

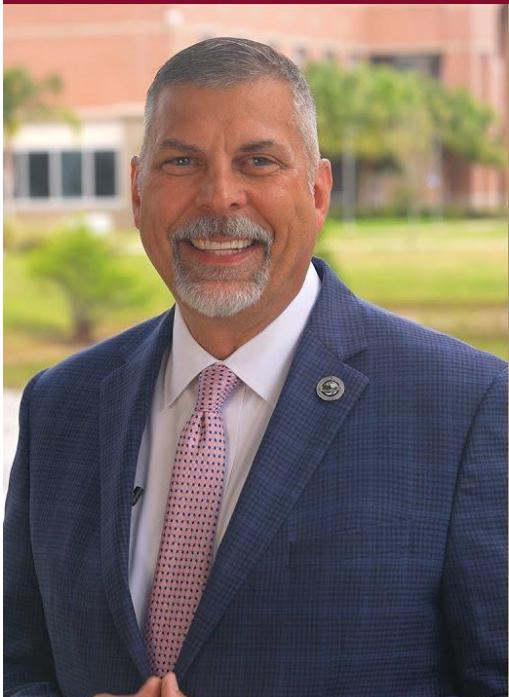
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# The Orbiter

NEWS FOR ALUMNI, PARTNERS & FRIENDS



Hello, Panthers!

Can you believe that we're already approaching the end of the academic year?  
And what a great year it has been, as we've celebrated Florida Tech's 65th

anniversary, reflecting on our proud past and bright future—but we're not done yet!

We just wrapped up another successful signature event of the Florida Tech experience as the annual Northrop Grumman Engineering and Science Student Design Showcase was held April 19. What a day that was! From the cosmic to the practical, from rovers that can fly to methods for improving surgery and everything in between—120 capstone projects were presented for judging by local industry leaders. It's just another way a Florida Tech education prepares students for a lifetime of career success.

As I reflect on my first year as your president, I'm so impressed by the energy, enthusiasm and teamwork I've encountered from students, faculty, staff and alumni. That spirit, combined with bold strategic planning and hard work, means next academic year will bring even more opportunity for success.

One more milestone event to look forward to this year is spring commencement, set for Saturday, May 4, in the Clemente Center. We'll award degrees across three ceremonies and are honored to have two-time Florida Tech alumna and former astronaut Joan Higginbotham as our keynote speaker. If you don't have tickets, plan to tune into the webcast. It's going to be a fantastic day!

Please accept my best wishes for a great summer and know that wherever you go, and whatever you do, Florida Tech is your university, and we are here for you.

We'll talk again soon. Until then, go Panthers!

Sincerely,

John Nicklow, Ph.D.

President

## News & Stories

University



### Florida Tech Athletics Unveils New Logo

"Our new Florida Tech Panther logo is a symbol of modernization, strength and the tech innovation of our athletic program and reflects our university's STEM-focused education," said director of athletics Jamie Joss.



## **Florida Tech No. 2 Among State's Private Colleges and Universities**

Stacker compiled a list of the best private colleges in Florida using data from [Niche](#) released in 2024. [Niche ranks schools](#) based on a variety of factors, including academics, value for money, professors, campus and diversity.

## **Aeronautics**

[FIT Aviation Showcases Airplanes, Celebrates Alumni at Sun 'n Fun](#)



[Alpha Eta Rho Honors Alumna Jo Damato With Award For Her Impact On Aviation Education](#)

## **Business**

[weVENTURE Women's Business Center Honored with Statewide SBA Recognition](#)



## **Engineering & Science**

Student Design Showcase Projects: Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering



Florida Tech Antifouling Research Tested in Navy-Funded Project

## Psychology & Liberal Arts

Doctoral Students in Clinical Psychology Working with BPS in Innovative Partnership



'Embrace the Diversity of Thought': Alumna Talks Florida Tech, Her Career and Her Best Advice

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## Campus & Community News



## **Campus Initiative Tells Students, 'You Matter,' Highlights Awareness Around Mental Health Resources**

Deborah Carson, a member of Florida Tech's Parent Leadership Council (PLC), brought the "You Matter" initiative to campus after a teen she knew died by suicide. The initiative, originally created in honor of the teen, aims to save lives from suicide by creating conversation, sharing resources and spreading kindness.

## **Plant Roots through a Plan**

This spring, Florida Tech is planting deep roots to nurture and expand our mission. Now, you can plant your own with a free-will-writing tool from FreeWill, and watch them grow. It's a simple way to find security for yourself and your loved ones while growing your impact on providing high-quality education to a culturally diverse student body to prepare students for entering the global workforce, seeking higher education opportunities and serving within their communities.

[\*\*Create my free will!\*\*](#)



# THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



## Alumni Gatherings

- [Spring Grad Bash](#) - May 3
- [Lakeland Baseball Social hosted by the Heartland Alumni Chapter](#) - May 11
- [Boston Red Sox Florida Tech Alumni Outing](#) - May 12
- [Boston Florida Tech Alumni Reception](#) - May 13
- [Panther Alumni Career Coaching](#) - May 14
- [New York Florida Tech Alumni Reception](#) - May 15 \*SOLD OUT\*
- [Seattle Alumni Social hosted by James Whittaker](#) - May 19
- [COPLA-SOBA Alumni Social in Philadelphia](#) - May 26

## Panther Athletics

- [Men's Baseball Schedule](#)
- [Men's Rowing Schedule](#)

## Campus/Community Happenings

- [Spring 2024 Commencement](#) - May 4

## **Larsen Motorsports**

- NMRA/NMCA Race for the Rings in Madison, IL - May 4

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