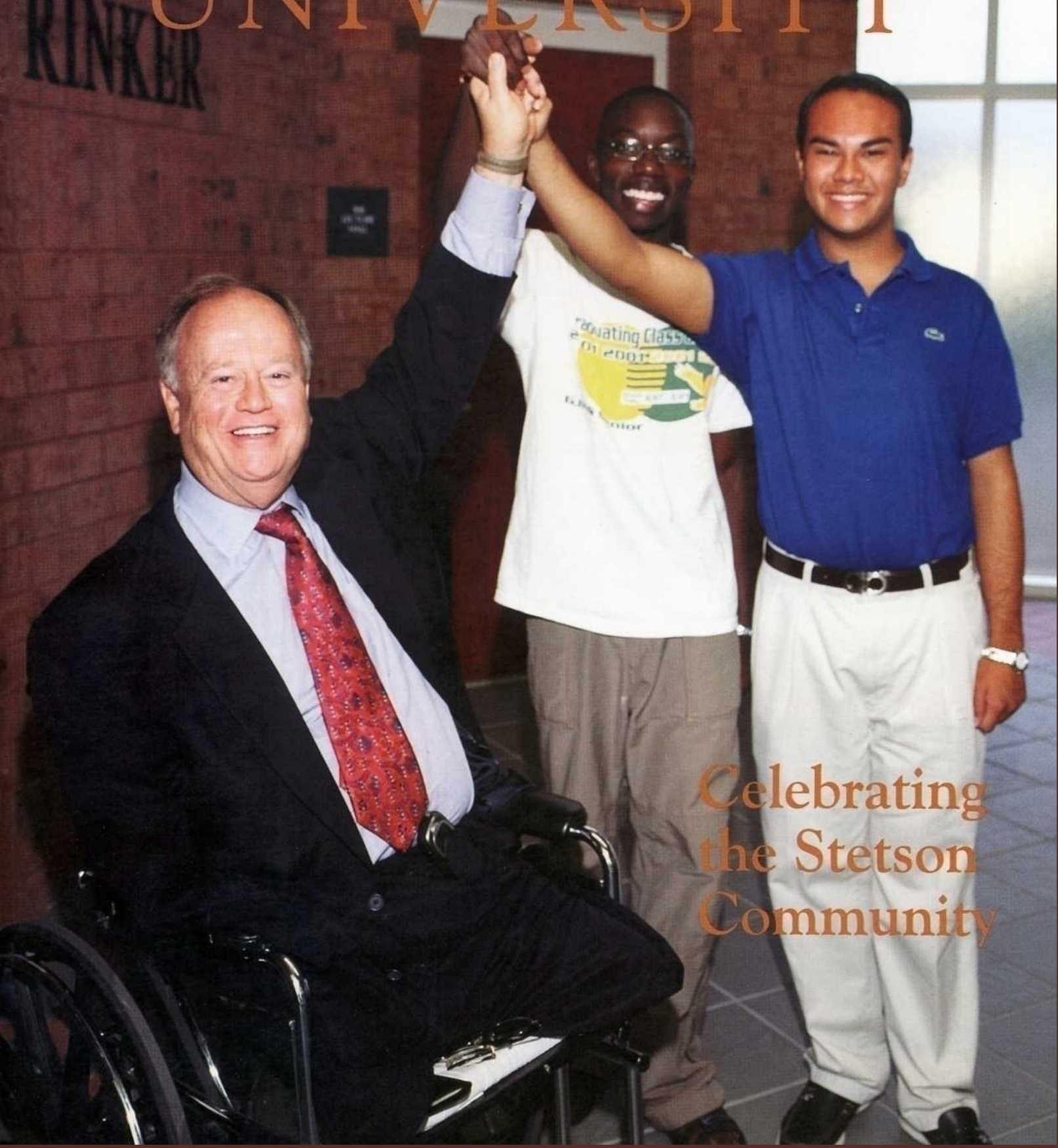


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Stetson University's long-standing commitment to integrate values into the teaching/learning process has been visionary, challenging, rewarding and, at times, frustrating. Our value commitments are mission-critical. They require our best thinking and insist courageous action.

This has certainly been the case with the University's commitment to diversity and inclusiveness as core values of the institution. The University has asserted these commitments throughout its history, most clearly in the 1960s when we became the first private university in Florida to integrate, and when we graduated the first Native American in the state. These commitments took on new force in the late '80s, through university-wide initiatives to become a more diverse and

inclusive community. This academic year, in recognition of the importance of these core values, we canceled classes and held a University Twn Meeting on Diversity on Oct. 22.

Although canceling classes was problematic for some, the majority of the University community supported the Town Meeting and our goal of raising the level of awareness that diversity and inclusiveness are indeed core values at Stetson. The meeting itself was a resounding success. An estimated 800 persons from our student body, faculty, and administrative and support staff participated. Elizabeth Hall was jam-packed, as were two overflow locations (See p. 34).

After my opening comments, Dr. Leonard Nance, the colleague with whom I have worked most closely on diversity through the years, and Chair of the University's Diversity Council, moderated a panel composed of faculty, staff, and students who shared their interpretations and experiences of Stetson's commitment to diversity and inclusiveness. Discussions at the open forum went well past the two-hour time limit originally allocated. Follow-up sessions were held during the fall, and monthly sessions are scheduled during the spring to continue explorations as to how we can address problems that exist on the Stetson campus.



Lee

I believe Professor Nance summarized our commitment most clearly. After acknowledging the depth of Stetson's commitment and efforts, he said, "The capacity for change appears to be so much greater here than at other places. It may be that we have seen what we can become by virtue of all of the good things that have been accomplished. [Yet], there is an element of frustration that we are not moving forward more quickly. We know that we can do it, and we know that the desire among the members of the community- is there for that to happen. But there is something that hasn't quite happened that would allow us to make that leap toward change."

I believe that Stetson's Twn Meeting proved to be a catalyst to remove the barriers to diversity and inclusiveness that stood before us, and that we will now take the positive leap toward change. Our commitment to be a values-driven institution demands that we succeed.

# Let's Talk about Stetson's Town Meeting

by President Doug Lee

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# Bringing talented faculty and students together is his legacy, Dascher says

By Katharine Hansen

**I**t's all about the people. Confronted with a staggering list of stellar accomplishments during his decade as dean of Stetson University's School of Business Administration, Dean Paul E. Dascher contends that his proudest achievement isn't even on the list.

"The most important thing about a university is its faculty and students," says Dascher, who will retire as dean at the end of the 2003-2004 academic year and return to the classroom as an accounting professor. As he sits in his fifth-floor office atop the Eugene M. and Christine Lynn Business Center, which underwent \$12.6 million in renovations to become a campus showpiece under his leadership, Dascher asserts that it's tempting for him to take his greatest pride in the building. But he insists that all the accomplishments the school has achieved in the last 10 years could be attained "in the middle of a field," with the same combination of faculty and student talents.

"I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with very talented people," he says. "I'm just part of a team that has provided great support. A lot has been accomplished because a lot of people have done it. None of the things that have happened since I've been dean are things that I did; they are things that we did."

Arriving at Stetson from Philadelphia's Drexel University in 1993 when business-school enrollments were plummeting nationally, Dascher joined the business school's faculty in scrutinizing the curriculum to make it more interesting to students. "We took the faculty's passions to the students," he notes. He recalls that the mid-1980s influx of women into business schools had begun to drop off by the early 1990s. But curricular changes at Stetson enabled the school to hold its own in enrollment and even grow, bucking national trends.

Just two years after his arrival, Dascher began to lead the school to attain accreditation in 1996 by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) in what he believes was "national record time."

"We were successful so quickly because the quality was here," he says. "Accreditation provides independent verification that we are a very good school."

The school's quality, Dascher observes, has also provided the impetus for the doubling of its endowment. "If nothing had been going on in the school, no one would have said, 'Let's find more resources.'"

Dascher applauds the Business Board and the School of Business Foundation for their support of the school during the last decade. The boards got caught up in Dascher's enthusiasm for the school and its programs, he says. "It's a good feeling to explain what's happening here and what can happen," Dascher says. The school's quality, he notes, prompted board members to say, "This is something I want to support."

That support has been particularly evident in the bolstering of scholarships for students, an area in which the school has doubled its commitment. The support "enhances the quality of students and helps students out," Dascher notes, particularly pointing to 25 quality transfer students who would not have been able to attend the School of Business Administration without scholarship support.

Dascher's commitment to instructional technology for the School of Business Administration had its roots at Drexel, the first university in the country to require its students to have microcomputers. Dascher became fascinated with what technology did for people and the discoveries they made about themselves. "Technology belongs in a business school," Dascher says, "not only because it's good for its own sake, but for the human learning experience it provides."

Again deferring to the faculty, Dascher takes little credit for the school's distinctive programs, such as the Roberson Visiting Executive in Residence program, the Stetson School of Business Summer Innsbruck Program, the Family Business Center, graduate programs at the Stetson University Center at Celebration and at the Stetson University College of Law, the Roland and Sarah George Investments Institute, and the Joseph C. Prince Entrepreneurship Program. "It wasn't me; it was the faculty. These programs were driven by the people," Dascher asserts.

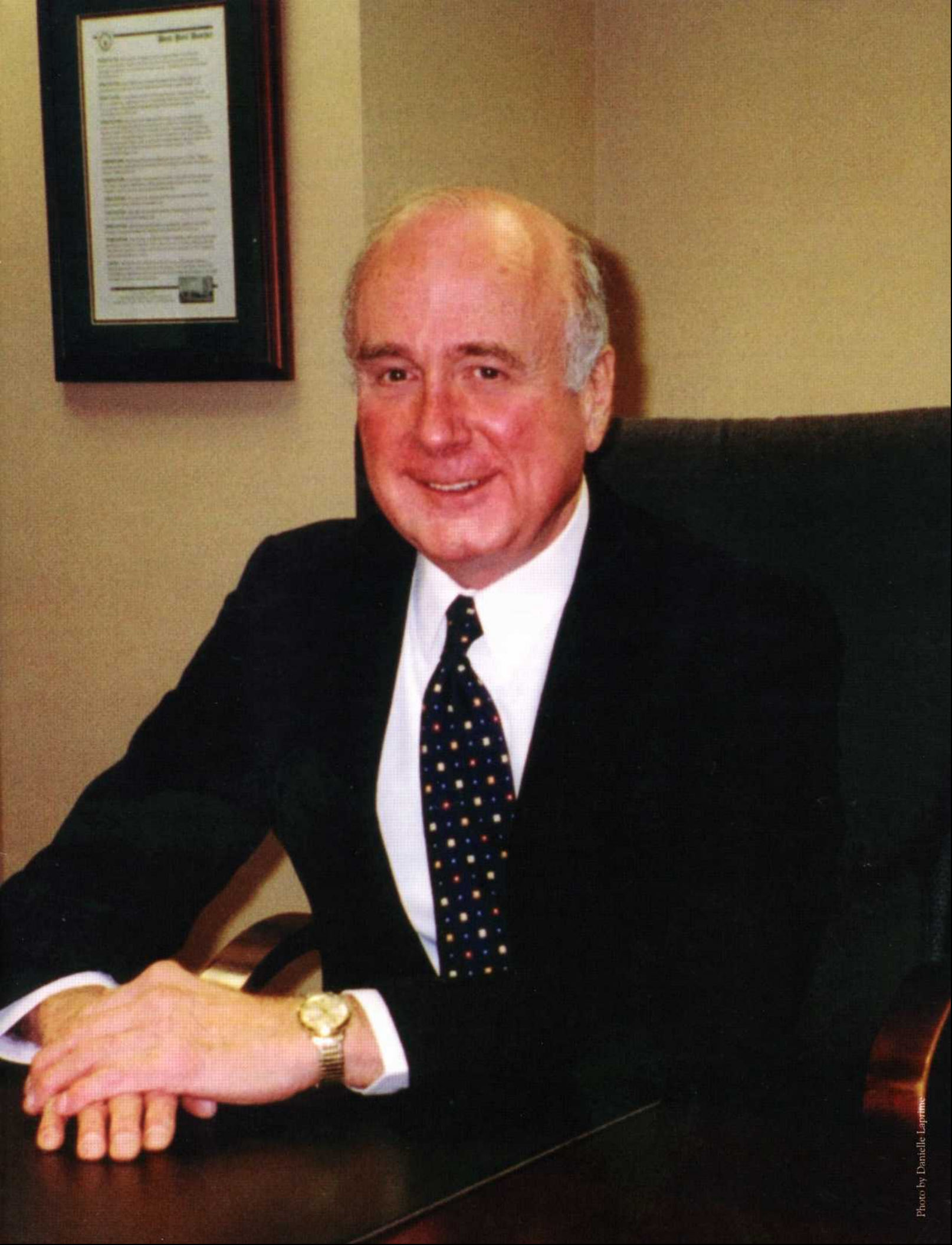


Photo by Danielle Laprime

Even the crowning jewel of Dascher's Stetson decade, the renovated Lynn Business Center, was driven by the faculty, he says. The refurbished building wasn't even a goal at first. But a distant dream hatched into a multi-year plan when it became apparent that a more teaching-friendly building could address some instructional issues that faculty members told him about. Dascher led efforts to raise \$25,000 for an architectural plan incorporating faculty ideas, and the plan unfolded into reality when Boca Raton businesswoman Christine Lynn made a \$10 million gift to the university in memory of her late husband.

"It's a good feeling to explain what's happening here and what can happen."

- Dascher

"The things that have happened in the last 10 years have been incredible," Dascher says. "I've enjoyed it here." Calling himself a "reluctant administrator" after 17 years as a business school dean at Drexel and 10 years at Stetson, Dascher says he looks forward to returning to the classroom to teach. "I like to teach, and I like to do research because I like to learn," he says.

He'll do it knowing he succeeded in his mission to unite talented faculty members, students, and staff in a quest to position the Stetson School of Business Administration as a premier business school in the Southeast.

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## Highlights of the Dascher Years: 1993 to 2003

During his decade as dean of the Stetson University School of Business Administration, Dean Paul Dascher has:

- Overseen the growth of both undergraduate and graduate business programs and continued the push for higher academic quality.
- Led the School of Business Administration through various accreditations, including the first-ever accreditation of both the School of Business Administration and the Accountancy undergraduate and graduate programs by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB), accomplished in what is believed to be record time nationally. He also led reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- Challenged the faculty to expand its educational presence and offerings, including the development of the Roberson Visiting Executive in Residence Program, the Stetson School of Business Summer Innsbruck Program, the Family Business Center, and graduate programs at the Stetson University Center at Celebration and at the Stetson University College of Law; as well as the strengthening of ongoing programs, such as the Roland and Sarah George Investments Institute and the Joseph C. Prince Entrepreneurship Program.
- Overseen the doubling of the endowment of the School of Business Administration, which provides valuable support to various outreach programs, research endeavors, and faculty development.
- Strengthened the role and support of the Business Board and the School of Business Foundation.
- Placed a priority on advancing the use of technology in the School of Business Administration.
- Focused on providing key support to School of Business Administration students through increased scholarships and enhanced career-development services.
- Provided leadership that resulted in a state-of-the-art, first-class teaching facility for the School of Business Administration, propelling business education to a higher level in the completely renovated Eugene M. and Christine Lynn Business Center, which became the first building in Florida to be certified a green building by the U.S. Green Building Council under its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™.

# Favis provides scholarly focus on art history, culture and society

By Danielle Laprime

**A**s a freshman at Bryn Mawr College, Roberta Smith Favis heeded the advice of her pediatrician-grandfather, Charles Hendee Smith: She enrolled in an art history course. He promised her it would be one she would remember. In fact, she found it so interesting that she took another and another, eventually majoring in the discipline and earning a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

"I fell in love with Northern Renaissance art and especially its iconography," she said. "I always liked studying art to get a feel for its cultural context rather than its stylistic development. For me, art conveys a sense of time and place."

Today, Favis, professor of art history at Stetson University and a prolific author and lecturer, has found her niche, researching and reassessing the significance of artists' careers within their historical contexts. She is especially involved with those artists who have painted in Florida, like Thomas Moran, Martin Johnson Heade and Malcolm Fraser.

Favis also is the curator of The Vera Bluemner Kouba Collection at Stetson.

"This important collection, the bequest of the artist's daughter, Vera Bluemner Kouba, consists of over 1,000 artworks from every stage of the artist's career, as well as artifacts and archival materials documenting his life," Favis said.

"Oscar Bluemner's art and writings include works in varied media, from pencil and charcoal studies to major works in oil and watercolor. Vera desired to further her father's legacy and make the collection available for display and study. Her gift to Stetson made that possible. Scholars have come from as far away as France to study the work."

An architect by trade, Bluemner came to the United States in 1892. By the 1900s, under the influence of the modernist artistic circle of Alfred Stieglitz, he gradually turned his interests from architecture to drawing and painting. The works favored emotional and spiritual ideas about color theory, and that interest earned him the nickname, "The Vermillionaire," Favis said.

Favis described discovering Oscar Bluemner's paintings in the dark little house in DeLand where Kouba lived as a pure visual feast. The collection is enormously exciting in visual terms, and she is impassioned in examining the subjects he chose. She believes Bluemner was dealing subconsciously with issues of modernity and human presence.

"He seems most interested in places where the natural world and the human working world interface in an ironic juxtaposition with the natural environment," she said.

Favis



"Bluemner always depicted evidence of human habitation - although he never put people in his pictures. His buildings became human surrogates. He never painted pure wilderness or the metropolis, but a sort of suburb - the scraggy and unglamorous edges of the city."



**Oscar Bluemner**

The first full-scale presentation of works from the Vera Bluemner Kouba Collection will run through March 28. The exhibition, in Stetson's Duncan Gallery of Art in Sampson Hall, features 86 works from the collection and is designed to demonstrate both the depth and breadth of Bluemner's work.

"Only a few of the pieces in this collection, the most extensive of the artist's work anywhere, have been shown publicly since the artist's death in 1938," Favis said. Favis wrote and produced a 96-page, fully illustrated catalog for the exhibit and plans a gallery talk. Several noted Bluemner scholars will present talks for a lecture series, *Oscar Bluemner and American Modernism*. Speakers include Adeline Julia of the Sorbonne in Paris; Barbara Buhler Lynes, curator of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and director, Georgia O'Keeffe Research Center in Santa Fe, N.M.; and Jeffrey Hayes, professor of art history, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Favis is interested in the natural world. She and her family enjoy birdwatching and hiking. Their most recent trip took them to New Mexico where they went hiking in the Sandia Mountain Wilderness and the San Pedro mountains. They also hiked at Ghost Ranch, where artist Georgia O'Keeffe used to go before she bought her house at nearby Abiquiu.

"For birdwatching we went down to the nature center in the bosque of the Rio Grande in the center of Albuquerque and checked out the ducks and the snow geese who were beginning to show up for winter. We also took a balloon ride," she said. "One of the most wonderful things about New Mexico is the quality of the light."

Falls finds intriguing comparisons among Bluemner and other artists she has studied, like Heade, especially in the ways they

perceive their environments; and in their interpretations of subject matter, color and light as part of a cultural context.

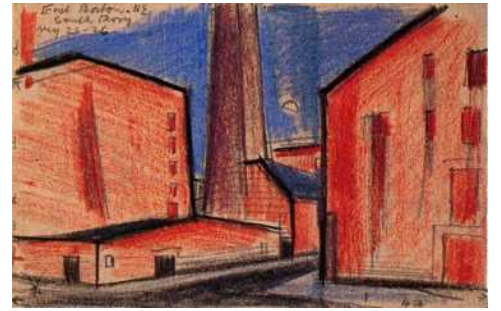
"On the surface, their works appear radically different - Heade's depiction of nature is meticulously detailed. Scientific truth-to-nature was almost a moral imperative for his generation. Bluemner's representations are flattened and abstracted - color and form become vehicles of expression rather than representation," she said. "Yet both artists utilize landscape as a vehicle of spiritual exploration, endowing the natural light of sun or moon with the spirituality that the artists of the Middle Ages conveyed through halos.

"Both artists were also very personal in their response to place, although their preferred motifs were radically different. Heade empathized with the subtle luminosities of wetland landscapes, which he had learned to respond to through his love of hunting and fishing.

"Bluemner chose the unglamorous middle regions between city and countryside where farms and factories huddled together. For him these views, reminiscent of the German textile towns where he had grown up, embodied the common humanity of working people."

In her most recent book, *Martin Johnson Heade in Florida* (See review p. 37), Favis explores the 19th century artist's conflicting attitudes toward development and conservation. "On the one hand, he was an active participant in the projects of Henry Flagler to transform St. Augustine into a tourist haven," she said. "On the other, he was a compelling advocate for the preservation of Florida's natural riches."

The Heade hook is dedicated to her grandfather. "My life-long interests are part nature and nurture," Favis said. "Charlie always knew what every plant was. He was a charismatic individual who first introduced me to the natural world - and led me to develop a love of art and its history.





# OSCAR BLUEMNER. A DAUGHTER'S LEGACY

SELECTIONS FROM THE VERA BLUEMNER KOUBA COLLECTION, STETSON UNIVERSITY



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**D**escribed by the artist as "the intimate landscape of our common surroundings... the things and scenes most closely interwoven with the progress of life," Oscar Bluemner's drawings and paintings are so evocative of present-day life in the northeastern U.S. that they could have been done in the last decade. Bluemner was one of the first Modernists, reaching his peak in the late 1920s to mid-1930s. Many of the works included in the exhibition have not been seen since the artist's death in 1938. They are part of more than 1,000 pieces of Bluemner's work bequeathed to Stetson University in 1997 by his daughter, Vera Bluemner Kouba. The 86 pieces, from every period of Bluemner's production, range from pencil and charcoal studies annotated by the artist, to major works in watercolor and oil, selected by Curator Roberta Smith Favis.

Often overlooked in his lifetime, Bluemner now is widely acknowledged as a key player in the creation of American artistic Modernism, with colleagues such as Georgia O'Keeffe and John Marin. The characteristic touches of glowing red in his paintings and his interest in color theory earned him the nickname "The Vermillionaire"

Vera Kouba was with the artist at his death and became the custodian of a large part of his artistic legacy. She preserved his work and when her husband died in the early 1990s, she looked for ways to enhance her father's legacy after she was gone. She chose Stetson's Duncan Gallery of Art as the depository for this important legacy. Before her death in 1977 she attended two small exhibits of her father's work in the Duncan Gallery.

Future exhibitions at Stetson will highlight different aspects of the Vera Bluemner Kouba Collection. A catalog of the exhibit, a poster and notecards of Bluemner's work are available through the Web site or by calling (386) 822-7266.



Vera Kouba, the artist's daughter

## Lecture Series:

### *Oscar Bluemner and American Modernism*

Feb. 5 - Paradigm Shift: Bluemner's Colors, Adeline Julia, The Sorbonne, Paris.

Feb. 26 - Rethinking American Modernism, Barbara Buhler Lynes, curator, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and Director, Georgia O'Keeffe Research Center, Santa Fe, N.M.

March 24 - Identifying Oscar Bluemner, Jeffrey Hayes, professor of art history, University of Wisconsin,



Examples of Bluemner's art include, from left: Montville; East Boston, N.E., South Ferry; Sun Behind Building (Madonna Enthroned); Blue Mediterranean (The Riviera); Laconia, N. H.; Mediterranean View; and Canal Newark-Silver Lake.

# Composer craves time to develop his ideas

By Betty Brady

Composer Kari Juusela, who teaches in Stetson's School of Music, likes to get to his Presser Hall office by 6:30 in the morning, so he'll have time alone to compose. "Getting ideas (for music) is easy," he says. "Getting the time to do something with an idea is the most difficult thing. Once you start crafting an idea, it takes time. I could write one piece for the rest of my life - always making it better. Or I could write a thousand pieces. When is a piece done?"

"Working with musicians who are performing your work is also part of *it*," he says. "Sometimes you have to rewrite so people can play the music better. You have to work with people. The goal for everyone is a successful performance, and you have to work together to do that."

Born in Finland, Juusela moved to Washington, D.C., at the age of 7 when his father took a job representing Finland on the International Monetary Fund. His parents were musical: his father was a pianist and his mother sang professionally. "Her career was especially influential to me," Juusela says. "She sang with the Washington Opera Society and sometimes at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. She brought my sister and me to rehearsals on the weekends and in the evenings. There were no babysitters. I saw hundreds of operas."

Juusela spent his summers in Finland, and did his required service in the Finnish armed forces, but came back to the U.S. to study. He holds degrees from Georgia State University and Berklee College of Music and earned a doctorate from the University of Maryland. He is now a citizen of both the U.S. and Finland.

He has studied African music, Indonesian music and Indian music - as well as improvisation and jazz. "A lot of composers' ideas come from non-Western influences," he said. "Other cultures can give a fresh injection into your music."

A cellist, he plays other instruments as well. "I started as a pianist, then moved to the violin, and then to the bass - so I could play jazz. I've studied guitar, worked with electronic music and even sung in a choir. It's good for a composer to know many instruments."

He has written popular as well as art music. "I played in clubs in Georgetown when I was in high school, and I've always written music for the groups in which I play. In my 20s I looked for ways to earn money by writing music, and I've written for TV commercials and videos," he says.

Juusela serves as associate dean of Stetson University's School of Music, heads its composition program and was recently named to Stetson's new Almand Chair of Composition. The endowed chair was created by gifts from the late Lenoir Patton Almand, longtime faculty member and widow of a former music dean, Claude Almand.

"It's quite an honor," he says, "especially being associated with the Almands. Lenoir was one of my favorite people - always willing to take a risk, to do different things. She was an interesting person."

He never met Claude Almand, but knows his work. "He was a very fine composer," Juusela says, "and began a music commissioning program at Stetson to encourage others to compose. I've always admired him for supporting new music."

Juusela



Photo by Tim Tew Digital

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# Pianist's love of music continues through gift to Stetson

By Betty Brady

**L**enoir Patton Almand moved to DeLand in 1953, when her husband of four years was named dean of Stetson's School of Music. A gracious and hospitable lady, proud of her South Carolina heritage, she and her husband enjoyed welcoming students into their home, inviting a different mix of faculty members and students for Sunday dinner every week. Claude Almand also started a student madrigal group, which met in their home.

He led the music school for only five years, however, dying in an accident in 1957 at the age of 42.

"I first met them about 1955 when I was a student member of the madrigal group," said now-retired Stetson voice professor Robert Rich. "After his death the group continued to meet in Lenoir's home - probably for 20 years."

The Almands built an unusual, modern home together in DeLand, and Lenoir Almand lived there until her death in 2001. Once asked why she never remarried, she replied slowly in her soft voice, "When one has had the perfect marriage, it would be foolish to risk another one."

A fine pianist who taught at the Manhattan School of Music, the Julliard School of Music and Furman University before her marriage, she joined the Stetson faculty after her husband's death and taught until 1977. Her influence on Stetson continues: One of her Furman Students, Richard Cass, now a concert pianist and professor of music at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, taught Michael Rickman, who now heads Stetson's program in piano. The Almands had no children so her piano students were like her children and grandchildren.

During her years in DeLand, she taught piano privately as well as at Stetson, served on the School of Music's Board of Advisors, and strongly supported the university's music program. Although she lived alone, former students and friends from all over the world often occupied her guest room, sometimes for months at a time. She enjoyed traveling and was a bit adventurous - visiting both Nepal and Africa while in her 70s.

"She was also the oldest student in Stetson's Community School of Music," said Jim Woodward, current dean of Stetson's School of Music. "She had always wanted to play the timpani (kettledrums), and took lessons at Stetson in her 70s. She even played the timpani with the University Orchestra when they did Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture."

Her late husband, Claude Almand, was a prolific composer. His works include a symphony, five piano sonatas, and several tone poems, as well as two commissions from the Louisville Orchestra.

In 1994, Lenoir Almand set up a chair of composition at Stetson in her husband's memory, and made gifts to endow the chair, during her lifetime and through her estate, totaling more than \$500,000.

"By making such a generous endowment gift to the university, Lenoir's love of music continues," said Woodward. "What a wonderful legacy."



Almand at the piano



Almand as a young woman

Lenoir and Claude Almand



## Music composing tradition alive at Stetson

**D**uring the '60s the Claude M. Almand Commissioning Fund led to premiers at Stetson of works by internationally renowned composers Henry Cowell, Henry Brant, Larry Austin, Richard Donovan and Halsey Stevens.

Several 20th century music festivals were held in the '80s, with prominent figures such as Robert Rodrigues and Thomas Pasatieri as composers in residence.

In the '90s, contemporary music festivals focused on individual composers such as Gerald Finzi and Percy Grainger. In late January, 2004, a Charles Ives Festival was held.

Stetson hosted the 1995 and 2003 Society of Composers regional meetings, bringing many serious composers to campus for concerts and workshops.

Alumni composers include Thomas Allen LeVines, Berklee College of Music; film composers Paul Gilreath and Gerard Marino; John Chen, Hong Kong Baptist University; Jere Hutcheson, Michigan State University; and Andrew Ehrenzeller, contemporary Christian recording artist and composer.

A student Society of Composers chapter was founded in 1997, and current students often commission works by fellow students to perform during their recitals.

Several current members of the Stetson music faculty compose actively, including Kari Juusela, Janis Kindred, Michael DeMurga, Harold Blanchard, George West and Andrew Larson.

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A Stetson School of Music faculty member since 1993, Juusela likes the energy that comes from teaching undergraduates. "Working with students keeps me current. You have to be on the edge; you have to be creative. I never teach a class twice the same way. I use new materials each semester. That keeps it fresh for them - and for me."

Instruments of all kinds crowd his office - a cello, an electronic cello, an electronic keyboard, a digital music console, a Moroccan stringed instrument, African drums... and a large metal stand with steel wrenches suspended from different lengths of string.

"That's called 'Mr. Goodwrench,'" he explains. "It's a composition student's project. I always ask them to build an instrument and write a piece for it. It makes them think: What makes an instrument? How do you write notation for it?"

When struck, the wrenches make different notes. "Any collection of notes can be a scale," he says. "I try to get students to use their imaginations. Writing for the violin is much different from writing for an instrument you've created."

He has about 20 composition students each semester, and eight to 10 composition majors. In addition to classes, he meets his students privately each week because they are all working at different levels.

Still, he finds time for his own writing. "I'm a binge writer," he says. "Once I start writing I've been known to stay here three nights in a row - on three hours sleep. I write in my office because I can shut the door, turn off the phone -- there are too many distractions at home. For creative work I need absolute quiet. I often come back at night and work from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m."

Juusela's work has won awards in many competitions, including the 2003 International Red Stick Competition for his *Chasing Karma* for cello and violin; and the 1995 Vienna International Pull-Length Opera Competition for his jazz/rock opera, *Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland*. He received Stetson's 1997 Hand Award for Faculty Research and Creativity, and a Florida Council for the Arts Individual Artists Music Composition Fellowship for 1997-98.

His other recent works include *Varjot*, for orchestra; *Myths of the Sub-Tropics*, a multimedia theater work written with his Stetson faculty colleague Michael DeMurga; *Bliss*, for cello quartet; and *A Bolt of White Cloth*, a chamber opera featuring Indonesian shadow-play theater.

Two of his Indian pieces -- *Anandkari* for santoor and chamber orchestra, and *Premasutra* for santoor, cello and orchestra -- both written with santoor virtuoso Nandkishor Muley -- have been well received, and he and Muley have been invited to perform them in April with the Radio Philharmonic Orchestra in Madrid, Spain.



Photo by Danielle Laprime



**Juusela holds a replica of a Finnish folk instrument, the kantele, which his father, shown in the photo on the wall, was learning to play as a young boy. Juusela displays instruments he collects from around the world. The two shown above are, left, a jouhikko, a Finnish folk instrument, and, right, a rebab, made of goatskin and horsehair, that he found in Morocco.**

# Campus Spotlight: Michael Davis

**M**ichael Davis got involved with Stetson's Student Government Association (SGA) because he thought it was just something he should do. Little did he know he'd become SGA president two years later. "When I joined, I never imagined that I would be president. Most of my inspiration to run for office came from members of my committee who

were greatly impacted by my leadership style," said the Political Science junior from Lakeland. "As a matter of fact, I did not decide to join the race until the day before applications to run were due."

Since taking the helm in Fall 2003, Davis has worked to get the SGA name out so students will know who the senators are. He even spent about two weeks going door-to-

door with residence hall senators.

"It was quite effective, as some seniors did not know that for the past four years, they had a senator dedicated to their concerns," he said, adding that the contact with students allowed SGA leaders to gain a broader perspective on what the students' issues were.

After hearing from residents in Stetson Hall, SGA brought some maintenance concerns to the attention of Facilities Management, which worked cooperatively with residents to address the problems. Other accomplishments during his term so far include additional student parking areas and improving administrative skills and efficiency of the senate.

"SGA is important to students because it provides an outlet for leadership and interpersonal growth. The dynamics of the Student

Government are quite amazing. It is our job to represent the views of the student body to the administration that often has set policies for university practices," he said. "As liaisons of the student body, Student Government Association members have the opportunity to expand their horizons and to view university relations from the view of the administration as well as the student body."

For Davis, SGA has taught him what it means to be a leader.

"All the bets are on you. It is your job to make sure that everything goes well. When you approve an event, you put your support behind it," he said.

The experience has taught him to eliminate certain phrases from his vocabulary, such as "I don't have time for this," "I'm busy right now," and "I'll get with you another time."

"As a leader, your members look to you for support, and any sign that they are not a priority on your list will often discourage their good work," Davis said.

In addition to his student government work, Davis is the vice president of Stetson's Black Student Association and chaplain and tenor section leader in the Gospel Choir. He also plays in the Symphonic Band and belongs to Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. Outside of Stetson, Davis sings in *Minister Andre Darby and the Voices of Conviction* musical group and is active in Greater Refuge - Church of our Lord Jesus Christ in Lakeland and DeLand.

After graduation, Davis plans to go to law school to become a constitutional law attorney and also a youth pastor or leader.

"I really can't see myself involved in politics. I think that I could make a more effective difference in a setting where I am not constantly campaigning or fearing that I won't be re-elected," he said. "I have no doubt that as a lawyer or youth pastor, I would have a greater impact on the lives of individual people."

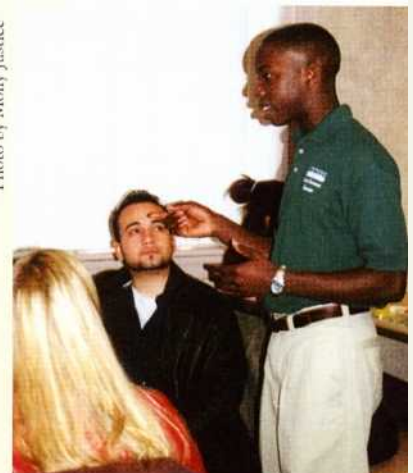
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Davis

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Davis, right, confers with freshman Carlos Saldana during lunch in the Commons.

*'Stetson raised me'*

## Alumnus, trustee takes Export-Import Bank job

By Betty Brady

Stetson University alumnus Max Cleland, '64, a former U.S. Senator from Georgia with a long record of public service, has just taken his seat as one of five directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, which last year helped finance around \$14.3 billion of U.S. exports around the world.

"The Ex-Im Bank was set up by President Roosevelt 65 years ago to create jobs in America," says Cleland. "(It) focuses on good-paying jobs for Americans. That's what the Bank is all about. That's what I'm all about."

A plain-speaking man who is also the newest member of Stetson's Board of Trustees, Cleland readily acknowledges his debt to Stetson: "Stetson is truly my alma mater. Stetson raised me. It has a personal touch. I would have been lost - left behind as road kill - at a university of 20,000 or 30,000 people."

Cleland earned a history degree from Stetson and a master's degree in history

from Emory University in Atlanta. As a Stetson student, he spent a semester in Washington, D.C., with Political Science Professor T Wayne Bailey's Washington Semester program, where then-President John Kennedy inspired him with a vision of public service.

Kennedy's death added to "a compelling inner drive to serve my country," Cleland says. That drive eventually led him, a U.S. Army ROTC graduate, to volunteer for Vietnam, where he lost both legs and his right arm at the age of 25.

After his recovery, he was asked by a friend to testify at a Congressional hearing on the medical needs of war veterans. That experience, plus the hard thinking he'd been doing about the Vietnam War itself, led him to consider going into politics.

Cleland ran for the Georgia State Senate - a tough campaign that he won despite his physical challenges. He went on to head the Veterans Administration under President Jimmy Carter, a fellow Georgian. In 1982 Cleland was elected to serve

Photo by David Fritham



Students gather to greet Sen. Cleland in the lobby of the Lynn Business Center.

Georgia as Secretary of State, and in 199( Georgia voters chose him to represent them in the U.S. Senate. A moderate Democrat, Cleland lost his bid for a second U.S. Senate term in 2002.

He then took a job teaching American Politics at American University in Washington, D.C., working with students in the Washington Semester Program. " Wayne Bailey helped me get the job," he says. "He's the longest-continuing coordinator of a Washington Semester program in the country. My Stetson connections are valuable to me."

During the fall 2003 semester Cleland taught 27 students in the program, two of them from Stetson. He loved the work. "I was a Washington intern 40 years ago. I know Washington is a tough place."

Cleland has also been volunteering in U.S. Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign, and has campaigned in Iowa, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts on Kerry's behalf. As an Export-Import Bank director he can't raise money for candidates, but he can lend his personal support. "I'm a spear carrier and I love it," he says of campaigning. "I'm going to help my friends."

He had also been serving on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the 9-11 Committee) and on the Board of Directors of AFLAC Inc., an international insurance company, but had to drop those responsibilities when he took the Export-Import Bank job.

Cleland hopes to continue his relationship with the Washington Semester program on a limited basis, perhaps as a non-compensated guest speaker. And he'll keep his Stetson trusteeship.

He believes the university is on the move and wants to be part of its growth. "Stetson University is the premier school in Florida and maybe in the Southeast," he says. "It has made more progress in the last 10 to 15 years than in the 50 years before. The challenge is to continue the momentum that Doug Lee has brought to the university. We need to be sensitive to student needs, while maintaining the quality of education.

"For me, Stetson is an affair of the heart. The professors care about students. People are here because they love to be here."

"Stetson is an affair of the heart. People are here because they love to be here. " - Cleland

Photo by David Fithian



# Karen Winkle: American Studies enriches a lifelong interest in history

By Paul Jerome Croce

**K**aren Winkle had a dream of becoming a high school history teacher when she herself was in high school - "just like Mrs. Evans." Her beloved teacher made classes fun and exciting by weaving in diverse material and telling stories from the past. But like the proverbial bad angel on one side to match the good angel on the other, there was another teacher who as much as said, "Don't frustrate yourself; you wouldn't make it in college." Given her background, the frustrating words in one ear made more sense: "No one in my circle went to college - I never doubted his advice."

Winkle moved through a series of jobs in factories and as a paramedic, and was preparing for police work when a medical surprise got in the way. It started with headaches, and she was soon diagnosed with a brain tumor. After a series of operations and months of recovery, she regained her health --- except for the loss of hearing in one ear -and began the search for a new direction. The hearing loss must have been in the ear that the cynical teacher was whispering in since now she was determined to go to college.

Her years at Seminole Community College revived her passion for history, especially the Civil War and Native American culture. An admissions officer at Stetson, noticing her stand-out grades, encouraged her to apply. When she enrolled, with the help of some scholarships, she immediately declared her major in history.

During her second semester, she took an American Studies course as an elective and supplement to her major. A class exercise on the impact of the Sears catalog got her

fascinated with the relation of business, graphic design, demographics, regional studies, popular culture, psychology and political ideologies. The different disciplines that American Studies integrates allowed her to examine "how we view things from many perspectives, and how we interact with each other as a whole." In fact, since those interests were at the heart of her historical interests all along, she added an American Studies major to complement her history major, and soon also incorporated an art history minor into the undergraduate curriculum she constructed for herself.

Concentrating in American Studies gave her flexibility to add courses outside her majors that all related to her central interests. She used American Studies, history and political science courses to understand United States history; and with the American Studies emphasis on learning about culture from different sources, she took anthropology and art history courses to understand Native American culture, using visual sources and material culture to supplement the written record. Her American Studies major also included serving as a teaching apprentice in introductory courses: "I gained invaluable experience explaining what I had learned to other people."

This enrichment of Winkle's historical interests had a deep impact on her life on campus and off. Her varied interests intersected in her choice of senior research topics. The American president and great Indian fighter Andrew Jackson had also adopted a Native American son - saved from his dead mother after one of the general's military campaigns. A little digging showed that chroniclers of Jackson's life had made occasional reference to Lincoya, but no one had told his story - or his complex relationship to his adopted father. Winkle found all she could



in the Stetson library, including extensive use of government documents resources. A research grant from the American Studies Hague-Critoph fund, an alumni-supported pool of money for student research, allowed her to make a trip to the Hermitage, which houses the Jackson archives. There she found crucial unpublished letters and got a feel for the way the general's hard-core attitudes toward the Indians was softened by his fatherly concern for his son.

Winkle's own son felt the impact of her new approaches to her education. Dissatisfied with his classroom experiences, she began home schooling. "I found that the American Studies' attention to the relationships of different things was a great way to present material." She organized his reading, science and cultural subjects as features of American life; then she used the same interdisciplinary integration of patterns to cover material in different regions of the world. Those methods "made him more exploratory - he went beyond the surface and started asking 'What's involved; why do people act this way?'"

After graduation, Winkle kept asking those questions herself and looked for work that would let her get paid for it. She put her undergraduate majors together with her lifelong love of books to take up library work. Currently Government Documents Specialist at Stetson, she is pursuing a master of science degree in information science at Drexel's on-line university. She also maintains her active interest in Native American culture with her presentation on native people's efforts to regain their cultural heritage during Stetson's events honoring Native American heritage.

Stetson University helped Karen Winkle listen to her better angel. With her enthusiasm for American history and culture and her expertise in information science, she'll be teaching the way Mrs. Evans intended to students and library patrons for years to come.

Paul Jerome Croce is professor and chair of the Charles E. Merrill Department of American Studies at Stetson University. To find out more about the Hague-Critoph Fund and other activities of the department, contact him at [peroce@stetson.edu](mailto:peroce@stetson.edu) or 386-736-8306; to find out more about resources available for transfer students from community colleges, contact Probyn Hiniss in the Admissions Office at [piniss@stetson.edu](mailto:piniss@stetson.edu) or 800-688-0101.

**Winkle poses with a Native American artifact on display at the duPont-Ball Library.**

"... American Studies' attention to ... relationships is a great way to present material." - Winkle

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# STETSON UNIVERSITY Cupola

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Lois Thacker Graessle, Jacksonville, received the Florida Bar Foundation 2003 Medal of Honor Award for a lifetime of dedicated volunteer service in the pursuit of justice. Graessle is the former chair of the Jacksonville Mayor's Child and Youth Care Study and co-founder of Hospice of Northeast Florida.

'42

Richard M. Feasel, DeLand, has written the words and music for "Simple Love" for the Stetson University Children's Choir, published in Fall 2003. He has written a total of 170 compositions and arrangements.

'48

Thomas J. Deen Jr., Istachatta, was the grand marshal for the 28th annual Hernando County Christmas Parade sponsored by the Brooksville Kiwanis Club. Awarded a 35-year pin for perfect attendance at Kiwanis meetings, he was president and past president of the Florida Kiwanis Foundation, and served for 10 years as district chairman of the committee for support of international officers. Willa Dean Lowery, Pittsburgh, Pa., was awarded the Stetson University Distinguished Alumni Award 2003 for her outstanding professional achievement and service to humanity, which has brought distinction to Stetson University, during the Stetson Weekend 2003 Celebration.

## Meadows Alumni House

President Lee, Vice President for University Relations Linda Davis '73, and Alumni Board members plant a native tree in the backyard of the house as part of the Meadows Alumni House beautification project.



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Margaret A. Rosenberger, Gainesville, completed her eighth book, *The Birth and Growth of "The Village"*. She has served on the Board of Directors of the North Florida Retirement Village in Gainesville since 1978. Other books are, *My God of Love, Mercy, Secrets and Songs of Payne's Prairie*, *My Pets and I*, *A Teacher's Odyssey (Secrets and songs)*, *Poems for Children*, *My Angels and I*, and *Spiritual Interpretations of God's Truth (all faiths)*.

'53

Leonard T Melton, Flagler Beach, has celebrated 50 years as an ordained minister March 15 at the First Baptist Church of Flagler Beach where he serves as pastor.

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Thomas D. Allerton, Altamonte Springs, has been appointed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Foundation as an associate to represent the foundation in Florida. He also teaches health policy courses for Webster University and is an adult Sunday School teacher and deacon at College Park Baptist Church in Orlando. Sylvia Smith Washburn, Jacksonville, is a floral designer for Publix.

'58

William B. Abel, Galesburg, Ill., is president of Abel Educational Consulting, Ltd. He has been teaching at Bradley University. Jacquelyn Hogue Gentry, Glenn Dale, Md., retired from the American Psychological Association in December 2002.

'59

Carolyn Miller Parr, Washington, D.C., retired as judge from the U.S. Tax Court after serving for 16 years. She has opened a national mediation service called Beyond Dispute ([www.beyonddispute.com](http://www.beyonddispute.com)). William C. Russell, Altamonte Springs, has written a book entitled, *Face the Enemy* (1" Books Library) and has authored *Ten Days at White Horse* and *Stalemate & Standoff: The Bloody Outpost War*. He regularly publishes a newsletter about Civil War battle reenactments.

'60

Robert A. Vostry, Gilbert, Ariz., is retired from the military. He is a member of the Army Aviation Association of America and Military Officers of America.

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Peggy Runkle Curlin, Tampa, is a business analyst for MAXIMUS Inc. in Tallahassee. Marcella Hintz O'Steen, Osteen, is a member

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# Passing the Gavel

**A**fter dedicating two years of service as president of the Stetson University Alumni Association, Michael Fronk '74 will pass the helm during Stetson Weekend (April 2-4) to incoming president Luis Prays '78, JD '81. Fronk's incredible ability to build bridges between alumni, students, parents, friends, faculty, and staff, and to make everyone laugh in the process has been invaluable. Fronk said, "The last two years have been a wonderful experience. I've been able to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, all of whom share a love for this magical place."

In his life away from Stetson, Fronk is the president-owner of Fronk-I Hartman and Associates, Inc., a Leesburg marketing and consulting firm that works with funeral homes across the nation.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors has accomplished a great deal in the last two years under Fronk's leadership. Some of the Board's achievements with Fronk at the helm include spearheading efforts to align the Alumni Board's priorities with those of the University; restructuring the Board to ensure representation of key constituent groups; establishing special initiatives to re-engage alumni; providing the impetus for completion of the Meadows Alumni House backyard beautification project; and creating the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Fronk has spent countless hours on the road traveling to alumni and prospective student events, and attending campus convocations for new students and their parents - and in all these settings, his exceptional wit, public speaking skills, and engaging personality have served to bring people together.

Stetson University is grateful for Fronk's dedicated service. Thanks to his leadership, the Alumni Association has achieved greater visibility as an organization truly committed to advancing Stetson University.



Fronk

## Meet Luis Prats...

**I**ncoming Alumni Association President Luis Prats '78, JD '81, of St. Petersburg, will assume leadership of the Stetson University Alumni Association on April 3, 2004, during Stetson Weekend. He is managing partner of the Tampa law office of Carlton Fields, a Florida-based law firm with six full-service offices throughout the state, and whose client list has included nearly two-thirds of the Fortune 100 companies. Prats is a trial lawyer in the firm's Construction Law Practice Group, where he represents clients in complex commercial and insurance coverage disputes.

Prats credits Stetson for the best four years of his life and has a resounding appreciation for the quality Stetson education he received, which prepared him well for a distinguished professional career. It was also the place where he met his wife of 2.5 years, Katy Pelzer Prays, JD '83.

Prats, who came to the United States

from Cuba when he was 6 years old, brings a broad understanding of issues related to diversity to his new role. He is a firm believer that diversity enriches the overall college experience and that any group is improved by diverse representation.

He is a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, The Florida Bar, American Bar Association, and International Bar Association, and has served on the boards of the NALP Foundation for Research and Education and Tampa Habitat for Humanity. He currently serves as general counsel on the Board of Directors of the Greater Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Prats is enthusiastic about working with the Alumni Association this year. He said, "The Alumni Association Board of Directors is a very dynamic and exciting group. The Board plays a vital role in leading the University." Prats describes the group as "very goal oriented and hard working.

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of the finance committee for the 2002-03 Projected Operation Budget at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community in Deltona. E. Clay Shaw Jr., Fort Lauderdale, is running for the U.S. House District 22 position.

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Judith E. Ausley, Weaverville, N.C., a published magazine writer who relocated from Florida to North Carolina, continues her career in journalism, writing for regional magazines in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and South Carolina. She recently located her 37-year-old son she gave up for adoption in 1965. Elizabeth Bergin Johns, Almond, N.C., a recent graduate of the National Resources Institute training program offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at North Carolina State University, received the 2001 NRLI Fellow Partnership for the Future of Swain County. Jack W. Jones, Lake Worth, founder of Masterworks Chorus, performed for the Friends of Stetson University at a concert of Broadway hit songs and classics at his home. Robert L. Tilden, Tallahassee, retired in 2001 as a chemist with the Florida Department of Agriculture. Donald G. Waldrop, Lake Helen, retired in 2002 from the music recording

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They care deeply about the University, and the important work they are doing leaves them with a strong sense of accomplishment." One of his goals is to further strengthen ties between the undergraduate campus and the College of Law.



Prats

A vocal advocate of a Stetson education, Prats believes that while at Stetson, our students gain the skills that enable them to be successful in life. He said, "I learned responsibility at Stetson and formed relationships with people that will last a lifetime."

Prats and wife Katy are the parents of three children, Jacki, 19, a freshman at NYU; Jessie, 17, a junior at the Pinellas School of the Arts, and Joey, 13, a seventh-grader at Riviera Middle School.



Charles H. Mulfinger 11, '80, and wife Elizabeth 'Lisa', twin boys Mathew and Mark, December 24, 2002.

Susan Menasco Vinson, '80, and husband Carl, '80, three children Travis, 16, Amy 13, and Taylor Michelle, 10.

Peg McKee Granger, '82, and husband David, '81, a son Davis Michael, March 4, 2003.

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Jennifer Hayden Stupica, '90, and husband Christopher, a son Noah, March 24, 1997, and a son Ethan Michael, April 21, 2000.

Jacqueline Payne Belleau, '91, and husband Claude, a son Sevan, July 31, 1995, and a daughter Camille, December 28, 1999.

Mara Hayes Fiacco, '91, and husband Henry, a son Kieran, February 18, 2000.

Stacey Smelser Webb, '91, and husband John, a daughter Walker Montgomery, February 28, 2001.

Susan Chaplin Worst, '91, and husband Benjamin, '90, a daughter Lillian Ruth, February 18, 1999, and a son Luke Benjamin, July 22, 2001.

Steven Michael Adkins, '92, and wife Ximena Pia, a son Loick Galo, July 25, 2003.

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Jennifer Kohms VanHoorebeck, '93, and husband R. Douglas, a daughter Mallory Elizabeth, May 31, 2003.

Karen Walter Abell, '94, and husband Charles, a son Andrew Vincent, May 31, 2000, and a daughter Ashley Victoria, March 22, 2003.

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Alan J. Goodyear, '96, and wife Sarah, a son Trevor Alan, April 9, 2003.

Kristen Worden Holland, '96, and husband, James Neil, a son William James, September 4, 2002.

Kelly Pentz Foreman, '97, and husband Monte Kevin, a daughter Janie Rilynn, January 9, 2001, and a son Seth Montgomery, September 4, 2002.

Cynthia Fair Mobley, '97, and husband Alvin James, a son Josiah Daniel, October 7, 2002.

Samantha Evans Nolan, '97, and husband Anthony, a daughter Addison America, July 22, 2002.

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Melissa Erica Hose, '99, and husband Rick, a son Conor Reagan, August 9, 2002.

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Troy Alan Bossert, '00, and wife Nikki, a son George William, July 23, 2002.

Emma "Jeannie" Elledge Collins, '00, and husband Ashley Benton, '99, a daughter Hayden Grace, December 1, 2002.

Noemi Renteria Robertson, '01, and husband John, a daughter Madelyn Love, June 10, 2003.

Gary Christopher Sipe, '01, and wife Milissa Marie, a son Corey, August 15, 2003.

## Tampa Bay Mad Hatter Classic



From left, Alumni Board President-Elect Luis Prats '78, JD '81, with DeLand campus recipients of the Tampa Bay Alumni Scholarship, Blair Thompson '06 from St. Petersburg and Suzanna Johnson '06 from Tampa. Also pictured are Alumni Board Greek Liaison Beth Zeller Potter '79, and Alumni Board West Central Florida Regional Chair George Mitcheson '70.

Alumni Board Hillsborough District Co-chair Gigi Garber Skipper '83, JD '87, Rich McKay JD '84, Honorary Chair of the 2003 Mad Hatter Classic and former General Manager for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Cliff Curry JD '81, pose with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' 2003 Super Bowl trophy at last year's Evening Blast Reception.



Mad Hatter Classic participants warm up before the tournament.

## Third Annual Tampa Bay Mad Hatter Classic Mark your calendars now!

The third annual Tampa Bay Mad Hatter Classic, hosted by the Hillsborough County Alumni District, is scheduled for May 24 at the exclusive Avila Golf and Country Club in Tampa. The event finale will be the Evening Blast and Cocktail Reception at Stetson's new Tampa Law Center on Tuesday, May 25. To sign up for golf reservations, contact John Oakley '75 at (813) 289-3632. For more information about the reception, contact Gigi Garber Skipper '83, JD '87 at (813) 960-5598.

Since its inception, the Mad Hatter Classic has raised more than \$25,000 in support of the Tampa Bay Alumni Scholarship for Tampa Bay undergraduate and law school students. DeLand campus sophomores Suzanna Johnson and Blair Thompson have received the scholarship for two consecutive years. We hope you'll join us for this fun event!

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| William A. Gray '89<br>Atlanta, Georgia  | Carol Lonquist Russell '80<br>St. Petersburg, Florida                 |
| Roderick P. Hanson '72<br>Boca Raton, Florida  | Amy Broutman Schultz M. Ed. '98<br>Trophy Club, Texas                 |
| Cynthia VanWart Henderson '82,<br>JD '85<br>Tallahassee, Florida   | Diane Erickson Seagle '74<br>DeLand, Florida                          |
| John H. Hewett '74<br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania   | Gigi Garber Skipper '83, JD '87<br>Tampa, Florida                     |
| Misty Mead Hinson '92<br>High Springs, Florida   | Robert J. Sniffen JD '93<br>Tallahassee, Florida                      |
| Julianne Holmes '05<br>DeLand, Florida   | Ruth Nemece Spradley '67<br>West Palm Beach, Florida                  |
| LeeAnn Inman '76<br>Orange Park, Florida   | Beth Huckaby Stalvey '70<br>Jacksonville, Florida                     |
| Sally Sartain Jane '62<br>Fort Myers, Florida  | Stephen P. and Melinda R. Stuk<br>H '02<br>Marietta, Georgia          |
| Jeffrey A. King '92<br>Jacksonville, Florida   | Robert J. Welbon '75<br>Miami, Florida                                |
| Gerald '57, M.Ed. '71, Spc. Ed.<br>'81 and Betty Furches '59,<br>M.Ed '86 Kruhm<br>New Smyrna Beach, Florida | Andrew B. Whittaker '97<br>DeLand, Florida                            |
|  | Ellen Kirby Winner '74<br>Flat Rock, North Carolina                   |
|  | Lynn Wuesthoff '79<br>Chicago, Illinois                               |



## Weddings & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

- Peggy Vitsaras Tsalickis, '52, and husband Steve, have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Judith Carol Ward, '75, and husband William, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary September 24, 2002.

### Marriages:

- Bunny Ogletree, '61, to James Conley Yeargin, '59, June 1, 2003.
- Timothy O. Olagbemiro, '66, to Florence Oyejobile, June 30, 1973.
- John Harris Hewett, '74, to Andrea Stevenson, July 7, 2002.
- Betsy Miller, '78, to Dan A. Nelson, '77, July 14, 1979.
- Jeffrey B. Tyson, '81, to Gretchen Guess, August 31, 2002.
- Linda Louise Garland, '83, to Mark Dodson, April 29, 2000.
- William Shaun Dodson, '84, to Donna Marie Speciale-Dodson, '81, January 20, 2002.
- Denise Marie Belyew, '85, to David Keys, February 14, 1987.
- Amy Dawn Tucker, '85, to Brian Patrick McLaughlin, March 3, 2001.
- Elizabeth Annette Marshall, '86, to Richard Carl Green, September 7, 2002.
- Laura Eckler, '87, to Fred W Johnson, December 14, 1996.
- David Alexander Turley, '87, to Kim Mann, March 14, 1998.
- Kimberly Ann Gould, '89, to William Robert Free, November 25, 2000.
- Shannon McLean Rogers, '89, to Scott Randall Simpson, December 24, 2001.
- Lauren Weeks, '89, to Michael Patterson, June 19, 2003.
- Sharon Ellen Edler, '90, to Thomas Homberger, September 16, 2000.
- Kenneth Raymond Worst, '92, to Denise D'Annibale, September 6, 2003.

- Christina Ludington, '93, to Mason Russell Harris, July 20, 2002.
- Tammy Kay Royle, '93, to William K. Mahlerwein, November 9, 1999.
- Heather Micaela Barber, '94, to Andrew McMechan, October 3, 1998.
- Deborah Elizabeth Pike, '94, to Daniel Woolverton, June 7, 1997.
- Ellen Wells Ragland, '94, to Pearce Presnell, October 4, 2002.
- Christine Ellen Ridenour, '94, to David Lee Jasper, October 5, 2002.
- Jennifer Lynn White, '94, to Eric Matherson, January 20, 2001.
- Andrea Kristine Betts, '95, to Mark Flynn, August 15, 2003.
- Jason Keary Clark, '95, to Amy Elizabeth Kane, July 22, 2000.
- Sally Elias, '95, to Ramy S. Hanna, May 19, 2001.
- Kevin Louis Kivadeneira, '95, to Kathy Lin, May 4, 2002.
- Margaret Simons McDow, '95, to Jeffrey Michael Gumbinner, November 16, 2002.
- Jason Thomas Welch, '95, to Samantha Ann Boza, August 31, 2002.
- Laurie Dorywalski, '96, to Brian Beechner, June 2, 2001.
- Mei-Ling Echevarria, '96, to Chuck Hickey, September 19, 1998.
- Erin Dale Garvin, '96, to Scott Berry, June 7, 2003.
- Michele Marie Wallace, '96, to Don Hettenbach Jr., June 30, 2001.
- Bridget Marie Daku, '97, to Todd Pasquarello, July 1, 2000.
- Benjamin John Dannhauser, '97, to Maria-Claudia Duque, October 5, 2002.
- Melissa Dugger, '97, to Eric Weaver, June 22, 2002.
- Cynthia Anne Fair, '97, to Alvin James Mobley, October 23, 2001.
- Susanne Michelle Gentry, '97, to George David Leidel Jr., '98, September 5, 1998.
- Michael James Geyer, '97, to Kristin Larsen, July 26, 2003.
- Orenda Lyons, '97, to Eric Johnson, April 7, 2001.
- Jennifer Dawn McGrew, '97, to Thomas Kelly, June 21, 2003.
- Laura Rush McLeod, '97, to Michael Anthony Caruso, March 23, 2002.
- Tanya Marie Roe, '97, to Jason G. Procknow, November 25, 2000.
- Kristen Rutherford, '97, to Neal A. Suchy, October 6, 2001.
- Heather Kathryn Williams, '97, to Manny Bas, October 6, 2001.
- Michelle Lynn Abrisch, '98, to William Fraser Laird Jr., '99, September 29, 2001.
- Heather Lyn Bixler, '98, to John Jenkins, August 3, 2002.

- Stacie Lynn Carpenter, '98, to Robert Lee McElroy IV, June 15, 2002.
- David Irwin LaRocque, '98, to Tamara Elisabeth, May 3, 2003.
- Jammie Alice Swain, '98, to Phillip Gribble, August 3, 2002.
- Chandra DeAnne Whetstone, '98, to Jerome Patrick Ruffing, June 22, 2002.
- Robert Jacob Ashodian, '99, to Jessica M. Goetkc, November 25, 2002.
- Erica Louise Fricke, '99, to Michael Gabriel, June 6, 2003.
- Stacey Renet Galc, '99, to Jason Junkins, March 19, 2000.
- Bradley Scott Jackson, '99, to Joanne Kirst, June 29, 2002.
- Jennifer Kusters, '99, to Benjamin Alexander Moore, May 18, 2002.
- Stephanie Michelle Bauer, '00, to Matthew Driggers, May 18, 2003.
- Troy Alan Bossert, '00, to Nikki St. Amand, November 23, 2001.
- Andrea Elizabeth Cocozello, '00, to Chad Ofiara, July 27, 2002.
- Lauren Michelle Goodman, '00, to Michael Schultz, December 21, 2002.
- Emily Anne Marder, '00, to Brad Willadsen, September 28, 2002.
- Sarah Catherine Reed, '00, to Jeffrey Jay, September 7, 2002.
- Christopher Todd Williams, '00, to Chrissy Pinera, November 23, 2002.
- Courtney Summer Wills, '00, to Grady J. Bramblett, April 20, 2002.
- Jennifer Marie Adams, '01, to Brian Hall, March 8, 2003.
- Susan Michele Doraz, '01, to Erik Alan Lavoie, November 9, 2002.
- Nicole Helene Kirschner, '01, to Chad Holwerda, September 6, 2003.
- Suzanne Jean Leigh, '01, to Murray Fisch, June 9, 2001.
- Erin Hope Medlin, '01, to Yuri Nicholas Brubach, May 25, 2003.
- Katie Norsen, '01, to Frank Reeley, November 9, 2002.
- Noemi Renteria, '01, to John S. Robertson 111, December 29, 2001.
- Sarah Mae Schall, '01, to Jason Wayne Kirk, August 3, 2002.
- Kristin Erica Thiel, '01, to Brad Budd, June 7, 2003.
- Kristi Michelle Mount, '02, to Jason Pim, '02, June 14, 2003.
- Anita Raynelle Williams, '02, to Torben G. Holzhausen, March 22, 2003.
- Alicia Marie Wooley, '02, to Timothy John Rick, '02, July 26, 2003.
- Kristin Marie Rule, '03, to Mike Butrico, June 7, 2003.

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industry in Los Angeles after 35 years as a musician, recording sound tracks for motion pictures, television shows and for various artists. He performed with many well-known musical organizations including the Los Angeles Brass, the Hollywood Trombones, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the San Francisco Symphony, Bolshoi Ballet and the Metropolitan Opera.

'63

Glenn Lamar Deaver, Albany, Ga., is the owner of the Lamar Deaver Agency. Kenneth C. Lasseter, Key Largo, is vice president and medical director for the Clinical Pharmacology Association in Miami.

'65

Robert G. Chatham, Fayetteville, Ga., retired from the State of Georgia in June 2001, after 34 years of state service. He spent 17 years as an IT developer. Carolyn Bland Laney and Joel E. Laney, both of Thonotosassa, retired in April 2000, she as an executive secretary for human resources; he, after working 33 years as a school social worker for the School District of Hillsborough County. They are coordinators of a food ministry, Cook's Hat, at Seminole Heights Baptist Church. Dominick J. Napoli Jr., Cooper City, has joined the EWM- Weston Office to assist real estate buyers and sellers in Broward and Dade counties.

'66

Peter B. Heebner, Daytona Beach, a partner in the law firm of Heebner, Baggett & Daniels, has been elected president of the Stewart-Marchman Foundation board of directors. Thomas Kimmel Hickman, Singapore, is a vice president of operations, security group for OSI Systems [Inc. in](#) Hawthorne, Calif. Timothy O. Olagbemi, Baucim, Nigeria, is a full professor at Abubaker Tafawa Balewa University. He was also appointed vice chancellor of Bowen Baptist University, Iwo, Nigeria. David J. Rosselle, Snellville, Ga., is an executive director for the Highway 78 CID. William Henry Wendell Jr., Marietta, Ga., is a certified public accountant - tax for Bennett Thrasher, PC in Atlanta. Arthur W White Jr., Breaux Bridge, La., is chairman of the History Department at the Episcopal School of Acadiana in Cade.

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Wendy Hammer Baldwin, Potomac, Md., is vice president for research at the University of Kentucky. Elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Committee on Nominations, she is a member of the board of the Human Frontier Science program and served as U.S. representative to the World Health Organization. She also is a member of the International Advisory Commit-

tee for the Scientists

for Health and Research for Development Association and has served on The Pew Charitable Trust, the Federal Demonstration Partnership, the National Science and Technology Council and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Margaret Smith Hall, DeLand, the owner/broker of West Volusia Properties, has opened a new office in DeLand. Ronald L. Hall, DeLand, professor of philosophy at Stetson University, has been appointed chair of the Department of Philosophy. Richard

## Stetson University Day at the Florida Legislature



**Special guests Dr. T. Wayne Bailey, professor of Political Science, President Doug Lee, and Florida District 28 Representative Suzanne Kosmas**

**'98, celebrate Stetson University Day at the Legislature in 2003. Alumni and friends participated in this year's Stetson Day in Tallahassee on March 10.**

C. Reynolds, DeLand, of First Community Bank, was the recipient of the "2002 Business Leader Award" for his achievements in the area of economic development services to the community. Susan Beavo Stalnaker, Longwood, is the principal for Mark-ham Woods Academy. John R. West, Opelika, Ala., is the minister of missions and administration for Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn. Gail Brockett White, Breaux Bridge, La., is a poet and a medical transcriptionist for Lafayette General in Lafayette. Author of a book of poetry entitled *The Price Of Everything*, she continues to write while working as a medical transcriptionist.

'68

Natalie Motise Davis, Birmingham, Ala., a longtime Birmingham-Southern College political science professor and noted political analyst and pollster, is the 2002 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Alabama Professor of the Year. Susan E. Lloyd, Washington, D.C., is supervisory special agent, security division, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Susan Ivey Mangieri, Chattanooga, Tenn., is a director for HCA, Senior Friends. James Wesley Nall, Auburndale, is running for District 7 seat on the Polk School Board. He currently is a public health physicist for the Polk County Health Department. He also was an adjunct professor at Polk Community College for six years and now teaches at Warner Southern College. Emory Lee Ricketson, Murphy, N.C., is the owner of Ricketson Properties. William L. Smith, Thornton, WV, retired from UCAR Carbon Company Inc. after 23 years of service as a safety, health and environmental professional. He is an environmental consultant for MSES Consultants [Inc. in](#) Clarksburg.

## Alumni events across the country

Events throughout Florida and the nation are bringing alumni together to hear the latest news about the University. In this photo, President Doug Lee and Jaime '89 and Thad '88 Clark-Soles catch up at a fall alumni event in Fort Worth, Texas.



Texas and Oklahoma Alumni Board District Chair Scott '75 and Ann Bruin hosted an alumni event in their beautiful Houston home. Pictured from left are Charlie Bruin '06, Scott Bruin '75, Ann Bruin, Stetson First Lady Margaret Lee, and President Doug Lee.

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## 2003 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The following recipients of the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award are outstanding representatives of the many alumni whose achievements exemplify the quality of a Stetson University education and whose outstanding achievements in their professions and lives have brought distinction and special recognition to their Alma Mater.

### J. Barry Griswell MBA '72

BUSINESSMAN

Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Principal Financial Group, a Fortune 500 company serving 13 million customers around the world, J. Barry Griswell earned his master's degree in

business administration from Stetson in 1972. He received his Chartered Life Underwriter designation in 1976, his Chartered Financial Consultant designation in 1985, and in 1992 was named a LIMRA Leadership Institute

Fellow, a designation conferred jointly by LIMRA International and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans honored him in 2003 for overcoming humble beginnings and adversity to achieve both personal and professional success.

Griswell joined the Principal Financial Group in 1988 as an officer and agency vice president, after serving as president and CEO of MetLife Marketing Corp., a subsidiary of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He became senior vice president of the Principal Financial Group in 1991 and executive vice president in 1996. Named president in 1998, he became CEO in 2000 and chairman of the board in 2002.

He currently serves as a board member of the American Council of Life Insurers and the American Council for Capital Formation. President of the Federation of Iowa Insurers, he is also a member of the board of trustees of the S.S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education; the board of trustees of Central College, Pella, Iowa; and serves on the board of his undergraduate alma mater, Berry College, in his native state of Georgia.

Acknowledged as a leader in the wider business world, he is a director of the Business Committee for the Arts, a national organization working to bring



Griswell

business and the arts together; and is also a board member of The Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs of leading U.S. Corporations committed to improving public policy.

### Willa Dean Lowery '48

SCIENTIST, PHYSICIAN, PASTOR

A Florida native, Willa Dean Lowery majored in chemistry at Stetson, with a minor in biology, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1948. She went on to earn a master's degree in bacteriology in 1952 from the University of Florida, a doctor of medicine degree in 1959 from the University of Miami School of Medicine, and a master's degree in public health in 1962 from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health in Pennsylvania.

She practiced medicine as an obstetrician and gynecologist in the Pittsburgh area from 1969 to 1988. Prior to that, she spent two years teaching obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pittsburgh, five years as a public health officer for the Florida State Board of Health, and three



Lowery

years as a research bacteriologist for the United States Government Operations Mission to Brazil. After retiring from active medical practice, she returned to the classroom, earning a master's degree in divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1994. In 1995, she was ordained a minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA and currently serves as a supply pastor in three small churches of the Southern Indiana County Parish in Pennsylvania, assisting their pastor on a part-time basis.

Honored for Meritorious Service by the U.S. government for her work in Brazil, she is listed in *Who's Who in America*. Drawing on her experience in both medicine and

ministry, she currently serves as the clergy representative on the Human Research Protection Committee of Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

### Lawrence R. Johnston '72

BUSINESSMAN

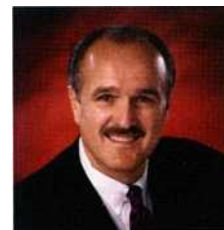
A business major at Stetson, Lawrence R. Johnston received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972. A native of Corning, N.Y., he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and involved in the business and accounting clubs.

He also participated in the school's work-study program as a married student who was just starting his family. Relevant course work and real world preparation from professors such as Joe Master in Accounting helped prepare him for the business world - he was hired right off campus by General Electric Co.

Johnston entered General Electric's Management Training Program in 1972 and spent the next 28 years building his career there. In November 1999, he was elected a senior vice president of the company and named president and chief executive officer of GE Appliances, a \$6 billion global business.

He joined Albertson's [Inc. in](#) 2001 as chairman and chief executive officer of one of the largest food and drug retailers in the world. A Fortune 500 company with 2,300 stores in 31 states, Albertson's has revenues of over \$35 billion and the company employs more than 200,000 associates.

Johnston has carried the Stetson values of community service, mentoring, diversity and gender equity into his business life at both GE and Albertson's. Today, Albertson's has adopted a set of 10 core values that embody these elements.



Johnston



## 2003 DOYLE E. CARLTON AWARD Anne Motley Hallum

*Each year, Stetson University honors the memory of former Florida governor and Stetson alumnus and trustee Doyle E. Carlton with an award for extraordinary contributions to the life and development of Stetson University, the City of DeLand, and the State of Florida; and for devotion to Christian higher education. The Doyle E. Carlton Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the university.*

Dr. Anne Motley Hallum devotes her life to the principles for which Stetson stands, finding twin callings in education and service to others. Chairperson of Stetson's Political Science Department, she has taught at Stetson for 16 years, specializing in religion and politics, environmental politics and the American presidency. In 1990, a study trip to Guatemala brought home to her the devastating effects of deforestation; and in 1992 she founded the non-profit Alliance for International Reforestation, or AIR, to help rebuild the Guatemalan environment.

With 10 Latin American employees, AIR now works in 50 villages in Guatemala and 10 villages in Nicaragua. It has built 600 fuel-efficient stoves, conserving 600 tons of firewood a year, and overseen the planting of 3 million trees - relying on donations, in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. AIR has also developed an educational curriculum that reaches thousands of school children, and has begun a three-year training program in sustainable farming methods.

Born and raised in Huntsville, Ala., Hallum received a bachelor's degree in urban Studies from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Alabama, and a doctorate in Political Science from Vanderbilt University. Her publications include a book, *Beyond Missionaries: Toward an Understanding of the Protestant Movement in Central America*, and many articles on religion and politics. Her current research involves environmental issues in Central America, an area she has visited more than 30 times over the past 13 years.

A life-long Presbyterian, she serves as an Elder and Sunday School teacher at The First Presbyterian Church of DeLand. She energetically raises funds for AIR, which is based at Stetson, and heads its board of directors. Married to Jan Wilgers, she has two daughters, Rachel and Rebecca, all of whom frequently travel to Central America with her. Students and church members also often accompany her to work with AIR's projects. To date, AIR has hosted 20 Stetson students as volunteers through the Rinker Guatemala/Nicaragua Field Experience Scholarship.



Hallum

## 2003 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD Michael W. Raymond '68

*The Distinguished Service Award is given for personal commitment to the ideals and objectives of the Stetson University Alumni Association and dedicated service and advancement of the goals of the university.*

A devoted teacher, Dr. Michael W Raymond has served on Stetson University's English faculty since 1972, building a reputation for focusing on his students and subtly leading them to discover and develop their own talents.

A Stetson graduate, Raymond earned his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Florida, and returned to his Alma Mater to teach. An innovative professor, he has taught courses jointly with colleagues in geography, psychology, sociology, law, and economics -- learning from them and using their disciplines to teach writing.

An advocate of Stetson's values, his university service includes conducting writing workshops, helping to launch the University Experience course for new students, and directing First-Year English for many years. He has represented the faculty on the Annual Fund committee and served as faculty advisor to both the student newspaper and the campus literary magazine. He often participates in a student-led poetry group and currently serves as the faculty representative on the Stetson University Alumni Association Board of Directors.



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John M. Chapin, The Woodlands, Texas, is the dean of inath, science and health at Polk Community College and is working on his doctorate in higher education leadership with the University of Nebraska. JaKay Jarvis, DeLand, is the proof chief for the *Davtona Beach News-Journal*. Dianne Strum Thompson Jacoby, St. Augustine, is a painter, muralist and college art professor. She performs in historical re-enactments, portraying characters from diverse periods. She also teaches art at Flagler College, lectures and performs at Elderhostels during the summer and on the American Canadian Cruise Ship Line. She co-published and contributed stories to "A Ghostly Experience: Tiles of St. Augustine," written in 1997 and illustrated with her pen-and-ink drawings. Evelyn Grimm Lynn, Ormond Beach, is a state senator, District 7. Lynn Sandefur-Gardner, Gainesville, a member of the Gainesville High School faculty since 1976, works with the choral program at GHS. She is Gainesville High School's Teacher of the Year. David E. Sumner, Anderson, Ind., published a sermon in *Keeping the Faith - Best Indiana Sermons*, which contains sermons by 21 Indiana religious leaders. He is a professor of journalism at Ball State University and member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Frank Hopkins Thomas, Jackson, Miss., is the pastor at Alta Woods Baptist Church.

'70

Carol Cornwell Denehy, Higgins, ACT, Australia, is administrative services officer grade 5 at the National Library of Australia in Canberra, AC. Carol Santiago Linton, Melbourne, is a teacher for the Brevard County school system in Viera. William K. Matthews, Maidens, Va., is the COO/owner of Pure Energies. Robert E. Montgomery, Palm Coast, received the WE.B. DuBois Award at the recent NAACP Membership Luncheon in December 2002 at Palm Coast Yacht Club. Samuel L. Perry Jr., West Palm Beach, is a managing principal for Cap Trust Financial Advisors in Tampa.

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J. Douglas Murray, Altamonte Springs, is a network administrator for USIS in Orlando. Ray E. Waters, Norcross, Ga., is a sales associate for Office Depot in Duluth. George Winston, Santa Cruz, Calif, solo pianist, has a new CD released entitled, "Night Divides The Day - The Music of the Doors," a George Winston and Dancing Cat Production.

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J. Barry Griswell, West Des Moines, Iowa, is one of 10 recipients of the 2003 Iloratio Alger Award, honoring individuals who have overcome humble beginnings to achieve personal and professional success.

Roderick P Hansen, Boca Raton, is a regional vice president for Pacific Life. Lawrence R. Johnston, Boise, Idaho, is chairman and CEO of Albertson's, Inc. He received the Stetson University Distinguished Alumni Award 2003 at Stetson Weekend 2003. Angela Chaille Meixel, Waimanalo, Hawaii, is chancellor for the University of Hawaii in Kaneohe. Joseph R. Parker Jr., Fort Collins, Colo., is a teacher for the Poudre School District. Jane Ellen Pope, Powder Springs, Ga., is an interrelated special education teacher in Cobb County. Sally C. Walker, Santa Barbara, Calif., is the CEO for Walker & Associates Fundraising Counsel. Patricia Bowers Woodall, Palm Beach Gardens, was named to *Who's Who* in American Teachers for 2002.

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Vickey L. Baggott, Mobile, Ala., is a documents librarian for the University of South Alabama. Michael M. Brothers, Daytona Beach, is the director at the Museum of Arts and Science. David O. Cushman, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, is a professor in the department of economics at the University of Saskatchewan. Patricia Joyce Dalton, Collinsville, Ill., is a blood bank supervisor for Anderson Hospital. W Jack Latvala, Palm Harbor, is the president of Direct Response Marketing of Orlando, director of The People's Bank in Palm Harbor, and a former state senator. Carl R. Stekelenburg, Bushnell, has written *The Burton Murder* and *Other Short Stories* and *The Third Millennium*. He is currently working on two more stories. William E Stepp, Wellesville, N.Y., is the vice president of institutional advancement at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. He has been a presenter at CASE conferences and in 1996, won a CASE Circle of Excellence Award. Stepp has been active in his community, volunteering with such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival; has served on economic development committees; and is a member of the board of directors of four chambers of commerce and the Montgomery County, Pa., Economic Development Council.

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Linda Kidney Barrett, Snellville, Ga., spent three weeks in Japan this fall after being chosen

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Beyond Stetson, he serves as a writing and educational consultant to such firms as Florida Hospital Medical Center, Orlando; Humana Hospital Corp., Louisville; and AT&T, New York. A prolific writer, his publications range from academic critiques of modern literature to works of fiction and creative nonfiction. Drawing from his own experience, he has published several books and manuals on living well with diabetes, including *The Human Side of Diabetes: Beyond Doctors, Diets, and Drugs*. He also frequently publishes articles on the art of teaching.

Raymond received Stetson's 1992 McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor the university bestows upon active faculty members; and Stetson's Hand Award for Creativity and Research in 2002. He was named Florida Professor of the Year in 1993 by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and designated an "Exemplary Teacher" in 1996 by the U.S. Department of Education. He also held the Nell Carlton Endowed Chair of English for four years.

### 2003 Outstanding Young Alumni Award

*Established in Fall 2002 for alumni who are 35 years of age or younger, the award recognizes contributions to society, a profession, or to the university.*

JEFFERY P. FAY '98 of Alexandria, Va., was a mathematics and computer science major at Stetson University. He served for nearly three years as the senior UNIX system administrator while he was a Stetson student, working for the Center for Information Technology. He also spent a year as UNIX system administrator in the Department of Computer Science.



Fay

He joined Security Design International in 1999, where he performed audits of major banking, telecommunications, power and utility networks, all defined as of the National Critical Infrastructure. He also did research in the analysis of implementation of cryptographic functions, and his results have been used to brief members of the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency. In 2001, he became an independent security consultant, and was named to a select team that evaluated the security of the Federal Aviation Administration's modernization program.

Founding president of Patch Advisor, LLC, which specializes in mapping software patches to network assets, Fay also is a senior information security engineer, operating as a consultant to commercial and governmental entities all over the world.

Fay has appeared on 60 *Minutes*, CNN and Fox News, discussing information warfare and network security. He has given many talks around the country, as well as at Tokyo University in Japan and at a conference in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

DR. BRIAN D. RAY '91, director of undergraduate programs for the University of Florida Warrington College of Business, Gainesville, is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, serving with the Florida Army National Guard. His unit was activated to provide security at military bases in support of homeland defense. Ray recently returned from active duty as a company commander in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Ray

With a bachelor's degree in Finance from the School of Business Administration, Ray was vice president of Stetson's student body during his junior year and elected president in his senior year. He earned a Master of Business Administration from the university of Central Florida in 1993 and a Ph.D. in University Administration from Florida State University in 1998. Ray has served as director of MBA Student Services at UF and held several positions at the Florida State University College of Law and Career Resource Center. Ray recently co-founded LDM Solutions Inc., a consulting firm that focuses on process improvement, business ethics and employee leadership development.

A graduate of several military schools and a Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Signal Officer Advanced Course, in 2000 he won both the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, given each year to the top 24 company commanders in the U.S. Army; and the Lowry Award, presented annually to the top company-grade officer in the Florida National Guard.

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to participate in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher's Program. She serves as the foreign language department chairperson at Brookwood High School. John H. Hewett, Philadelphia, Pa., is vice president, development and marketing, for Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Kenneth Fred Jones, Homerville, Ga., was a contributor to the September 1-7 devotions for the older children's devotional magazine, *Bible Express*, published by LifeWay of the Southern Baptist Convention. Florence M. Jowers, Hickory, N.C., performed in Elizabeth Hall Chapel on October 22 in the Special Event Series as an organist. Elizabeth Terry Long, Richmond, Va., is an assistant law librarian at the Supreme Court of Virginia and has completed a one-year term as president of the Southeastern chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Heather Field Polk, Dallas, Ga., is the president of the Polk Management Group in Atlanta, which specializes in business continuity initiatives. Walter A. Thompson, Tate, Ga., is the district financial resources director for the American Red Cross.

'75

Elizabeth Smith Blanton, Lenoir City, Tenn., is special education teacher for Roane County Schools in Harriman. Gary L. Fretwell, Parker, Colo., is vice president for corporate development for Noel Levitz in Littleton. R. Paul Grady, Malvern, Pa., is the COO for AmeriGas Propane in Valley Forge. Marilyn Letterio

Lusher, Palm Harbor, was promoted from assistant principal at Oldsmar Elementary to principal of Garrison-Jones Elementary. Grace Nixon Manne, Weston, is an attorney for Becker and Poliakoff, PA., in Fort Lauderdale. Edward "Nod" Skiff, Fort Lauderdale, is director of business development for Vila&Son Landscaping Corporation in Miami. He is the president of the board of directors for Hospice Care of South Florida. Peter W. Wright, Lighthouse Point, is (TO for Hudson Capital Group in Fort Lauderdale.

'76

Barry Wyatt Blakely, Marietta, Ga., is a rental manager for Campingtime RV in Woodstock. James R. Clayton, DeLand, has been appointed circuit court judge in the juvenile division in Daytona Beach. Timothy S. MacBain, Lilburn, Ga., is an account manager for Johnson Industries. Linda Wilson Nodjimbadem, El Paso, Texas, is the coordinator of Lower Division French at the Department of Languages and Linguistics. Richard David Whitney, Asheville, N.C., is the owner of Whitney Commercial Real Estate.

'77

Charles C. Appleby, Jacksonville, was appointed by Mayor John Delaney to the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission. Appleby is president and chief financial officer of Advanced Disposal Services Inc. J. Everett Drew, Tallahassee, has been elected to serve on

the Board of Directors for the Capital City Bank Group Inc. Douglas M. Lanier, Portsmouth, N.H., is an associate professor of English at the University of New Hampshire. Douglas published *Shakespeare and Modern Popular Culture 2002*, one of the Oxford Shakespeare Topics series. Barbara Estock Mays, Fairfax, Va., is a deputy director in the defense intelligence resource Management Office for Defense Intelligence in Washington, D.C.

'78

Leigh Adams Cook, Canton, Ga., works in human resources for ALLTEL. Laurie Sue Gentry, Greenville, S.C., was a teacher for middle school band and strings for Greenville County Schools and now is a strings teacher. Carol Kelly Loperena, Lisbon, N.D., is the president of JoySoul Corporation - bringing joy to Others Through Word and Song. She recently published a book entitled, *God Is For Every Day*, stories and songs for children - a Teach-A-Child Companion Book and CD. Douglas Caven Morrow, Northwood, Ohio, is a branch manager for Lakeshore Utility Trailer

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## IN MEMORIAM

20s

Margaret Van Clove Fraser, '28

30s

Kathleen Allen Johnson, '30

Elizabeth L. Kelsey, '31

Lucille Caudill Little, '31

Pauline Sowers Conroy, '32

Jefferson Davis Godard Sr., '34

Florence Soskis Socash, '34

Helen Spaulding Barton, '37

Findley Barrow Edge, '38

Jeanette Stevens Roach, '38

Catharine Talton Baldwin, '39

Ruth Robbins Faulk, '39

Arvel G. Miller, '39

Russert I. Staff, '39

40s

Lois Walker Boland, '40

Robert H. Gaughan, '41

Alfred P West Sr., '41

Thomas Patrick Arnold, '42

Oleda Dyson Casscells, '42

Garland M. Branch Jr., '43

Naomi Knight Strickland, '44

Robert P Wheatly, '44

Francis E. Rowell, '46

James Frederick Fisher, '47

Muriel Anderson Smith, '47

Eleanor Jarrett Carter, '48

Ann Shackelford Collier, '48

Stephen E. Sharpe, '48

Herold R. Heckenbach, '49

Thomas R. Horton, '49

Roy E. Swader, '49

Shirley Hunter Yelvington, '49

50s

Shadic Livingston Beardall, '50

Wilbur H. Boyd, '50

Addison Gilbert, '50

Roy D. Shupp, '50

Aaron Charles Mulling, '50

Edson C. Perry, '52

Garrett Duane Quick, '52

Joanne Reeves Thames, '52

Robert Berryman, '53

Mabel Howard Crawford, '53

Theodore C. Heisig Jr., '53

Conrad D. McLachlen, '53

Joan Persons Quick, '54

Edward C. Smith, '54

William L. Greer, '55

Mary Murphy Sullivan, '57

Joanna E. Coburn, '58

George W Palmer, '59

60s

Jon S. McKibben, '60

Earle E Trow, '60

H. Claude Boynton, '61

Ellen E. Lanier, '61

Shirley Martin Wingfield, '63

David Cromwell Johnson, '64

Wandah Exline Walters, '64

Mary White Fear, '66

Milton F Culp, '67

Hudson J. I larman, '69

Carolyn Perry Kitchens, '69

70s

Robert Charles Nelson, '72

Murlene Whitten Painter, '72

Nancy Earll Richards, '72

J. Lynne Auman, '74

Dorothy Mahon Morrison, '74

Arnold C. Eibeck, '75

Richard G. Shore, '78

Leota Seyb Otto, '79

Patricia M. Reed, '79

William Earoll Roebuck 111, '79

Michael Edwin Whitley, '79

80s

Matthew D. Blumberg, '80

Cynthia Cate Connolly, '81

Shirley B. Manson, '81

Joseph I1. Chambers Sr., '82

Jeffrey Scott Ginsburg, '88

90s

James J. French, '92

Jill B. Wood, '92

[Inc. in](#) Millbury. John Paul Parks, Scottsdale, Ariz., is an attorney in Phoenix. Scott L. Porter, West Palm Beach, ran for Palm Beach County School Board, District 1. He is a certified public accountant, director and vice-president with Caler, Donten, Levine, Drucker, Porter & Veil, CPA, PA. Luis Prats, St. Petersburg, is the president-elect of the Stetson University Alumni Association. He will assume the presidency on April 3, and serve two years as president. During his tenure, he will also serve on the Stetson University Board of Trustees.

'79

Kenneth C. Caster, Cary, N.C., is a senior research scientist for Duke University in Durham. Sylvia Garrett Garner, Melbourne, is the principal of Dragonpoint in Rockledge. Donald J. McCullough, Washington, D.C., was the music director for The Master Chorale of Washington's concert *Belch Muss in B Minor* at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall and for the *Let My People Go!* Concert. Upcoming concerts include: The Kennedy Center Concert Hall Christmas Candelight concerts; *Chant and Beyond*, a cappella choral journey at the National Presbyterian Church; and *Palm Sunday Messiah* at The Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Melodie Chance Palmer, Cleveland, Ga., is a school counselor for Mt. Yonah Elementary School in Sautee. She also owns and operates a poultry farm with her husband and two sons. Beth Zeller Potter, Tampa, is the director of marketing for Epix.

'80

John Steven Bays, Longwood, is a senior accountant for the City of Casselberry. Jeffrey Brian Crowe, Bangkok, Thailand, is the director of marketing Thailand for J.W. Marriott Hotels and Resorts. Mare Vincent Devenoge, Manhasset, N.Y., is CFO for the Surdna Foundation [Inc. in](#) New York. Charles H. Mulfingher 11, Tampa, is the senior vice president investments and senior institutional consultant for Smith Barney Citigroup. Susan Menasco Vinson, Tallahassee, was named the 2002 Teacher of the Year at Killlearn Lakes Elementary School. She received her National Board Certification during the year, and a Master's degree in Education Administration from Florida State in 1999. Eric Thomas Walmsley, Sarasota, is an executive underwriter for Zenith Insurance Company.

'81

Robert Polk Bartlett, Webster, N.Y., has been named vice president for advancement at the University of Memphis where he will oversee the areas of development, marketing and

alumni relations at the university. William Daniel Harvey, Leesburg, is director of pastoral care for Leesburg Regional Medical Center. Rajen C. Jaswa, Mesquite, Texas, has been appointed to the board of directors for AppStream Inc. He served as CEO and president of Selectica from its inception in 1996 through July 2002. J. Douglas Lanier, Winter Springs, is the owner of Collis Roofing [Inc. in](#) Casselberry. Edith J. McCormick, Lake Buena Vista, works internal investigations for Walt Disney World Security. Kristen Ernst Petterson, Montclair, N.J., is a renal dietitian at National Nephrological Associates in Bloomfield. Jerry E Phillips, Frostproof, is senior pastor at First United Methodist Church. Michael William Robinson Sr., Reisterstown, Md., is chief of training at Baltimore County Fire Department in Sparrows Point. Donna Maria Speciale-Dodson, Wellington, is a broker/associate realtor for Coldwell Banker. Jeffrey B. Tyson, Anchorage, Alaska, is vice president of Alaska Communications Systems.

'82

Shirley Cole-Cartman, DeBary, is a piano teacher at McInnis Elementary School in DeLeon Springs. Charles R. Kandt, Daytona Beach, is a sales associate for Cameron & Co., Realtors & Auctioneers. He has been a golf pro since 1982. Vincent J. LoPresti, Miami, is senior vice president for Florida First Capital in Orlando. Robert K. Michael, St. Petersburg, an attorney specializing in civil litigation. He has run for Sixth Judicial Circuit, Group 28 in Pinellas-Pasco judicial seat and is active in the Kiwanis, Florida Suncoast Hospice, the Suncoasters and the National Leukemia Society. Michael is a volunteer at All Children's Hospital Raymond E. Ruhlmann III,

Rochester, N.Y., is a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and has been called to active duty. As lieutenant colonel, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps in Quantico, Va., in February. He also serves as an operational lawyer.

'83

Melanie Menefee Carty, Tallahassee, is a communications director for Capital City Youth Services. Anthony Patrick Clark, Longwood, served at Fort Stewart providing ministry to his headquarters company, and worked with the garrison chaplains in their religious support coverage at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. Linda Louise Dodson, Athens, Ga., is a part-time writer/editor for the University of Georgia. Elizabeth Annette Green,

Tallahassee, is a lead senior auditor for the Auditor General. John Love Morrow, Orange Park, is the regional manager for Bristol Myers Squibb Inc. Fred P Taylor, APO, AE Germany, is a regional defense counsel, U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, Region VII in Mannheim. He provides criminal defense services to soldiers assigned throughout Northern Europe.

'84

Alan E. Beck, Bowling Green, is an associate pastor at the First Baptist Church in Wauchula. Scot R. Browning, Columbia, Md., is president and CEO of Capital Bank in Rockville. Capital Bank is a three-year-old bank that specializes in business lending in the Washington, D.C., area. William Charles Copper, Lenoir, N.C., is the director, Hollified Leadership Center at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in Conover and achieved certification as a Church Business Administrator from the National Association of Church Business Administrators. Rodney Todd Darville, Fort Belvoir, Va., is a budget analyst for the U.S. Army. He graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree with honors from Webster University School of Business and Technology in St. Louis, Mo. William Shaun Dodson, Wellington, works in staff claim service for Allstate Insurance in Sunrise. Robert V Hennessy, DeLand, is the Northeast regional sales manager for Thompson Pump & Mfg. Co. Lisa Hobbs Hightower, DeLand, is a contract writer for Florida Department of Transportation Professional Services. Martha Fry Morrow, Orange Park, is a kindergarten teacher for the Grace Episcopal Day School. Luis G. Pedraja, Memphis, Tenn., is vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Memphis Theological Seminary.

'85

Charles Edward Brinkerhoff, Daytona Beach, was recognized as an outstanding history



### Student Alumni Association

Last fall, the Student Alumni Association sponsored a pumpkin carving contest, one of several events they host for current students throughout the year.

teacher at Mainland High School. Michael E. Carter, Jacksonville, is a realtor for Max Real Estate Specialists. Gregory W Coleman, West Palm Beach, a partner for Burman, Critton, Luttier & Coleman, became the youngest president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Marie Weiner Jeffreys, DeLeon Springs, is senior vice president of Prosperity Bank's West Volusia market. Denise Belyew Keys, Prairie City, Iowa, is an IT analyst - lead for the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Ricardo Fredico Paguaga, Simpsonville, S.C., is a director, global sales engineering for Datastream Systems. Kimberly Smith Taylor, DeLand, is a risk manager for Strates Shows [Inc. in](#) Orlando.

'86

Beth Lubach Chesak, Jacksonville, is a homemaker. Beth and husband, Randy, have two children. Randy P Chesak, Jacksonville, is an executive vice president with SunTrust. Elizabeth Chesser Cleveland, Valdosta, Ga., is a Magistrate judge for Lowndes County Magistrate Court. Elizabeth Marshall Green, Tallahassee, is a lead senior auditor for the State of Florida's Auditor General. Douglas Bogan McMahon, Medford, Ore., is a family practice physician for the White City Medical Clinic in White City.

## ALUMNI adventures

The Alumni Association is delighted to offer three exciting travel adventures this year through our Alumni Travel Program. For more detailed information about each of these extraordinary trips, go to [www.stetson.edu/administration/alumni/sp.htm](http://www.stetson.edu/administration/alumni/sp.htm) and click on Alumni Travel Programs. Start planning your Stetson alumni travel adventure now!

The 2004 schedule includes:

- **A tour of Italy's Magnificent Lake District - July 12 - 20, 2004**
- **N Passage of Peter the Great: A cruise between St. Petersburg and Moscow - August 20 - September 1, 2004**
- **Madrid/Barcelona Escape: A dual-city adventure of Spain's most historic and cosmopolitan cities - November 3 - 11, 2004**

## Presidential Counsellor Events



**Derek Riley '91, Lisa Garcia Riley '92, and Jannett Ramos Roberts '94 visit at an Orlando Young Alumni Presidential Counsellors Event.**



The Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Office of Development, is hosting events across the nation to introduce the Presidential Counsellors Program, a special giving club honoring donors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the University. Zuzette Estevez '92, Alumni Board Products, Services, and Programs Chair Bill Gray '89, and Jean Estevez '92 were among those who enjoyed this September event in Atlanta.

**Paul Brown '03, Sarah Gray, President Doug Lee, Wilbur Montgomery '82, and former U.S. Senator Max Cleland '64.**



'87

Debra Campanola Bowles, Belle Glade, is employed as administrative assistant at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. She is also coordinator of the Cultural Arts for Education series at the theatre. Robert E. Chism, Ormond Beach, was promoted to chief technology officer of the XSTREME Division of Concurrent Computer Corporation. Richard Houser Darlington, Lakeland, who took his Apopka high school team to a state football championship, has been named head football coach at Valdosta High School. Nancy Held, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., is an internal audit consultant for Jefferson Wells International. Laura Eckler Johnson, Tallahassee, is a doctoral student and research assistant at Florida State University. Timothy Sanders Mallard, Alexandria, Va., is a division artillery chaplain for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Iraq. He recently returned from a five-month tour for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Mallard is now a student in the Command and General Staff Officers course at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Angela Deen Parrish, Melbourne, is the president of Invin Research Services. Douglas Paul Ramsey, Jacksonville, is a systems analyst for Merrill Lynch. Dennis Andrew Simmons, Arlington, Wash., is the regional commercial officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. David Alexander Turley, Longwood, is an operations manager for Golfpac in Altamonte Springs. Ronald William Vara Jr., Atlanta, Ga., is a pilot for Delta Air Lines.

'88

J. Michelle Podany-Brabson, Jacksonville, is an auditor for Defresne & Associates, CPA, PA in Orange Park. Jonathon H. Glugover, Daytona Beach, is a partner for Horrox & Glugover. Simone Marsteller, Tallahassee, was hired by Florida Governor Jeb Bush as a deputy chief of staff, one of the top positions in the Governor's Office. James Patrick McBride, St. Petersburg, is a minister of students at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. Michelle Patricia McMahon, DeLand, is a physical education teacher at Freedom Elementary School. Jonathan Frank Pequignot, Coral Gables, is a partner for Ultimate Staffing [Inc. in](#) Miami. Anke Kaminski Sedmak, Kelowna, B.C., after completing her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Central Florida, became an account manager with the Royal Bank of Canada. She is currently president of the Spectrum Enterprises Corporation. Darald Hassan Stubbs, DeLand, has been promoted to associate dean of students and director of Residential Life at Stetson University. John Anthony Tutay, Palm Harbor, is a general dentist and owner of Family Dental Care. Mark Hunter Williams, Waycross, Ga., is a minister of music for the First Baptist Church. Susan Dorsey Williams, Waycross, Ga., is a teacher for the Ware County Board of Education.

'89

Todd Robert Aldrich, Ormond Beach, is the owner of Aimee's Hallmark. Tamara Faith Carmichael, New York, N.Y., is an attorney for Halland and Knight LLP. Kevin Lee Cronin, Hollywood, was promoted to assistant treasurer

of the Lennar Corporation. Kimberly Gould Free, Royal Palm Beach, is a technical procedures analyst for the School District of Palm Beach County in West Palm Beach. Michael A. Garguilo, The Woodlands, Texas, is president and chief operating officer for Brown & Brown of Texas Inc., in Houston. Allison Turner Maughn, Glenwood, is a Hospice finance director for Halifax-Fish Community Health in Daytona Beach. Robert Hunt Norment 111, Austin, Texas, is a vice president of marketing and business development for BroudJump Inc. Lauren Weeks Patterson, Greenville, S.C., is the executive recruiter for Kimmel & Associates. Shannon Rogers Simpson, Loxahatchee, is the president of S.R. Simpson Design Inc., focusing on residential design. She won a Gold Coast Builder's Association Gold Prism award for her work in the interior design of model homes. James Martin Smith, Orlando, is a claims specialist for State Farm Insurance. William E Stringer Jr., Cheverly, Md., is head of the budget operations branch for the United States Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

'90  
 Michael Norman Aumack, Overland Park, Kan., is a product donation program manager for Children International in Kansas City, Mo. Kevin Thomas Clark, Toronto, Canada, is an

accomplished cook and musician at the Top of the Senator. His career led him to New Orleans to play with the Dukes of Dixieland and with traditional and contemporary jazz bands and other vocalists. He has also put together two bands. His latest CD, called *New Orleans Jazz Brunch*, includes recipes. Richard Alan Granson, Owings, Md., is a defense analyst for SAIC in Washington, D.C. Vikki Leigh Hodgkins, Los Angeles, Calif, is a director of strategic planning for Guess? Inc. Sharon Edler Homberger, North Palm Beach, is an international accounting manager for 3i in Palm Beach Gardens. Jennifer Nuthall Hull, Peachtree City, Ga., is teaching elementary school general music in Del City, Okla. Kevin Eugene Keith, Deltona, is a teacher for Volusia County Schools. Michael Glenn Madison, Naples, an optometrist, five years after acquiring an ailing optometry business in Marco's Town Center, is poised to expand and move to his own stand-alone building. Michael James Maltby, Washington, D.C., is a program analyst for the IRS in Landham, Md. Barbara McColley McBride, St. Petersburg, is a teacher at Independent Day School in Tampa. She has three children. Renuka Sastri, Lake Mary, is a senior analyst for AAA in I leathrow.

'91  
 Scott Nelson Alper, Roswell, Ga., is a director of sales for The Insurance House in Atlanta. Jacqueline Payne Belleau, Geneva, Switzerland, is a chief de cabinet for UTEX S.A. Ann Gardner Beuke, Orlando, is a human resources administrator for GAI Consultants. Steven Edmund Christensen, DeLand, is president and CEO for Keane Machines Inc. Heather MacKay Collins, Collierville, Tenn., is director of human resources at Archer/Malmo. Andrew Patrick Daire, Casselberry, is an assistant professor at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Appointed by Governor Jeb Bush, he serves on the Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives. Roger R. dePass, Victoria BC, Canada, after two years as a constable and one year as a narcotic canine handler for the New Westminster Police Service on the mainland of British Columbia, has returned to Victoria, and is currently assigned to the patrol section. John Howard Dickson, Tallahassee, is a governmental analyst for the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Policy and Budget. Kelli Jo Houue-Mauro, Brimingham, Ala., is a partner with Holt and Cooper LLC. Stephen Andrew Kilpatrick, Atlanta, Ga., is CEO for Wachovia Securities Georgia Wealth Management Group. Wendy McWhorter Manning, Sanford, is an MIS director for ContraVest [Inc.in](http://www.contravest.com) Lake Mary. Arthur Douglas Pringle IV, Palos Heights, Ill., is self-employed as a trader. Kimberley Anne Quinn, New York, N.Y., works in public relations for *Forbes* magazine. Brian David Ray, Gainesville, recently graduated from the Signal Officer Advance Course at Fort Gordon, Ga., as the distinguished honor graduate, was at the top of his class as measured by a combination of leadership, academics and physical fitness. Prior to being called to military active duty in January 2003, he served as the director of undergraduate programs for the Warrington College of Business and was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base as the Commander of Charlie Company, 146<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion. William Nickles Scaggs, Meridan, Miss., is a manager of business development for East MS Business Development Corporation. David Armand Schwind, Klamath Falls, Ore., is a human resources manager for Home Depot. Elected treasurer of the Oregon Workforce Alliance/Oregon Consortium after serving two years as vice-president, he was re-elected to chair the region 11 Regional Workforce Investment Board. Scott Edward Snedeker, Winchester, Va., is a financial center manager II for BB&T Tracy Scott Staiger, Dania Beach, is a manager for KPMG, LLP in Miami. Stephen Andrew Sweeney, DeBary, is a senior marketing manager for Nextel Communications. Stacey

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Name while a student \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

If spouse is a Stetson alum, class year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Prospective Student Events

The Alumni Board partnered with the Admissions Office over the past year to host prospective student events in key geographic locations, including Jacksonville, Tampa, Fort Myers, and Palm Beach. Members of the Jacksonville District Committee, from left, are Clifford Johnson '81, Alumni Association President Michael Fronk '74, Kelly Newsome King '91, Jacksonville area District Chair Jeff King '92, North Florida Regional Co-Chair Kathy Linehan Graf '76, Colleen Maxwell Maffett '97, MACC '98, Chris Maffett '97, Alumni Board School of Music Representative Beth Stalvey '70, and honorary alumnus Ron Stalvey '03.

Smelser Webb, Tallahassee, is a governmental relations liaison for the Florida Department of Education. Susan Chaplin Worst, Ketchum, Idaho, is a consultant for Workline Direct.

'92

Steven Michael Adkins, Toulouse, France, is a formateur *linguistique* for Inlingua. Douglas William Austin, Deltona, participated in the Golden Gate Fire District CERT program as a district volunteer. He ran for the Golden Gate Fire Commission Seat 3. Hollyanna Haskin Bates, Nederland, Colo., is a teacher on special assignment for Boulder Valley Schools. Cecil Ainsworth Baldwin III, Raleigh, N.C., is a mid-market sales representative for IBM. Dirk Elliot Clary, Boca Raton, is running for the Punta Gorda City Council. Maureen Tobin Cooper, Daytona Beach, received the Southeast Archives Education Collaborative Tuition Award from LSU. The scholarship will pay for one graduate level course to aid her in pursuing a master's degree in library and information science. Joseph Francis Crowley, Baltimore, Md., is president of the South Point Investigations and Security Agency. Denise Karachuk Feikema, Scotland, Conn., is an English doctoral student and freshman English instructor at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Andrew Caswell Gardiner, Orlando, is the executive director of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce. Jil Suzanne Gossard-Cook, Altamonte Springs, is a TV producer for the Orlando Magic. Donald David Gast, Asheville, N.C., is an assistant United States

Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of North Carolina. Amy Allred Jensen, Orlando, is vice president of Bane of America Investment Services [jnc.in](#) Winter Park. Kendel St. John Kelley, Staunton, Va., is a transition facilitator for Rockingham County Public Schools in Harrisonburg. Kimberly Webb Lague, Tequesta, is the owner/CFO for Corporate Workflow Solutions. James Michael Seguire, Ormond Beach, has been recognized as an outstanding teacher for his work at Flagler Palm Coast High School as a ninth-grade teacher. Lori Rogers Sessa, Osprey, is a financial consultant for AXA Advisors in Sarasota. Canover Norbert Watson, Cayman Islands, has been promoted from assistant manager to general manager of Admiral Administration and has become a director of the company. Kenneth Raymond Worst, Manhattan, N.Y., is director and principal with Evolution Markets, an energy brokerage firm in White Plains.

'93

Anita Ogden Edwards, Ponte Vedra Beach, is an economist for the U.S. Transportation Department. Rebecca Lynne Grafer, Naples, is a director, marketing for Fischer International. David Jorge Herrera, Richmond, Va., is director of special projects for the Markel Corporation. Gregory Alan Hetherington, Louisville, Ky., is a program manager for Beach Mold & Tool [jnc.in](#) New Albany, Ind. Richard Carl Kolb, Palm Harbor, is with the Pharmaceutical Technologies and Services operations of

Cardinal Health in St. Petersburg, and has accepted a financial leadership/management rotation opportunity with Cardinal Health in Dublin, Ohio. Amy Shields Massengill, Murfreesboro, Tenn., is an instructor for Middle Tennessee State University. Julie Plocar Porcelli, Tampa, is an actuary for Mercer Human Resources Consulting. Fanny Corinne Retzignac, Paris, France, is a marketing director for Dimension Data. Tammy Kay Royle, Deltona, is a senior legal assistant with The Hartford in Maitland. Christopher A. Rupp III, Atlanta, Ga., is the founder and managing partner of Dennard Rupp Gray & Easterly, LLC. Michael Edward Sigl, APO, AP, South Korea, is a shift leader for the United States Army. Jennifer Kohms VanHoorebeck, Smithfield, Va., is an editing assistant for the Daily Press, Smithfield Bureau. Alan Wayne Wilcox, Del--and, is a debt-restructuring associate for Rubin Investment Group in Lake Helen.

'94

Leon Albert Armbruster Jr., Seminole, is a sole practitioner in his own law office, Leon A. Armbruster Jr. PA in Largo. Donna Franklin Ashe, Horse Shoe, N.C., is a finance specialist for Coca-Cola Enterprises. Anthony Patrick Baratta, New York, N.Y., is the founder and president of the AXCESS Insurance Company, AXCESS Bank and Trustee of BARI Holdings Irrevocable Trust and was featured on The John Walsh Show. As a resident of Milan, Italy, he was voted most eligible bachelor for 2002 and helped raise over 250,000 EUROS for homeless people in the EEC. J. Todd Bennett, Miami, is an associate director and e-manager, marketing and communication for the University of Miami in Coral Gables. Dimitri Diatchenko, Los Angeles, Calif., has just completed a CD entitled, "Passion, Fuego y Romanza: Latin Guitar." He teaches guitar privately, concertizes regularly and has been acting in TV and film as well as writing/producing some independent short films and TV plots. Margit Grieb, Gainesville, is the assistant professor of German at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Karen Michelle Lazar, Springfield, Va., is an analyst for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Frederick Hummel Link, DeLand, is a lieutenant with the DeLand Fire Department. Gayle E. Littleton, Chicago, is an assistant United States attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office -- Northern District of Illinois. Heather Barber McMechan, Boca Raton, is the owner of My Little Black Dress LLC. Yvette Mercado Mulhall, East Marion, N.Y., is a probation officer for the Suffolk County Probation Department in Yaphank. Dominique Salamone Piccolo, Orlando, is an associate for Morgan Stanley. Paul William Plyler, Apopka,



**Admissions Counselor Victoria Watson '00, Christin Foster '05, and honorary alumnus Ron Stalvey '03, visit with new students at an event hosted by Alumni Board North Florida Regional Co-Chair Kathy Linehan Graf '76 and her husband, Jeff, at their Jacksonville home.**

teaches advanced placement language and composition and serves as the student government sponsor for the Seminole County Public Schools in Longwood. He was awarded an English Speaking Union Scholarship to study English literature at Oxford University in England and was named Seminole County's

High School Teacher of the Year. Kyle Kenneth Riddlebaugh, West Palm Beach, is vice president of finance for M&M Aerospace [Inc. in](#) Miami. Ryan Kendall Smith, Richmond, Va., finished his doctorate in U.S. history at the University of Delaware in August 2002. He received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Delaware in May 2003. Kellie Redd Steward, DeLand, is a GIS specialist for the County of Volusia's Division of Environmental Management within the department of growth and resource management. Kimberly Sue Tuckis, Orlando, is a therapeutic specialist for Pfizer Animal Health. Deborah Elizabeth Woolverton, Lawton, Okla., is an attorney for the U.S. Army in Fort Sill.

'95

Catherine Hileman Boucher, St. Petersburg, is a mortgage consultant for JP Morgan Chase. Monica Estella Castellanos, Margate, is a client services manager for Strategic Outsourcing [Inc. in](#) Coral Gables. Jason Keary Clark, Williamsburg, Va., is a professional healthcare representative for Pfizer [Inc. in](#) New York, N.Y. Catherine Rebecca Crews, Fort Myers, is a financial analyst for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Jane Erin Fleming, Washington, D.C., has recently accepted the position of COO for the Scott & Yandura group in Washington, D.C. Andrea Betts Flynn, New York, N.Y., is a manager for Global Crossing. James Kelly Guldi, Winter Park, is a mortgage broker for Maharaja

Financial Services Corporation in Longwood. Sally Elias Hanna, Orlando, is a resident physician for the Orlando Regional Healthcare System. Kathryn Elaine Reynolds, Miami, is a physician at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. She is finishing residency training in internal medicine and will begin a clinical fellowship in endocrinology and diabetes. Kevin Louis Rivadeneira, Wichita, Kan., is a sales supervisor for Royal Caribbean International. Amy McCaslin Rodenburg, Atlanta, Ga., is a senior financial analyst for AT&T Wireless Services in Norcross. Matthew Allan Stevenson, Largo, purchased Dunedin Lanes with two partners in August 2002. Steven Lester Survance, Wilmore, Ky., is a senior pastor for the Church of the Nazarene. Jason Thomas Welch, Boca Raton, is a partner with RIC Executive Search in Stuart. Shawn Charles Wilker, Jacksonville Beach, graduated with honors from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. He will intern in internal medicine for the University of Florida at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville before returning to Cleveland to enter a three-year residency program in ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University.

'96

Barbara Miller Beasley, Pierson, was recognized as an outstanding teacher for her teaching at T. Dewitt Taylor Middle-High in business technology. Allen Raymond Bechdel, Port Orange, is an ESE instructor at DeLand Middle School in DeLand. Laurie Dorywalski Beechner, Orlando, is an attorney for Marshall, Deenehey, Warner, Coleman and Goggin. Heather Jean Bergnes, Marietta, Ga., is a licensed agent for American Eagle Consultants. Erin Garvin Berry, Wilmington, N.C., is a reading specialist for Cape Fear Academy. Joseph John DeNave, Winter Park, is an IT manager for InfoSource. Stephanie Lynn Friese, Atlanta, is a partner at Friese Law Firm LI-C. She received the 2002 New Member of the Year Award from Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) in Atlanta. Michele Wallace Hettenbach, Orlando, is attending Winter Park Tech for medical transcription. Elizabeth Charity Hogen-Heath, Woodbridge, Va., is director, sports nutrition programs/science assistant for the Council for Responsible Nutrition in Washington, D.C. John Thomas Holsombach, Orlando, is a senior programmer/analyst for Fiserv - Progressive Data Solutions. Joel Clinton Houseman, Monterey, Calif, works as an Air Force liaison to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency as a nuclear weapons inspector/team interpreter. He received the USAF Air Medal for successful combat sorties

in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Erik Jason Kraby, Ormond Beach, is vice president, commercial relationship manager for South Trust Bank in Daytona Beach. Esben Winther Pedersen, Houston, Texas, is a manager for the Enron Corporation. Nancy Pingree-Pahel, Durham, N.C., is a study coordinator/senior data technician at Duke University in the Department of Medicine, Center for Aging. Michelle Lee Richard, Orlando, is an official records senior clerk for Orange County. She is working on completing her paralegal studies program at Valencia Community College. Michael Christopher Rodenburg, Atlanta, Ga., is a compliance manager for Triad Advisors in Norcross. Tina Villanova Romine, Charlotte, N.C., is assistant vice president, risk management finance for the Bank of America. Robin Van Winkel Snyder, South Boston, Mass., is a lease analyst for the AMB Property Corporation. Brian Lewis Trimyer, St. Petersburg, is an attorney for Harllee & Bald, PA.

'97

Julie Caroline Adam, Grand Cayman, is a human resources assistant for KPMG Cayman Islands. Heather Kathryn Williams Bas, Tallahassee, is an educator for Maclay School. Kurtis Jay Brouwer, Howey-in-the-Hills, recently was commissioned a U.S. Navy Ensign after completing Aviation Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, in Pensacola. Laura McLeod Caruso, Tampa, teaches kindergarten and first grade at Denham Oaks Elementary School in Lutz. Bridget Marie Daku-Pasyuarello, Celebration, is a vice president for member services for the Florida Vacation Villas Club in Kissimmee. Benjamin John Dannhauser, Cold Springs Harbor, N.Y., is employed at Merrill Lynch. James Donald Dunlop, New York, N.Y., is an associate for King & Spalding LLP Kelly Pentz Foreman, Edgewater, is a recruiter for Convergys in Lake Mary. Davina Yetter Gould, Tampa, is the assistant director of communications for the Stetson University College of Law, in Gulfport. She received a master's degree in mass communications, public relations emphasis from the University of South Florida in 2003. Maria Hadjoglou, Reston, Va., is a senior technical project manager for America Online. Alicia Anne Hall, Clearwater Beach, is working on her law degree from the Stetson College of Law. Tammy Mitchell Hirsch, DeTtona, is an ESE teacher for Friendship Elementary School. Erin Hall Holder, DeLand, practices veterinarian medicine at the Union Park Animal Hospital in Orlando. Kimberly Renee Iverson, Ocoee, is a financial analyst for Broad and Cassel, Attorneys at Law in Orlando. Orenda



Lyons Johnson, Tallahassee, is a graduate student at Florida State University. Jennifer McGrew Kelly, Atlanta, Ga., is an account executive for Eric Mower and Associates. Romina Mulloy-Bossio Levine, Dallas, Texas, is an attorney with Baker Botts, LLP Kevin Luby, Port Orange, is an investment representative at Edward Jones Investments in Ormond Beach. Robert Albert Mervine, Eugene, Ore., is the new director for North County Aquatic Center. Cynthia Fair Mobley, Canal Winchester, Ohio, is the owner of Focus. Samantha Evans Nolan, Westerville, Ohio, is the owner of Ladybug Design, which provides marketing services to small businesses. Jaime Denise Raulerson, DeLeon Springs, was recognized as outstanding teacher of the year for 2003-04 for her teaching at Pierson Elementary, gifted consultation. Stephanie Suzanne Shafer, Sunrise, is an accounting assistant for ACI Insulation. Dennis Andrew Simmons, APO, AA, was sworn in February 2003 as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of Commerce. That same month he arrived at his first assignment as the commercial attaché for the Caribbean region based at the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. James Lee Tinsley, Newport News, Va., returned from his first six-month voluntary deployment in support of military operations in Southwest Asia (Middle East)- Kuwait for Operation Enduring Freedom as a business manager with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. He received recognition by Major General Kathryn G. Frost, Commander (CEO) of AAFES in the form of a personalized letter and a Contingency Team Service Award and an award from Colonel Mark R. French, Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Blackjack Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. He is working with other personnel to expand AAFES retail operations to support our U.S. troops. Melissa Dugger Weaver, Fredericksburg, Va., is a human factors engineer for BCI in Dahlgren. James Zimbardi, Celebration, is president of Zynergy. His community involvement includes Celebration, Rotary Club, Florida Hospital's Celebration Health Foundation, Orlando CVB, Central Florida's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Give Kids the World.

'98

Patrick William Arrington, Tallahassee, is an assistant state director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Stephanie Galfano Berger, Wellington, became the chief editor of *Counselor Magazine* for Health Communications [Inc. in](#) Deerfield Beach. Bret Broward Beyer, Gainesville, received his doctorate in microbiology and chemistry from the University of Florida. Daryl

A. Bishop, Melbourne, is president of the First Business Bank. Alethea Renee Bonello, Riverdale, Ga., is a regional youth field director for the Youth and College Division Southeast Region NAACP in Atlanta, Ga. Janet Dowling Brashear, Lake Mary, Florida Artist of the Month, showed her artwork at an opening reception February 9 at the Orlando Museum of Art. Vincent Albert Citro, Orlando, has been appointed an assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida, responsible for prosecuting federal criminal violations. He is assigned to a criminal trial division in Orlando. Deidre Michael Fish, Gainesville, was awarded a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Florida Medical School and recently began an obstetrics-gynecology residency program at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. Christopher William Glenn, Seattle, Wash., is a resident director for the University of Washington. Jammie Swain Gribble, Holland, Ohio, received her doctorate in physical therapy from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. She is currently working as a physical therapist for St. Vincent's Childrens Hospital. Travis Walton Griffin, Orlando, is a business analyst for the Marriott Vacation Club International. Heather Bixler Jenkins, Orlando, is a payroll/personnel clerk for Mader Southeast Inc. Grace John Kurian, Coral Springs, is a project manager for Florida Power & Light in Miami. Michelle Abrisch Laird, Orange Park, is director of human resources for the Target Corporation. David Irwin LaRocque, Southfield, Miss., is an information analyst for EDS. George David Leidel Jr., Sebring, is an investment representative for Edward Jones Investments. Sara Ruth Libin, Lexington, Mass., has a position in sales at AT&T Katherine Merkel Lowry, Indianapolis, Ind., is a library services and research

director for Sommer Barnard Ackeson, PC. Amanda Lauren Marder, Durham, N.C., is a resident physician at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. Stacie Carpenter McElroy, Jacksonville, is a litigator for Ford, Jetcr, Bowlus, Duss, Morgan, Kenney & Safer [P.A. in](#) Jacksonville. Mark Carlos McGinty, Minneapolis, Minn., has written a novel entitled, *Elvis and the Blue Moon Conspiracy*, a story about a NASA conspiracy to make Elvis Presley the first man on the moon. Mark Ryan Payne, Richmond, Va., formerly the director of marketing for the University of Richmond Athletic Department, is the director of corporate partnerships for Spider Sports Marketing. Michael Wiley Pickett, Lawrenceville, Ga., is a senior manager, network architecture for BellSouth. Jonathan Alexander Poverud, DeLand, is an assistant for Representative Joyce Cusack. Laura Edwards Putnam, Decatur, Ga., is a director of youth ministry for Decatur First UMC. Chandra Whetstone Ruffing, St. Petersburg, attends the University of South Florida and is a teacher for North Elementary School. Vanessa Lesley Verena Schneider-Christians, Lutz, is a senior financial analyst for H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute. Julie Ann Siefkas, Miami, was admitted to the Florida Bar. She graduated with honors from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and is an associate at Jordon Burt LLP in Miami. Keri Kristen Bell Yeager, St. Cloud, is a district adjudication officer for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

'99

Robert Jacob Ashodian, Bradenton, formerly employed at Arthur Anderson as a senior HR specialist, is a self-employed business owner and consultant. Kimala Barclay Johnson, Lake Mary, works as a crime and safety consultant for the City of Orlando. Kelley Anne Cramer, Tallahassee, is an attorney for the Florida Department of Revenue in Tallahassee. Jerra Dee Fortner, Charlotte, N.C., is an assistant portfolio manager for Wachovia Securities Inc. Erica Fricke Gabriel, Orlando, is a teacher for OCPS. Tamara Andrea Glickman, Starkville, Miss., is a pharmaceutical sales specialist for AstraZeneca LP Adrienne Lee Harvey, DeLand, and business partner Keith Allen own [Maelstromstudiolab.com](#), which sells originally designed jewelry for a variety of types of body piercing. Bradley Scott Jackson, Lakeland, is an intermediate teacher for the Polk County School Board. Jennifer Kusters-Moore, DeLand, is a social services coordinator for PACE Center for Girls in Daytona Beach. William Fraser Laird Jr., Orange Park, is an investment research analyst for Wachovia [Corp. in](#) Jacksonville and is a CFA charterholder.

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Candace C. Lankford, DeLand, serves on the Volusia County School Board. An experienced volunteer in education circles, she has honed her leadership skills on the School Advisory Council at DeLand High School and Stetson University School of Business Foundation Board. Stephen Patrick Magennis, Stuart, is a lieutenant for the U.S. Army in Fort Benning, Ga. Derek Scott Mears, DeLand, is a financial adviser and certified financial planner for Morgan Stanley. Bethan Jane Nazzaro, Lake Worth, was recognized by The School Board of Broward County and the Palmview Elementary School in Pompano Beach during Teacher Appreciation Week. Jennifer Nicole Novarro, Palm Harbor, is an in-house eligibility representative for MedAssist in Largo. Larisa Johnson Palmer, Fort Lauderdale, is completing her first practicum at Easter Seals. She is doing play therapy, working on the craniofacial team at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, and running several therapeutic groups. Basilios B. Poulos, Tampa, opened a new restaurant with his oldest brother and has decided to go back to school. He will be attending St. Thomas School of Law. Amanda Jean Sharkey, Miami, graduated Cum Laude from the University of Miami School of Law. She received a CALI Award of Excellence in Law and Politics in Latin America and is an associate attorney at Hightower, Weiser & Pozo. Elizabeth Read Shettler, Orlando, is vice president/portfolio specialist/real estate finance for SunTrust. Lisa Marie Talamas, Orlando, is an officer manager for Rene's, specializing in Mercedes, in Apopka. Sidney Howard Taylor II, DeLand, recently purchased Saroca Boats of Florida. Alexandra Von Staudach, New York, N.Y, is an account executive for [Advertising.com](http://Advertising.com). Kimberly Ann Zahm, Sunfish Lake, Minn., is a graduate instructor at the University of Minnesota.

## Off to School Parties

Right, the Alumni Board of Directors hosted Off to School Parties last summer for incoming and current students in the following 10 locations: DeLand, Tallahassee, Palm Beach, Jacksonville, Vero Beach, Tampa, Fort Myers, Orlando, Atlanta, and Chicago. Pictured at this Atlanta event are our Georgia Alumni District hosts: (seated, from left) Jan Solarino Nestle '74, Marlene Kruelle '86, Nicole Mendez Chancy '97, MBA '00, Paul Brown '03, Vice President for University Relations Linda Davis '73, (standing, from left) Vice President for Enrollment Management Deborah Thompson, Jim Nestl '74, Sean Chancy, Alumni Board Geo District Chair Mickey Desai '92, Holly - Fowler '03, Katie Nestle '06, and President Doug Lee.



Below, Stetson Trustee and Business Board Chair Jill Jinks '79, and Marshall '73 and Kathy Williams socialize at the Georgia Off to School Party.



Left, incoming freshman and their parents get to know each other at this Tampa Bay Off to School Party, held at home of Alumni Board Hillsborough District Co-Chair Michael Madalena '97 and hosted by the Alumni Association's Tampa Bay board members.

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Matthew Paterson Adam, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, is an audit senior for Ernst & Young. Felicia Noelle Altenburger, Orlando, is a marketing account representative for the Kirchnian Corporation. Melissa Lynne Ames, Tampa, is an officer with the Tampa Police Department. Julia Simone Ante, Winterberg, Germany, is an export manager for ante Hails and Garten GmbH & Co., KG. Inc., Bromskirchen-Somplar, HE. Troy Alan Bossert, Cape Coral, is a mortgage broker for Joseph Scott Financial. Stephanie Bauer Driggers, Nashville, Tenn., received her juris doctorate from Vanderbilt Law School. She is employed as a judicial clerk for judge A. Wiseman Jr. Samari Angelic Echevarria, Lake Mary, is a kindergarten teacher for the Seminole County School Board in Sanford. Patrick John Hartnett,

DeLand, is an IT consultant for Ferryman & Associates Inc. Kathryn Virginia Innes, Redmond, Wash., is in collections for the Experience Music Project in Seattle. Franklin Jennings, Milwaukee, Wis., a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, was recognized by the EMEA as an Emerging Leader for Music Education in Florida and by the Florida Music Educator's Association With the Secondary School Enrollment Award, awarded annually to secondary school music teachers. Joseph Paul Kelada, Tunpa, was called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, hoarse based in Tampa. He is now in the USMC in Iraq. Denise Belyew Keys, Prairie City, Iowa, is a lead IT analyst for Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Kathleen Mary Klesius, Atlanta,

Ga., is a quality assurance manager for Hewitt Associates. Sybil Wensky Nichols, Deltona, is a pre-K varying (mild) exceptionalities teacher for Volusia County Public Schools. Lauren Goodman Schultz, Jacksonville, is a certified public accountant for the Nextran Corporation. Richard Dominick Serianni, Tamarac, is a physical therapist for HealthSouth in Coral Springs. Kevin Scott Thoresen, New Smyrna Beach, district manager of Vector Marketing Corporation's lanipa office, has passed the 550,000 personal career sales milestone and was presented With a Milestone Award plaque. He has logged over \$2 million in sales. While at Stetson, he earned a Vector All-American Scholarship for being among the company's top sales representatives who were also full-time college students. Emily Marder Willadsen, Lake Mary, is a teacher for the Seminole County

Public School system. Christopher Todd Williams, Longwood, is a teacher for Lake Mary Prep in Lake Mary.

'01

Richard Joel Albrecht III, Roanoke, Va., is a publishers' representative for O'Brien Associates. Kristin Thiel Budd, St. Petersburg, is a teacher at St. Paul's School in Clearwater. Terence Bradley Channon, Fort Pierce, started an e-business consulting firm out of his college dorm room at Stetson and moved the business to his hometown after graduation. Jennifer Sue Czuprynski, Silver Spring, Md., is a statistician for Westat in Rockville. Ashlee Brooke Davis, Orlando, is a secondary marketing assistant for Ivanhoe Financial Inc. Michele Teresa Dure, Boca Raton, is a mortgage underwriter for JP Morgan Chase. Jennifer Adams Hall, Winter Park, is an exercise physiologist for Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs. Jessica Mirsini Hatcher, Chicago, Ill., is an assistant account executive for Ruder-Finn Public Relations. Nicole Kirschner Holwerda, New Smyrna Beach, is a human resource manager for Target in Daytona Beach. Michael Vincent Howard, Daytona Beach, is a mutual fund accountant for The Bank of New York in Lake Mary. Nicole Glenielle Infortunio, Denver, Colo., is a director of membership for The Pinnacle Club. She will begin graduate school to earn her Master of Business Administration degree. Jennifer Lee Junk, Orange Park, is an EMH teacher for the Clay County School Board in Green Cove Springs. Kyle Dudor Lapnow, DeLand, is an admissions counselor for Stetson University at the DeLand campus. Susan Doraz Lavoie, Norfolk, Va., is a music teacher at an elementary school in Norfolk. Harmony Martin, Sebring, works as an account executive for the Orlando-based First Marketing Group, a full service advertising, marketing and public relations firm. Ryan Alan Munden, New Haven, Conn., is a graduate student at Yale University. Anita G. Paryani, Hempstead, N.Y., is in her second year at Hofstra Law and works as a tutor on campus. Katie Norsen Reeley, Aurora, Ill., is a controller for Paoli Woodwork [Inc. in](#) Franklin Park. Noemi Renteria Robertson, Clarksville, Tenn., is an assistant teacher for the Clarksville-Montgomery Community Action Agency/Head Start Program. Suzanne Marie Spillers, Atlanta, Ga., is a consumer lending coordinator for the Guaranty Bank.

'02

Amy Zabilansky Aubin, Londonderry, Vt., is an events and commercial village coordinator for Stratton Mountain Resort in Stratton Mountain. Joseph Mackin Berklund,



## Young Alumni Events

**Special alumni events for Stetson graduates from the last 15 years provide an opportunity for them to network and stay connected to their alma mater.**

**Michael Henderson, MBA '01, Clint Paris, MBA/JD '00, and Richard Hale, JD '02 enjoyed a pool game at a Tampa Bay area young alumni event at Kahunaville.**

Middleton, Wis., is a first semester student at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Samantha Elia Castellano, Englewood, is the new patient coordinator and project director for Green Acres in Daytona Beach, helping create and run the golf fitness and wellness facility. Victoria Godfrey Chan, Davenport, is a guidance counselor for Davenport School of the Arts. Amy Beth Charpentier, Helena, Ark., is an English teacher for the Helena-West Helena School District. Allison Mariah Cobb, Apopka, is a teacher at Tavares High School. Jennifer Julie Foulch, Port Orange, was recognized as outstanding teacher of the year as a guidance counselor for Creekside Middle School. Sarah B. Guanipa, Titusville, is a client support representative for Fiserv. Sabrina Woody Heise, Lake Mary, is a coordinator of annual giving for the University of Central Florida Foundation. Christopher Steven Hoops, Englewood, graduated from nine weeks of basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. He has been transferred to the 551st Signal Battalion at Fort Gordon, Ga. Kendra Lynn Koivu, Merritt Island, received a fellowship from Northwestern University in Chicago to complete a Ph.D. in political science. Justin Eugene Parnell, Atlanta, Ga., is working full-time on his MBA at the Goizueta School of Business at Emory University. Alicia Wooley Rick, Tampa, is a marketing assistant for Mangrove Software. Timothy John Rick, Tampa, is in product management for Audio Visual Innovations. Bridgette Marie Simmons, Tampa, is a field marketing representative for Sanford Corporation, Division of Newell

Rubbermaid. Meredith B. Stallings, Tallahassee, is a deputy press secretary for the Department of Management Services-Communications. Benjamin P Stoddard, DeLand, is a music teacher for the Volusia County School Board. Ty Grant Thompson, St. Petersburg, received a bachelor of science degree in building construction from the University of Florida and has joined the law firm of Mills Paskert Divers [P.A.](#) as an associate.

'03

Mary Lynn Coalson, Port Orange, is a staffing specialist for Flagler County Schools in Bunnell. Yvette D. Daniels, Tampa, is a recruiting assistant for Fowler White Boggs Banker. Jennifer Lynn Mathieu, Mishawaka, Ind., is a research assistant at the University of Notre Dame. She is attending the master's in French studies program. Lauren Taylor Nemets, Miami, is an executive for the United Way of Miami-Dade. Jessica Renee Pinter, Port Orange, is a human resources generalist for The Boeing Company at the Kennedy Space Center. Dawn Elaine Proffitt, Lake Mary, is an account executive for LaNier Associates. Mary Jennifer Rossa, Mauldin, S.C., is an account manager for Plan B Marketing in Greenville.

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## First Stetson town meeting addresses progress and future challenges



**M**embers of the Stetson community discussed diversity at a town hall meeting in Elizabeth Hall Chapel in October. A panel of faculty, staff and students shared observations, fielded questions and offered commentary on the university's diversity initiatives. Serving on the event's panel were: Dr. Leonard Nance, chair of the Diversity Council and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. William Nylen, associate professor of Political Science; Consuela Pender, director of Stetson's Cross Cultural Center; Michael Davis, Student Government Association president; Naida Sanchez, H.O.L.A. (Hispanic Organization for Latin Americans); Andre Egorov, Kaleidoscope (GBLT Gay, bisexual, lesbian and transexual); Julius Santiago, Asian Student Association; Dr. Jamil Khader, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, assistant professor of Sociology.

Community members offered questions and comments after the panel presentation. They spoke of Stetson's progress and challenges yet to come. Following the meeting, group sessions were held to continue the diversity discussion and to brainstorm ways the community could be an even more inclusive environment.

(Photos by Eric Hoffman) - Molly Justice



# Stetson student-athlete graduation rates tops in the state

By Jamie Bataille

In each of the past four years, Stetson University's student-athletes have had the highest graduation rates among student-athletes at the 11 Division I institutions in the state of Florida, according to NCAA statistics.

The most recent report (released in September, 2003) gives graduation information about student-athletes entering school in the 1996-97 academic year.

For the 1996-97 incoming freshman class, Stetson's student-athletes had a 65 percent graduation rate, three percentage points higher than the national average of 62 percent. Stetson University's student-body as a whole had a 60 percent graduation rate, also above the national average of 59 percent.

The University of Florida and Florida International tied for the second-highest Division I student-athlete graduation rates in the state at 63 percent.

"We are very proud of the academic and athletic performances of our student-athletes," Director of Athletics Jeff Altirc said. "Stetson Athletics places a heavy emphasis on academic achievement which is demonstrated by the high graduation rates."

The NCAA defines a student-athlete as anyone who receives athletics aid from the college or university for any period of time during his or her entering year. A graduation rate is based on a comparison of the number of students who enter a college or university and the number of those who graduate within a six-year window.

In addition to ranking first among Division I schools in the state of Florida, Stetson's student-athletes maintained a graduation rate of 65 percent or better in each of the last four years. For the class entering in 1995-96, the graduation rate was 67 percent. For the class entering in 1994-95, the graduation rate was 68 percent. And for the class entering in 1993-94, the graduation rate was 65 percent.

Jamie Bataille is director of Sports Information at Stetson University.

## Katie Harrigan

(Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., Sr.; played 3rd base; now studying law at Stetson University College of Law)

4.0 GPA for senior year, 3.98 overall ... Four-year Academic All-Conference ... 2002 Florida state finalist for Rhodes Scholarship, Stetson's Honor Program, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Phi Delta (Spanish), Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish) ... Team captain ... 2002 Verizon Academic All-American ... 2002 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner ... 2002 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award winner (SU's most prestigious academic/ leadership honor) ... Named SU's 2002 Etter Turner Award winner for outstanding academic performance, leadership and community service... Chosen as SU's 2002 Jarrard Award winner for scholar athlete who exemplifies sportsmanship, moral

values, church involvement and leadership ... English Department's 2002 Outstanding Senior ... Honors Program's 2002 Outstanding Senior ... Also earned SU's Byron H. Gibson Award and C. Carter Colwell Award for Research in English ... Fellowship of Christian Athletes (officer) ... Four-year J. Ollie Edmunds Scholar ... Started every game in her career at third base (227) and is first all-time for games played at SU ... Tied for all-time lead at SU for career home runs ... Tied for all-time lead at SU for career doubles ... Volunteer tutor for DeLand, Fla., Police Department ... Volunteer tutor for New Beginnings Center for recovering cocaine mothers.

Harrigan

Photo courtesy Stetson University Sports Information



## Dr. Pope A. Duncan, seventh president of Stetson University, passes away

**D**r. Pope A. Duncan, president of Stetson University from 1977 to 1987 and a leader in higher education, died in December at his DeLand home of complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 83.

"Pope Duncan was a landmark president at Stetson University and a respected leader in higher education," said Dr. H. Douglas Lee, who succeeded Dr. Duncan as Stetson's president. "He turned the university around in the late 1970s and charted a course that moved Stetson to the highest levels of academic quality and community involvement. He was a treasured mentor and dear friend. My wife Margaret and I celebrate being part of his life."

Dr. Duncan devoted himself to Stetson for more than five decades, first as a professor of religion, then as president, chancellor and friend. In 2002, he retired officially as chancellor, "but never in spirit" as he put it during a celebration of his life as an educator. At that time the Board of Trustees twined him Chancellor Emeritus

of Stetson University.

Among the passions of his last years was to complete his autobiography, *Memoirs of a Peripatetic Educator*, which will be published this year. He received a draft of the book and made editorial changes two weeks before his death.

A native of Glasgow, Ky., Pope Alexander Duncan was the son of Dr. Pope A. Duncan, a Baptist minister, and Mabel Roberts Duncan, both native Georgians. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in theology and a doctorate in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Always a teacher at heart, he was on the faculty at the University of Georgia, Mercer University, Stetson University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His understanding of the academic life served him well as dean of Brunswick College and president of three institutions - South Georgia College, Georgia Southern College and Stetson University.

His many achievements as president of Stetson included celebrating the university's centennial, overseeing its selection for Florida's first private university chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and initiating a 10-year \$50 million financial support campaign, which was completed in six years.

After retiring as president of Stetson and taking on the duties of chancellor, Dr. Duncan also worked with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and served as Stetson's legislative liaison in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret Flexer Duncan, who has served as first lady of three colleges, and by their three daughters: Mary Margaret Duncan Jones, Greer, S.C.; Annie Laurie Kelly, Statesboro, Ga., and Katherine Maxwell Aininone, Asheville, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service on the Stetson University campus was held in January.



Duncan

### Professor Peter Fitzgerald named Fulbright Scholar

**P**eter L. Fitzgerald, professor of law, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom during the 2003-2004 academic year.



Fitzgerald

Professor Fitzgerald will develop and teach a new course in International Trade and Information Technology Law at Edinburgh's Arts and Humanities Research Board, Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law.

Fitzgerald is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 140 countries for the 2003-2004 academic year as Fulbright Scholars.

### RETIREMENT

**DR. KENNETH EVERETT.** Appointed Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus.

### PROMOTION AND TENURE

**DR. ROBERT BOOZER.** From Associate Professor of Management to Professor of Management.

**DR. MICHAEL DEMURGA.** From Assistant Professor of Music to Associate Professor of Music. Awarded tenure.

**DR. ROBERTA FAVIS.** From Associate Professor of Art to Professor of Art.

**DR. KIMBERLY FLINT HAMILTON.** From Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology to Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology. Awarded tenure.

**DR. MARGIE HALE.** From Associate Professor of Mathematics to Professor of Mathematics.

**DR. RONALD HALL.** Professor of Philosophy. Awarded tenure.

**DR. KAREN KAIVOLA.** From Associate Professor of English to Professor of English.

**SUSAN RYAN.** From Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Library to Professor and Associate Director of the Library.

**DR. L. MELISSA WALTERS.** From Assistant Professor of Accounting to Associate Professor of Accounting.

## Books, etc.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Dr. Pope A. Duncan Memorial Fund at Stetson University or at First Baptist Church of Del-and.

### Dr. Elsie Minter, retired Stetson University professor, dies in Oklahoma

**A** Stetson University professor of French for 30 years, Dr. Elsie G. "Cricket" Minter, died Dec. 14 at Evergreen Care Center, Baptist Village, in Owasso, Okla. She was 78.

She served as chair of the Department of French and directed the Studies Abroad Program, working with students in France, Germany and Switzerland, during her career at Stetson (1962-92). She was listed in *The Index of American Scholars* and *Who's Who Among American Women*.

In 1946 she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond in Virginia, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board. She earned a master's degree in Religious Education from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and served as minister of youth for several years at churches in Virginia and South Carolina. Turning to a career in education, she pursued graduate studies at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and studied on a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Paris, France. She received a master's degree in French and a doctorate in Comparative Literature from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Career Teaching Fellow. She joined the Stetson faculty when she graduated in 1962.

After retiring from Stetson, Dr. Minter lived for several years in Cleveland, Ga., where she was active in the Kiwanis Club, and most recently in Pendleton, N.C., where she was a member and Sunday School teacher at Roberts Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, William Owen Minter III, a 1991 Stetson graduate, and his wife, Sandy, of Owasso.

The family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Dr. Elsie G. Minter Memorial Fund, Stetson University.

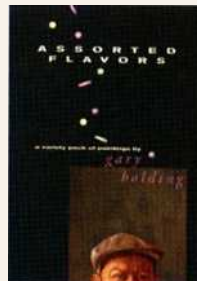


***Martin Johnson Heade in Florida*** by Dr. Roberta Smith Favis, professor of art at Stetson, tells the story of the last two decades of the life and artistic career of Martin Johnson Heade (1819-1904), when the painter settled permanently in St. Augustine. She reassesses his career and importance by focusing on this late period of his work and looking more closely at his local context and contemporary issues.

The history of Heade's career in Florida is, like in many Florida stories, a complicated interplay between the forces of tourism and development and the rich natural beauty of the state. In words and pictures, Heade spoke of the vitality, beauty and fragility of the state. Discussing his life, art and writing, Favis captures an early chapter in the history of art in Florida and brings to light an early and compelling advocate for the preservation of the state's natural riches.

(University Press of Florida, 2003)

***Assorted Flavors: a variety pack of paintings*** by Dr. Gary Bolding, professor of art at Stetson, was presented as a solo exhibition at Rollins College's Cornell Fine Arts Museum in Winter Park in the fall of 2003. The exhibition included 25 paintings completed by Bolding since 1996: museum interiors, portraits,

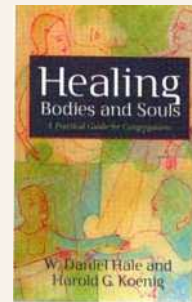


landscapes and *trompe l'oeil* still lifes.

His themes are often ironic, showing modern paraphernalia inserted into a classical setting, or suburban landscapes that could exist only in the mind. He paints with fine detail, however, even if the subject matter is impossible. In an *Orlando Sentinel* review of the show, Phillip E. Bishop, a Humanities professor at Valencia Community College, describes Bolding as a "terrific representational painter who really has mastered the illusionist tricks of the painterly tradition."

(Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Sept. 19-Nov. 2, 2003)

***Healing Bodies and Souls: A Practical Guide for Congregations***, by Dr. W. Daniel Hale, professor of psychology at Stetson, written with Harold G.



Koenig, M.D., of Duke University, reports on Hale's well-established program to train laymen to offer medical ministries in religious congregations. It offers nine case studies of successful volunteers, and discusses people who

have directly benefited, such as a Daytona Beach minister who learned he had severe diabetes through a health screening at his church.

The lay volunteers don't give medical advice themselves. Instead, they research needs, organize meetings and invite health professionals to conduct health screenings and educate their congregations.

"In a time when health care is in shambles, Hale and Koenig argue convincingly that religious communities can become involved in solving the problems," said Abigail Rian Evans, Princeton Theological Seminary professor, in reviewing the book.

(Fortress Press, 2003)



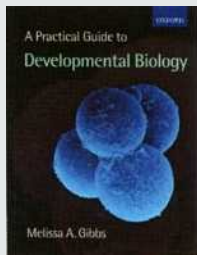
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## *A Practical Guide to Developmental Biology*, by

Dr. Melissa A. Gibbs, assistant professor of biology and director of the Aquatic and Marine Biology

Program at Stetson, offers upper level undergraduates or graduate students a laboratory introduction to developmental biology. Heavily illustrated, it offers experiments ranging from classic slide or whole animal observations to more modern immunohistochemistry and manipulation of gene expression. All the experiments can be completed on a reasonably small budget.

Designed as a practical tool, it includes step-by-step experimental protocols, and information on caring for the organisms to be used as well as where they can be purchased. Recipes for the needed solutions and hand-made materials are also included. (Oxford University Press, 2003)

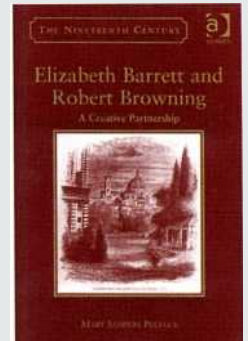


*Participatory Democracy versus Elitist Democracy: Lessons from Brazil*, by Dr. William R. Nylen, associate professor of political science at Stetson, examines North Americans' love-hate relationship with politics and politicians and then discusses how Brazilians feel the same way. The book argues that contemporary democracies have come away from "average citizens" and moved toward a world of "elitist democracies." Nylen offers alternatives to this trend, using the example of the Workers Party in Brazil. The book analyzes the potential of such local-level democracies to promote "popular participation" and citizen empowerment while addressing the practical limitations of such democracies.



(Palgrave Macmillan, 2003)

*Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning: A Creative Partnership*, by Mary Sanders Pollock, professor of English and director of the Women and Gender Studies program at Stetson, examines the creative partnership of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning through a critical analysis of poems written during 16 years of friendship, courtship and marriage. The book also explores their lives and works before they met and throughout their courtship and marriage to give additional perspective on their relationship and collaboration - how they helped each other as poets.



(Ashgate Publishing, 2003)

## Internationally known pianist gives benefit concert

Pianist George Winston, who attended Stetson University in the late '60s, returned to the Elizabeth Hall stage in January to give a benefit concert for Stetson University and the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia. Winston volunteered at the Neighborhood Center during his Stetson student days.

Known for his folk, stride and rhythm and blues piano, Winston performed songs from his CD, "Night Divides the Day - the Music of the Doors," as well as selections from his seasonally themed recordings, such as "Autumn" and "Winter into Spring." He also entertained the audience with the guitar and harmonica.

Strolling on campus before his concert, he visited Holler Fountain, where he says he first touched a guitar, and spoke with current guitar major Rory Herman of St. Augustine, who was practicing in the warm winter sunshine.

Winston has released nine solo piano albums since 1972 and keeps a constant touring schedule, with about 110 concert dates a year in the United States, Asia and Europe. Founder of Dancing Cat Records, which specializes in recording the masters of the Hawaiian slack key guitar tradition, he has also recorded music by the late Vince Guaraldi, who composed the music for the televised Peanuts specials.

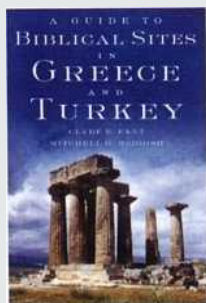


Music major Rory Herman of St. Augustine, a guitar student of Stephen Robinson at Stetson, caught George Winston's eye when he visited Holler Fountain - "The first time I ever touched a guitar was at the fountain," said Winston.

*A Guide to Biblical Sites in Greece and Turkey*, by Clyde E. Fant, professor emeritus of religious studies, and Mitchell G. Reddish, the O. Lafayette Walker Professor of Christian Studies and chair of the Religious Studies department at Stetson, provides an historical and archaeological guide to sites in Turkey and Greece included in the New Testament. It includes significant Biblical sites in Greece and Turkey, easy-to-follow walking directions, site plans, regional maps, illustrations, recent Biblical research linked to archaeological findings and

historical charts. The book also traces the journeys of the Apostle Paul across Turkey (ancient Asia Minor), Greece and the islands of the Mediterranean.

(Oxford University Press, 2003)





# Theologian-poet Howard Thurman's legacy lives on in Stetson lectures

By Cheryl Downs

**A**ril McCray was a freshman when she discovered Dr. Howard Thurman, one of the nation's greatest religious leaders, and the Stetson University lecture series that bears his name. "I started going to the lectures because the topics sounded interesting and, of course, I wanted the cultural credit," the senior English major said. "But soon it became very important to me to be in the audience for every lecture. I couldn't believe how Dr. Thurman, one man, had inspired so many people - civil rights leaders, scholars, writers, lawyers, educators - who were willing to share their experiences with us at Stetson."

The Howard Thurman Lecture Series began in 1997 and is now a spiritual tradition, well attended by both the Stetson community and many beyond the campus. Stetson has taken a major role in preserving Thurman's legacy - both poetic and pragmatic - by establishing the Howard Thurman Program in April 1996 and through its free, public lectures. The Rev. Jefferson Rogers, who worked directly with Thurman, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and many others in the American civil rights movement, has been director of the Howard Thurman Program since its inception. Through his influence and longstanding friendships across the country, Rogers has been successful in attracting leading activists and thinkers to Stetson to share their messages of social change. Those who hear the lectures gain an understanding of Thurman's impact on the civil rights movement and its leaders. His books and other literary works are credited with inspiring those leaders and with sowing the seeds of their accomplishments.

McCray hasn't missed a single Thurman lecture since she arrived at Stetson in fall 2000. Guest lecturers visit classes or meet with students and faculty in small groups the morning after each lecture. McCray recalls watching television one day and seeing Randall Robinson marching with the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Robinson was a speaker in fall 1998 and fall 2012 and McCray remembers their talk the last time he was on campus. The Rev. Calvin Butts also inspired her during a dinner conversation. Other speakers continued to challenge her, but one stands out: Bernestine Singley, nationally-known author and attorney, who addressed "When Race Becomes Real" during a spring 2003 visit. The meeting was a crystallizing moment for McCray.

"She encouraged audience participation and asked if anyone had a personal 'race story' to tell," the Tallahassee resident said. "She called me to come forward. I didn't think I had a race story but, unexpectedly, I began relating an experience from my past. It was very emotional and life altering for me. Ms. Singley told me I was brave and articulate. I cried."

Singley and McCray have since stayed in touch by e-mail. Singley offers the student support and assurance that she, too, can work for social change. "She calls me her 'found daughter' and says she believes she came all the way to Stetson to meet me. It's hard to describe how special that makes me feel and

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Photo by Cheryl Downs



**April McCray and Jefferson Rogers discuss the impact of Dr. Howard Thurman.**

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| <b>Thelma Adair</b><br>Fall 1999                              | <b>Julie Landsman</b><br>Spring 2003               |
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| <b>Marion Barry Jr.</b><br>Fall 1998                          | <b>John Lewis</b><br>Spring 1999                   |
| <b>Herbert Baumgard</b><br>Fall 1998                          | <b>Robert Madison</b><br>Spring 2000               |
| <b>Derrick Bell</b><br>Spring 1997, Fall 1998,<br>Fall 2002   | <b>Andrew M. Manis</b><br>Fall 2000                |
| <b>Emily Bernard</b><br>Spring 2004                           | <b>Diane Nash</b><br>Fall 2001                     |
| <b>Taylor Branch</b><br>Spring 2000, Spring<br>2002           | <b>Jill Nelson</b><br>Spring 2001                  |
| <b>Calvin O. Butts III</b><br>Spring 2001,<br>Spring 2004     | <b>Barbara Omolade</b><br>Fall 1998                |
| <b>Victoria Bynum</b><br>Fall 2001                            | <b>Nathen Page</b><br>Spring 1998                  |
| <b>Stokely Carmichael</b><br><b>Kwame Ture</b><br>Spring 1997 | <b>Samuel De Witt Proctor</b><br>Spring 1997       |
| <b>Marvin Chandler</b><br>Fall 1997, Spring 2001              | <b>Paul Robeson Jr.</b><br>Spring 2003             |
| <b>Dorothy Cotton</b><br>Fall 1997                            | <b>Randall Robinson</b><br>Fall 1998, Fall 2002    |
| <b>Constance Curry</b><br>Spring 2002                         | <b>Jonathan Schell</b><br>Fall 2003                |
| <b>Angela Davis</b><br>Spring 1999                            | <b>Bernestine Singley</b><br>Spring 2003           |
| <b>Sarah Deutsch</b><br>Spring 2002                           | <b>Rawn W. Spearman</b><br>Spring 2001             |
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| <b>Marvin Dunn</b><br>Fall 1999                               | <b>Chuck Stone</b><br>Spring 2004                  |
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| <b>Cain Hope Felder</b><br>Fall 2000                          | <b>Niara Sudarkasa</b><br>Fall 2000                |
| <b>Annette Gordon-Reed</b><br>Spring 1999                     | <b>Ekwueme Michael<br/>Thelwell</b><br>Spring 2004 |
| <b>Ray Hammond</b><br>Fall 1997                               | <b>Julius Thompson</b><br>Fall 2002                |
| <b>Bernice Powell<br/>Jackson</b><br>Fall 2003                | <b>C. T. Vivian</b><br>Spring 2000                 |
| <b>John L. Jackson Jr.</b><br>Spring 2003                     | <b>Ronald Walters</b><br>Fall 1999                 |
| <b>Lawrence Jones</b><br>Fall 1997                            | <b>Gayraud Wilmore</b><br>Fall 1997, Fall 1999     |
|   | <b>Andrea Young</b><br>Fall 2000                   |

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how determined I am to make a difference in the world, the way she has, and the way Dr. Thurman has."

Other Thurman lecturers, such as Angela Davis and Stokely Carmichael, were civil rights icons before most Stetson students were born. They closed the years' gap by sharing their first-hand involvement in a movement that helped change the world.

Stetson President Doug Lee also has been inspired by the spiritual and humanitarian teachings of Howard Thurman and by his long friendship with Jefferson Rogers. The "Thurman lecture series and the Howard Thurman Program are important components of Stetson's outreach to the community beyond the campus. All tie in with a commitment to diversity that stretches back to 1960 when Stetson became the first private university in Florida to integrate and, in 1965, the first to graduate a Native American. When he became president in 1987, Lee committed Stetson to become a strong partner in making one of Florida's poorest African American communities -- DeLand's Spring Hill - a better place. Lee believes the Spring Hill work has not only helped the neighborhood but has also made the Stetson community stronger and more aware of its spiritual and social heritage.

For Dr. Leonard Nance, Stetson's adviser on diversity issues and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the quality of the Thurman speakers and feedback from students, plus a growing attendance, prove the program's significance. "The program is a very important component in Stetson's decades-long efforts to reach understanding on the issue of ethnicity on campus and in the community beyond," said Nance.

"The issues are complicated and controversial, but the effort will continue," he said. "For a university of our size and location to offer its students and the public such a canvas of speakers and intellectual experiences is tremendous. There's no other program like this in the country."

## Law Professor Carol Henderson brings new legal clearinghouse for technology, forensic evidence to Stetson

By Davina Gould

**C**SI and its spinoff, CSI Miami, are two of television's most popular programs. Each week millions of viewers watch fictional crime scene investigators collect and analyze forensic evidence, solve crimes and vindicate victims.

While the programs push the reality envelope, many of the forensic challenges and investigative techniques are based on the work of real-life professionals like Stetson University College of Law visiting professor Carol Henderson, a technical consultant for CSI Miami.

"Scientists, lawyers and judges are overwhelmed by the amount of information required to keep pace with new developments in science and technology," said Henderson, who directs the new National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law established in August at Stetson University College of Law.

The clearinghouse, funded by the National Institute of Justice, will serve as a central location for access to law, science and technology materials. Twenty student researchers from Stetson and Nova Southeastern University have joined Henderson and her team to create a comprehensive bibliography of court decisions, scholarly publications, books, journals, articles and other resources in the fields of law and science.

"We're creating a resource to help lawyers, judges, law clerks, law enforcement and laboratory personnel find data that can help them with evidence," Henderson said. "We now have the technology to help expedite court decisions. For example, we can determine what year ink was manufactured. This helps courts decide cases that involve document forgery."

Burgeoning technology will also help the clearinghouse share this collection of information worldwide. The information



Photo by Davina Gould

Henderson

gathered will be made available online and in a searchable CD-ROM, which will be released in early 2004. The CD-ROM will include resources on such topics as DNA, toxicology, bite-mark evidence,

biometrics and forensic psychology. The CD-ROM, produced with the NIJ and the National Forensic Science and Technology Center, will also include bibliographic references to case law, scientific journals, law review and bar journal articles, broadcast programs, professional organizations, conference abstracts and proceedings, dissertations and other materials.

The clearinghouse will establish a reference collection at Stetson's Law Library and Information Center. "Very few law schools will have a collection of science and technology research this comprehensive," Henderson said.

Despite the fact that attorneys frequently cite scientific evidence, Henderson says most lawyers have little scientific education—only 5.3 percent of applicants have majored in the natural sciences. Professor Henderson's presence at Stetson will help offset that shortcoming. This spring she is teaching a scientific evidence course. Law students will view an autopsy, learn to process a crime scene, depose an expert witness and cross-examine an expert. Guest speakers will discuss document examination, pathology, entomology and related forensic science topics. "This will be a very advanced skills course in trial advocacy," Henderson said.

The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson University College of Law is charting new territory for the sharing of scientific information, destined to shape the future of legal education.

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