



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

July 19, 2017

Dr. Larry Robinson
President
Florida A&M University
Office of the President
1601 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32307

Dear President Robinson,

Florida A&M University received \$3.7 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

Florida A&M University excels in awarding bachelor degrees in areas of strategic emphasis, allowing students the ability to transfer into the workforce. Your university should continue to focus on graduation rates this next year, and improve the number of students who graduate in four years. This funding can help you institute initiatives that will identify struggling students early in their college career and provide the help they need to stay on track for graduation. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

As I mentioned in my April letter, we must continue to find efficiencies to provide Florida's students the opportunity to get a great education that leads to a great career. Please share how your university chooses to spend this funding and how it will benefit Florida's students by August 15, 2017. Thank you for all you are doing to keep higher education affordable for our state's students and families.

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CC: Mr. Kelvin Lawson
Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Marshall M. Criser III, Chancellor
State University System of Florida



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July 19, 2017

Dr. John W. Kelly
President
Florida Atlantic University
Office of the President
Administration Building Room 339, 777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Dear President Kelly,

Florida Atlantic University received \$6.6 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

Florida Atlantic University is dedicated to ensuring its graduates are employed or continuing their education upon graduation, helping diversify Florida's economy and producing the most skilled workforce in the nation. Your university should continue to focus on graduation rates this next year, and improve the number of students who graduate in four years. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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CC: Mr. Anthony Barbar
Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Marshall M. Criser III, Chancellor
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Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg
President
Florida International University
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
PC-528-Office of the President, 11200 Southwest 8th Street
Miami, Florida 33199

Dear President Rosenberg,

Florida International University received \$16.1 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

I applaud you for consistently scoring well in the wages of undergraduates earned one year after graduation performance funding metric, ensuring that Florida's students and families have every opportunity to succeed. Your university should continue to focus on graduation rates and post-graduation employment rates this next year, and improve the number of students who graduate in four years with the skills necessary to get a great-paying job. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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CC: Ms. Claudia Puig
Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Marshall M. Criser III, Chancellor
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July 19, 2017

Dr. Michael V. Martin
President
Florida Gulf Coast University
Office of the President, 10501 FGCU Boulevard South
Fort Myers, Florida 33965

Dear President Martin,

Florida Gulf Coast University received \$3.8 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

Florida Gulf Coast University is dedicated to ensuring its graduates are employed or continuing their education upon graduation, helping diversify Florida's economy and producing the most skilled workforce in the nation. Your university should continue to focus on graduation rates this next year, and improve the number of students who graduate in four years. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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CC: Mr. J. Dudley Goodlette
Chair, Board of Trustees
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July 19, 2017

Dr. Randy K. Avent
President
Florida Polytechnic University
4700 Research Way
Lakeland, Florida 33805

Dear President Avent,

Florida Polytechnic University received \$660,093 in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

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CC: Mr. Frank T. Martin
Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Marshall M. Criser III, Chancellor
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July 19, 2017

Mr. John Thrasher
President
Florida State University
Office of the President, 211 Westcott Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32306

Dear President Thrasher,

Florida State University received \$21.1 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

I applaud you for consistently scoring well in the academic progress rate performance funding metric, which shows your commitment to your students' success. Your university should focus on initiatives that will continue such a strong performance on the model's student-focused metrics, as well as ensuring Florida's students graduate in four years at an affordable cost. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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Chair, Board of Trustees
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July 19, 2017

Dr. Donal O'Shea
President
New College of Florida
5800 Bay Shore Road, COH 204
Sarasota, Florida 34243

Dear President O'Shea,

New College of Florida received \$2.1 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

I applaud you for ranking in the Top 50 on more than 10 national publications, which demonstrates how well respected your institution is by a breadth of sources. Your university should continue to focus on initiatives that will further your commitment to ensuring Florida's students graduate in four years at an affordable cost. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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CC: Ms. Felice Schulaner
Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Marshall M. Criser III, Chancellor
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July 19, 2017

Dr. John Hitt
President
University of Central Florida
Office of the President, Post Office Box 160002
Orlando, Florida 32816

Dear President Hitt,

The University of Central Florida received \$15.7 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

The University of Central Florida excels in awarding bachelor and graduate degrees in areas of strategic emphasis, which leads to jobs. Your university should continue to focus on graduation rates this next year, and improve the number of students who graduate in four years. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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CC: Mr. Marcos R. Marchena
Chair, Board of Trustees
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July 19, 2017

Dr. W. Kent Fuchs
President
University of Florida
Office of the President
226 Tigert Hall, Post Office Box 113150
Gainesville, Florida 32611

Dear President Fuchs,

The University of Florida received \$27.2 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

I applaud you for consistently scoring at the top of the performance funding rankings, which shows your commitment to your students' success. Your university should focus on initiatives that will continue your strong performance on the model's student-focused metrics, as well as aide you in your goal of becoming a Top 10 public institution. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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CC: Mr. James W. Heavener
Chair, Board of Trustees
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Mr. John A. Delaney
President
University of North Florida
Office of the President
1 UNF Drive, J.J Daniel Hall, Suite 2800
Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Dear President Delaney,

The University of North Florida received \$4.7 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

The University of North Florida is dedicated to ensuring its graduates are employed or continuing their education upon graduation, helping diversify Florida's economy and producing the most skilled workforce in the nation. Your university should continue to focus on graduation rates this next year, and improve the number of students who graduate in four years. This funding can help you institute initiatives that will identify struggling students early in their college career and provide the help they need to stay on track for graduation. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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CC: Ms. Joy Korman
Chair, Board of Trustees
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Dr. Judy Genshaft
President
University of South Florida
Office of the President
4202 East Fowler Avenue, CGS 401
Tampa, Florida 33620

Dear President Genshaft,

The University of South Florida received \$16.2 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

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Chair, Board of Trustees
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July 19, 2017

Dr. Martha D. Saunders
President
University of West Florida
Office of the President
Building Ten, Room 225, 11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, Florida 32514

Dear President Saunders,

The University of West Florida received \$2.7 million in the Fighting for Florida's Future budget that was intended by the Legislature to tie to the policy in Senate Bill 374. As Senate Bill 374 was vetoed, I encourage you to spend the funds judiciously and invest this funding in initiatives that will help your students graduate in four years with less debt and the ability to get a great job.

The University of West Florida excels in awarding bachelor degrees in areas of strategic emphasis, which leads to jobs. Your university should continue to focus on graduation rates this next year, and improve the number of students who graduate in four years. Please be mindful that although the funds are recurring, continuation of funding is uncertain and up to the Legislature to fund during the next Legislative Session given, the substantive provisions did not become law.

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