

What's New?

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FSU 2016-2017 Grant Award Funds Increase 17%

The FSU Office of Sponsored Research and Programs (OSRP) increased grant funding by 17% during the 2016-2017 academic year. Through OSRP's services and support to faculty and staff, the university increased the number of proposals submitted this year to 92 (+4 or 4.5%), funding dollars requested to \$38,930,285 (+\$11,356,424 or 41%), grant awards to 92 (+9 or 16%), and funding dollars received to \$13,711,679 (+\$1,977,145 or 17%). Kudos to Dr. Leslie Evelyn, Director of OSRP, and his capable staff for spearheading and providing services to promote research, innovation, scholarships, and creativity resulting in this year's substantial increase in external funding. For more information, visit: <http://www.unctsu.edu/research/sponsored-research-and-programs>

Google® Grant Enables FSU to Collaborate with Smith Recreation Center to Offer Youth Coding Camp

This month, the School of Business and Economics, in collaboration with Smith Recreation Center, is offering a coding camp to introduce 100 elementary school-aged children to Google's CS-First Scratch curriculum. The Scratch curriculum provides opportunities for children to explore computational thinking concepts, such as sequence and loops; practices, such as testing and debugging; and perspectives, such as experimenting and iterating. The project, funded through a \$54,000 Google grant awarded to Dr. Bee Yew, began July 6th and runs through August 6th. Smith Recreation Center is located near the FSU campus and is part of Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation.

The camp is made possible with the assistance of the following faculty, staff, and students: Selamawit Cece (MIS student), Darrell Foster (MIS student), Jasmin Pastrani (Computer Science student), Rodney McCrowre (faculty), Radoslav Nickolov (faculty); Smith Recreation Center staff (Nelson Soriano, Marcus Monroe and Clifford); and Dashawn Rush-Lunsford (FSU alumna).

American Institutes for Research (AIR) Visit FSU as part of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Frontier Set Annual Review

As part of FSU's participation in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation *Frontier Set*, a team of visitors from the American Institutes for Research (AIR) visited FSU on July 12- 14 to learn about FSU's student success programs.

The *Frontier Set* is a group of 31 universities/systems committed to increasing degree attainment of underserved student populations.

The AIR visiting team reviewed a variety of FSU programs, including academic advisement, LEAP, the McNair Program, Bronco STAR, Supplemental Instruction, Service Learning, and the Center for Defense and Homeland Security. Dr. Teresa Thompson-Pinckney, Executive Director of College Access & Success Programs, serves as the FSU representative to the *Frontier Set* group and coordinated this visit.

FSU Business Students Obtain Market Leading SAP® TERP10 Certification

SAP® TERP10 Certification is offered at only a few universities in the U.S. In 2017, the FSU School of Business and Economics was invited to join a consortium of HBCUs working with SAP (the market-leading information technology firm providing enterprise management software to almost 300,000 corporations around the world) to better prepare students for lucrative, high-demand positions using SAP systems. Dr. Murat Adivar, FSU Business Management Assistant Professor, participated in an SAP-hosted workshop, after which he established a four-course sequence at FSU for students to obtain the industry-recognized 'TERP10' SAP certification.

The first cohort of eight students completed the sequence in spring 2017. Of those students, six passed the highly challenging certification test, resulting in a 75% pass rate (compared to the industry average 60% pass rate among IT professionals). The newly certified TERP10 professionals are FSU students Jessica Blocker, Lerona Pollard, Elyssa Dixon, Kasey Dill, Sabrena Clayton, and Jin Young. This successful certification process, together with an ongoing commitment of SAP to assist with internship and career opportunities, will help the School of Business and Economics continue to expand high growth career options for FSU students.

FSU LEAP Scholars Summer Program Launches 2nd Year

The FSU LEAP (Learning and Engagement at an Accelerated Pace) Scholars Program for summer 2017 began July 3rd with 91 participants and ends August 1st. LEAP is a summer program for first-time freshmen who have been invited by the Office of Admissions to attend. Participants stay on campus and get a jump start by completing 6-7 credits that includes courses in English, mathematics, and University Studies; comprehensive academic support; career and major exploration; and

engaging co-curricular activities. Other benefits of participating in the LEAP Scholars Program includes meeting students with similar interests, learning leadership skills, experiencing life on a college campus, meeting faculty and staff, and gaining the tools and expertise to navigate career choices including community service and civic engagement opportunities. Best of all, the LEAP Scholars Program is free for in-state participants and covers tuition, fees, room, and board. Out-of-state students may participate, but must pay the difference between resident and non-resident costs. LEAP is made possible through the collaboration of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, particularly University College, Office of Admissions, Residence Life, and Student Activities. Dr. Carmen Wade, FSU University College, serves as the LEAP Program Coordinator.

Construction Resource Office to Open Soon in Support of Regional Small Businesses

The FSU School of Business and Economics is preparing to open a Construction Resource Office (CRO) to support small businesses in the region. The CRO will provide these business with full access to resources generally available to larger contractors, including estimating and bidding software, scaled copies of plans, copies of specs, and access to general office equipment. The goal is to increase the participation of small businesses in construction projects throughout southeastern North Carolina. Dr. Lee Brown, Interim Associate Dean, and Ms. Tamara Bryant, director of the Veteran Business Outreach Center, are spearheading the project. The CRO is funded by the US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development will serve as a key partner by providing access to plans and specifications for bidding opportunities, bidding software, certification and bonding assistance, and facilitating training workshops.

Two First Steps New Student Orientations for Fall 2017 Remain

The remaining First Steps one-day programs that provide information and acquaint new fall 2017 students to the campus will be held on **July 15 and August 5**. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 910-672-1371.



SAVE THE DATE		
Bronco Kickoff 2017		
Monday, August 7	New Faculty Orientation	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
	Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting	2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 8	Academic Affairs General Meeting	8:00 am
	College & School Meetings	11:00 am
	Academic Department Meetings	2:00 pm
Wednesday, August 9	All-Employees Meeting	10:00 am
	Faculty Development	1:30 – 5:00 pm
Thursday, August 10	Faculty Development	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
	Tenure & Post-Tenure Workshops	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<i>Also...</i>		
Saturday, August 12	Operation Smooth Move-In, Residence Halls	8:00 am
Sunday, August 13	Freshman Welcome & Pinning Ceremony	11:00 am
	Residence Hall Move-In (Returning Students)	12:00 pm
Tuesday, August 15	Classes Begin	

Upcoming Events – *Note: Summer School, First Steps, Bronco Kickoff, Sesquicentennial and other Fall Dates*

- **June 5 to August 1:** Eight Week Summer 2017 Term
- **July 3 to August 1:** FSU LEAP Scholars Program
- **July 5 to August 1:** Summer II Term
- **July 13-16:** Sweet Tea Shakespeare's "Cymbeline," at 1897 Poe House
- **July 15:** First Steps New Student Orientation
- **August 5:** First Steps New Student Orientation
- **August 7-15:** Bronco Kickoff Week – Fall 2017
- **August 10:** Fall 2017 Registration begins
- **August 15:** First Day of Class – Fall 2017
- **September 14:** Fall Convocation and Sesquicentennial Launch Events
- **September 30:** Fall Preview 2017
- **October 21:** Homecoming 2017
- **November 9:** Sesquicentennial Commemoration Ceremony