University to commemorate 50 years of integration

Events, April 19-21, will honor first black students

As Florida State University prepares to commemorate its 50th anniversary of integration April 19-21, faculty and staff members are encouraged to participate in the celebration.

Several events are planned, including a record-breaking 1,500-person human chain designed to represent the legacy of the pioneering individuals who paved the way for the rich culture, diversity and opportunity that exists at the university today.

The commemorative events will honor those who were integral to the integration efforts, including recognition of the first black students to enroll, wear an athletic uniform and be elected homecoming princess. The events include a talk by celebrated poet Maya Angelou.

Unlike many other Southern universities, Florida State opened its doors to black students without violence or federal intervention, but its achievement of integration in 1962 was not without challenges for these first students, said President Eric J. Barron. Because of their courageous efforts, tens of thousands of students of all races and ethnicities have made Florida State the great institution it is today.

The commemoration includes a website, www.fsu.edu/integration, where people can share their own stories of how integration has affected their lives.

“This is truly a university and community commemoration that links the past, present and future,” said Liz Maryanski, vice president for University Relations. “We are proud of the collaboration and interest in this opportunity to recognize the contributions of so many during the past 50 years.”

Maryanski served as the chair of the Integration Committee, made up of university employees and representatives of the university’s Black Alumni Association, Black Student Union and Student Government Association.

“I commend everyone who brought their great ideas and enthusiasm to the table,” Maryanski said.

The university employees who served on the committee are Ken Austin, Ryanne Avina, Sharon Berrian, Mary Coburn, Jimmy Cole, Jeanette DeDiemar, Louis Dilbert, Vicki Dobiyanski, Juan Guardia, Tom Hunt, Charlie Jackson, Cassandra Jenkins, Connie Jenkins-Pye, Reinhart Lerch, Leah Mapp, Maryanski, Kiaira McCoy, Donna McHugh, Paula Moyer, Danielle Morgan, Nic Nice, André Orie, Danielle Porter, Matt Roush, Lynna Sands, Stephen Smith, Jeanine Suah, Marc Thomas, Andrea Wolf and Mandi Young.

For more information about the 50th anniversary commemorative events, email integration50@fsu.edu; visit www.fsu.edu/integration; or call (850) 644-6626.

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Therefore, I decided to have the workshop fee go to UWBB as a donation. I do not want your money however I do want you to have some “skin in the game.” So I am asking you to make your check payable to the UWBB. It is $27 for an individual and $47 if you bring a spouse or a friend. You can donate more if you like. United Way will appreciate whatever you give.

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Scholarship established in Nosari’s memory

A memorial scholarship has been created in memory of longtime faculty member Joe Nosari who died March 1.

The E. Joe Nosari Memorial Scholarship, established by the Department of Finance, will benefit financially deserving students majoring in finance within the College of Business.

“Throughout a long and distinguished career, Joe Nosari worked tirelessly to improve every aspect this university,” said Vice President for Planning and Programs Robert Bradley, who worked closely with Nosari in the Office of the Provost. “His special interest was the education and well-being of our students. No one cared more deeply or worked harder for them and their success. This scholarship is the perfect memorial to his life’s work and his abiding concern for Florida State students.”

Nosari, who joined the faculty of the College of Business in 1970, became a full professor in 1983. He later served as assistant dean for the college’s undergraduate programs and associate dean for undergraduate programs and administration. He served as the college’s interim dean from 2004 to 2006. Later in 2006, he became associate vice president for Academic Affairs in the office of the university provost. He retired in February 2012.


Faculty and staff contributions can be sent to the FSU Foundation, Building B, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32310-2739. Departments wishing to contribute can do so by completing a “Request to Transfer Funds” form: www.one.fsu.edu/community/page.aspx?pid=768.

For more information, contact Marissa Walton at mwalton@foundation.fsu.edu.

Job title: Studio Supervisor
To-do list: Supervises and coordinates WFSU-TV’s production technicians in the use of studio and remote equipment; assigns personnel to productions; supervises all on-air fundraising activities for the production department; designs and executes lighting schemes; develops concepts for studio sets and supervises their construction.
What’s next: After more than 35 years, he plans to retire in June.

Quotable: “I enjoy watching our part-time employees, mostly students from Florida State and Florida A&M, come in as marginally skilled and leave as highly skilled and knowledgeable in this field of work.”

After 5: Is something of a tinkerer. Loves the challenge of taking something that doesn’t work, figuring out what the problem is and making it functional again. As often as he can, likes to spend time with family back home in Madison, Fla.
University launches Diversity and Inclusion Council

The Office of the President and the Office of Human Resources have confirmed through research that diversity and inclusion are alive and well at Florida State University.

Across campus, there are many programs and activities that promote diversity and inclusion among faculty and staff members, and students. Even so, the university has taken another step to ensure that its culture of diversity and inclusivity continues to flourish.

A newly formed Diversity and Inclusion Council met Feb. 23. Thirty-six faculty and staff members and students gathered in the auditorium of the Center for Global Engagement with President Eric J. Barron, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Garnett S. Stokes, Florida State vice presidents and Chief Diversity Officer Joyce A. Ingram to launch a focused and comprehensive Diversity and Inclusion Initiative at Florida State.

“We received excellent feedback regarding the university’s first-ever campus-wide Diversity and Inclusion Council meeting,” Ingram said. “Enthusiasm was high and the commitment was heartfelt as demonstrated by the attendance and engagement of the council members, our president, provost and all members of the president’s executive team.

“Dr. Barron recently stated in an open letter to the university community that ‘at Florida State, we can take pride in our excellence in so many areas, and we recognize that our faculty, staff and students have created the foundation for this excellence,’” Ingram said. “I agree! Through respect and high regard for individual differences and similarities, our potential to be better and greater than we are today will be self-evident through our actions and love for this university. As the employer and university of choice for so many, still, not only should we get the most from our faculty and staff regarding their performance, we should also be willing to embrace all that everyone has to offer for the greater good of Florida State.”

Barron serves as champion for the Diversity and Inclusion Council. Each of the President’s Executive Council members is leading one of the seven key focus areas of the initiative: (1) “Leadership, Faculty, Staff and Student Involvement,” led by Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Coburn; (2) “Education, Training and Development,” led by Vice President for Research Kirby Kemper; (3) “Recruitment and Retention,” led by Stokes; (4) “Community Relations,” led by Vice President for University Advancement Thomas Jennings; (5) “Communications,” led by Vice President for University Relations Liz Maryanski; (6) “Policy and Program Development,” led by Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration John Carnaghi; and (7) “Measurement and Reporting,” led by Vice President for Planning and Programs Robert Bradley.

Each of the key focus areas has been assigned a subcommittee made up of members of the Diversity and Inclusion Council to ensure diverse input regarding action plans, budgets and timetables for the overall Diversity and Inclusion Operating Plan.

The members of the Diversity and Inclusion Council are: Demetra Andrews, Dominick Ard’is, Bahram Arjmandi, Arnel Bacani, Seth Beckman, Browning Brooks, Jimmy Canteenwalla, Maria Cicciarelli, Cindy Clenney, Pam Coats, Melissa Conner, Terry Coonan, Eileen Cormier, Alice-Ann Darrow, Petra Doan, Joling Emerick, Frank Fincham, Alejandro Gallard, Robinson Herrera, Beth Hodges, RaMonda Horton-Ikard, Janea Daniels Ingram, Natalie Jean, Bruce Lamont, Helen Livingston, Nancy Marcus, Irene Padavic, Dragana Popovic, Winston Roberts, Jose Rodriguez, Larry Scharmann, Valerie Scoon, Eric Stewart, Brandi Stuart, Martell Teasley and Lauren Williams.

Enhancing diversity and inclusivity: Assistant Vice President and Chief HR and Diversity Officer Joyce A. Ingram addresses the inaugural meeting of the Diversity and Inclusion Council as President Eric J. Barron, seated on the front row, prepares to take the stage. Inset: Barron, as champion of the council, encourages the newly formed group.
Staff works to ensure compliance, diversity, inclusivity

As part of the university’s ongoing efforts to ensure a compliant, diverse and inclusive work and educational environment, the Office of Human Resources has made the following organizational changes to better align resources with key university initiatives in the areas of Human Resources Compliance, Diversity and Inclusion, and Supplier Diversity.

Joyce A. Ingram, assistant vice president and chief HR and diversity officer, will continue to provide broad oversight to the university’s expanded diversity and inclusion efforts and will be supported by the following staff members:

**HR COMPLIANCE**

Renisha Gibbs, director, Human Resources, will continue to lead the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance (EOC), formerly known as the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity. Gibbs and her staff are working to ensure that the university is in compliance with applicable Florida State policies and state and federal laws designed to ensure that the university is free from discrimination and harassment by conducting complaint investigations, monitoring university employment actions and providing technical assistance to faculty and staff members. As such, the responsibility for sexual harassment complaint investigation and training has been moved from the Office of Audit Services to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance. Gibbs also is continuing to lead the Office of Employee/Labor Relations and the Facilities Satellite HR Office.

**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Susannah Miller, director, Human Resources, has assumed a new leadership role in the development and implementation of the university’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Diversity is different from compliance in that it is not legally mandated, but it is a critical part of the university’s strategic plan and focuses on university culture and attitudes. The goal of the new initiative and a key focus of Miller’s role will be to help develop an environment that maximizes the potential of all employees by valuing differences, both interpersonally and institutionally. Miller also continuing to serve as director of Faculty Relations, and has assumed the role of employee ombudsman.

**SUPPLIER DIVERSITY**

Edward Acoff, program director, is continuing to lead the Office of Supplier Diversity. In this critical role, Acoff is working to enhance Florida State’s supplier base to reflect the wide diversity of its students, faculty, staff and community by expanding relationships and enhancing economic opportunities. As such, he is consulting with small businesses on how to do business with the university, conducting outreach to advocacy organizations, and serving as a liaison between external business owners and Florida State departments seeking goods and services.

These three key functional areas in the Human Resources offices of Compliance, Diversity and Inclusion, and Supplier Diversity will work together toward the overarching goal of promoting a fair, diverse and inclusive university, said Ingram.

Police Department names support services lieutenant

The Florida State University Police Department has promoted Edwin “Hank” Jacob to lieutenant in charge of support services.

In his new role, Jacob will supervise the department’s crime prevention officers and school resource officer program.

“As a Florida State alumnus, I have always been excited to work here and give back to my school,” Jacob said. “I look forward continuing this work in my new capacity and to help keep our community a safe place to live and learn.”

Jacob will oversee internal investigations; departmental recruiting and hiring; and the coordination of all crime prevention projects and programs, as well as special enforcement activities such as DUI and seatbelt enforcement campaigns. Jacob also will be responsible for the department’s compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

“Lieutenant Jacob was identified as having the right skills, knowledge, leadership and abilities best suited for the tasks and demands of the position,” said Maj. Jim Russell, Florida State’s deputy chief of police.

For the past two and a half years, Jacob has supervised the police department’s patrol shifts as patrol corporal. He joined the department in 2002 as a patrol officer.
University Libraries

New staff focused on digital scholarly communications

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

University Libraries recently filled three important positions — two associate deans and one librarian — with the intention of providing better service to the faculty, especially in the evolving, growing realm of digital scholarly communications.

Emily Gore joined University Libraries in September 2011 as associate dean for digital scholarship and technology services. Katie McCormick joined University Libraries in December 2011 as associate dean for special collections and archives. Micah Vandegrift, who came to Florida State in 2003 as an undergraduate, has been hired as scholarly communications librarian.

“These three individuals bring exceptional talent and enthusiasm to FSU,” said Julia Zimmerman, dean of University Libraries. “They are all pioneers, in their own way, in creating new roles for the library in facilitating, enhancing and preserving digital scholarship.”

Gore directs and oversees University Libraries’ faculty and staff who are responsible for technology support. She also oversees the University Libraries’ web presence, e-science and data curation, electronic resource management, scholarly communication, and the digital library.

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McCormick oversees the Special Collections Department — which includes the Strozier Library Special Collections Center, the Heritage Protocol and the Pepper Library — developing rare book, manuscript, archival and university history collections. She also oversees community outreach and collaborations with the faculty and students.

“The Special Collections Department is a jewel for Florida State University,” McCormick said. “There are already some amazing, unique collections, such as the Carothers Bible Collection, the Shaw Poetry Collection, the Dirac Papers and the university’s history-related materials, to name just a few. I’m looking forward to building on the strengths of our current collections and proactively developing our collections in important, unique research areas. My goal is to enhance the research potential of our collections and to help create an active center for original research.”

Prior to coming to Florida State, McCormick spent six years as assistant university librarian for special collections at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, including two years as its oral history and reference archivist.

Vandegrift oversees the development of the DigiNole Commons, the university’s institutional repository — a digital archive of scholarly output. He also oversees outreach, advocacy and resources for open-access archiving, digital scholarship and author rights to journal articles. Vandegrift also manages partnerships with other university units and bodies that are engaged in scholarly output, such as the Office of Research, the Council on Research and Creativity, and various research centers and institutes.

“As the university moves toward a digital future, it is my goal to articulate the emerging role that the library will play as a partner in that advancement to the campus community, administration and faculty,” Vandegrift said. “Specifically, I’d like to be seen as a resource for faculty considering new models of digital scholarship, publishing and ways of disseminating their scholarly works.”

Vandegrift previously worked as a digital archivist and project manager at the Brooklyn Public Library in New York. After coming to Florida State, he earned a bachelor’s degree in humanities and two master’s degrees — in American and Florida studies, and in library and information studies. He also worked as an academic advisor with Advising First.
Libraries conclude series of national issues forums

By Burt Altman
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES


University Libraries received a grant to conduct the non-partisan forums, which are intended to engage citizens in deliberative dialogues on issues of national importance such as the national debt and the influence of money in politics.

The third forum, “Coping with the Cost of Health Care: How Do We Pay for What We Need?” included a discussion about three options for containing the cost of health care.

Forum participants included Gail Bellamy, a professor in Florida State’s College of Medicine and director of the college’s Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Center for Rural Health Research and Policy; Dr. Leslie M. Beitsch, associate dean for Health Affairs at Florida State’s Center for Medicine and Public Health; Dr. Kenneth Brummel-Smith, chair of the College of Medicine’s Department of Geriatrics; and William Weissert, a professor in Florida State’s Department of Political Science and director of the university’s Public Health Program; and several public health graduate students.

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Physics professor appointed to elite U.S. nuclear panel

By Susan Hellstrom
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

So far this year, physics Professor Jorge Piekarewicz has received recognition from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the American Physical Society (APS). Piekarewicz was invited to serve a three-year term on the joint DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC). He also was named an "outstanding referee" by the APS.

NSAC, the most influential committee concerned with basic nuclear science in the United States, provides advice and guidance to the DOE and NSF on both short-term and long-term national scientific priorities. The combined budget for DOE and NSF nuclear science is more than $500 million per year.

Piekarewicz is the third person from Florida State to be appointed to this panel since its inception in 1977. The others were Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Donald Robson (serving from 1978 to 1982), and Raymond K. Sheline Professor of Physics Mark Riley (serving from 1999 to 2002). Robson is a past chair of the physics department, and Riley is the current chair.

"Jorge being named to NSAC is recognition of his wide-ranging knowledge of nuclear physics and the important influence he has had on the field, especially with respect to neutron stars and the role that nuclear matter plays in their formation," said Kirby Kemper, vice president for Research and himself a physicist. "The field also knows him as an excellent speaker in explaining many aspects of nuclear matter to the community, and we here at Florida State know him as an excellent teacher."

In being named an "outstanding referee" by the APS, Piekarewicz was one of 149 members selected for 2012.

Piekarewicz was named an APS fellow in 2005.

A special integration-themed edition of “Issues in Education” — the half-hour TV program hosted by Barron — will feature guests Kiaira McCoy, a Florida State senior and director of the Black Student Union; Maryanski; and Doby Flowers, the Florida State alumna who was its first black homecoming queen. The show will debut on WFSU-TV Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m., and will be aired again Sunday, April 8, at 10 a.m.

During the show, Flowers discusses her 1970 campaign to be Florida State's homecoming queen, and Barron, who was a Florida State student at that time, reveals that he voted for her.

Event highlights

• April 19: The 50th anniversary commemoration will begin April 19 with "Hand in Hand Across Time," a 1,500-person human chain and a reception at the Integration Statue, located in the heart of campus on Woodward Plaza just south of Oglesby Union. The bronze statue, created by renowned sculptor Sandy Proctor, depicts three of the first black students at Florida State: Maxwell Courtney, who in 1965 was the first black student to graduate; Fred Flowers, the first black student to wear an athletic uniform; and Doby Flowers.

• April 20: Fred Flowers will be recognized April 20 at the Florida State-Miami baseball game. That same day, students, faculty and staff will attend a graduation reception honoring multicultural students at the Oglesby Union Ballroom.

In addition to siblings Fred and Doby Flowers, John A. Payne, a retired associate professor of communication at Florida State, will participate in the weekend’s events. Payne is a cousin of Courtney, who died in 1975.

• April 21: A “Legends Gathering” at 7 p.m. at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center will feature Angelou as a finale to the weekend-long commemoration of Florida State’s integration. Hailed as a global renaissance woman, Angelou is a celebrated poet, memoirist, novelist, educator, dramatist, producer, actress, historian, filmmaker and activist.
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**RECOGNITIONS**

Bill Lindner (Center for Academic and Professional Development) has been named to the 2012 “Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers” list by Government Technology magazine and the Center for Digital Government for his work in transforming the delivery of state government services through the World Wide Web as secretary of the Florida Department of Management Services in the 1990s, and beginning in 1998, heading up Florida State University’s fledgling distance learning efforts and starting online certificate programs to assist professionals in improving their careers.

Eyi Onifade, Ph.D. (Social Work), has received the Guardian of the Flame Award from Burning Spear. The award recognizes outstanding faculty members who have shown dedication to Florida State University and who, through their work, have made a commitment to advancing the university as a leading institution of higher education.

**BYLINES**


Kaufman cowrote an article, “City Doctors: A Systemic Approach to Transform Colon City, Panama,” with M. Bernárdez, C. Arias and A. Krivatsy, which reports on work the group performed for the president of Panama and his minister of tourism, published in the journal *Performance Improvement Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 4, February 2012.


**PRESENTATIONS**


Chevonne Brown, Bernard Shuford, Nina Flanagan and Chanelle Johnson (Advising First) made a presentation, “Myths About Majors and Careers: High-Demand Careers and Alternative Routes to Get There,” at the regional conference of the National Academic Advising Association, Miami, March.

Eric Crosier (Advising First) and Kathy Dorsett (Career Center) made a presentation, “Working Smarter Not Harder: A Collaborative Tool For Exploratory Students,” at the regional conference of the National Academic Advising Association, Miami, March.

Holly Hunt, Linda Burns and Mandi Johnson (Advising First) made a presentation, “What’s In a Name? Assessing and Advising for a ‘Back-up Plan,’” at the regional conference of the National Academic Advising Association, Miami, March.

Louis Macias, Alicia Cobb, Shae Roberts and Kristen Karpinski (Advising First) made a presentation, “Riddle Me This: How Can Effective Questioning Enhance Student-Advisor Relationships?” at the regional conference of the National Academic Advising Association, Miami, March.

Katie McCormick and Michael Vandegrift (University Libraries), Paul Fyfe (English), and Richard Urban (Information Studies), participated in discussions and conversations on topics ranging from linked open data to retooling graduate education in the humanities to the role of libraries and librarians in digital humanities at THATCamp Southeast 2012 (The Humanities And Technology Camp), an “unconference” hosted by the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., March.

Meredith McMackin and Lisa Glover (Advising First) made a presentation, “Building A Veteran Friendly Campus,” at the regional conference of the National Academic Advising Association, Miami, March.

Claudius Mundoma, Ph.D. (Institute of Molecular Biophysics), made a presentation, “Centralized Research Resource Management Systems for Efficiency, Cost Reduction and Competitive Advantage,” which touted the benefit of a universitywide Scientific Resource Management System to maximize the use of research equipment, during the 2012 Pittcon Conference and Expo, Orlando, Fla., March. Mundoma currently is developing a mobile application that will allow researchers to locate and access research equipment that they need.

**GRANTS**

Florida State University Schools and the Florida Center for Research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics have received a two-year, $500,000 grant from the Florida Department of Education to create an online community of charter schools. The community will support curriculum, instruction and assessment, and be integrated into the CPALMS system.

**SERVICE**

Chris Hinnant, Ph.D. (Library and Information Studies), was appointed to serve on the Florida Courts Technology Commission, which oversees, manages and directs the development and use of information technology within the judicial branch, under the direction of the Florida Supreme Court. Hinnant’s appointment continues through June 2014.

**ENRICHMENT**

Melissa Raday, Ph.D. (Social Work), has been accepted to participate in the Faculty Institute for the Teaching of Statistics with Large-Scale Data Sets, which is a program of the American Education Research Association. The institute aims to build the capacity of faculty who use large-scale databases in teaching doctoral-level statistics and methods courses.
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Judge Fulford ruled that the Florida Legislature cannot ignore its contractual obligations to university faculty members and other participants in the Florida retirement plans. She ordered the Legislature to stop the mandated 3% employee contribution and to pay back the workers with interest.

The fight is not over. Governor Scott appealed Fulford’s ruling and the case will go directly to the Florida Supreme Court.

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>> Book chronicles university history: A new book written by Eddie Woodward, director of the university’s Heritage Protocol, has been released by Arcadia Publications as part of its Campus History Series. “Florida State University” is available in bookstores, from online retailers and from FSU University Libraries. All of Woodward’s royalties from the sale of the book in bookstores and online will go to support University Libraries. To provide additional support to University Libraries, Woodward is encouraging people to obtain the book directly from FSU. Information: www.lib.fsu.edu or contact Elizabeth Johnson at eljohnson2@fsu.edu or (850) 645-8925.

>> Cancer research project seeks to enroll participants: The American Cancer Society’s Epidemiology Research Program will be enrolling participants for its newest study, Cancer Prevention Study-3, on Tuesday, April 10, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the FSU Alumni Center. Enrollees must be willing to make a long-term commitment to the study, be between the ages of 30 and 65, and never have been diagnosed with cancer. Enrollment will take about 30 minutes. The 20- to 30-year commitment involves completing follow-up surveys at home every few years. Those unable to enroll are asked to spread the word to others to encourage them to enroll. Information: www.cancer.org/cps3 or call (888) 604-5888.

>> Celebrating graduate students: Florida State University will celebrate the leadership, scholarship and teaching of its graduate students during the 2012 Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence on Wednesday, April 11, at 3:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center Grand Ballroom. Provost Garnett S. Stokes will speak during the event, which is sponsored by The Graduate School, the Office of Research, the Program for Instructional Excellence and the Congress of Graduate Students.

>> ‘Employee of the Year’ nomination deadline: Employees are encouraged to nominate a USPS or A&P employee to be the Max Carraway Employee of the Year. Nominated employees should embody the values of the university and demonstrate a commitment to customer service. The deadline to submit completed nomination forms is April 13. The nomination form is available at www.hr.fsu.edu/pdf(Max_Carraway Nomination_Form.pdf). The form, along with a 250-word essay describing how the nominee meets or exceeds the award criteria, may be campus-mailed to the Office of Human Resources, Attn: Courtney Whalen, Mail Code 2410; emailed to cwhalen@admin.fsu.edu; or faxed to (850) 645-9504.

The recipient of the 2012 Max Carraway Employee of the Year Award will receive a reserved parking space for one year, a $1,000 stipend and two seats in the President’s Box during the football game of his or her choice.

>> Passport office open house: International Programs and its Passport Acceptance Facility will extend their usual hours of operation during an Open House Day on Friday, April 13. For this event, the Passport Acceptance Facility — for which applications for U.S. passports and passport cards may be submitted — will remain open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The longer hours are intended to better serve students and employees who wish to either apply for a U.S. passport or learn more about International Programs. Information: (850) 645-9714.