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Florida National University Honored With Two Top Awards - Faculty Member of the Year and Education Administrator of the Year

TALLAHASSEE, FL – August 12, 2014 – Florida National University received two of the highest honors given to career schools by the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC).

Omar Escarpio was honored as 2014 Faculty Member of the Year and Dr. Barbara Rodriguez was named the 2014 Education Administrator of the Year at the FAPSC annual conference held recently in Miami.

Escarpio is a professor in the respiratory therapy program at Florida National University. His focus on preparing professionals committed to careers in health care has contributed to the retention rate and the graduation rate of the program.

“Respiratory therapy is a very competitive field. Escarpio’s excellent track record in student placement can be attributed to his extensive professional network, stellar ethical reputation and superb advocacy skills,” said Curtis Austin, executive director of FAPSC.

Administrator of the Year Rodriguez has served more than 17 years as an educator. In her current role, she is the liaison to the university’s accreditation agency, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, serving on the team that conducts school visits.

“Rodriguez demonstrates high ethical work standards and professional commitment. She puts care in all she does at the campus - for the staff and the students,” Austin said.

Florida National University, based in Hialeah, offers programs in nursing, health services administration and business.

FAPSC has been the voice of Florida’s career schools since 1956. The association of more than 250 members works on behalf of the more than 1,000 licensed private career schools and colleges in Florida that prepare 300,000 students each year for employment by offering degree programs, certification and training.

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