2015 was a special year for FIU. Marking the 50th anniversary of when FIU was chartered by Florida Governor W. Haydon, we celebrated the more than 200,000 alumni who have been educated, shaped, and impacted by all that FIU offers. As the needs of our students changed over the years, so did our service to students. Our division proudly leads mentorship and leadership programs, giving students the skills they need to think critically, solve problems, and develop identities rooted in civic and global engagement.

Each and every day, Student Affairs supports the 55,000 students who chose FIU as their institution, where they have the opportunity to learn about themselves, others, and their communities outside the classroom. Our 23 departments are committed to the success of our students.

Through a $1.1 million federal grant, the Student Support Services Program will continue to serve first-generation, low-income students—a population most at risk of not completing their degrees. With our help, these students retain a higher cumulative GPA and 70 percent six-year graduation rate, outperforming matched cohorts. Students continue to land internships at high profile companies like Boeing and government agencies like the Supreme Court justices. Student Government Association proudly distributed more than $88,000 in scholarships to our students.

We were among the nation’s first universities to join Partnership for Healthier America’s Healthy Campus Initiative, committing to providing our campus community with healthier food and beverage selections, encouraging physical activity and implementing even more wellness programs. To better communicate with students, we launched totally redesigned, mobile compatible websites—in just six months, we had 1.8 million page views. We expanded outreach to students by posting 73 news stories on FIU News and FIU Magazine, and 81 news stories appeared in outlets such as The Miami Herald and WSVN Ch. 7 News about our programs and services.

We are thrilled to share our accomplishments in the following pages and look forward to another year of meaningful work with FIU’s most valued asset—its students.

Sincerely,

Larry Lunsford, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs
HEALTH & WELLNESS

HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES

Established department, which focuses on prevention education and services to FIU students and the community

Served more than 35,000 students through presentations, consultations and events

Grew aromatherapy program by 240%, distributing more than 10,000 vials to assist students with stress reduction, boosting energy and increasing concentration

WELNESS AND RECREATION CENTER—MMC

Provided counseling services to 2,540 students

Presented tips for well-being and maintaining mental health to more than 6,700 students

Established Therapist Assisted Online counseling, with 173 students completing modules that resulted in decreased feelings of stress and anxiety

WELINESS AND RECREATION CENTER—BBC

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1,680 students participated in victimization and safety prevention presentations

VEP purchased a car to enhance student access to community resources

WELINESS AND RECREATION CENTER

Welcomed 535 new students with disabilities to FIU, an increase of 31%

Served 2,055 students and congratulated 185 students with disabilities on their timely graduation

Awarded $100,000 in scholarship funds to 45 students with disabilities

Partnered with more than 150 student volunteers to provide quality tutoring services and testing support to students with disabilities

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- 9,874 students completed on-campus orientation
- Panther Camp held five sessions with 1,033 participants, an increase of 7.6% from the previous year

WOMEN’S CENTER

- Engaged with more than 10,000 students through collaborations with more than 75 campus and community partners
- Grew attendance at programming aimed to focus on intersections of womanhood and minority identities by more than 1,000 students

VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Instrumental in working with Florida House Representative Brian Avila to allow in-state tuition to FIU’s active duty military stationed around the world
- Served 1,026 students with enrollment and compliance with Veteran Affairs standards

STUDENT MEDIA

- Department published content with 130 student interns
- WRGP ranked 2nd best radio station by Miami New Times

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- Grew student organizations to 43, an increase of 34%
- Coordinated more than 50 events with more than 10,000 students in attendance

CAMPUS LIFE BBC

(PANThER POWER, STUDENT PROGRAMMING COUNCIL, COUNCIL FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION)

- Grew student organizations to 264, an increase of 9%
- Through six different councils and office programming, over 60,000 students were engaged through more than 350 workshops, lectures, and concerts
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WOLFE UNIVERSITY CENTER
Completed the $2 million renovation of Mary Ann Wolfe Theater
19,546 students used the computer lab
Facilitated more than 3,500 events
Team Ropes Adventure Challenge ropes course increased group clientele by 84% from the previous year

GRAHAM CENTER
Added gender neutral bathroom
Remodeled and enhanced the Pit with top notch audiovisual and lighting technology
Acquired new 420-gallon saltwater fish tank
3.7 million in foot traffic
More than 60,000 space reservations processed
121,190 student visits to the computer lab

HOUSING
Housing opened in Fall 2015 with 100% occupancy
New Fall 2015 communications to students and a new payment plan procedure have increased the collection of rent by 20% or $3 million compared to the same time last year
Summer 2015 conference revenue was $942,679, a 161% increase from the year before

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More than 4,500 students voluntarily completed Haven, the sexual assault prevention and education training module.

Engaged with more than 5,000 employees and students about sexual assault and responding to students of concern.

Recommended for accreditation for a five-year term through the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.

Served 67 children.

MPAS Golden Drum Scholarship and Student Support Services outperformed matched cohorts with 7% higher six-year graduation rate, 14% higher retention rate and 28% higher cumulative units earned. The SSS 2010 FTIC Summer Admit had a six-year graduation rate of 70%.

Received more than $335,000 in grants and other funds.

Hosted more than 100 workshops about diversity, social justice, mentoring, internships and community engagement.

Interacted with 28,834 students and alumni.

Engaged with a record 532 employers.

An estimated 5,240 students participated in internships.

Residential Life staff offered more than 1,500 programs for residents.

8 in-house tutors at the Academic Resource Center assisted more than 50 students in 19 subjects ranging from calculus to grammar.

79% of students who completed the conduct process believe that they were treated in a respectful manner and 80% believe they were given the chance to tell their side of the story.

Presented 32 presentations and workshops, reaching nearly 5,000 students and faculty members.