SGA awards up to $120,000 in scholarships

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Student Government Association Presidents Alexis Calatayud and Allihan Mejia have raised $120,000 in scholarship funds for full-time students.
The scholarships are offered for the spring and summer 2016 terms.
The awards are available under 10 different categories, each with different eligibility requirements.
Deadline for open applications is Friday, Oct. 9.

Each scholarship consists of amounts between $500 and $1,000, with multiple winners per scholarship.

Roughly 30 students will be awarded the SGA Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Scholarship and 24 will be awarded the SGA Excellence Scholarship.

The scholarships include awards for graduate, undergraduate, medical and law school students.

SGA scholarship money was first distributed under former 2013 SGA President Pablo Haspel and Laura Farinas. They are funded by the interest made off of the Activity and Service Fee paid by FIU students in tuition costs.

General eligibility requirements include being a full-time student, a 3.0 grade point average, a letter of recommendation, good judicial standing at the university and payment of the Activity and Service Fee.

“It’s a way to take the money made and give it back to the students through merit and awards,” said Matilde Gramling, executive director of Student Affairs.

“It is a way to help current students like sophomores, juniors and seniors continue with their education.”

“What sets the SGA scholarships apart from other university-wide scholarships, as well as Florida Prepaid and Bright Futures, is that SGA scholarships are also distributed for the summer term,” Gramling said.

“This year’s winners have the option to push the scholarship into the fall semester, only if they have a viable reason why they couldn’t take classes in the summer,” she said. “If they have to do an internship or if the classes they needed were not available, there are options now to settle the issue.”

Along with the summer exception, other changes have been made to the scholarship.

“This year, we have the SGA Fostering Panther Pride Scholarship,” said Michelle Castro, Campus Life assistant director at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. “There’s also new revisions to the Single-Parent and Veteran Scholarships.”

FIU student Nicholas Begliomini said he has worked many hours to pay for his tuition during his time at the University.

As a senior, he wishes he would have known about the scholarships from the start of his freshman year.

“The SGA scholarships sound like they would’ve helped me,” said Begliomini, a chemistry major. “I’ve had to work so hard to not be in debt that I wasn’t able to join any extracurriculars. I think winning one of the scholarships could have helped me through my last few years here.”


“A team of FIU affiliates put together by the FIU scholarship office will review all applications and chose the winners,” she said.

According to the Office of Scholarships and Fellowships.

“We really want students to look into the scholarships and apply before Oct. 9,” said Gramling.

“There’s something for everyone.”

NUMISMIC NEWS

BUST A MOVE

Students challenge themselves with group work outs at the Stress Busting Strength Conditioning event presented by Fit & Well Program in GC 243 Monday, Sept. 21.

Chevron donates $20,000 to College of Engineering

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The College of Engineering and Computing celebrated its new partnership with Chevron and received a $20,000 donation.

Through its University Partnership Program, Chevron has made FIU a “preferred partner school,” next to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University.

“This is a big deal,” said Linnell Bickford, CEC director of development.

Chevron hires around 100 interns in engineering, especially from universities within its partnership program.

“Anybody can apply for a job or an internship at any company, but you want to be on that list where they are marking a concerted effort to recruit from that school,” Bickford said.

She said students eventually do a rotational program for three years, where they get to work in different facets of engineering. “Chevron opens up the opportunities for [students] to move around the world to all of Chevron’s different locations,” Bickford also said the corporation targets core schools that have large student populations of African-Americans and Hispanics to expand its diversity portfolio.

“We graduate more Hispanic engineers than anyone,” said Bickford.

Nicole Boswell, Chevron’s diversity portfolio manager, said the corporation was interested in the University because it has the highest rate of Hispanic professional engineer graduates every year.

“Diversity is part of Chevron’s ways. FIU’s ethnicity and gender background is important,” said Boswell.

The College of Engineering is the number one university in the country that awards undergraduate and graduate degrees to Hispanic students, according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. More than 60 percent of University students are Hispanic.

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University of Virginia didn’t properly investigate sexual violence reports, officials say

The University of Virginia failed to properly investigate reports of sexual violence on campus. This includes allegations of abuse filed against fraternity members on several occasions in recent years, the U.S. Department of Education said Monday. Federal officials and the university reached “a resolution agreement” on Monday, four years after the Education Department launched a Title IX investigation into the way the school handles reports of sexual violence.

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Computer science professor awarded Overseas Master

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The Shanghai Municipal Education Commission has awarded the title of Overseas Master to a University professor.

Jinlin Zhao, professor of hospitality at the Chapman School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, was titled Overseas Master, an honor that Shankhlight extends to educators from around the world.

The award is in place so that individuals could travel to Shanghai and share their knowledge with students, according to the school’s website.

Zhao’s recognition marks the first time that SMIEC acknowledges the efforts of a professional in the field of hospitality and tourism. Although he has spent years as an educator, Zhao believes that a professor’s knowledge must go beyond that of simply teaching.

“For this profession, one should have experience in the industry as well as doing research and teaching,” said Zhao.

Having served as an educator at the University for the last 16 years, Zhao’s colleagues are not surprised by the honor.

“They have traveled with him to China and have found that he’s very well-regarded in the educational community,” said Mohammad Qureshi, associate dean at the School.

“Continues to add to what our school is and to have a faculty member such as him is a great, big deal.”

Over the years, Zhao has worked at a number of locations to acquire as much knowledge as he could about the hotel service industry, said Qureshi.

He has held down jobs at both a school cafeteria and a privately-owned pizzeria, but it was his work on three different Olympic committees that solidified Zhao as a knowledgeable figure in the world of hospitality.

“For the Beijing Olympics I worked for eight full months,” he said. “I spent a lot of time training the catering crews to prepare for this grand event.”

In addition to hosting duties at the University, as well as handling the preparations for the Olympic ceremonies, Zhao served as a research associate for the International Hotel and Restaurant Association for more than ten years.

Based out of Switzerland, the IHRA gave Zhao the opportunity to travel the world with the purpose of gathering research on both the customs of a country as well as the influence of industry.

Hospitality students at the school think that he is someone to look up to and they hope to achieve similar things when they graduate.

“First off, the fact that my professor at my own school was the first one to go in this field is an awe-inspiring thing,” said Elizabeth Lins, a sophomore hospitality major. “It just goes to show how, even though Flu isn’t an Ivy league school, we are one of the best.”

Steven Jackson, a sophomore hospitality major, agrees with Lins, but he doesn’t say how he can top Zhao’s accomplishments.

“I mean he worked in the Olympics and has talked to so many professionals in these fields,” said Jackson. “It’s hard to think that I could do anything bigger than that, but I’m sure gonna try.”

Zhao traveled to countries like Spain and Israel and accumulated knowledge of the hospitality industry by interviewing some of its top figures.

“I have a lot of experience due to my interactions with the top leaders in this industry,” Zhao said. “These interactions have enhanced my understanding of the hospitality trade. I was able to use the knowledge picked up from my travels, and I just want to share it.”

Additional reporting done by Nicole Montero.

S tudent engineers receive $20,000 donation

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Booswell said Chevron and the University have a relationship that exceeds beyond their partnership. Both are part of the National Action Council for Minority Engineers in Engineering, which grants scholarships to minority groups in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

“Chevron wants to leverage this relationship,” said Booswell. Mark Rosenberg, president of the University and Joseph Geagea, Chevron executive vice president, are representatives for NACME’s board of directors.

“We have one of the largest programs at both NACME and here in engineering at FIU,” Bickford said.

In the University, there has graduated 114 NACME scholars in 2015 alone, according to NACME’s website. NACME is a nonprofit engineering organization that has received scholarships from the council through their institution to help them graduate.

Institutions like Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico graduates more than 100 NACME scholars and more than 20 scholars at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

“Part of the problem at FIU is retention and graduation rates,” said Bickford. “Because most of our students work, Chevron’s hope is that we will start with the scholarships and get the students supported so that they can graduate.”

Engineer students spend six to seven years to graduate, Bickford said. Chevron and NACME should help students graduate within four years, she said. With the extra financial support, students would spend more time studying than working to pay for school.

Donations from the partnership will go to student organizations and first-generation general scholarship fund. $8,000 from Chevron’s donation will be used to send 13 members from the Society of Automotive Engineers to a racecar competition in Maryland.

The Society of Women Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers also benefited from the donation.

Jean Pierre Sorondo, president of SAE, said that it is important organizations, like Chevron, sponsor student organizations. He said financial support provides funding for extracurricular projects.

“The projects give us the opportunity to practice our class theory out in the real work, and try to actually build something that we learned in the classroom,” said Sorondo, a senior mechanical engineering major.

When you have that type of project funding by Chevron on your resume and then you go out into an interview and talk about that project that probably makes you able to really stand out of the crowd.”

Juan Trujillo, vice president of SAE, said that Chevron’s donation allows students to focus less on fundraising and more on engineering.

“We are very grateful for their donation,” said Trujillo, a junior mechanical engineering major.
I stand with Planned Parenthood

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Teen arrested for self-made clock reveals Islamophobia

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The war on women’s reproductive rights rages as the House of Representatives passes legislation to strip Planned Parenthood of its $500 million federal family planning funds for a year. Advertised as a political move to draw attention to allegations of Planned Parenthood staffers’ illegal actions - allegations based on highly edited video footage released by the Center for Medical Progress - the legislation, which passed Friday, Sept. 18, was pushed by political conservatives bent on defunding Planned Parenthood even before the recent controversy. The videos have been discredited and debunked as legitimate evidence against Planned Parenthood and yet on Monday evening the Senate GOP was on its fast-track process of planning legislation that would block all funding to Planned Parenthood for a year. The 1976 Hyde Amendment dictates that federal Medicaid funds can only be used to fund abortions in cases of rape, incest or to protect the life of the mother meaning federal money does not go towards just any abortion service. Planned Parenthood isn’t an abortion clinic; it is a sexual rights and reproductive rights organization that assists over 5.1 million men and women per year, and in fact abortions comprise 3 percent of the services provided by Planned Parenthood. One of the most sought after services at PP is sexually transmitted infection testing, with nearly 4.5 million treatments provided in 2013 alone. PP is a big provider of contraception as well, from oral contraception to contraceptive implants. Not to mention PP provides services to pregnant women such as pregnancy tests and prenatal services. If PP were to be defunded, its federally funded nutrition program would be affected. For low-income women, infants and children up to the age of five dependent on free supplemental food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and education, children’s health and breast support services, the impact would be devastating. Also, for many low-income people of color, Planned Parenthood is their main health care provider. When we consider the statistics, early diagnosis would be crucial to the quality and length of these women’s lives. Women’s reproductive rights, or lack thereof, are constantly restricted by legislation. Even in Florida, Gov. Rick Scott passed a 24-hour waiting period before abortions to serve as a “reflection” time for the woman. The law only allowed immediate abortions in case of rape, incest, domestic abuse or human trafficking if, women can present doctors with a police report, restraining order or similar documentation. Thankfully, the law was blocked by Judge Charles Dodson this past July and is still on hold. If the law is placed back into effect, it may cause irreparable harm to women’s health and sends a message to women that says they need to rethink about the choices they make concerning their bodies. As a woman, I am offended that my body and my choices regarding it need to be justified. If PP were defunded, I would not be able to acquire affordable health care services because of conservative political figures making more than five-figure salaries telling me what I can and can’t do with my body. According to them, I am only entitled to an abortion if I’m a victim of rape, incest, domestic abuse or human trafficking. This is an extreme example. Overall, Planned Parenthood provides affordable, quality preventive care and treatment to millions of women, men and young people. Defunding PP could have deadly consequences.

Teen arrested for self-made clock reveals Islamophobia

Stuart Klawans

A Time magazine article states that teachers and staff members took action because the alarm clock appeared to be a bomb-like device. This report also informs that the ninth grader, Ahmed Mohamed, could still potentially face charges for bringing a homemade alarm clock to school.

The boy with terrorist tendencies?

Mohamed, could still potentially face charges for bringing a homemade alarm clock to school despite the fact that the boy told authorities that the clock was a project that he intended to show his engineering teacher. It is very apparent that this incident is a case of identifying a boy with terrorist anxiety. During an interview Ahmed’s father stated, "[Ahmed] just wants to invent good things for mankind," he said. "But because his name is Mohamed, I was arrested on Sept. 11, I think my son got mistreated." Given the western world’s recent clashes with extreme factions of Islam, as a result of lazy journalism, one of the dominant perceptions seen in the media is of Islam as a religion replete with violence, revenge and mistrust toward Islam. Because of these biases, one would conclude that Islam’s negative perceptions listed above in reality Islam, like most world religions, seeks to protect the vulnerable through justice and compassion-oriented precepts and practices such as charity, compassion for the sick and avoidance of materialistic opulence. To better understand the topic at hand I have turned to Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time, written by Islamic scholar Karen Armstrong. In her text, Armstrong attempts to elucidate the very essence of Prophet Muhammad’s message to the world and clarify its receptions by all members of society. Through her historical narrative and critical analysis of the Qur’an, Armstrong captures the main message of Islam and its leading prophet Muhammad while simultaneously touching upon the biases Islam faces. Armstrong explains that Islam’s mission is “to create a just and decent society, in which all members were treated with respect.” Her argument follows logically because Islam is an extension of Judaism and Christianity - religions that at their core (irrespective of their members) are concerned with emulating the justice, love and compassion of God to benefit humanity. One of the most interesting and possibly the most important topic that Armstrong covers in her text is when she discusses the nature of all world religions and how “the faithful scrutinize the sacred past, looking for lessons that speak directly to the conditions of their lives.” Essentially Armstrong explains that people of different religious and cultural backgrounds contribute to such habits that are often, if not solely, responsible for how society shapes their ideologies - and as a result of these interpretation habits, collective misunderstandings can arise. This topic often becomes lost in the discussion is a matter that exist when it comes to the biases toward the Islamic faith and offers insight on how these biases and ideologies immerse themselves into the complexities of society.

Although Karen Armstrong is one of many scholars present in society, her work offers not only knowledge about Islam but also offers insight as to how society can analyze these dynamics and make a change for the better. As members of society, it is important to work under- stand faiths and cultures other than our own. By attempting to see the positive, each community can better coexist as a functional society.
The audience will sense the actors having so much fun onstage.

“A Flea in her Ear” opens theatre season

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The FIU Theatre Department kicks off their fall season with a production of “The Flea in Her Ear,” a well-known twentieth century “bedroom farce.”

Director Phillip Church, it is a fun loving play that centers around wives who are trying to catch their mischievous husbands red-handed with the story taking them through the many twists and turns farces are generally known for.

“The Flea in Her Ear” has a reputation in the theatre world for being “wickedly funny and fast paced,” filled with well-timed jokes and clever improvisational acting.

Aside from the play’s reputation, the theatre students have been working hard for the past seven weeks with a lot to show for it according to Church.

“It’s hugely challenging for the students [who strive] for realism and naturalism in their training,” Church said.

The student actors have been hard at work in rehearsals since the week before school started.

“It shows through in their acting… the audience will sense the actors having so much fun onstage, which will prove to be an excellent start to the whole year.”

From cleverly thought out student-designed sets and fully corseted period-piece costumes to a fun French theme night (Friday, Oct. 2), FIU Theatre’s rendition of “The Flea in Her Ear” promises to be a wildly fun time for anyone in attendance.

“The Flea in Her Ear” can be seen at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center on Sept. 25, 26, 30 and Oct. 1, 2, 3 at 8:00 p.m. and Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Left to Right: Senior theatre majors Allyn Moriyon as the valet, Poche, and Adele Robinson as Colonel Ferraillon, owner of the Frisky Puss Hotel.
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LIFE!

The Miami Center of Architecture & Design partnered with the FIU College of Architecture + The Arts’ Patricia Elso and Matthew Wasala, both graduate architecture students, to bring to the community “Listen to this Building,” an exhibition that combines downtown Miami architecture with accessibility to those who have seeing disabilities.

Elso and Wasala created and assembled a 3-D printed model of the MCAD building which was put inside a box with holes so that exhibit goers could feel the building with all of its ridges and intricacies in which everyone could partake in the experience.

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Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, “Listen to this Building” focuses on making the architecture exhibit a very interactive and immersive experience with the use of additional multimedia components such as audio and an interactive braille book.

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They used the 3-D printing machines set up in the Miami Beach Urban Studios building to print the parts. “At first, the building was going to be much smaller scaled,” said Elso. “But when we tested it out, we saw that the smaller details of the building got distorted, which wasn’t good because that’s what we wanted people to really feel, so the building ended up being much bigger and heavier.”

Elso and Wasala said that their biggest obstacle when it came to making the building was making sure that everything fit well together and that it maintained its stability.

The exhibit opened on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue throughout the month of September. On Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. the exhibit will take on a more musical turn as the exhibit brings forth the MCAD 3-D model to life using “experimental processes and sounds” according to the “CARTA in Resonance: MBUS, Models, and Music” page. Elso and Wasala will also be talking about the process of making the model and preparing for the exhibition.

Grad students print 3-D art for impaired

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Books and Books welcomes comic book legends

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On Saturday, Sept. 19 Books and Books, an independent bookstore in Coral Gables, brought together authors Brad Meltzer and Judd Winick.

For fans, this was a rare treat as both authors, although college roommates and early collaborators in the comic book field, had not appeared together in over 24 years.

Meltzer, an author from Miami, is best known for his historical mystery novels such as “The Inner Circle,” and “The Book of Fate.” To comic book fans, he is best known for writing the controversial Justice League story, “Identity Crisis.” He also has credits in “Green Arrow,” “Justice League of America” and a series called “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.”

Winick’s name is known in the comics community for his work with “Batman,” “Green Lantern,” “Green Arrow,” “Justice League,” and “Star Wars.” He also worked on DC Comic’s New 52 series, with runs on “Cavewoman” and “Batwing”.

Perhaps his most famous “Batman: Under The Hood.” This storyline is extremely popular among fans, because it resurrected Batman’s dead sidekick Jason Todd, the second Robin, and turned him into a supervillian called The Red Hood.

Winick would later write the screenplay for the 2010 animated adaption of the series, “Batman: Under The Hood.”

His other roles in film and TV include being a cast member of MTV’s “The Real World: San Francisco,” head writer on the Hulu animated series, “The Awesomes” and the creator of the Cartoon Network show, “The Life and Times of Juniper Lee.”

Both authors were promoting their latest books, which they had written for their children’s enjoyment.

Meltzer was presenting, “I am Helen Keller,” a picture book biography about the historical figure Helen Keller, which is the latest book in his series of historical picture books.

Winick was promoting his new novel “HIII.O: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth,” a humorous/adventure graphic novel about a not-so-stupendous boy who crashed to Earth with strange powers, which he announced was the first in a six book series.

The room was filled to capacity, both authors complimented each other perfectly, and had the audience roaring with laughter as they revealed their antics during their early writing days when they worked in collaboration.

Meltzer was the first to speak, describing how he had written the Helen Keller book to create a way for young children to read about historical figures. This book is one in a series including other historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln and Lucille Ball.

Meltzer also talked about his work in the comic world, expressing his amazement to work with Ioss Wheeler on “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.”

What captured the hearts of the audience was when he told the story of how he had helped save the life of his teacher from high school by using his Facebook page to locate a kidney donor.

Another truly moving moment was when Meltzer stepped off the stage after introducing Winick, and he stepped into an emotional hug.

When Winick stepped up, he began by recounting his adventures in the comic book world. He also talked about his work with “Batman,” “Green Lantern,” “Green Arrow,” “Justice League,” and “Star Wars.”

He then explained how he had been inspired to create the “HIII.O” series. He had first gotten the idea when his seven-year-old son asked him if he could read one of the comic books that he had written. Winick refused, knowing that the content of the comics was too mature for his son to read. However, that situation was the stimulus for his series, a comic book series for kids.

After the main event, the authors signed books.

“Keep reading those comics, guys. I love stories that you still hold in your hands. Superhero comics have been around for 80 years, and I think they’ll be around for another 80 years, because the characters are strong, the stories are great and there are people who love them. So… keep reading them,” Winick said.

Meltzer also thanked FIU for the part that it played in changing his life.

“One of my favorite moments of growing up was going to a debate program at FIU right when I got my start. When I was still in high school, there was a program there that changed my life, and I still know the teacher who used to be there. She passed away, but who had an impact on me forever, so I love FIU for that,” he said.

Mitchell Kaplan, owner of Books and Books said, “Having Judd and Brad here was a highlight of our September author events. They were funny, they were touching, they were moving. They gave wonderful information on how you get started in book publishing...and what was also interesting was hearing them talk about comics in a way that was so intricate and so, as they would say, geeky.”

Authors Brad Meltzer and Judd Winick at Books and Books meeting enthusiastic comic fans.
Panthers beat in-state rival 7 goals to 2

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The men’s soccer team (5-2-0, 1-0-0 in Conference USA) took care of rival Florida Atlantic University with ease Monday, Sept. 21 in a 7-2 dominating victory.

Junior Luis Betancur (three goals) and senior Daniel Gonzalez (two goals) led the way for FIU as the Panthers put up a season-high seven goals on their first C-USA opponent of the season.

Although Betancur later stole the show with his hat trick, it was sophomore Paul Marie who got things rolling for the Panthers. In the eighth minute, he received an assist from sophomore Brad Fountain to put the ball in the lower left corner of the net.

Gonzalez would follow up on a goal off a penalty kick in the 20th minute. Betancur delivered a strike after the ball rebounded to him off of the post in the 35th minute to give the Panthers a 3-0 lead before halftime.

Betancur lead the Panthers attack in the second half, scoring his second goal of the match off of a cross from freshman Stephen Böhm. FAU cut the Panthers’ lead to 4-2 when they scored quick goals at the 74th and 76th minute marks.

FIU responded with immediacy; Betancur completed his hat trick after putting a rebound off of FAU’s keeper in the back of the net in the 77th minute and Gonzalez registered his second goal of the game off of a shot from the middle of the box just two minutes later to give FIU a 6-2 lead.

Junior Marvin Hezel topped off the night when he scored off of an assist from junior Patrick Lopez in the 82nd minute to give FIU an assertive 7-2 advantage to take into the final whistle.

FIU’s seven goals were the most from the Panthers since they recorded eight versus Alabama A&M University in 1997. FAU and FIU were originally scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18; the matchup was postponed to Sept. 21.

The University extended its all-time record versus the Owls to 31-5-2 with the victory.

The Panthers return to action this weekend when they attempt to defend their perfect home record against Marshall University on Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

FIU to fall in close game at Louisiana Tech

JACOB SPIWAK

The Bulldogs opened the season with a 62-15 annihilation of the Southern University Jaguars, but dropped their next two contests against conference opponent Western Kentucky University and the undefeated Kansas State Wildcats, who are currently ranked in the AP Poll as the #39 team in the country.

Regardless of the final scores, however, Louisiana Tech powered Bulldogs.

To win this game, FIU’s offense will need to perform better than it has all season. The young offensive line will need to create holes for sophomore running back Alex Gardner to run through and give McGough solid pass protection.

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-Megan TaiT/The Beacon

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The FIU women’s tennis team wraps up the 40th Annual Milwaukee Tennis Classic at The Town Club in Fox Point, Wis. The tournament ran from Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 20.

The Panthers started their tournament by playing the University of Cincinnati Bearcats in doubles and FIU won two out of the three matches they played. Cincinnati’s Kelly Poggensee-Wei and Lauren Bellinger defeated FIU’s Mayrna Vekslers and Andrea Lazaro 6-3. But FIU answered as Nina Nagode and Carlotta Orlando defeated Katya Bure and Harley Hutchison 7-5. Then FIU took another as Nerma Caluk and Sandra Honigova (both Panthers) defeated Cincinnati’s Ali Miller and Antonella Bramato 6-0.

Looking to singles action, FIU played the University of Wisconsin Badgers and only managed to win one match out of the six played, which was FIU freshman Sandra Honigova defeating Lauren Burich by a 6-3, 6-2 score line. Ekaterina Stepanova of Wisconsin defeated senior Carlotta Orlando 6-1, 6-3. The only other Panther to take a set off a Wisconsin player outside of Honigova was Nerma Caluk, who was defeated by Sydney Rider 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

FIU started the day by taking on the Wisconsin Badgers in doubles. The Panthers fell to Wisconsin in all four double matches played. Even the experience of senior Carlotta Orlando and junior Nina Nagode weren’t enough, as the duo lost 6-4 to Wisconsin’s Sydney Rider and Ekaterina Stepanova.

In singles action, the Panthers nearly had reverse results as compared to day one. FIU picked up five wins and went 5-7 in singles on day 2. Orlando, Nagode, Caluk, Honigova and Vekslers all picked up wins as the Panthers had a strong singles day.

Sunday was the final day of the Milwaukee classic and the Panthers would take on the Marquette University Golden Eagles in doubles. FIU took two out of the three games played as Carlotta Orlando and Nina Nagode fell for the second day in a row, this time against Golden Eagles Silvia Ambrosio and Erin Gebe to a score line of 7-5.

FIU dominated singles only dropping one match in the 6 that were played. All the Panthers got wins except for Andrea Lazaro. The red shirt freshman lost 6-1, 6-2 to Antonella Bramato.

Sydney Rider and Ekaterina Stepanova of Wisconsin took home the women’s double crown, while teammates Lauren Burich and Kelsey Grambeau got second place. As for singles, Wisconsin’s Lauren Chypha won the singles titles and another Badger, Kendall Kirsch, was the runner up.

FIU’s next tournament will be the Bedford Cup on October 18-19, in Ft. Myers, Fla.

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University to discuss economics of water at panel

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The University will be present at the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce for a panel discussion about the economics and values of water.

For the University, Associate Professor Pallab Mozumder will form part of the panel to discuss the economic side of water and its significance. “FIU is trying to build some partnership with the city and community,” said Mozumder. “The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce organizes this events about climate change, the economics of water and things related.”

Mozumder said that the panel is important for the University so students can be more mindful and concerned about water management.

Lester Sola, director of the Miami Dade Water and Sewer department, will be present to discuss the new plans and updates on water utilization.

Karen Wilkening, director development for SEAS says the event will be hosted by the Sustainability Energy and Environment Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Wilkening also serves for the committee on behalf of Florida International University.

Based on the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer department, new updates include a new capital improvement plan, new jobs that will come along and the cost of water in Dade County.

Mozumder states the worthiness of water by comparing the purchase of a water bottle to a monthly utility bill.

“When it comes to a water bottle, the price can be less than $10, depending on the brand. But for a utility bill, the cost is not only for charging the water but also for the cost of conveyance.”

“The way the city charges water in the utility bill, it’s not only for charging the water, they’re charging the cost of transporting water from the source to the house,” Mozumder said.

A student can be able to understand what’s the value and what’s the price,” Mozumder said.

“People can use] means of filtration, like catching unused water and filtering to make sure it is still drinkable and sterilizing it by whatever means necessary,” he said. “It’s important to save water because desalination is not a fully developed and sophisticated process for mass producing drinkable water.”

The newest plan for Miami Dade county is the Capital Improvement Plan.

According to the Miami Dade Water and Sewer department website, the plan will provide new upgrades to thousands of miles of pipes, pump stations, water and wastewater treatment plants “to provide high quality drinking water”.

For the next twenty years, the county is also going to invest $13.5 billion for infrastructure upgrades. The improvement will create over 16,000 new jobs generating $24.9 million in economic output, according to the website.

Assefa M. Melesse, professor in the department of Earth and Environment, was invited to participate in the panel but declined because the discussion was focused on the economics of water.

Nevertheless, he continues to stress his view on the capital improvement plan, believing the plan is a great investment to keep water secure.

“Miami, and also other counties, should invest on infrastructure,” he said. “Some infrastructures that we have now can only serve a small population, but can carry a big amount of water... there’s water losses along the way.”

Melesse also said that the University can benefit from opportunities, like leading the environmental, economics and societal implications of water problems. Also, he said it can help the University create consciousness, do research, and maybe in the future lead on strategies to deal with water change, if it ever changes.

According to Mozumder, the event is set to begin with an introduction by Sola, talking about the updates. Shortly after, the panel discussion will begin.

Other than Mozumder, panelists include Ralph Eberts, executive Vice President for Black & Veatch; Jason A. Johnson, senior program manager at Pure Technologies & Presidents and Caribbean Wastewater Association; and Irela M. Bague, president of Bague+ Group.

The panel discussion will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a registration and breakfast. Members pay $35 for pre-registration and the general public pays $45. At the door, tickets will cost $50.