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Student ACES Partnering With Florida Atlantic University To Enhance Leadership Program

Partnership agreement to begin in September at FAU's Boca Raton Campus

August 13, 2015 – Driven by a mutual passion to develop tomorrow's leaders, Student ACES (athletics, community and education) of Palm Beach Gardens, and Florida Atlantic University (FAU), have entered into a partnership designed to enhance the comprehensive leadership offerings of pre-collegiate Student ACES.

Dedicated to providing leadership programs, mentoring, scholarships and internship opportunities for high school students, ACES will begin its second full year on September 10th with eight monthly classes to be held at FAU's Boca Raton campus. 120 spots are available for high school juniors in Palm Beach and Broward counties, who exemplify leadership traits in athletics, community service and education.

The partnership also provides Student ACES participants potential college credits. "We are thrilled to partner with FAU," says Krissy Webb, Executive Director of Student ACES. "Both organizations are driven to excellence with a passion to lead students and a desire to better our communities." Webb adds that Student ACES will utilize FAU's expanding facilities to conduct promotional events for Student ACES, to be held throughout the year. "The FAU partnership will immediately add tremendous value to Student ACES," Webb says.

"FAU is thrilled to partner with the premier pre-collegiate leadership program in the state. The partnership allows both parties to reach high achieving students and share values that can be of assistance in today's world," Jorge Calzadilla, Vice President of Public Service, FAU.

The monthly Student ACES program, which runs through April 2016, will feature such developmental topics as "Introduction to Leadership and Team Dynamics," Ethics and Application in Today's Society," "Commanding Respect," "The Power of Attitude," "Earning Trust" and "The Art of Sacrifice."

Student ACES also attracts community and national leaders to speak at each class. Furthermore, Webb's father, Buck Martinez, a corporate executive for more than 30 years and Founder of Student ACES, has authored the book entitled "Building Blocks of Leadership for Young Adults," which is utilized in the Student ACES curriculum. For more information visit www.studentacesforleadership.com.

About Florida Atlantic University: Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its sixcounty service region in southeast Florida. FAU's world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of critical areas that form the basis of its strategic plan: Healthy aging, biotech, coastal and marine issues, neuroscience, regenerative medicine, informatics, lifespan and the environment. These areas provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU's existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.

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