



# SSF TODAY

A Newsletter for Friends and Alumni of Southern Scholarship Foundation

Fall 2009

## Alum Mickey S. Moore Hired as SSF President

The Southern Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors is proud to announce that Mr. Mickey S. Moore has been hired to serve as the next President/CEO. Mickey is the first alum of the program to serve as president and began working September 9, 2009. We are all very excited about the enthusiasm and skills Mickey brings to this position.

Mickey is originally from New Smyrna Beach, FL and graduated from Florida State University in 1992 with a degree in Political Science. He spent 15+ years working in the financial industry - managing and leading various capacities at consumer finance companies, credit unions, and banks. He also owned and operated his own consulting firm in the Tallahassee area. He has spent much time and energy working with nonprofit organizations and has had a close relationship with Southern Scholarship



*Mickey S. Moore, SSF President (left)*

Foundation serving as a Board Member, Ambassador, and more importantly, living here as a student while attending FSU. We hope you will all join us in giving Mr. Moore a big welcome to to our staff here at SSF!

## A Parent's Gratitude

Dear Teresa, (*Director of Student Affairs, Central Florida*)

Yes, it is a Mader again....sending along words of gratitude for the wonderful work Southern Scholarship (SSF) is doing in our lives! Kari just forwarded me the College of Medicine article about the blessing of Rotary in med students' lives. Of course I had tears reading through the whole article because of the truth that was spoken. Words of thanks are not enough to express our indebtedness to SSF in taking some of the financial burden off of Kari. My tears, too, are over the fact that we can't help Kari financially in her endeavors. I am so grateful for

those huge freezers at the house, though! Every time that I cook dinner, I freeze her complete meals and stock that freezer. She says that it helps her eat healthy and focus on studying. My gosh, I had no idea how many hours that entailed! But because of SSE, she can do just that and not work at a job. Our prayer remains that all of the good that you are doing will come back one hundred fold, and we look forward to doing our part in supporting future students!

Sincerely, *Judy Mader*

*Thank You!*

## Kiwanis Campaign for Southern Scholarship Foundation

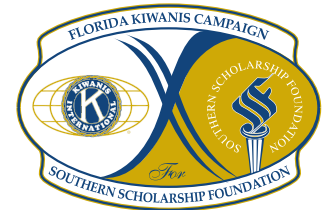
*"Promoting Scholarship and Preserving Opportunity"*

For over 43 years, Kiwanis clubs from across the State of Florida have helped students achieve their dream of a college education by supporting Southern Scholarship Foundation's rent-free scholarship house program. Kiwanis' involvement began in 1964 with the purchase of the Gadsden Scholarship House located at 325 Conradi Street near FSU's campus. In the years since that first house was donated, the Kiwanis House has been relocated, renovated and renamed to honor the memory of "Mr. Kiwanis," Ralph Davis.

In August, the Kiwanis campaign for Southern Scholarship Foundation kicked off when the campaign was announced at the annual Florida Kiwanis District Convention in Orlando.

This \$150,000 goal to be raised during the two year campaign will support:

- Student housing scholarships
- The maintenance fund for the Ralph Davis and Hartman Houses
- The establishment of an endowment to provide perpetual support for Kiwanis Scholarship House residents



In addition, the Hartman Scholarship House in Gainesville is being "adopted" by Kiwanis and will be renamed to honor their commitment and effort.

Kiwanis and Southern Scholarship Foundation supporters can help continue this tradition of scholarship and opportunity by joining the Kiwanis Campaign for Southern Scholarship Foundation.

To support the campaign or learn more about how you can help, please contact Jim Wylie at 850.567.1705 or by emailing [sirbelmont@earthlink.net](mailto:sirbelmont@earthlink.net).



### Walmart Donates \$10,000 to SSF's Florida Retail Federation House at Florida A&M University



Southern Scholarship Foundation and The Florida Retail Federation (FRF) are proud to announce that the Walmart Foundation presented a check for \$10,000 to the FRF Scholarship House at Florida A&M University (FAMU) on Thursday, September 10. Rep. Alan Williams (D-Tallahassee) joined in the presentation ceremony. This donation will be used through Southern Scholarship Foundation to assist in funding the Florida Retail Federation Scholarship House and its 17 female residents.

"When FRF funded and built this scholarship house in 1997, the membership of the Florida Retail Federation stepped up to assist with monetary and in-kind donations. We have been proud to see the graduates who have come through the house over the last 12 years and will continue to accomplish this success on behalf of these deserving students. Walmart's donation makes that continued success possible," says Rick McAllister, President/CEO, of the Florida Retail Federation.

"Walmart is pleased to support the Retail Scholarship Foundation House at Florida A&M University and we remain committed to helping the communities we serve," said Cindi Marsiglio,



*(Left to right) Cindi Marsiglio, Senior Manager for Public Affairs, Walmart; Adriene B. Wright, Director of Development, Florida A & M University Division of University Relations; Jazmin Cuencas, Head Resident of the Florida Retail House; Rep. Alan Williams (D-Tallahassee); Mickey Moore, President, Southern Scholarship Foundation; Rick McAllister, President/CEO, Florida Retail Federation*

Senior Manager for Public Affairs with Walmart. "Through this grant, we are hopeful that residents will continue to excel."

Corporate and Foundation support is critical to the mission of Southern Scholarship Foundation. On behalf of the students, staff and Board of Directors of SSF, many thanks to The Florida Retail Federation and Walmart for their continued support in 2009!

# STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

## Florida State University & Florida A&M University

By Sydney Smith, Director of Student Affairs-North Florida

Once again, it's fall at SSF!!! Time for football, cooler weather, falling leaves, and...a brand new academic year!!! After a quiet summer of planning and projects, August hit with gusto. The head residents and I trained, prepped, and prettied



things up to welcome 108 new residents to FSU and FAMU. We laughed our way through move in days as parents said goodbye to their students and drove home

to their empty nests. It was great to meet all the SSF parents and I hope to see them again soon for homecomings and pop in visits.

By the time SSF Orientation rolled around on the eve before classes, it was as if the residents had been here for weeks. They arrived in house bunches and had already forged amazing bonds. My excitement was palpable as I strived to greet everyone and put faces with names. It's such an exciting experience to finally meet all the people you've been interviewing for months.

That is of course in addition to welcoming home the students who have been away for the summer doing internships, working, or perhaps just

relaxing. For some reason, I always expect them to be the same students that left in May. However, most have grown and matured due to their summer experiences.



Whether it be Khadijah working with refugees in Morocco, Peach's travels through Thailand, or Heather's aroma filled summer at Bath and Body Works.....they all have had growth experiences that have changed them in some small way. The consistent theme is that everyone is excited to be back at SSF. Are they geared up for classes to begin? That remains to be seen.

Now I ask....what will the fall bring for our SSF students? One never knows. For many, there will be stress, deadlines, excellence, accomplishment, fun, light-heartedness, sadness, and adventure. Ricky will be first in line as the Doak Campbell gates open on game day, the BPW house will host the most ghoulish Halloween party ever, and Mia will whip up her famous cheesecake for Thanksgiving dinner. One thing though is assured; they will make this one of the best ever falls at SSF!!!!!!

## Florida Gulf Coast University & the University of Florida

By Teresa Turner, Director of Student Affairs-Central Florida



You hear often of the exciting things that happen at Southern Scholarship Foundation campuses and when you do it's easy to associate them with FSU & UF since that is where we are largely represented. But in the past 12 years we have also spread to the campuses of Florida A&M University (3 houses) and Florida Gulf Coast University (1 house). And it is here that I'd like to focus and share with you a bit about the Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House at FGCU.

In 2003 the Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House was dedicated and opened. At that time,

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we were fortunate enough to have an SSF UF alumna, Ashley (Butcher) Jordan who was accepted to her grad program at FGCU. This was critical to implementing the SSF structure into the house. But it took a village to create the SSF way of life and Ashley and that very first group of residents did an incredible job. Now, 6 years later, the house operates the same as every other house in the Foundation from work jobs to cook/clean and monthly meetings. The standards were set early and the residents met and often surpassed them.

This year's residents are no exception. With the implementation of several committees, they have built their own compost and are soon beginning their own garden. They are also doing a makeover in their living room, have an outreach committee responsible for getting the word out to local high schools, clubs and community colleges about SSF and have agreed to raise their own funds to make



many of these things happen!


There is a quote that says something like, "Character is what you do when no one is watching," and it fits these residents well. Thankfully,

the Pilot Club of Ft. Myers and the amazing staff at Florida Gulf Coast University have fully supported the residents on a local basis over the years, yet it is the residents themselves that have operated at the highest standards possible even when they thought no one was watching.

Congratulations to all of the residents who have made this SSF community at the FGCU Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House the success that it is today and will continue to be in the future.

## Get Connected with SSF

Reconnect with Alumni  
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