



Fairleigh Dickinson University

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Provost's Update – Sharing Our Stories – January 26, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

As I assumed my new role at FDU, I have been thinking about my own academic journey, which began here years ago. As a student, I was a firsthand beneficiary of the transformational experience that a Fairleigh Dickinson University degree can provide, and I can honestly say that the fundamental core of that has always been the community of faculty and staff who make that happen. We have long been achieving great things here, but too often people's busyness, distance, and most recently, the challenges of the pandemic have made our institution a well-kept secret to the outside world, and even to our colleagues within the institution. I would like to work to change this in hopes that we can tell our story of how we transform lives and futures through the many exciting things we do every day.

I am hoping that we can begin to more effectively share and communicate the many things that highlight the uniqueness of our institution, whether the exciting research, student achievements, faculty and staff milestones and accomplishments or other area highlights to the outside world. My goal is to begin to share with the external community (and with our internal community across our four campuses) what I have had the privilege to experience as a student, and have seen in my many different roles as a faculty member and administrator at this institution: "FDU is Transformational."

To do this, I am asking for your help ... please begin sending your stories and examples of the transformational things you are doing (send items to fduwatsnew@fdu.edu). When possible, send a picture or a graphic, as well as a web link that can help us to promote the news item on social media. We will begin compiling these for circulation to our community through our "FDU What's New" electronic newsletters. I also will begin circulating them through my own social media channels that I am creating for the Academic Affairs area, and we will begin promoting them on the web, through University social media, and where possible, to other media outlets.

Please also understand that we will try our best to highlight as many of these stories as possible, but I will also try to balance the content among our many

disciplines and areas across the institution to showcase our breadth of focus. I look forward to working with all of you on telling our story to the outside world, and highlighting how our community continues to transform the lives of students across the state, region and world!

Thank you and best wishes to all for a wonderful and productive spring semester.

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