U.S. Transportation Secretary Chao visits FIU’s Engineering Center

On October 17, FIU welcomed U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao. After participating in a transportation and infrastructure stakeholders’ meeting with Miami-Dade County representatives, Secretary Chao and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart visited FIU’s Accelerated Bridge Construction University Transportation Center (ABC-UTC), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). While at FIU, Secretary Chao also had the opportunity to visit FIU’s Wall of Wind (WOW) and FPL’s Solar Facility at FIU.

After President Mark Rosenberg and Engineering Dean John Volakis welcomed Secretary Chao, Dr. Azizinamini, chair of FIU’s civil engineering department and director of FIU’s ABC-UTC, highlighted cost-effective university-developed technologies that can more rapidly repair existing bridges, create workforce development opportunities and incorporate new technologies. The Secretary was also briefed on FIU’s vision for catastrophic disaster research and the role ABC-UTC plays in our resilience efforts.

Secretary Chao toured FIU’s Titan Materials Construction Lab, where the folded-plate girder technology, as well as the high-performance concrete and shell were highlighted. Dr. Azizinamini also discussed the introduction of robotics and 3D printing into the construction of bridges. Additionally, several graduate students had the opportunity to meet Secretary Chao and explain their current research.

The research priorities of the ABC-UTC include extending the ABC principles to repair, replace and preserve bridges; enhancing the life of bridges; developing tools, guidelines and specifications to facilitate adoption of ABC principles; and developing the next generation of decision-making tools for better communication among stakeholders.

The 2017 National Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference, sponsored by the ABC-UTC, will be held on December 7 and 8 at the Hyatt Regency Miami. More information is available at the ABC-UTC Conference website.
Upcoming Events

November

- November 1, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130, InWE Seminar Series: *Carbon gains and losses under nutrient enrichment in a mangrove wetland* presented by Brita Jessen
- November 8, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 1 #110, *How to support your teen in making good decisions about alcohol and other drugs* presented by Nicole Schatz
- November 8, 3 to 3:50 pm, SIPA 220, *Biomolecular Sciences Institute Lecture* by Carlos A. Torres-Ramos
- November 17, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, GL 100A, *Probing Protein Conformational Dynamics from Single Molecules to Single Living Cells* by Peter Lu

December

- December 1, 11 am to 12 noon, AHC3 #205, *Hide and Seek: How to DNA Glycosylases Locate Oxidatively Damaged DNA Bases Amidst a Sea of Undamaged Bases* by Susan Wallace
- December 1, 2 to 3 pm, ECS 241, *IHMC Research: National Language Processing, Cyber Security and Big Data*, presented by Bonnie Borr
- December 6, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130, *Fossil fuels and fish: how physiology can provide insight into underlying mechanisms in toxicology*, presented by Rachael Heuer
- December 8, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, AHC4 #402, *Linking pH, Temperature, K+ Concentration and Conformation for the DNA i-Motif*, presented by Richard Sheardy
- December 13, 12 to 1 pm, *Citrus Health Network*, *Recent studies in dosing and sequencing pharmacological and behavioral treatments for ADHD: When They Go High, We Go Low*, presented by William Pelham
- December 14 and 15, 8 am to 4 pm, Broward County Convention Center, *9th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit*, registration required.

Awards Received—September 2017

FIU researchers were awarded $21,501,668 in September 2017. Below is a listing of awards received:

**Agarwal, Arvind**
College of Engineering and Computing
Engineering Deans Office
National Science Foundation
NST ERC: Nanosystems Engineering Research Center
Initial
$89,102

**Agarwal, Arvind**
College of Engineering and Computing
Engineering Deans Office
Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Acquisition of Low Load Acquisition of a Low-Load Mechanical Testing Platform
Initial
$108,310

**Almirall, Jose R**
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Chemistry
National Science Foundation
FBI Laboratory Membership in the I/UCRC
Increase
$25,000
Bagner, Daniel  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Psychology  
Child Health and Human Development  
Effect of Parent Emotion-Related Talk on Infant Behavior and Regulation  
Increase  
$468

Barbetta, Patricia  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Teaching and Learning  
Florida Department of Education  
2017-2018 Exceptional Student Education (ESE Tuition Support Program)  
Initial  
$17,669

Bejar, Elizabeth M  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
U.S. Department of Education  
A Study of Completion Grants at Accessible Public Universities  
Initial  
$60,000

Bhat, Mahadev  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Veterans and Small Farmers Outreach and Assistance in South Florida  
Initial  
$178,125

Boeglin, Werner  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Physics  
U.S. Department of Energy  
A Fast Proton Diagnostic for NSTX  
Continuation  
$237,881

Boukerrou, Lakhdar  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Institute of Water and Environment  
U.S. Department of Defense  
Africa Symposiams Support  
Initial  
$93,055

Boukerrou, Lakhdar  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Institute of Water and Environment  
U.S. Department of Defense  
Africa Symposiams Support  
Initial  
$103,000

Briceno, Henry  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SERC  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Water Quality Monitoring Project for the Florida Keys  
Increase  
$174,500
Briceno, Henry
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SERC
National Park Service
Mechanisms and Conditions responsible for elevated TP levels
Increase $75,000

Caballero, Amaury
College of Engineering and Computing
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Electrical wiring Program for SED Students
Initial $15,400

Cano Jr, Miguel A
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work
Epidemiology
Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Ethnic Discrimination & Alcohol Risk Behaviors among Hispanic Adolescents
Initial $105,437

Carmel, Justin H
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Chemistry
National Science Foundation
Collaborative Research: Developing Items to Assess the Use
Initial $188,270

Cirion, Yisell
Academic Affairs - Other Units
Career and Talent Development
Peace Corps
Peace Corps Strategic Recruiter
Continuation $21,269

Cruz, Jeannette
Academic Affairs - Other Units
Multicultural Programs MMC
Office of Postsecondary Education
Student Support Services 2015-2020
Continuation $232,265

De Caprio, Anthony
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Chemistry
National Institute of Justice
Novel Blood Protein Modification Assay for Retrospective Detection
Initial $467,885

De Caprio, Anthony
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Chemistry
U.S. Department of Justice
Development of Improved Extraction/Purification Methods
Initial $50,000
De Caprio, Anthony  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Institute of Justice  
Optimization of Pretreatment Parameters in Hair Analysis  
Initial $50,000

Dinehart, Laura H  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
School of Education  
South Florida After-School All Stars Inc.  
South Florida ASAS Transfer Agreement 2016-2017  
Increase $25,000

Fonseca, Brian  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
J Gordon Institute of Public Policy & Citizenship  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence  
Initial $300,000

Fourqurean, James  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
National Park Service  
Dry Tortugas National Park Seagrass Communities Assessment Project  
Increase $35,000

Fourqurean, James  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
National Park Service  
South Florida Caribbean Inventory and Monitoring Network  
Increase $56,000

Frankovich, Thomas A  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SERC  
National Park Service  
Linkages of Water Quality, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation  
Increase $80,000

Gaiser, Evelyn  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SEAS  
National Science Foundation  
LTER: FCE LTER III - Coastal Oligotrophic Ecosystems Research  
Increase $39,123

Gaiser, Evelyn  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SEAS  
National Park Service  
Assessing Near-field and Landscape Scale Ecological Effects  
Increase $326,523
**Gaiser, Evelyn**  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—SEAS  
South Florida Water Management District  
Vegetation and periphyton monitoring in Biscayne Bay Coastal wetlands project  
Initial $45,300

**Gann, Daniel**  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
GIS Center and Digital Collection  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Monitoring of Tree Island Condition in the Southern Ever  
Increase $18,622

**Hadi, Mohammed A**  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Civil and Environ Engineering  
Florida Department of Transportation  
SR 924/NW 119 Street Adaptive Signal Control Technology Pilot Project Evaluation Phase I  
Initial $36,874

**Ibarra, Julio E**  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
CIARA  
National Science Foundation  
Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)  
Continuation $5,041,500

**Ibarra, Julio E**  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
CIARA  
National Science Foundation  
IRNC: Backbone: Americas Africa Research and eduCation Lightpaths (AARCLight)  
Increase $200,000

**Ibarra, Julio E**  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
CIARA  
National Science Foundation  
IRNC Backbone - AmLight Express and Protect (ExP)  
Continuation $2,000,000

**Ilcheva, Maria**  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Metropolitan Center  
Citizens Independent Transportation Trust  
2017 Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Transportation Summit Planning  
Increase $20

**Jayachandran, Krishnaswamy**  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
A Foundation for New Farmers in South Florida  
Initial $300,000

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Robust and Remote Radiation Hardened Robotic System for Tunnel Inspection  
Increase  
$15,000

Lisetti, Christine  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Computer Info Sciences  
U.S. Department of Education  
Interactive Virtual Training (IVT) for Early Career Teachers in Urban Schools  
Increase  
$146,877

Madhivanan, Purnima  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
National Institutes of Health  
Global Health Equity Scholars Program  
Pre-Award  
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Madhivanan, Purnima  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
National Institutes of Health  
Global Health Equity Scholars Program  
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$25,000

Maziak, Wasim  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
Fogarty International Center NIH  
Translating evidence and building capacity to support water pipe control  
Initial  
$374,093

Miguez, Maria Jose  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
SISH  
National Institutes of Health  
Alcohol and HIV: Bio-behavioral Interactions and Intervention-Year 3  
Continuation  
$142,433

Montas-Hunter, Sonja S  
Academic Affairs - Other Units  
Student Access and Success  
U.S. Department of Education  
Educational Talent Search Program 2016-2021  
Continuation  
$246,000

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College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Chemistry
National Science Foundation
Collaborative Research: EAGER: Tailored sorbents for the removal of
Initial $35,000

Pala, Nezih
College of Engineering and Computing
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Army Research Laboratory
3D Simulation of THz Plasmonic Structures
Increase $7,105

Papastamatiou, Yannis Peter
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
Earthwatch Institute
Shark and ray conservation in Belize
Initial $53,497

Prospect, Sean Antonio
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Community Engagement
After-School All Stars
Project SUPPORT (FIU After-School All-Stars) 2015-2016
Continuation $13,185

Raiker Jr, Joseph
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Psychology
Children's Trust
After-school support program for youth at-risk for behavior problems
Initial $225,767

Rangaswami, Raju
College of Engineering and Computing
Computer Info Sciences
National Science Foundation
SHF: Small: Vertically Integrated Persistence
Initial $450,000

Rangaswami, Raju
College of Engineering and Computing
Computer Info Sciences
National Science Foundation
REU
Initial $8,000

Ross, Michael S
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Earth and Environment
National Park Service
Ecosystem dynamics in the White Zone: history, drivers, and restoration implications
Increase $121,970
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Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work
Epidemiology
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Role of social disorganization on sexual risk behavior
Initial $50,000

Soto Caro, Fabian
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Psychology
National Institute of Mental Health
Perceptual and decisional processes underlying face perception biases
Initial $239,809

Sousa, Jacqueline Bueno
College of Business Administration Dean’s Office
U.S. Small Business Administration
SBDC FIU 2017 - (FED-MAIN)
Increase $31,760

Tansel, Ibrahim N
College of Engineering and Computing
Mechanical and Mat Engineering
University of Central Florida
NEESAT Eclipse Ballooning 2017 (NEB2017)
Initial $4,200

Thiel, Markus
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs
Politics and Intl Relations
Federal Republic of Germany
Germany: making choices
Initial $1,000

Traynor, Mark Patrick
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management
Hospitality and Tourism Management
U.S. Department of Agriculture
2017-2018 Cochran Fellowship Program
Initial $87,626

Trexler, Joel
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
South Florida Water Management District
Otolith Analysis of Everglades
Initial $9,985

Trexler, Joel
College of Arts, Sciences & Education
Biology
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Response of Fish to the DECOMP Physical Model
Initial $165,000
Triay Melendez, Ines
Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC
U.S. Department of Energy
MSI Mission-to-Market for Inclusive Economic Development
Initial $249,376

Uluagac, Arif Selcuk
College of Engineering and Computing
Electrical & Computer Engineering
National Science Foundation
Initial $357,200

Underwood, Sonia Miller
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Chemistry
National Science Foundation
Collaborative Research: Creating assessments for student understanding
Initial $150,495

Underwood, Sonia Miller
College of Arts, Sciences & Education—Chemistry
National Science Foundation
Collaborative Research: Extending the Coherent Gateway to STEM
Initial $161,487

Volakis, John
College of Engineering and Computing
Engineering Deans Office
Northrop Grumman
Wideband Phased Array Studies
Supplemental $15,000

Volakis, John
College of Engineering and Computing
Engineering Deans Office
National Science Foundation
A New Class of Millimeter-wave Phased Array for Secure High Data
Initial $169,859

Volakis, John
College of Engineering and Computing
Engineering Deans Office
Rockwell Collins
Planar Differential Tightly Coupled Dipole Array
Initial $40,000

Wagner, Eric
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work
School of Social Work
National Institutes of Health
FIU-RCMI
Initial $2,624,990
**Wagner, Eric**  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
School of Social Work  
Health Resources & Services Administration  
Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program  
Initial $466,073

**Williams, Mark L**  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Health Policy and Management  
National Institutes of Health  
HIV risk and prevention venue affiliation among young (R01)  
Increase $2,829

**Willoughby, Hugh E**  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Earth and Environment  
National Science Foundation  
Mechanisms for Hurricane Motion and Intensity Change  
Initial $81,951

**Xiao, Yi**  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Institute of Justice  
Electrochemical and Colorimetric Aptamer-Based Sensors f  
Continuation $49,996

**Zevallos, Juan Carlos**  
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
Medical & Population Health Sciences Research  
Baptist Health South Florida  
Innovative Cardiac Health Intervention  
Initial $198,000

**Zhong, Yu**  
College of Engineering and Computing  
Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
U.S. Department of Energy  
The Novel Hybrid Start-Off Model of High Performance Structural Alloys  
Increase $80,295

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