

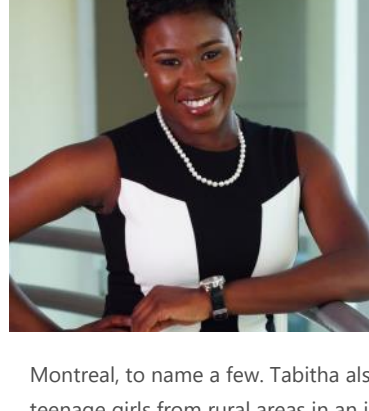
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Guess which one of your classmates is a notable strategist, published author, reputable mentor and even an internationally, sought-after speaker? None other than **Tabitha James**, M.Ed. from our Class of 2015, Higher Education program. Click here to see her latest pursuits on her website www.tabithajames.com

"I love to serve," she says explaining how she helps her clients "identify what's holding them back from reaching their ultimate goals." She has appeared at Clemson, Oglethorpe and Tennessee Universities, and at national conventions for the Boys & Girls Club and ACPA 2016

Montreal, to name a few. Tabitha also built the S.H.E. is Me Mentoring nonprofit and serves teenage girls from rural areas in an interpersonal, open and innovative environments.

Who knew that this award-winning millennial business strategist would blossom from her roots as an only child growing up in the backwoods of South Carolina? Now, as a full time entrepreneur, and inspirational speaker worldwide, Tabitha's combined experiences in business and education (many thanks to her professors here at FAU) enable her to inspire civic engagement, build businesses and empower young women "to grow and unleash their greatness!" Her latest book, *Dear Black Girl* can be purchased by [clicking here](#).

Astounding Owls



Florida Atlantic University's Academy for Community Inclusion (ACI) within the Department of Exceptional Student Education in the College of Education recently received a \$1.5 million grant from The Taft Foundation.

FAU's ACI is a college program for high school graduates who have been diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program allows students to participate in college activities, clubs, events and organizations that are available to all FAU students... [Read more](#)

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FAU A.D. HENDERSON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL RANKED SECOND IN AMERICA FOR K-5

Florida Atlantic University's A.D. Henderson University School has been named the No. 2 Best Public Elementary School and the No. 8 Best Public Middle School in America by Niche, the largest website for researching public and private K-12 schools. ... [Read more](#)

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The Faculty Burrow

Congratulations to Professor **Jennifer Bloom**, Ed. D. who won the COE Distinguished Teacher of the Year for 2020, to **Sabrina Sembiente**, Ph.D. (now an Associate Professor) who was honored as the COE Scholar of the Year for 2020 at the Assistant Professor level, and **Hannah Bowers**, Ph.D. (scroll down in link) was honored as the COE Researcher of the Year at the Assistant Professor level for 2020.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor **Melanie Acosta**, Ph.D. who was one of three faculty members to receive FAU's Presidential Award for Faculty Engagement.

FAU Pine Jog's Climate Ready Program recently received funding from NOAA's Environmental Literacy Program totaling more than \$449K... [Read more](#)

Congratulations to Ed Leadership Associate Professor **Maysaa Barakat**, Ph.D. for publishing *Images for Immigrant Faculty in the Academy*. This edited volume shares the diverse experiences of immigrant professors in the United States. By sharing these rich stories, Immigrant Faculty in the Academy contributes to the conversation on career development, the professoriate, and immigration... [Read more](#)

Book Chapters:

Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry

Schoorman, D. (2020). Navigating identity and consciousness and as an "outsider": Professional integration at the intersections of gender, nationality and critical scholarship. In M. Barakat and M. A. Rodriguez (Eds.), *Immigrant faculty in the academy: Narratives of identity, resilience and action*. Routledge.

Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology

Salinas, C. (2020). An immigrant professor's critical reflection in private and public spaces. In M. Barakat & M. A. Rodriguez (Eds.), *Immigrant faculty in the academy: Narratives of identity, resilience, and action*, (pp. 1-20). Routledge.

Congratulations to Associate Professor **Maria Vasquez**, Ph.D., COE Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology for publishing *An Inquiry to Discover Hispanic Serving Institution Experiences on Serving Hispanic Students*.

Congratulations to Professor **Ira Bogotch**, Ed.D., COE Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology for publishing *The Third & Fourth Dimensions of Social Justice 9-29 and Afterword: Inserting Social Justice into Professional Development 1*.

Who Gives a Hoot?

Click here to share what you'd like to see in this newsletter. It is for you, of you and by you. And HOOT knows? This newsletter may open doors of opportunity you never imagined. What would you like to read about in the next issue? Promotions? Relocations? Formal or informal COE reunions? Personal milestones like marriage, births, deaths?

Email Editor LBrowneBanic@FAU.edu and send us any links (especially if you've been in the news).

Local Nests



FAU High School Alumna, Hannah Herbst, wins \$10,000 cash prize in start-up competition for developing an antimicrobial surgical wound dressing based upon the bioactive properties of shark skin. Hannah was most recently the 2020 first-place winner in Florida Venture Forum's Statewide Collegiate Startup Competition... [Read more](#). As an FAU undergraduate, Hannah continues to innovate and succeed here and around the world and is open-sourcing a project she invented called BEACON (Bringing Electricity Access to Countries through Ocean Energy), where she was recognized by Forbes Magazine as 30 Under 30 for Energy 2018. ... [Read more](#) on Hannah's OWL flight patterns here.



FAU's Alexander D. Henderson University School establishes "Helen Salzberg Visiting Artists Endowed Fund" to support the school's ever growing arts programming. Helen is a beloved donor who is a regular guest speaker at the school and leaves the students and staff longing for her next visit. She engages the kids in step-by-step projects, and has graciously promised to give the FAU Foundation the amount of \$150,000 as a pledge due and payable not later than Dec 31, 2020. "We are thrilled it will be used to support arts programming at Alexander D. Henderson University School," said Danita Nias, FAU Foundation CEO... [Read more](#)



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Fall 2020 Commencement (pre-recorded, on-demand virtual ceremony for each college) Click here for details [Dec. 17, 2020](#)

Spring 2021 Orientation: Jan. 6 (virtual) & 7 (in person), 2021

OWL Flight Patterns

(alumni marriages, births, new jobs, promotions, obituaries)

Amy Decelle, B.A. Elementary Education (1999) and **Carletha Shaw-Rolle**, Ed.S. (2000) and Ph.D. (2018) in Educational Leadership, were both recipients of the Office Depot Education Achievement Award and will be recognized on Dec 5, 2020 at the Publix Hall of Fame Awards for the Broward Education Foundation... [Read more](#)

Pam Williams, B.A. Elementary Education (1996), M.Ed., Ph.D. is appointed as Georgia's Gwinnett County Public Schools Chief of Staff. ... [Read more](#)

Cindy Khan-Jordan, Ph.D. Counselor Education (2019) and Holmes Scholar Alum is founder and executive director of Pathway Family Resource Center, Inc... [Read more](#)

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