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By Josephine Elliott | JANUARY 31, 2019

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ACI provides high school graduates who have been diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to earn certificates in an inclusive college environment on both the Boca Raton and Jupiter

***“The Department of Exceptional Student Education is excited about future cohorts on the Boca Raton campus and the opportunity to partner with local businesses to offer internships to Academy for Community Inclusion students.”***

***-Kelly Kearney, Ed.D., BCBA-D, Visiting Instructor, Exceptional Student Education***

campuses of Florida Atlantic University. ACI students may choose one of three college programs: supported employment, supported community access and supported community living. Each program allows students to participate in college activities, clubs, events and organizations that are available to all FAU students.

The certificate programs support ACI students in gaining employment, contributing to the community and living independently, explained Kearney. “It is another way FAU is shining with diversity,” which is one of the platforms in FAU’s strategic plan. ACI also offers FAU students the opportunity to mentor ACI students taking electives and ACI courses. Becoming a peer mentor provides FAU students the opportunity to make friends, earn community service hours and receive a stipend, noted Kearney.

In addition to ACI courses, ACI students will be taking elective courses offered by various colleges on the Boca campus this spring. As faculty advisor, Kearney reviews elective courses to see whether they will be a good fit for ACI students. This involves collaborating with the instructor of the elective course and discussing modifications. For example, disclosed Kearney, one student is taking a course in Italian as an elective. The student is enjoying speaking to other students in her class and her grandmother in Italian, as well as exploring a part of that culture.

An FAU alumna, Kearney also collaborates with faculty in the Department of Exceptional Student Education to secure grant funding for future ACI activities and participates in ACI and ESE student recruitment activities at regional schools, community events and disability organizations. She also schedules and teaches ACI classes at FAU Boca Raton. Once a cohort of ACI students is established on the Boca Raton campus, Kearney will coordinate job-coaching activities at campus-based internship sites for ACI students. Please consider becoming a community partner.

For more information about the Academy for Community Inclusion (ACI) on FAU Boca Raton, contact Kelly Kearney, Ed.D., BCBA-D, Visiting Instructor, Exceptional Student Education, at [kbrown65@fau.edu](mailto:kbrown65@fau.edu). To explore ways to give, contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., Director of Development, College of Education, at [jjameson2013@fau.edu](mailto:jjameson2013@fau.edu).

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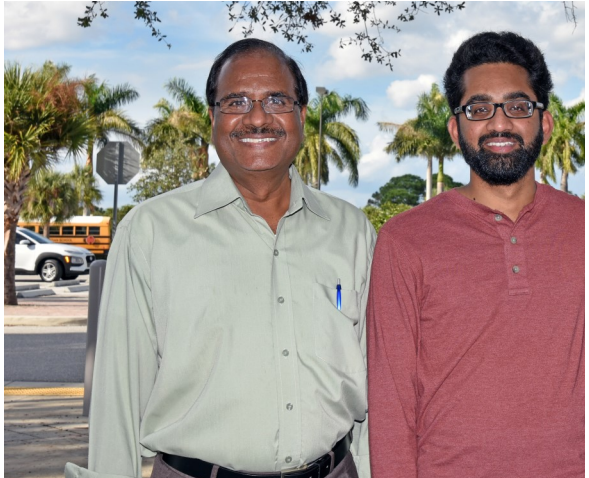
Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D. (center), Dean, College of Education (COE), Jorene Jameson, Ph.D. (left), Director of Development assigned to the COE, and Gay Voss, Ed.D., COE Alumna and member of the COE Advisory Board, join COE alumni and supporters in showing their team spirit during the Tailgate party hosted by the COE on Oct. 26, 2018 before the Florida Atlantic University Owls V.S. Louisiana Tech Bulldogs college football game.

By Josephine Elliott | January 31, 2019

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— Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Education



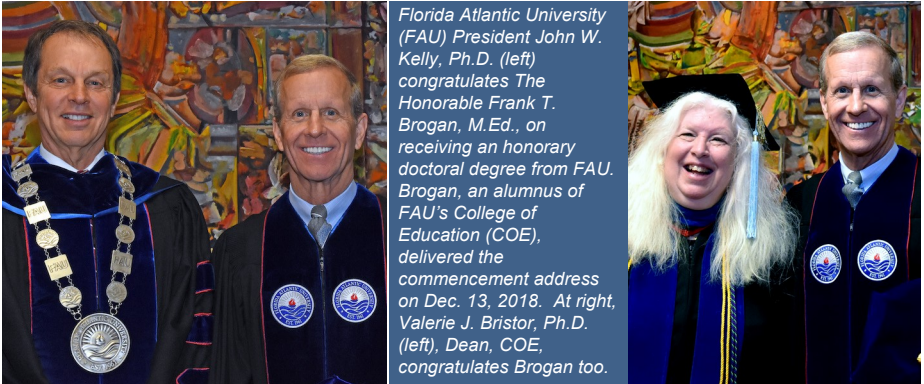
Rangasamy Ramasamy, Ph.D. (above, left), Professor, Exceptional Student Education in FAU’s COE, and his son, Rohit Ramasamy, an alumnus of FAU High School who is now in residency to become a medical doctor, participate in the Tailgate event. Enjoying the food and festivities (below, from left) are COE alumnus, Charles Dossey, and his wife, Barbara Dossey, and COE alumni, Bob and Connie McGee.



For more information on degree programs offered by the COE, contact an advisor at the [Office for Academic and Student Services](#). To explore ways to give, contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., Director of Development, College of Education, at [jameson2013@fau.edu](mailto:jameson2013@fau.edu).

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# COE Alumnus Receives Honorary Doctoral Degree from FAU



Florida Atlantic University (FAU) President John W. Kelly, Ph.D. (left) congratulates The Honorable Frank T. Brogan, M.Ed., on receiving an honorary doctoral degree from FAU. Brogan, an alumnus of FAU's College of Education (COE), delivered the commencement address on Dec. 13, 2018. At right, Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D. (left), Dean, COE, congratulates Brogan too.

By Josephine Elliott | JANUARY 31, 2019

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*“This tremendous honor reminds me of the great contributions FAU has contributed to my life not only having been president, but also a student of this wonderful institution.”*

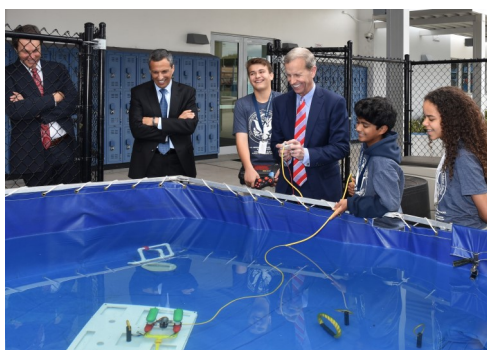
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Having begun his career in the Martin County School District as a fifth grade teacher, becoming an assistant principal, principal and superintendent of schools, Brogan has served as commissioner of education and lieutenant governor of the state of Florida. He served as chancellor of Florida's State University System from 2009-2013 and as chancellor of the

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education until 2017.

As the fifth president of FAU from 2003-2009, Brogan led an era of unprecedented growth and development. Among his achievements are the launching of FAU High, the establishing of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science (now an independent medical school), the acquiring of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and the initiating of key partnerships with Scripps Florida and the [Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience](#) (MPFI), which signed a formal agreement with FAU on Nov. 28, 2018 to form the [FAU Max Planck Academy](#) for Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-focused juniors and seniors in high school from across the country.



Frank T. Brogan, M.Ed., COE alumnus, delivers commencement address (above, left) and tours Florida Atlantic University High School (above, right) in December 2018.

For more information about the schools, visit their websites at [www.adhus.fau.edu](http://www.adhus.fau.edu) and <http://www.fauhigh.fau.edu>. To explore ways to give, contact Mickey Zitzmann, Development Officer, Office of PK-12 Schools and Educational Programs at FAU at [mzitzmann@fau.edu](mailto:mzitzmann@fau.edu).

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