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Dear FCAE Supporter:

The Fischler Center for the Advancement of Education has just completed one of the most exciting, productive, and promising years since its inception more than 25 years ago. As Dean and Provost of FCAE and its six Programs, I want to tell you about both the accomplishments of the past year and our prospects for the future.

New Campus

Among the most significant achievements for the Center was moving our 250+ FCAE Program faculty and staff operations in November to a dedicated four-building, 250,000-square-foot campus in North Miami Beach, Florida. The new campus features state-of-the-art technology throughout, auditoriums, meeting rooms, dynamic spaces for incubating new ideas and threads of study, spacious offices, and enormous opportunities for teaching, research, and service.

Revitalizing Programs

Individual Programs have been examining their missions, methods, and curricula, updating and expanding to prepare us for a role as a national and world leader in the 21st Century. New faculty and staff have reinvigorated the Programs with the latest thinking and practices in order to most effectively prepare our students to advance in their careers. Top priorities include personalizing the curriculum and enhancing our use of technology to better meet the needs of individual students.

International Expansion

Our Programs are expanding into the international realm, where thousands of practicing educators and administrators need the knowledge and skills that practitioners like you have gained. Among the first areas in which we have become quite active are Central and South America; we also expect to continue cultivating opportunities in Africa and other areas. Please watch for invitations to join us in some of these efforts.

Goals and Themes

FCAE and its Programs adopted five goals for the future that will become essential elements of all that we do. These goals are Student/Client Focus; Life-Long Learning; Staff/Faculty Development; International Focus; and Capital Development. In addition, a cross-disciplinary work group developed four themes — Honesty, Integrity, Quality, and Personalization — that will become a measure of every aspect of FCAE's existence.

Service

Also significant is a new dedication to service by our Center and its faculty and staff. Through this we will explore or create cutting-edge models for full-community-service schools, develop innovative ways of delivering inservice training, explore new approaches to managing administrative functions at levels from school-based to university, and much more.

Critical Partnerships

One of our strongest accomplishments this year was establishing a formal partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) to deliver personalized professional development to its members. Similar efforts are under way with NASSP affiliate organizations, the National Alliance of Middle Level Schools and the National Association of Student Activities Advisors.

Research and Service

We've also instituted several new programs for research and service that will involve our faculty and staff, students, local and national experts, policy makers and others. Among these are the Coalition for Conflict Resolution in Education and the Renaissance Institute for Charter Schools. We also are providing a new home for the distinguished National Council of States, which relocated to NSU from Syracuse University. Others — including a number of direct service to community efforts — are being considered and added on a continuing basis.

Academic Renewal

Action began last summer to re-evaluate and revitalize our academic programs at every level, in order to ensure our students and participants are receiving the best and most current information on issues and techniques in education. We expect these efforts to result in new configurations of program offerings, new ways of delivering content, and new ways of evaluating how well our students and participants are succeeding in their pursuit of advancement.

Development

A major campaign has been initiated to identify and work with individuals, corporations, foundations and government entities to provide funding and other resources that will enhance the Center's ability to meet the unique challenges and opportunities of education for the future. For more information about these efforts, please contact my office via phone, fax, e-mail, or mail.

Alumni Networking

Finally, we are committed to developing our 20,000+ alumni network to the benefit of all FCAE graduates—pulling together, in one fashion or another, our students from the last 25 years to share experiences and knowledge, opportunities and insights, for the advancement of both our students and our calling. It is our belief that teachers, administrators, social workers, communication specialists, students and families all can learn from each other. Our task is to provide the opportunities, forums, and vehicles to enable the exchanges that will help us realize the potential that exists in each other.

Your Role

What this means to you, as an alumnus of one or more of our Programs, is that your alma mater is indeed a dynamic, energetic institution of higher education that is developing important new ways to address the needs of schools, educators, children and families.

We would like very much for you to remain an active part of NSU and FCAE, and to help us find ways to continue serving your needs in the future. On behalf of the individual Program Deans, I invite you to join us, first with your ideas and participation in these dynamic developments and second with your financial support of the Nova Southeastern University Alumni Association annual fund drive.

Thank you for staying in touch as a member of the NSU Alumni Association and for your continued support! I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming year.

Sincerely,



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