



## DISCOVER FAU WITH THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### FACT SHEET













The College of Education is the fourth largest college at FAU with a fall 2006 enrollment of 3,238. Nearly one-third of our students (1033) are over the age of 30, a reflection of our service to individuals seeking a second career in education, practicing educators pursuing advanced degrees or certification, as well as students working toward a degree in education or an allied health field. Most of our students are Florida residents and 32% represent ethnic minorities.

The College opened its doors in 1964 when FAU became the state's fifth public university, and welcomed lower division students in 1984 when FAU became a four year institution. The College employs 132 full-time faculty and 48 staff members throughout its four campuses, as well as classroom teachers and staff employed by the Henderson School, FAU High and the Karen Slattery Center. Our faculty and administrative staff have been awarded grants totaling over \$25 million in the past six years. Although the College is a state institution, its funded allotment is not sufficient to cover all of our operational costs. We must rely on these grants and the generosity of our alumni and donors to supplement funding.

The College is proud of its programs that recruit, prepare, and support quality educators. To increase the diversity of the teacher pool, we are reaching out to rural communities by partnering with their school districts through our Pathways to Teaching program. The program recruits teacher candidates from paraprofessionals and non-traditional sources and works with districts to provide training, placement and support to the teachers for up to three years. Research shows that successful recruitment and retention strategies are those that offer local residents with potential to become teachers help with required education and training.

The College provides opportunities for students to earn income while learning to become effective teachers. **Project Good FIT** (First Introduction into Teaching) places students during their freshman or sophomore year in college in a local school as a paid instructional intern under the supervision of a mentor teacher; **Project SMaRT** (Substituting with Mentors and Realistic Teaching) places juniors and seniors into schools as paid substitute teachers under the supervision of a university mentor; **Project AIT** (Accelerated Induction Into Teaching) places highly qualified student teachers in their own classrooms for one semester under the supervision of a university mentor. As many as 50% of freshmen education majors change to other fields within the first two years of college in part due to a lack of any meaningful contact with schools, teachers and classroom teaching prior to their student teaching experience.

## POINTS OF PRIDE

-  The College has **earned accreditation with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)**, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs, the American College of Sports Medicine, and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.
-  A.D. Henderson Laboratory School is a **Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) A+ School** based on student scores on the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test; a **U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School** (Top 1% nationally), and in fall 2006, was recognized a top high-performing combination school by FLDOE.
-  **Elementary Education is the number one FAU undergraduate major** by enrollment; Educational Leadership is the third top graduate major.
-  The Communications Disorders Clinic **provides quality speech, language, hearing diagnostic and treatment services and community education** as well as serving as a training facility for graduate students.
-  The Center for Autism and Related Disorders **serves nearly 1000 registrants** from Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast annually.
-  The Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education **provides training and resources to teachers involved in Holocaust and genocide education.**
-  In 2005, nine of the College's AIT graduates were recipients of the **Outstanding First Year Teacher Award in St. Lucie County.**
-  FAU High, an intensive dual enrollment comprehensive public high school enables students to **earn up to 85 college credits by the end of their senior year.**
-  The Pine Jog Environmental Education Center is **one of the oldest nature centers in the nation** serving over 25,000 students, 750 teachers and 12,500 adults/families annually from Palm Beach County and surrounding counties.
-  FAU College of Education alumni have been named **Florida's Teacher of the Year three times**, most recently in 2005.
-  Over **95% of employers report satisfaction** with the performance of College of Education program completers.
-  The College of Education **produces more doctoral graduates than any other college** at FAU.