

FAU CARD HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL AUTISM LEADERS BREAKFAST



Congressman Ted Deutch, FAU Trustee Bob Rubin, and FAU CARD Executive Director Jack Scott.



Jack Scott, Pam Tepsic, PBC School District, CARD Director Maryellen Quinn-Lunny and Will Gordillo, PBC School District.



Florida Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) recently hosted its second annual Autism Leaders breakfast, held at the University Club on the Boca Raton Campus. The event brought together leaders from various organizations in the autism community so they could become more aware of each other's services, programs and missions. Notable speakers included Congressman Ted Deutch and FAU Trustee Bob Rubin.

Attendees exchanged ideas, stories and information over a buffet-style breakfast. Organizations were introduced and representatives shared overviews of programs available in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

CARD's Executive Director Jack Scott emphasized, "We're all part of a common mission in terms of helping children and individuals with autism and their families, but when we can work together, it's my belief that we are more powerful; we're able to be more effective."

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Housed in the College of Education, FAU CARD serves as a multidisciplinary learning laboratory for members of the community including FAU undergraduate and graduate students. One of seven such centers in the state, CARD currently serves more than 3,000 clients, most diagnosed with autism or autism spectrum disorders such as Asperger syndrome, pervasive development disorder not otherwise specified, Rett syndrome and childhood disintegrative disorder. The focus of FAU CARD is to optimize the potential of people with autism and related disabilities by enabling them to learn, work, communicate and socialize in the community.



Don Ryan, Surfers for Autism and Deb Johnson, Renaissance Learning Academy