



FAU Names Tammy L. Ferguson Principal/Director of Henderson University School and FAU High School

Florida Atlantic University has named Tammy L. Ferguson, Ed.D., principal/director of Alexander D. Henderson University School and FAU High School. Ferguson will be responsible for students in grades K-12, while managing facilities and programs for two university schools.

"Dr. Ferguson brings exceptional experience, knowledge and energy as a past teacher, principal and district leader to her new role as director/principal," said Glenn Thomas, assistant dean, PK-12 schools and educational programs. "She is focused and committed on providing the best possible opportunities for students, staff, faculty and families in an innovative research-centered, supportive and connected learning community."

As principal/director at A.D. Henderson and FAU High, Ferguson has administrative responsibility to oversee facilities, finances, programs, recruitment, admissions, accreditation, and policy and procedure. She will also work in collaboration with the College of Education and other colleges and divisions of the university in the areas of teaching, research and service.

Over the last 16 years, Ferguson has worked within K-12 education. She has served as the director of school accountability for the north area, School District of Palm Beach County since 2009. Prior to that, she served as principal of Village Academy School at Delray Beach for six years. While at Village Academy, Ferguson facilitated a successful professional development school partnership that resulted in hundreds of FAU College of Education students completing their field experience, practicum and student teaching hours. Ferguson's positions in education have also included curriculum and learning support specialist, assistant principal, professional development coordinator and business education teacher.

Ferguson holds both an Ed.D. and a M.S. in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelor of Science degree in business and technology education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

The A.D. Henderson University School is an elementary-middle university laboratory school on the FAU campus originally funded by a gift from the A.D. and Lucy Henderson Foundation in 1968. The school serves approximately 600 K-8 students that are representative of Florida's public school population by race, family income, gender and academic performance. In 1991, the Florida Legislature established across four state universities four developmental research (lab) schools, each designated as an independent public school district, of which FAU was one. The school holds departmental status in FAU's College of Education with the assistant dean serving as a member of the College Executive Committee. A.D. Henderson's mission includes supporting teacher development, curricular innovation, and research and dissemination.

FAU High School opened fall of 2004 as an intensive dual enrollment public school on the Boca Raton Campus as established by Florida Atlantic University's Board of Trustees. Its highly academic challenging program offers students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to complete high school graduation, while earning more than 90 university course credit hours.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Ferguson into the FAU family," said Dean Valerie J. Bristol, College of Education. "Her variety of experiences as an educator, as well as her energy and enthusiasm, make her a tremendous asset for A.D. Henderson University School and FAU High School."