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**2007 INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
OUTSTANDING GRADUATES ANNOUNCED**

ORLANDO, Fla.—The Institute of Higher Education, University of Florida announced the **2007 Institute of Higher Education Outstanding Graduates** for the Higher Education Administration Program January 27<sup>th</sup> at an Alumni Reunion & Awards Banquet at the Community College Futures Assembly in Orlando. The ten competitively selected recipients are: Judith Bilsky, Executive Vice Chancellor, Florida Division of Community Colleges & Workforce Education; Kathryn Birmingham, Dean, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Downtown Campus, Florida Community College at Jacksonville; Scott D. Elliott, President, Meridian Community College, MS; Richard D. Massie, Vice President for Student & Administrative Services, Shawnee Community College, IL; Morgan A. Phillips, Vice President of Curriculum Instruction, Southeastern Community College, NC; Ruth Prather, Provost, Valencia Community College, FL; Carlisle Baxter Rathburn, President, Savannah Technical College, GA; Barbara Sloan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tallahassee Community College, FL; Nancy Vader-McCormick, Professor of Speech & Communications, Delta College, MI; Kris Williams, Associate Vice President, Santa Fe Community College, FL.

The 10 recipients were competitively selected from 19 finalists according to defined criteria by a prestigious national panel from higher education including: Kitty Boyles, Chair, Association of Community College Trustees Board & Trustee, Dallas County Community College District; Dr. Christine Johnson, President, Community College of Denver, CO; Dr. Marc Herzog, Chair, National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges & Chancellor, Connecticut Community College Board of Trustees; Noah Brown, President, Association of Community College Trustees, DC and David Horton, Higher Education Administration Doctoral Student, University of Florida. The selection criteria included: 1. Effectiveness in the performance of assigned responsibilities, participation in college-wide strategic planning and implementation of policies supporting the college mission. 2. Professional activities in state, regional, and national arenas. 3. Community involvement.

The Higher Education Program at the University of Florida is nationally recognized for graduate education leading to the Ph.D. or Ed.D. The curriculum links research and practice to prepare professionals for careers and advancement in higher education, and specifically in community colleges. The Institute of Higher Education works closely with its affiliate colleges in offering continuing professional development opportunities for practitioners and conducting needed research.

For additional information regarding the Higher Education Administration Program and the Institute of Higher Education contact Dr. Linda Serra Hagedorn, Professor and Chair, Department of Educational Administration and Policy & Director of the Institute of Higher Education, College of Education, University of Florida at [hagedorn@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:hagedorn@coe.ufl.edu) or call 352-392-2391 ext. 263.

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## Institute of Higher Education Outstanding Alumni

### **Recognized as Outstanding Graduate 2002**

Dr. Charles Atwell  
Former President  
Pensacola Junior College, FL

Dr. Joseph Beckham, J.D.  
Professor  
Florida State University

Carol Copenhaver  
Vice President  
St. Petersburg College, Fla.

Fred Gainous  
Former Chancellor  
Alabama College System

Dennis Gallon  
President  
Palm Beach Community College, Fla.

Burt Harres  
Provost  
Pasco-Hernando Community College, North Campus, Fla.

James Heck  
Dean of Educational Services  
Brevard Community College, Fla.

Randy Hyman  
Associate Vice President  
Ball State University, Ind.

Barbara Keener  
Vice President  
American Humanics, Mo.

Martha McCarthy  
Chancellor's Professor  
Indiana University

Rand Spiwak  
Executive Vice President  
Daytona Beach Community College, Fla.

Dan Terhune  
President  
Spartanburg Technical College, S.C.

## **Recognized as Outstanding Graduate 1997**

Dr. Catherine P. Cornelius  
Former President  
South Florida Community College

Dr. Paul C. Gianini, Jr.  
Former President  
Valencia Community College

Dr. Beverly M. Grissom  
Former President  
North Florida Community College

Dr. Willis N. Holcombe  
Former President  
Broward Community College

Dr. Robert W. Judson, Jr.  
Former President  
Pasco-Hernando Community College

Dr. Michael S. Kaliszeski  
Provost—Melborne Campus  
Brevard Community College

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District President Emeritus  
Brevard Community College

Dr. William H. McCoy  
Former President  
North Florida Community College

Dr. Bert J. Purga  
Provost  
Palm Bay Campus  
Brevard Community College

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Former President  
Mission College  
Santa Clara, CA

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Former President  
Mohawk Valley Community College  
Utica, NY