucker Greene Walter Iones
- Andrew Kunkle\*
- Jennifer (Faramo)
- Laderer Karen Landv. M.S.
- Richard Laviolette
- Marianne Meola Tamara (Zocki)
- Messier ■ Louetta (Holst) Muller
- Nelson Nieves Kimberly (Sherman)
- Sherry Pellone
- Donald Schneide
- Brian Tarrant Kimberly Tartaglione
- Nola (Ilchene) Theiss ■ Rita Volk
- Alex Wilhelm
- Rachel (Reek) Zucchi

#### 2003 Rebecca Ali

- Bentley Babin
- Judith Baker Kathleen (Mallozzi)
- Karen Brooks

Brent Evans\*\*

Mary Gibbs

Jude Hebert

Cvnthia Koppler

■ Tia (White) Farhat

Heidi Franz-Hoyt\*

Guenther Gosch\*

Jacqueline Gregory

- Gerard Carrington Daniel Ceilley
- Kellie Longenecker Jennifer Crabill\*\* Patrick Mark Wandson Deoliveira Mahony\*\*
- Holly (Wynn) ■ Tiziana (Gandolfo) Diefenthaler Marchante Andrew Evans\*\*
  - Victoria McConnell\* Timothy McCormick
  - Andrew Miller\*\*
- Deborah Preston ■ Eugene Hoyt\*\* ■ Kevin Price\*\* Justin Segal Darius Joseph
  - Brett Vanderhevder Scot Wilson

- Candace (DiRusso)
- Ruth (Shiding)
- Suhad Alhaddad Chandra Allen
  - Philip Artmann Kain Mills\*\* - Amy (Arnold) Benvie
  - Catherine Bluev
  - Holly (Schanz) Bullock Harry Casimir\*\*
  - Ashlev Coone\* Marc Devisse\*
  - Rvan Frost\* Kendra Fugate-
- Lisa (Kearns) Sanders ■ Gary Schwartz Marcela Shepard Yvette Taylor Benson
- Shad White<sup>3</sup> ■ Christina Lerch\* Jennifer Levy
- Travis Allen Demetria (Bryant)
- Ronald Baumgart\* Leslie (Simmons)
- Verne Nieves Angela Bridges
  - Akpenawo Nyanudor
  - Brian Sanders Karie Seilberger
  - Pamela St. Laurent Christopher Stephens Fllison\*
  - Mary Marguerite Tait Lindsev (Brower)
  - Nathan Touchette\*
  - Aharon Weidner French
  - Greene\* Brian Zamorski\*\* Marie-Josee Hebert\*
  - 2006 Linda Alfaro Rachael Ketterman
  - Brooke Bassett Sarah (Schroeder) Bell Maria Berrette
  - Margaret (Fahev) Larry Bourdeau Esther (Toussaint) Lucy Mederos Melissa Michel
  - Tamara David ■ Jason Garcia\*
  - Jill Isaacsor Michael Jaffe Elizabeth Kennedy

- Christine Lee 2005 Melissa (Olson)
- David Anderson, J
- Traci Budmavr
- John Reilly Lourdes Castro Cheryl Robinson
- Melissa Felice Cielo Schneider Matthew Shepard
- Laura (Zocki) Puerto Brackens Daniel Godsall ■ Alma (Reyna) Sanchez Julie Heuer\*\*
  - Elizabeth Hill Brandon Hollingshead ■ Michelle Iordan
  - Laura Lundberg
- Stevan Morales Michelle Arquedas Catherine (Place)
  - Judith Nothdurft
    - Karen Phillips ■ Loren Prive
    - Bernard Davis II ■ Maria Sotomayor

    - Nadine (Heeger)
    - Tiffany Fox ■ Mathew Visaggio Alexandria (Benjan
    - Melissa White\*\*
      - Douglas Jarrett Zachary Katkin
    - Trine Alfaro
- Lauren McCartney ■ Donald McHugh, Jr.\*
- Tracy (Abel) Pelletier Stephen Petrikas
- Brittany Bertilson
- Casimir\* Guy Cicinelli

- Kristen Kerans
- Michael Kiniry Christopher Krueger Raymond Leary
- Lestock
  - Megan (MacDonald)
  - Cathryn Muir Timothy Oak Delilah Palmer
  - Iulie Rose ■ Donald Routh\*
  - Debra Sirois\*\* Margaret Sullivan ■ Michelle Taylor William Van Glabek ■ Jonathan Ziemba
- Lvnn Lee\*\* 2007 Elisa Araujo Angela (Meadows)
- Leonard Maciejewski Christina Biagi Kelly McCarthy\* Penny Bladich ■ Jesse Bouchard ■ Wavne Burns
  - Chrysten Burzio ■ Megan Calamaro Joshua Campbell Cristina Cantisani
  - Joaquin Chavarriaga Timothy Clark Jason Consolo
  - Iamin Duran Victoria (Hartman)
- Pamela Forsyth
  - Carolyn (Williams)

Amanda Miller

Stephen Pauly

Judith Pitt

Daniel Ryan

Adam Schultz

Michelle (Tabares)

Joyce (Evans) Prive

- Joel Livesay Roberto Lopez Rosado Jerry Ma
- Ashley (Harvey) Harris Daniel Hibshman

- Larry Southard Marianne Thomas\*: Iulie Van Horn
- Abigail Wiegman ■ Sasha Wohlpart Samantha Manning Kimberly Zambito ■ Cara Zasoba\*\*
- 2008 Trevor Montgomery ■ Brenna Abbott-
  - Marzucco\* Amanda (Rosellini Adams Brynn Applegate\*

Darlyn Scott

■ Charles Weaver\*

■ Christina Barzelav ■ Elizabeth Bilton Joseph Calamaro Amanda Carpenter

Gomez\*\*

■ Linda Guerrine\*

Rhonda Holtzclav

Madeline Holzem

Christina Jordan

Lisa Kleppinger\*\*

Rvan Kowadla

Patricia Lawlor

John McNamara

Elizabeth Merriken

Katherine (Kruger)

Shannon Mullins

■ Amanda Nagle

■ Karen O'Brvan

Gioconda Orbe

Colleen Parker

William Pitt

David Potts

Mary Reed

Charles Reed III

Catherine Palmisano

Bradley Piepenbrink

Valerie Mercier

Louis Lillard

David Hatfield

lared Holes

- Michael Casanova Willie Baca Stephen Bakor Edward Costello ■ Regina Bale Phyllis Cummins Joseph Berg Frantz Desvallons
- Ronald Berrette Lauren Esperon Melissa (Crews) Kasev Bloodgood Faasse Linda Bolderson ■ Elaine Flaherty Ioshua Brodsky
- Lori Flury Deborah Bryan Monica Funigiello James Butler Aurthell Furlow ■ Felix Camille Jonel (Archard) Nathan Campbell
  - Stephanie Campbell ■ Edward Canell Jeremy Summers\*\* Laura Cannizzaro\*\* Christina Swayne\*\* Rachel Carden ■ Fedicienne Theresias

Rehecca Carden

Kristina Caruso

Lucero Carvaial

Michael Cerrone

Jonathan Coher

Amber Eliason

■ Thomas Everts

■ Latoya Gilmore

Linda Guerrero

Ashlev Haegele

Craig Harrington

Charles Hazelton

Rebecca Heins

■ Timothy Hogan

Michael Julius\*\*

■ Tiffany Kennedy

Leslie Liebermann

■ Renee Klein

Ashley Lewis

■ Charmaine Guerrine

Courtney Eppleman

■ Cassandra Evans

Andrew Schmid

Nicole Schmitt

Richard Sparrow

Vanessa Tiro

Hernandez

Kemmy (Sims) Tyre

Amy Vaspasiano

Anthony Villafrate

Jameson Yingling\*

Cassandra Aponte-

Luis Velasco

Desiree Vinci

Michelle (Frve)

Williams

Kelly Willis

Reza Ansary

■ Erica Turok

 Scott Whaley Adam Whitelaw Kimberly Williams\*\* Michelle Williams

David Hewellyn

Christine Marinell

Desiree Matarese

■ Tim McCarthv\*

■ Aaron Melvin

Robert McClean

Victoria Mendez

Robert Metzger

Jennifer Miller

Edward Morton

Florence Nogai

Corey Oliveira

Kelley O'Nan\*\*

Casey Panepinto

Alexander Perez

Matthew Phillips

Kimberlev Pickens

■ Evan Ramos

M. Kellev Revff

Jessica Rodriguez

Patricia Rice

Iill Rosick

Lori Shepard

Richard Sinski

■ Donna Sirois\*\*

Jennifer Sirois\*\*

Vanessa (Chaviano)

Martin O'Neil

Casey O'Connor

Valarie (Brand) Olsen

Deborah McEwan\*

Jacklin (Jackie)

Marshall

Rachel Locker

### Matthew Wymer

- 2010 Vanessa Balazs Kavlie Brown Raymond Budd
- Justin Budmayr Margaret Caulk Erica Faramo
- Carev Fells ■ Evan Flechsig\* ■ Kristy Hamilton David Juchnowicz\*\*
- Jessica (Wieser) Davie Chandler Kurtz Christopher Lothers\*\* Karen Ludington
  - Alexander Lymber\* ■ William Mattingly\*\* Leslie Mehl\*\* James Murphy\*\*
  - Patricia Pasden\*\* Jeffrey Petroske Judith Rohde\*\* Sophie Shrock\*\*

■ Christina Spelman\*\*

\*Deceased \*\* Lifetime Member

Events Athletics



## President's gala a party with a serious purpose

The annual President's Gala is more than a stylish black-tie event: It serves as a grand showcase for education, raising funds that help open the doors to brighter futures for students who might otherwise be unable to afford to attend college.

More than 380 people attended the March 27 blacktie event at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, the theme of which was "The Power of Scholarships." In all, the event raised \$750,000.

President Wilson G. Bradshaw drew on his own experience to illustrate what a difference an education can make.

"I would not be standing before you except for the power of scholarships," he said. "The National Science Foundation Scholarship gave me hope and encouragement at a time when I desperately needed support to continue my education. The moment I was awarded that scholarship is the moment my dreams turned to possibilities.

"The NSF scholarship not only positively affected my life, but the lives of everyone who has been touched by my actions and decisions since graduation. That is the lasting power of scholarships."

During the 2009-2010 academic year, 1,011 FGCU students received \$1.58 million in scholarships. The need for additional scholarship money continues to grow as the University serves more students each year.

The FGCU Foundation thanks gala chair Edward Morton, auction committee chair Barbara Dufrane and Foundation Board chair Stephen McIntosh for the time and effort they devoted to make this special event such a great success.

## Founder's Cup popular fall tradition, fundraiser

Florida Gulf Coast University's longest-running tradition is the Founder's Cup Golf Tournament, which began in 1991 as the first fundraiser for the as-yet-unnamed University.

Many of those who participate return year after year, a testament to its enduring appeal.

As has been the case since 2002, the 2009 event took place at Mediterra, a master-planned community in North Naples. During the 2009 event, contributors donated \$74,000, bringing the total raised through the years to more than \$900,000.

"The money raised through this fun-filled community event is used to enhance our education, science and athletics programs," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "We are fortunate to have such an engaged, generous

business community supporting the Founder's Cup."

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Major sponsors of the 2009 tournament included: AJAX Building Corp., Bonita Bay Group, Estero Bay Chevrolet, Fifth Third Bank, Five County Insurance, Johnson Controls, Kraft Construction, Regenesis Power, Service Painting, Taylor Rental — Naples, United Mechanical, University Housing Service and Wayne Wiles Floor Coverings.

United Mechanical has helped construct Holmes and Lutgert halls and the Central Energy Plant. It's also supported FGCU in various ways,

including contributions to the First Generation and Physical Plant scholarship funds, and sponsorships of athletics events and the Founder's Cup.

The firm helped sponsor the Founder's Cup this year, says President Michael Clark, "because we continue to be impressed by the way in which the University has been forward thinking with its planning, facilities and community involvement. We are fortunate to have such a great institution here in our own backyard."

## Student-athletes excel at more than their sports

At Florida Gulf Coast University, student-athletes strive for success not just in their sports, but in the classroom and community as well.

Over the three years in which the University's 14 teams have competed in the NCAA Division I, they have claimed nine Atlantic Sun Conference titles and two Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association titles. In addition to success in their respective sports, FGCU's 260 student-athletes hold an overall GPA of 3.17. Of those, 140 have earned A-Sun All-Academic honors during the 2009-2010 academic year, up from 108 the previous year, and 16 maintained GPAs of 4.0.

The University's student-athletes also excel in volunteerism, logging 3,000 hours of community service over the past year.

"It's not just about sports for our student-athletes," says Stanley Perchan, director of Athletic Advancement. "They understand that academic excellence and giving back to the community are important components of their college education and their preparation for life."

To date, FGCU team conference championships include: the baseball team won the A-Sun conference all three years; women's basketball claimed the 2009 championship; the softball team won the A-Sun in 2008; the volleyball team took the A-Sun in 2007 and 2008; and the men's and women's soccer teams clinched A-Sun titles in 2010. The women's swimming and diving team took top honors in 2009 and 2010 in the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association.

"It's quite an impressive record for such a young program," Perchan says. "This year the men's golf team and men's soccer team are nationally ranked."

Five former FGCU student-athletes now play professional sports. They are: Casey Coleman, who is pitching for the Chicago Cubs; Chris Sale, who pitches for the Chicago White Sox; golfer Derek Lamely, who plays on the PGA circuit; Cheyenne Jenks, who played softball with the Chicago Bandits of the National Professional Fastpitch League then signed with a professional team in Italy; and Brooke Youngquist Sweat, who competes on the professional beach volleyball circuit.

Student-athletes volunteer in a wide range of community projects, including visiting patients at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, helping build homes with Habitat for Humanity and lending a hand at the Community Cooperative Ministries' soup kitchen.

FGCU's transitional period ends next fall, making all of its teams eligible for post-season tournaments. That's boosted turnout at games along with the fact that FGCU teams have beaten opponents such as the University of Florida, Clemson, University of Miami, Notre Dame and Ohio State.

Strong community support has proved invaluable in the rapid development and success of the program. Membership in the Eagles booster organization continues to build as area residents sign on to support the teams.











### FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

BALANCE SHEET / June 30, 2010

#### **ASSETS**

#### **CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$9,071,279
Interest receivable	415
Accounts receivable	3,695
Pledges receivable, current	85,300
Total current assets	\$9.160.689

#### **NONCURRENT ASSETS**

**Total assets** 

\$611,356
44,615,132
98,300
1,734,266
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52,512
4,551,500
4,021
56,667,087

\$65,827,776



#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Total current liabilities	\$142,544
Gift annuities payable, current portion	
Unearned rent revenue	24,000
Interest payable	48,751
Accounts payable	\$55,433

#### **NONCURRENT LIABILITIES**

Loans payable	\$7,000,000
Unearned rent revenue	24,000
Gift annuities payable	136,141
Interest rate swap	52,512
Total noncurrent liabilities	7,212,653
Total liabilities	\$7,355,197

#### **NET ASSETS**

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt... \$4,021 Restricted

Total net assets 58,472,579

Total liabilities and net assets \$65,827,776

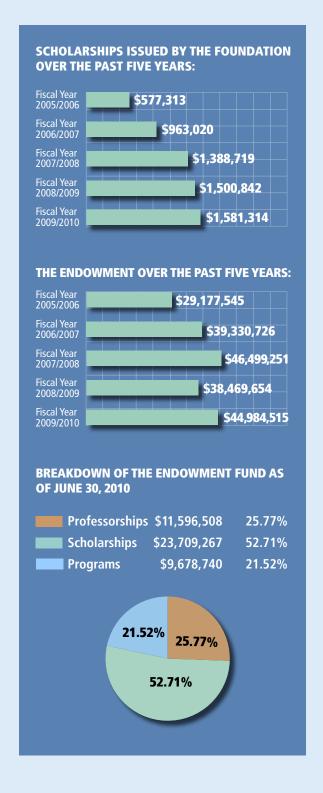
## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended June 30, 2010

The year chaca saile 30, 2010	
OPERATING REVENUES	
Contributions	\$4,159,350
Rental income and other	1,355,147
Total operating revenue	\$5,514,497
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Program services	
Program fees	\$3,745,520
• Scholarships	
• University support	
• General and administrative expenses	1,044,289
• Return of restricted contribution	
	\$7,803,779
Other expenses:	
• Interest	\$186,242
• Depreciation	6,828
	193,070
Total operating expenses	7,996,849
Operating loss	(\$2,482,352)
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Interest earnings	\$175,092
Net appreciation in investments	4,141,475
Total nonoperating revenues	4,316,567
Income before capital additions	\$1,834,215
CAPITAL ADDITIONS	
Contributions to endowments	\$2,898,862
Increase in net assets	4,733,077
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	

**NET ASSETS**, end of year

\$58,472,579



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

#### **EMINENT SCHOLARS**

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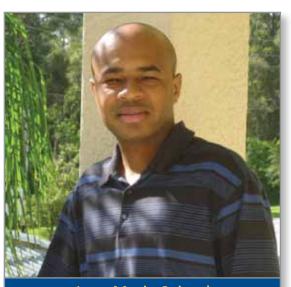
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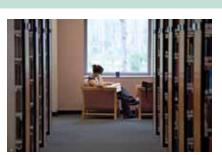
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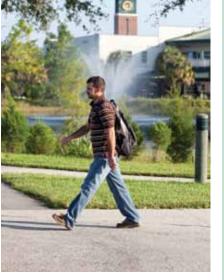
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