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**FGCU Advancement Appoints Directors for Alumni Relations, Special Projects**

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) announces the appointment of two directors within its University Advancement division. Kimberly Wallace has been named Director of Alumni Relations, and Nicole Schmitt has been appointed Director of Events and Special Projects.

     Wallace, who earned a bachelor’s degree in communication and a master’s in school counseling at FGCU, has served as interim head of Alumni Relations since February. Her duties include developing alumni relationships and activities locally as well as nationally, serving as executive director of the Alumni Association and overseeing FGCU’s Student Ambassador Program. Wallace began working in the department in 2006 as a graduate assistant and later was coordinator of alumni programming for five years.

     Also an FGCU alumnus, Schmitt began working in University Advancement as a student assistant in 2006 and most recently served as graphics assistant in Events and Special Projects. Her responsibilities include planning and supervising annual signature fundraisers, such as the President’s Celebration and Founder’s Cup golf tournament, in addition to other events hosted by the FGCU Foundation. She earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing at FGCU and an MBA at Florida International University.

     “We are delighted to have two experienced staff members and two of our own graduates heading these key departments,” said Christopher Simoneau, Vice President for University Advancement. “Kim has been a vital member of our Alumni Relations team through several years of tremendous growth and has worked seamlessly in the interim period with our Alumni Association leadership. Nicole has many years of experience leading exceptional events here at FGCU and has shown a true commitment to excellence.”

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