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Welcome and Introductions	Pierre N. Allaire Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Musical Performance	Michael Boff, Ray East and Shawn Hanlon UNF Students
Special Guest	Adam W. Herbert
Campus Update	John A. Delaney President
Presidential Medallion Recognition	Thomas G. Carpenter James P. Citrano John J. "Jack" Diamond Adam W. Herbert
Singing of the Alma Mater	President's Own UNF Chamber Singers Dr. Cara Tasher Conductor

FORWARD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Today, the University of North Florida marks a major milestone: our 35th anniversary. When UNF opened its doors to 2,027 upper-division and master's-level students on October 2, 1972, no one imagined its full potential. The University was nothing more than four buildings in the woods, with faculty two years younger than the average student.

We've come a long way in 35 years, thanks to alumni and friends who have helped the University of North Florida become the region's premier institution of higher education. Today, UNF is a driving force in North Florida, with more than 16,000 students, five colleges of distinction and a beautiful campus bustling with intellectual, cultural and athletic activities. UNF's annual economic impact is now nearly \$1 billion. The momentum is growing every day thanks to people who are passionate about UNF and our community.

UNF may be a relatively young institution compared to others across the country, but it is rich in tradition. One of our traditions is recognizing alumni and friends with the Presidential Medallion for Outstanding Service. It is because of the efforts of these individuals that UNF is able to follow the guiding principals of excellence, focus, relevance and accountability. Their service and support also gives UNF the ability to put students first, providing them with individualized attention and giving them transformational learning opportunities. These are all hallmarks of the University of North Florida and they are possible because of the people we honor today.

Thank you for all you do for UNF.

JOHN A. DELANEY

When Dr. Tom Carpenter was named the first president of UNF, the campus was nothing more than a vision. That vision included planning roads, constructing buildings, hiring faculty and staff and recruiting students. Between 1969 when he assumed the post and 1972 when the University opened its doors, his vision became reality. On opening day, UNF enrolled more than 2,000 students who attended classes in four buildings.

After opening UNF, Tom quickly established a reputation for his outstanding administrative abilities and for working closely with college and department heads on a one-to-one basis. He also maintained close contact with students participating in many campus activities including May Day events. Because of his remarkable dedication and hard work, when he left in 1980 UNF enrolled more than 5,000 students and the campus consisted of a dozen major buildings. To mark his significant and lasting contributions to UNF, the library was named in his honor. Tom also left behind a legacy of community connections and succeeded in fundraising at a time when the University had few alumni.

Tom built upon his UNF experience when he returned to Memphis State University where he had earned his undergraduate degree to become the institution's president. He remained at Memphis State until retiring in 1991.

Tom has continued to be an ardent UNF supporter. He has returned to campus on several occasions to witness the growth of the university he played such a prominent role in founding.

Jim Citrano can look back on an amazingly successful career in which he shaped the future of Jacksonville and UNF. As chairman of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and president of the UNF Foundation, his keen insight led to developments enjoyed today by residents and students alike.

As president of the UNF Foundation in 1987, he was instrumental in the development of University housing and the Harmon Baseball Stadium. He also helped in the development of a new investment policy for Foundation assets. His work with the Duval County Research and Development Authority was instrumental in the establishment of the First Coast Technology Park adjacent to the UNF campus.

As chairman of the DDA, Jim oversaw major projects including the development of the Downtown Master Plan which became the blueprint for the next decade. When he stepped down from the DDA, he pledged to continue working for the modernization, beautification and widening of Hendricks Avenue. The fruit of those labors is being seen today.

Jim also made significant community contributions in his professional positions. He was president of St. Johns Place Development Co. until he joined Gate Petroleum Co. as vice president of Gate Riverplace. In 1997 he became the managing director of the Jacksonville office of CB Richard Ellis Inc.

A dynamic and gifted community leader, Jim's accomplishments will be landmarks of success for future generations.

Jack Diamond's work is all around us. He designed many of the most prominent buildings forming Jacksonville's skyline as well as several major projects at UNF including the Carpenter Library addition and Fine Arts Center.

Jack has been always available to help UNF whenever asked whether by assisting with changes to campus master plan or contributing pro bono design work for the Hayt Golf Learning Center.

But his selfless involvement in the life of the University and the community goes far beyond bricks and mortar. He has been a tireless advocate of community initiatives to bring Jacksonville into the nation's first-tier cities. His work with the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau has contributed to significant advances in the quality of life for residents while enhancing the attractiveness of the city to tourists and new businesses.

He is widely praised for his eye-catching architectural designs. As a principal at Rink Design Partnership Inc. since 1998 and previously president of KBJ Architects, Jack has left his mark on downtown Jacksonville designing such notable structures as The Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

In addition to contributing his time and talent to the UNF Foundation Board, Jack has served in leadership positions with The Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Florida, Jacksonville Art Museum, St. Vincent's Hospital and the Jacksonville Symphony.

Because of Jack's community activism and architectural talents, Jacksonville is one of the best places in the United States in which to live, work and play.

If there is one word to describe Dr. Adam Herbert it is builder. As president of UNF from 1989 to 1998, Adam built more buildings on campus than any of his predecessors while also building lasting bridges to the community.

When he became president, the University enrolled 7,000 students of which 450 lived on campus. The budget was \$54 million and the campus consisted of 600,000 square feet of buildings. When he left nine years later, UNF enrolled almost 12,000 students of which nearly 1,600 were housed on campus. The budget was more than \$100 million with nearly two million square feet of buildings. Some of those buildings included the UNF Arena, the Brooks College of Health and the University Center.

His bridge building in the community was equally as impressive. He served on the boards of numerous non-profit, business and community organizations in including being chairman of the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce and the New Century Commission on Education.

Adam's life-long passion to improve education led him to accept an appointment to become chancellor of the State University System in 1998. He oversaw the rapid growth of the state's 10 public universities until 2001 when he returned to UNF to establish the dynamic Florida Center for Public Policy and Leadership. In 2003, Adam accepted the presidency of Indiana University. He currently is president emeritus and professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University. Adam plans to retire in Jacksonville and undoubtedly will travel again the bridges he helped build.

2006 HONOREES

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W. Patrick Cusick (posthumously)
W. Radford Lovett II
Thaddeus M. Moseley (posthumously)
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2005 HONOREES

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WE RECALL THOSE DAYS OF GLADNESS,
NESTLED MIDST THE LAKES AND PINE,
WHERE WE SOUGHT THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE
ALMA MATER, PRIDE OF MINE.

NEAR THE SHORES OF THE ATLANTIC
WHERE THE OSPREY SOARS ON HIGH,
STANDS OUR ALMA MATER STRONG AND TRUE,
WITH COLORS GRAY AND BLUE.

SING HER GLORY AND HER PRAISES!
LET THEM RING FROM SEA TO SEA!
NORTH FLORIDA WE PROUDLY HONOR,
U-N-F, ALL HAIL TO THEE.