ANNUAL FACULTY AND STAFF GIVING FOR FIU

10TH ANNUAL IGNITE KICKOFF BREAKFAST

A DECADE OF GIVING

INVEST IN THE NEXT

Thursday, February 25th
Welcome to the first Ignite campaign virtual kickoff.

Zoom along with us as we celebrate unit achievements, recognize campaign volunteers, and look ahead to continuing our positive trajectory of success.

We kick off this tenth year of our Ignite campaign, a decade of giving and impact, imbued with a can-do spirit. Ignite has been actively working with the faculty and staff of our FIU for nine years, and it has reached significant milestones along the way. Most importantly, over the past two years, 80% of the full-time members of our community have participated in the campaign, and together we have raised in excess of $30 million in support of more than 200 distinctive funds and projects established during the history of Ignite.

Our Ignite campaign is the conduit through which faculty and staff direct their gifts to the funds and projects of their choice. During the past year, Ignite donors have responded to needs like student food insecurity and financial crisis faced by faculty, staff, and students. Many have directed their gifts to FIUstrong, a campaign developed in direct response to COVID-19.

As we close a decade of giving through Ignite, we are striving to build upon our FIU community spirit and surpass past outstanding levels of participation. We thank all who have given in the past, and we invite all members of our FIU community to join with their colleagues in support of our FIU by giving through Ignite.

The true power of the Ignite Campaign lies in collective giving. This year’s gift makes a difference beyond the moment — INVEST IN THE NEXT!
Timely Giving Opportunities

**FIUstrong** - FIUstrong assists those in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Click here to learn more and to donate.

**FIU Student Food Pantry** - The FIU Student Food Pantry project supports the Center for Leadership and Service and Healthy Living Program pantries, providing nonperishable food items, grains, oils, condiments and toiletries to Panthers in need. Click here to make a donation today.

**First Generation Scholarship** - First Generation Scholarships are designed to help FIU students who are the first generation in their families to pursue a college degree and succeed on their educational journey. More than 8,000 FIU students have received a First Generation Scholarship since 2006, but less than one in five eligible students receive one. Click here to make an impact on first-generation scholarship students today.

**Panther Protection: FIU Paying it Forward** - The Panther Protection: FIU Paying it Forward grant is an educational grant program designed to assist students with unexpected events that are recognized as emergencies. Click here to learn more and donate.

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Making a gift through Ignite to any of these funds or others is easy. Click one of the links provided above or click here and give to the fund of your choice.

If you are interested in making a planned gift, we can help. Call the Ignite campaign at 305-348-1123 or reach out to us via email at ignite@fiu.edu.
Message from Co-Chairs

As we begin our second year as Co-Chairs of the Ignite campaign, we want to acknowledge the outstanding work done by the Ignite Team: Steve Fain, Joaklin Raphael, and Pamela Lopez Del Carmen. Their dedication to the task, commitment to our university, and respect for the entire faculty and staff of our FIU define Ignite. We must also recognize the scores of unit leaders and unit Igniters whose strong support of the Ignite campaign make a critical difference. Finally, we would be remiss if we did not thank the FIU Foundation leadership and staff for their steadfast support.

Last year’s Ignite campaign did not get off to a traditional start. The COVID-19 virus led to many challenges for our team. Yet we achieved close to record-breaking levels of participation with 40 of our 42 units reaching or exceeding 50% participation. This impressive fact demonstrates that even in the face of adversity, we are FIUstrong.

We hope that all members of our FIU family understand that every gift makes a critical difference, and that Ignite represents an opportunity to Invest in the Next!

Dr. Kathleen L. Wilson
Professor and Vice Provost for Faculty Leadership and Success

Dr. George M. Marakas
Professor and Director of Doctoral Programs, College of Business
From the Co-Founders of the Ignite Campaign

As we launch the 10th Annual Ignite campaign, we are gratified that the FIU community has come together in response to the needs of students, colleagues, and programs. This has never been as clear as it is today during these times of COVID-19. Paying it forward through Ignite has become an FIU tradition.

The Ignite campaign is built on two fundamental principles. First, the act of making a gift is more important than the size of the gift. Second, donors direct their gifts to the fund or project of their choice.

Operationally, the Ignite campaign is the trusted conduit through which faculty and staff support the funds or projects of their choice. Trust has been established as the Ignite campaign compiled a record of integrity, efficiency, responsibility, and support. Choice not only implies that donors have the opportunity to direct their gift, but that they also may choose not to give.

The first conversations we had about a faculty and staff campaign took place about 15 years ago. In 2010 we began again, and after a year of planning, we set the ball rolling in 2011. Since then, the Ignite campaign has grown into a community venture advanced by scores of Igniters (volunteers). We have created more than 200 different projects and funds, which have improved conditions and changed lives. We have been supported over the past two years by an average of 80% of our faculty and staff.

Looking back, we are proud to think we played a small part in releasing the spirit of philanthropy that is a basic element in the DNA of our FIU. Looking ahead, we invite every member of our FIU family to make a positive impact on the lives of our FIU students, friends, and colleagues by giving through Ignite. Together we have made a difference, and we can invest in creating a better tomorrow.

Let’s work together to make the 10th year of Ignite a banner year. Together we can shape a better future for our FIU. We encourage you to Invest in the Next!

In the spirit of the Blue and Gold,

Howard Lipman
Founding Co-Chair

Stephen M. Fain
Founding Co-Chair
IGNITE BREAKFAST KICKOFF 2021

WELCOME
Howard R. Lipman
CEO of FIU Foundation, Inc.

REMARKS
Mark B. Rosenberg
President

Stephen Fain
Co-Founder, Ignite Campaign

Laura Castillo
Director, Office of Scholarships

Kathleen Wilson and George M. Marakas
Co-Chairs of Ignite Campaign

2020 TORCHBEARER AWARDS
FLAME “TEAM OF IGNITERS” AWARDS
SPARK “IGNITER” AWARDS
2020 UNIT PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Joaklin Raphael
Senior Development Officer

Pamela Lopez Del Carmen
Annual Giving Coordinator

CLOSING
Stephen Fain
Co-Founder, Ignite Campaign
The **TORCHBEARER AWARDS** are given to special donors

Established in 2014, The Torchbearer Society honors FIU past and present faculty & staff who have committed to sustaining a strong financial foundation for FIU through planned or estate giving. Members of this Society understand that making a planned gift is one way of shaping the future of our university. The following individuals are inductees of the Torchbearer Society:

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The **FLAME AWARD** is presented to teams of Igniters in recognition of their outstanding collective performance during the Ignite Campaign. This award recognizes the accomplishments of teams who have led their units to significant levels of success by helping colleagues realize the power and benefits of giving back to our FIU. Recipients of this award are recognized for their combined impact. We thank them for their commitment and tenacity in support of the Ignite Campaign, our FIU, and their units.

**Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management**
- Sanjay Dhawan ’04, MS ’05
- Mohammad Qureshi ’92, MPA ’96

**College of Arts, Sciences, and Education**
- Sarah Bisono- Gonzalez
- Rosanna Castro
- Jessie Guevara ’06, MBA ’11
- Paul Landrum
- Stephen Leatherman
- Celine Leboeuf
- DeEtta Mills
- Tanya Mishra
- Jason Pearl
- Jacqueline Pena
- Maria Victoria Tsalikis ’90, MS ’93, EdD ’04
- Hassan Zahedi-Jasbi

**College of Business**
- Savannah Brea ’19
- Angel Burgos
- Karlene Cousins
- Kelly Ferguson
- Shahid Hamid
- William Hardin
- Arijit Sengupta

**College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts**
- Maria Claverie ’00
- Oliver Ionita

**College of Engineering and Computing**
- Yesim Anter
- Yesenia Capi

**College of Law**
- Christopher Carbot ’05, JD ’09
- Jasmin Grant MBA ’16

**Division of Human Resources**
- Ashley Ares ’08
- Trudy Fernandez ’02, MS ’06
- Giselle Heraux ’13, MS ’16

**Division of Student Affairs**
- Teresa Amador
- Jacob R. Burns ’15, MS ’17
- Rigoberto Campos ’11
- Michelle Castro ’01
- Vanessa Gondar ’09
- Matilde Gramling ’82, MBA ’00
- Betsy Josma-Ducheine ’11
- Anabel Mieres ’17
- John Parmenter
- Elizabeth Rizo
- Maria Reyes
- Silvana Rogelis ’95, MS ’04
- Jose Toscano ’99
- Jillian Turushima
- Vanessa Vazquez ’12, MBA ’14
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
- Angela Delgado
- Jannel Garcia ’13
- Rebecca Toonkel

Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences
- Linda Carty-Dumitrescu MS ’13
- Kimberly English

Office of Academic Planning & Accountability
- Susan Himburg
- Hiliary Landorf
- Mercedes Ponce
- Jorge Zumaeta

Office of the Controller
- Veronica Agustus-Appleby MS ’12
- Ashley Francois ’16
- Tricia Galiano

Office of Research & Economic Development
- Gloria Dingeldein
- Betsy Perez ’13, MPA ’15
- Mercedes Rodriguez MA ’08

Operations & Safety
- Lissette Hernandez ’09
- Tory Heslop ’09

Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work
- Marie Alvarez
- Rosa Babino MPA ’07
- Elena Bastida
- Zoran Bursac
- Adriana Campa ’82
- Arnaldo Gonzalez ’05, MA ’08
- Maria Gutierrez
- Mileyvis Guzman ’18
- Mary Helen Hayden EdD ’04
- Magnolia Hernandez
- Laurie Holms
- Miladys Martinez Palacios
- Caridad Mesa ’08, MS ’12
- Paola Moreno MBA ’03
- Iliana Perez ’87
- Ivonne Sarria
- Kim Tieu

Student Access and Success
- Christine Dome
- Sonja Montas-Hunter

The Wolfsonian
- Ian Rand
- Sandra Solis Hazim
The **SPARK AWARD** is presented in recognition of outstanding performance by an Igniter during the Ignite Campaign. Igniters directly interact with members of their unit to answer questions and provide assistance and in doing so, they bring meaning to the Ignite message and make participation easy. This award recognizes the successful efforts of Igniters who have stepped up in service of the Ignite Campaign, our FIU, and their units.

**BBC**
- Penny Butler – Schillinger ’94, MPA ’98 *Division of IT BBC*
- Julissa Castellanos ’93, MA ’08 *Regional and World Locations*

**MMC**
- Martha Castiello ’84, MPA ’86 *Division of IT MMC*
- Henry Cheng MA ’17 *Enrollment Services*
- Jaclyn Coello ’15 *FIU Online*
- Katharine A. Conrad *Enrollment Services*
- Elianet Deville ’92 *Office of the General Counsel*
- Daniel Diaz *External Relations, Strategic Communications and Marketing*
- Grace Frawley ’16 *The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum*
- Adriana Harris ’15 *Libraries*
- Ana Herrera ’97 *Office of Governmental Relations*
- Hamza Lazrak ’06, MBA ’08 *Business and Finance*
- Maria Lorenzo ’18 *Division of University Advancement*
- Debra Manning *Enrollment Services*
- Cynthia Minguez *Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs*
- Alina Parbtani ’08 *Office of Community Engagement*
- Ari Sernik ’17 *Honors College*
- Nery Suarez *Health Care Network*
- Damaris Valdes ’09, MBA ’11 *Academic Program Partnership*
The **APEX AWARD** is presented to units who achieved 100% participation during last year’s Ignite Campaign. Congratulations to the units below for achieving the ultimate goal of the Ignite Campaign!

- Athletics Department
- Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Division of External Relations, Strategic Communications and Marketing
- Division of Human Resources
- Division of University Advancement
- FIU Online
- Honors College
- Jewish Museum of Florida - FIU
- Office of Academic Planning & Accountability
- Office of Analysis & Information Management
- Office of Community Engagement
- Office of the Controller
- Office of the General Counsel
- Office of Governmental Relations
- Office of the President
- Operations and Safety
- Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum
- Regional and World Locations
- Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work
- Student Access and Success
- University Graduate School
- Wolfsonian - FIU

The **ELEVATOR AWARD** is presented to units who achieved more than 75% participation during last year’s Ignite campaign. Congratulations to the units below for earning this special recognition!

- Academic Programs and Partnerships
- College of Arts, Sciences & Education
- College of Business
- College of Communication, Architecture + Arts
- College of Law
- Division of Business and Finance
- Division of Student Affairs
- Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

The **ESCALATOR AWARD** is presented to units who achieved more than 50% participation during last year’s Ignite Campaign. Congratulations to the units below for earning this special recognition!

- College of Engineering & Computing
- Division of Information Technology
- Enrollment Services
- FIU Libraries
- Health Care Network
- Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences
- Office of the Provost
- Office of Research & Economic Development
- Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs
- Undergraduate Education
Thanks to our Vendor-Sponsors!
The spirit of Ignite is contagious, and it has spread beyond the faculty and staff of our FIU. Below is a list on-campus vendor-sponsors who have joined the FIU family in support of our Ignite Campaign. We welcome them to our Ignite family and thank them for their help and support.

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