

## **Gerri McPherson Smith**

Florida Atlantic University Northern Campuses Vice President Gerri McPherson (now Smith) retired on June 30, 2009 concluding a 36-year career in public education. McPherson, an FAU alumna, became vice president for the Treasure Coast campus in 2004 after serving for three years as a university Board of Trustees charter member. More recently she has overseen both the Treasure Coast campus in Port St. Lucie and the John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter. "Gerri's tireless commitment and lasting contributions to not only FAU, but to the State of Florida's education system have been nothing short of remarkable," said President Frank T. Brogan. "Her high-energy, enthusiastic involvement as an administrator, an esteemed board member and an alumna has truly been a gift to our University. Gerri's diligent work has laid a solid foundation for the future of FAU's northern service region" "Serving as a proud member of President Brogan's executive leadership team has been beyond rewarding and will remain one of my most treasured professional experiences," said McPherson. "It has been an honor to be part of the economic development and higher education initiatives that have made this region a phenomenal spotlight in the State of Florida."

Gerri is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Indian River Medical Center.

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