



Celebrating Research Successes

Boca Raton, Fla. (Sept. 26, 2018) – The university’s top research leaders, faculty and staff came together Thursday and Friday for the inaugural Research Showcase to celebrate innovation, acknowledge achievements and highlight future directions. More than 200 attended an evening reception and day-long symposium.

“This is a time where we can step back and acknowledge and understand all of the really great things that are happening in research at FAU,” said Daniel Flynn, Ph.D., vice president for research.

Flynn presented an overview of research accomplishments throughout the last few years and path ahead. Since 2014, submissions for grants increased from 279 to 607; research awards rose from \$33 to \$48 million; and requested grant dollars skyrocketed from \$182 to \$283 million.

“We don’t do science in a vacuum,” said James Sullivan, Ph.D., director of FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI). “It needs to be funded.”

Sullivan highlighted HBOI accomplishments, including the recent launch of the new Florida Center for Coastal and Human Health. He was one the many university and research leaders to present updates on major initiatives.

More than 50 presented posters during the day-and-a-half event hosted by the Division of Research. Judges named the following as the top poster presenters:

- Paulina Oporto Cespedes for “Representation of Dominican Identity in Julia Alvarez’s Historical Novel in the Name of Salome.”
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College
- Joshua Disatham, Lisa Brennan, A. Rebecca McGreal, Caitlin Logan, Sue Menko, Ales Cvekl and Marc Kantorow for “Hypoxia Controls Lens Fiber Cell Remodeling by Regulating the Elimination of Mitochondria, Endoplasmic Reticulum and Golgi Apparatus through HIF1-directed Transcriptional Regulation of BNIP3L Expression.”
Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine
- Sandra Gall-Ojurongbe Christine Williams, Ruth Tappen and Mark Harvey for “An Examination of the Demographic, Social and Environmental Predictors of Risk for Schizophrenia in Afro-Caribbean Immigrants Living in the United States.”
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

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