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## **FAU President Brogan Addresses the July EDC Membership Luncheon**

**Port St. Lucie, FL** – Florida Atlantic University President Frank T. Brogan was the invited guest speaker July 7, 2009, at the Economic Development Council's monthly membership luncheon. In addition to addressing the crowd of 120, President Brogan and FAU also sponsored and hosted the networking event for local business leaders at the Treasure Coast Campus' brand new, state-of-the-art Phase II Expansion which opened this past January.

During his presentation, the FAU President emphasized the importance of an economic development organization's role within the community and the need for fostering partnerships with education. "Belonging to an EDC or a business development board is critical in the community to make certain, whether its businesses, the state college, a university or the K-12 system, that we're already organized, working together and partnered in a way that will assure when the next Torrey Pines comes looking, they won't have to look far to see a community that is ready, willing and able to meet their needs," said Brogan. "If we work together, not just when the businesses are coming, but every day in between; when they do come, we can lay out a menu that is just too good to pass up and see our community truly reach its full potential."

President Brogan, who has over 30 years experience in the field of education, called it our "moral imperative" to make sure the next generations of students in St. Lucie County have the opportunity to grow, be educated, remain here as part of the workforce, and lastly, continue to create a high quality of life on the Research Coast, which he proclaimed "is undeniably the best in the State of Florida."

The next EDC membership luncheon is scheduled for August 4, 2009 at 12:00pm on the FAU Treasure Coast Campus. It will be sponsored by Astorino, a nationally renowned architecture firm specializing in LEED certification and sustainable design. For information on membership or the monthly member luncheons, please contact the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County at 772-879-4144 or visit [www.yourEDC.com](http://www.yourEDC.com).

### **About FAU President Frank T. Brogan:**

Frank Brogan became the president of Florida Atlantic University in 2003 and was unanimously reappointed by the FAU Board of Trustees to a second six-year term, which began earlier this year. Prior to joining his alma mater as its fifth president, he was lieutenant governor of Florida, the state's commissioner of education, the superintendent of schools in Martin County, and a principal, assistant principal, dean and fifth-grade teacher in Martin County public schools. President Brogan is leading the University through an era of transformation in which FAU's academic standards and international profile are on the rise. He has placed special emphasis on creating partnerships between the University and leading research organizations such as The Scripps Research Institute, the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, the Max Planck Society and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Research Institute...all with the understanding that together we are building Florida's future as a center for biotechnology.

**About Florida Atlantic University:**

Florida Atlantic University, one of the state's 11 public universities, enrolls 26,000 students and has seven campus locations along 100 miles of southeast Florida's coastline. The Treasure Coast is home to two of the University's locations: the Treasure Coast campus in Port St. Lucie, which now enrolls close to 2,800 students each year and offers coursework and degrees from FAU's regionally and professionally accredited colleges, and the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Fort Pierce.

**About the Economic Development Council:**

The mission of the EDC is to encourage a competitive environment that nurtures clusters of industries employing state of the art technologies, a skilled workforce, and that stimulates economic growth through expansion of the private sector. *For more information about the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, visit [www.yourEDC.com](http://www.yourEDC.com) or call (772) 879-4144.*

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