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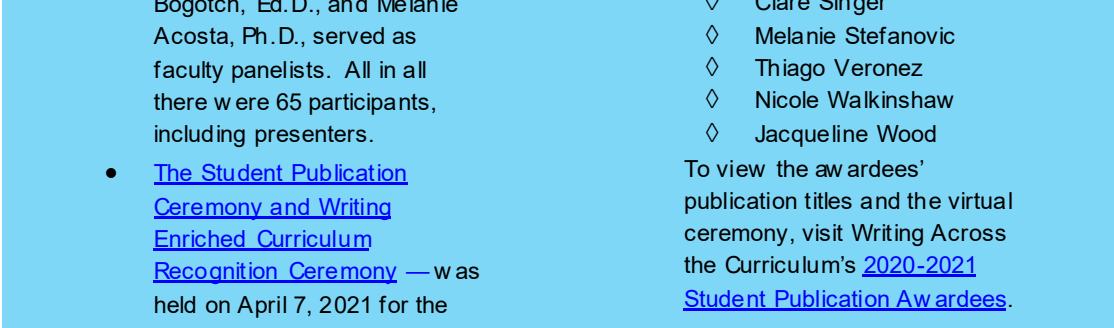
## FAU Recognizes COE Faculty and Student at Honors Convocation

FAU President John Kelly and Provost Bret Danilowicz recognized several College of Education faculty members and a COE student during the 52nd annual Honors Convocation, held virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Among the award recipients are:

**David Kumar, Ed.D.**, Professor, Teaching and Learning, who received the Presidential Award for Engaged Faculty, Research/ Scholarship.

**Angeline Mendoza**, Bachelor's in Early Care and Education student, who was one of eight undergraduate recipients of the University Scholar Award.

**Cristobal Salinas, Jr., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, was one of eight finalists for the Distinguished Mentor of the Year in Undergraduate Research, and **Sabrina Sembiante, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry, was one of eight finalists for the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award. ... [Read more](#)



## COE Students Recognized at Research Symposium and Publication Ceremony

FAU College of Education students took part in the College's 2021 Research Symposium and received recognition during a University-wide ceremony for 2020-2021 publications.

- Student Achievement Council (SAC) 20th Annual College of Education Research Symposium: Towards Justice-Oriented Scholarship**—showcased 10 student poster presentations and 12 student oral presentations on Canvas concurrent with the virtual event on Thursday, March 4, 2021. Stephen Silverman, Ed.D., COE Dean, gave the welcoming remarks and Dily Schoorman, Ph.D., Ira Bogotch, Ed.D., and Melanie Acosta, Ph.D., served as faculty panelists. All in all there were 65 participants, including presenters.
- The Student Publication Ceremony and Writing Enriched Curriculum Recognition Ceremony**—was held on April 7, 2021 for the

- 2020-2021 Academic Year. Fourteen COE students received the Provost's Certificate of Recognition for Publishing:
- ◇ Tanisha Beecher Bell
  - ◇ Lazaro Camacho, Jr.
  - ◇ Gina Huffly
  - ◇ Juan Izaguirre
  - ◇ Nigel Johnson
  - ◇ Paul Massy
  - ◇ Tiara Miles-Clarke
  - ◇ Iris Minor
  - ◇ Leila Shataru
  - ◇ Clare Singer
  - ◇ Melanie Stefanovic
  - ◇ Thiago Veronez
  - ◇ Nicole Walkinshaw
  - ◇ Jacqueline Wood

To view the awardees' publication titles and the virtual ceremony, visit Writing Across the Curriculum's [2020-2021 Student Publication Awardees](#).

Congratulations to all and best wishes in your future academic endeavors.

## COE Holds Honors and Awards Ceremony

FAU College of Education recognized its faculty and students during the COE Honors and Awards Ceremony held virtually on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

**Faculty Awards**  
Stephen Silverman, Ed.D., COE Dean, presented College awards to two faculty members:

**Sabrina Sembiante, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, CCEI, COE Distinguished Teacher of the Year

**Cristobal Salinas, Jr., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, ELRM, COE Distinguished Mentor of the Year

Paul Peluso, Ph.D., COE Senior Associate Dean, recognized faculty members who were selected for the following COE awards:

**COE Scholars of the Year**

**Greg Brigman, Ph.D.**, Professor, Counselor Education, at the Professor level

**Maria Vasquez, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology (ELRM), at the Associate Professor level

**Melanie Acosta, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry (CCEI), at the Assistant Professor level

**COE Researchers of the Year**

**Ali Danesh, Ph.D.**, Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), at the Professor level

**Ayse Torres, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Counselor Education (CE), at the Assistant Professor level

**ADHUS/FAU High School**  
Sherry Bees, M.Ed., Principal/ Director of A.D. Henderson University School and FAU High School, honored:

**Kelli Wilder, M.Ed.**, 4th-grade instructor, as the FAU District Teacher of the Year

**Jimmy Aguilar**, Micro-Computer Tech Specialist, as the FAU District School Related Employee of the Year

**Student Awards**  
Silverman presented College-wide awards to three students:

**Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award**

**Kathryn Bosso, Ph.D.**, CE Dissertation Title: The Effects of Mindfulness Training on BDNF Levels, Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Levels of College Students

**Dr. Rosanna Gatens Student Award for Outstanding Community Service**

**Kelsey Fertig, TL**, at the undergraduate level

**Olivia Solomon, CSD**, at the graduate level

Among the students honored by Chairs for academic excellence in their departments were:

**Academic Excellence**

**Olivia Solomon**, Outstanding Graduate, CSD

**Adriana Labarta**, Outstanding Graduate, CE

**Michelle Ogden**, Outstanding Undergraduate, CCEI

**Paul Massy**, Outstanding Graduate, CCEI

**Katherine Couls-Johnston**, Outstanding Graduate, ELRM

**Melissa Jackson**, Outstanding Undergraduate, Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

**Jacqueline Wood**, Outstanding Graduate, ESE

**Kelsey Fertig**, Outstanding Undergraduate, Teaching and Learning (TL)

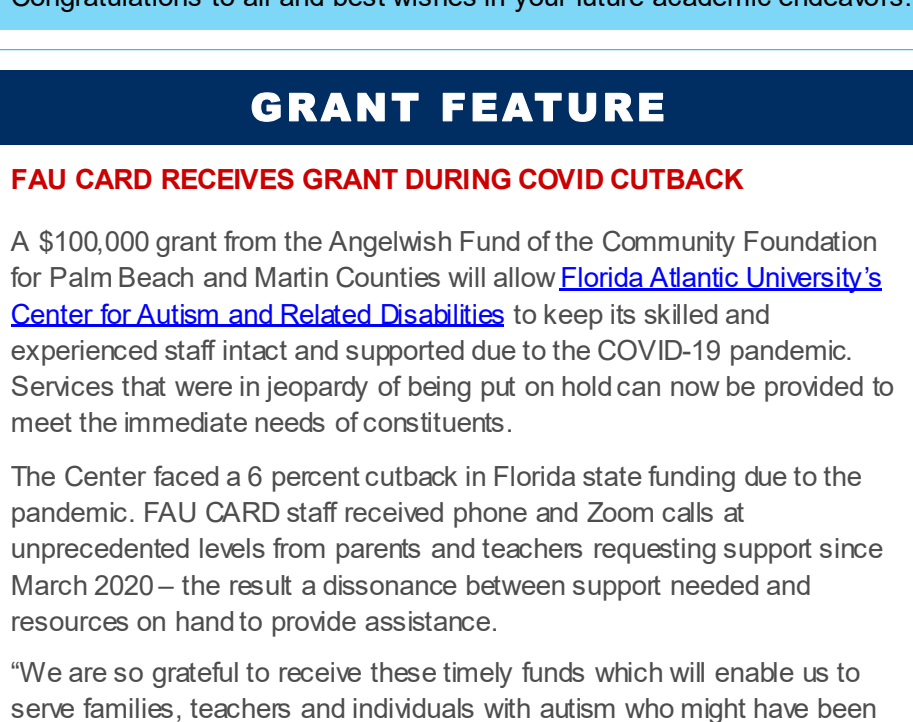
**Kelsey Ferreira**, Outstanding Graduate, TL

Retiring faculty were also recognized. Deborah Shepherd, Ed.D., COE Associate Dean, acknowledged donors and scholarship recipients.

## COE Owl Among FAU Distinguished Alumni

**Sherette Dunn, Ph.D.**, who holds four degrees from Florida Atlantic University's College of Education, joined the COE's Distinguished Alumni as the 2021 recipient of the award for the COE. She was one of seven distinguished alumni from FAU Colleges honored by the FAU Alumni Association (FAUAA) during its annual Hall of Fame & Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony held at the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. The award is bestowed on alumni who have demonstrated exceptional service, inspired leadership and commitment to their profession and community. Dunn, who emigrated from Jamaica at 16 years old, is presently Director of First Year Success Programs at the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colo. ... [Read more](#)

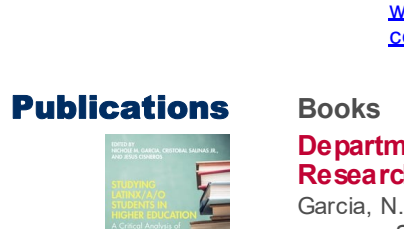
## FAU Bestows Award to COE Staff at Employee Service Awards Ceremony



Florida Atlantic University President John Kelly congratulates Lizeth Garcia, Program Assistant, Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry (CCEI) during the University's Annual Employee Service Awards Ceremony on April 21, 2021. Liz earned the 2021 Jeffrey Gabor Exemplary Employee Award for the care and professionalism she demonstrates consistently for many years. "She is the 'face' of our department to all prospective students, who appreciate her clarity, detailed explanations, and timely response related to the graduate school application process," noted Hanizah Zainuddin, Ph.D., CCEI Interim Chair. "Her thoroughness in checking documents submitted by students as well as course syllabi enables us to meet deadlines and minimize unnecessary delays and frustrations."

"Liz's sense of personal responsibility and care for the welfare of the students and faculty, reflect quiet acts of leadership, which helps build the department's success," Zainuddin explained. "Her bilingualism has been a great asset to us—she not only ensures that nothing gets lost in translation by assisting students and responding to public inquiries in Spanish when needed, but also reaffirms the department's commitment and pride toward diversity of insights, cultures, and languages. Her ability to effectively communicate with everyone in an even tone helps build a respectful, functioning, and healthy workplace culture for everyone!"

## COE Student, Mentor Receive SURF Award

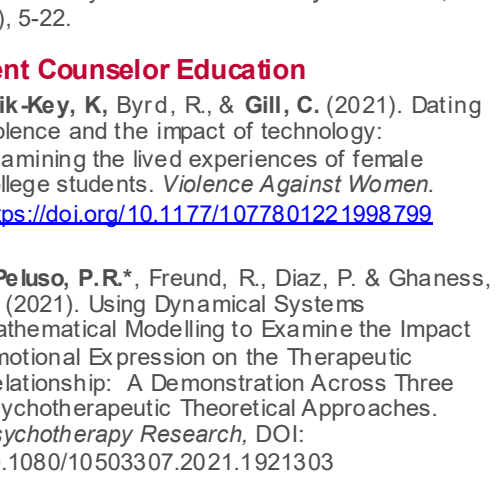


Philomena Marinaccio, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Teaching and Learning. The award allocated \$4,000 to support a ten-week summer research project titled, Summer Reading Endorsement Academy (SREA). The project will address a Florida Department of Education (DOE) mandate requiring educators who teach literacy in inclusive classrooms to demonstrate that they are highly qualified by earning a reading endorsement or certification. A pilot study focusing on self-efficacy scores of area teachers who complete a series of online modules will be conducted as part of this summer research project. ... [Read more](#)

An undergraduate student in the elementary education program at FAU College of Education's Department of Teaching and Learning, Kayla Crawford (second from left), is the recipient of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Award, along with research team member and mentor,

## Researchers Collaborate on Dating Violence and Impact of Technology Study

Researchers conducted a study to understand the dating violence experience and perpetration of college-age women, as well as the impact of mobile technology, which allows 24-hour access. Co-authors from FAU's College of Education Kelly Emelianchik-Key, Ph.D. (near right), Associate Professor, and Carman Gill, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, both in the Department of Counselor Education, collaborated with a researcher from another university for this study. The findings were published in the journal, [Violence Against Women](#). ... [Read more](#)



## FAU High School Students Participate in Symposiums, Receive Awards in Competitions

[Florida Atlantic University High School](#) students took part in symposiums and competitions around the University. Some of them received awards and recognitions during the Spring 2021 semester.

**Office of Undergraduate Research Initiative (OURI) 11th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium**—was held virtually on April 9, 2021. Students engaged in undergraduate research and scholarly activity presented their findings either through poster/visual arts presentation or an oral/presenting arts presentation. Among the 2021 oral presentation winners was **Imtial Imran**, FAU High School. For a complete listing of students, including those from FAU High School, who participated in the symposium, view the [2021 Undergraduate Research Symposium booklet](#).

— a product pivot from last year's prototype.

**WAVE Competition Award Ceremony**—was held on April 12, 2021 by FAU's Division of Research. The sixth annual undergraduate applied research competition challenges students to submit innovative ideas that target societal issues and provides seed funding for project development.

◇ **Arman Alexis**, a FAU AHS student and freshman at the university, took third place by utilizing virtual reality to augment the efficiency of CT scans. ... [Read more](#)

◇ **Paris Prince**, a senior at FAUHS and junior at FAU won first place with SPods

◇ **Tyler Brack**, a junior at FAUHS and concurrently a junior at FAU, created The Brack Institute, a nonprofit that works with schools to help low-income students.

◇ **FAUHS and junior** at the university, developed SPods, an innovation that allows users to wash hands without the use of any external water supply. ... [Read more](#)

Congratulations to all and best wishes in your future academic endeavors.

## GRANT FEATURE

### FAU CARD RECEIVES GRANT DURING COVID CUTBACK

A \$100,000 grant from the Angelwish Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties will allow [Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities](#) to keep its skilled and experienced staff intact and supported due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Services that were in jeopardy of being put on hold can now be provided to meet the immediate needs of constituents.

The Center faced a 6 percent cutback in Florida state funding due to the pandemic. FAU CARD staff received phone and Zoom calls at unprecedented levels from parents and teachers requesting support since March 2020—the result a dissonance between support needed and resources on hand to provide assistance.

"We are so grateful to receive these timely funds which will enable us to serve families, teachers and individuals with autism who might have been unintentionally left out due to reduced resources," said [Jack Scott, Ph.D.](#), executive director of FAU CARD. "Additional funds will allow several programs to continue, as well as afford new and important services for people with autism spectrum disorder." ... [Read more](#)

## FOND FAREWELLS

**Peggy Goldstein, Ed.D.**, Associate Professor, Exceptional Student Education, retired effective July 31, 2020. She served the College of Education for 25 and a half years.

**Deena Wener, Ph.D.**, CCC-SLP, Associate Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), retired effective January 15, 2021. She served the College of Education for more than 31 years, 17 of them as Chair of CSD.

**Ilene Allgood, Ed.D.**, Senior Instructor, Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry, retired effective May 7, 2021. She served the College of Education for more than 15 and a half years.

**Lawrence Heiser, Ph.D.**, Field Placement Coordinator and Senior Instructor, Exceptional Student Education, retired effective May 7, 2021. He served the College of Education for 12 and a half years.

**Darlene Epperson**, Office Assistant, Counselor Education, retired effective December 31, 2020. She served the College of Education for more than 22 years.

### Important Dates

- Students**
- July 12—Summer Dissertation due to the University Graduate Dean
  - July 15, 23 & 27—Freshman Orientation, in-person
  - July 20—Freshman Orientation, virtual
  - July 30—Transfer Orientation, in person
  - Aug. 3, 6, 11 & 19—Freshman Orientation, in person
  - Aug. 17—Freshman Orientation, virtual
  - Aug. 10—COE Commencement Ceremony
  - Aug. 11—Transfer Orientation, in person, Davie campus
  - Aug. 18—Transfer Orientation, virtual

### Awards

**Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology**  
**Salinas, Jr., C.** (2021). Awarded Barbara K. Townsend Emerging Scholar Award. The Council for the Study of Community Colleges.

**Recognition**  
**Department of Counselor Education**  
Best Value Schools. (2021). *Best 15 master's in school counseling programs in 2021*. <https://www.bestvalueschools.org/master-s-in-school-counseling/>

### Publications



**Books**  
**Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology**  
**Garcia, N. M., Salinas, C., Cisneros, J.** (Eds.) (2021). *Studying Latinx/a/o students in higher education: A critical analysis of concepts, theory and methodologies*. Routledge.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**  
**Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**  
**Aazh H. Danesh AA** (2021). ONLINE FEATURE | Triology of Papers: Audiologist-Delivered Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Tinnitus and Hyperacusis. *Audiology Today*, March-April Online Issue. <https://www.audiology.org/audiology-today-march-april-2021/online-feature-trilogy-papers-audiologist-delivered-cognitive-behavioral-therapy-for-tinnitus-and-hyperacusis>

**Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry**  
**Nightengale-Lee, B., Massy, P., Knowles, B.** (2021). Putting black boys' literacies first: Curriculum development for the lives & literacies of black boys. *Journal of Literacy Innovation*, 6 (1), 5-22.

**Department Counselor Education**  
**Emelianchik-Key, K., Byrd, R., & Gill, C.** (2021). Dating violence and the impact of technology: Examining the lived experiences of female college students. *Violence Against Women*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/107781221988799>

**Baker, A., Peluso, P.R., Freund, R., Diaz, P. & Ghaness, A.** (2021). Using Dynamical Systems Mathematical Modelling to Examine the Impact Emotional Expression on the Therapeutic Relationship: A Demonstration Across Three Psychotherapeutic Theoretical Approaches. *Psychotherapy Research*. DOI: 10.1080/105503307.2021.1921303

**Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology**  
**Rodriguez, S., Blaney, J., Vasquez, S., & Salinas, C.** (2021). Latino men and masculinities: A multi-institutional study of community college transfer experiences. *Community College Review*, 1-40. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00915521211002898>

**Department of Exceptional Student Education**  
**Nguyen, N., Garnett, W., Balsamo, N. & Brady, M.** (2021). Compassion science: Embracing and cultivating compassionate minds in early childhood classrooms. *The Educational Forum*, 1-14. DOI: 10.1080/00131725.2021.1912232

**FAU High School faculty/staff:**  
**Ingle, D. N., Meredith, T. L., Perrault, J. R., & Wyneken, J.** (2021). Two heads are not always better than one: craniofacial and axial bifurcation in chelonid embryos and hatchlings (*Chelonia mydas* and *Caretta caretta*). *Journal of Morphology*, 1-12.

**FAU High School students:**  
**Branscum, C., & Fallik, S.W.** (2021). A content analysis on state human trafficking statutes: how does the legal system acknowledge survivors in the United States (US)? *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, 1-23.

**Jerez, D., Stuart, E., Schmitt, K., Guerrero-Given, D., Christie, J. M., Kamasawa, A. N., & Smirnov, M. S.** (2021). A deep learning approach to identifying immunogold particles in electron microscopy images. *Scientific Reports*, 11(1), 1-9.

**Branscum, C., Cain, C.M., & Fallik, S.W.** (2021) Exploring the nature of anti-trafficking laws: A content analysis of state statutes. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.

**Special Issues**  
**Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry**  
**Sembiante, S. F., & Tian, Z.** (Eds.) (2021). Culturally sustaining approaches to academic languaging through systemic functional linguistics. *Language and Education*, 35 (2), 101-180.

**Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology**  
**Bogotch, I.** (2021). Afterword: inserting social justice into professional development. *Professional Development in Education*, 47. Special Issue: The place of professional growth and professional learning in leading socially just schools, 191-196.

**Special Issue Introduction**  
**Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry**  
**Sembiante, S. F., & Tian, Z.** (2021). Introduction: Culturally sustaining approaches to academic languaging through systemic functional linguistics. *Language and Education*, 35 (2), 101-105.

### Prestigious Lectures

**Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**  
**Danesh, A.A.** (2021). *Management of a Severe Case of Tinnitus due to Ototoxicity: How to Utilize Modified CBT, Counseling, and Sound Therapy to Alleviate Tinnitus*. Oral presentation presented at the Annual Convention of the American Academy of Audiology, Virtual 2021. Tinnitus Grand Rounds. Christopher Spankovich, Au.D., Ph.D., session Moderator.

### Grants

**Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology**  
**Lopez, M. & Salinas, C.** (2021). *Unpacking the Belongingness and Latinidad of Brazilian Students at Hispanic-Serving Institutions*. NASPA Foundation. Co-Principal Investigators. \$1,000.

**Department of Exceptional Student Education**  
**Scott, J.** (2020). *Black-African American ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Identification*. Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. Principal Investigator (FAU). \$155,188 (Funded).

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