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## FIU AT PT 2006

PT 2006 June 21-24  
ORLANDO  
Annual Conference & Exposition of the  
American Physical Therapy Association

### PARTY!!!

The Department of Physical Therapy will be hosting its first ever FIU alumni party at an APTA annual conference. The party will be held on Friday, June 23 at the Rosen Centre in Salon 15 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. The party will also serve as an early farewell to **Dr. Awilda ("Willie") Haskins**, who will be retiring from FIU in December 2007 after 27 years. Willie estimates that she has taught over 1000 PT students while at FIU. Her research interests are cultural diversity and covert bias in the clinical setting. Willie has published articles on these topics in *Physical Therapy*, the *Journal of Physical Therapy Education* and *Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinics of North America*. Dr. Haskins is an active member of the American Physical Therapy Association and has served as the Chair of the Advisory Council on Minority Affairs, as a representative to the APTA House of Delegates and on the Vision 2020 Task Force. She is an avid sailor and loves reading mystery novels and watching action/adventure movies. She and her husband, Mark, plan to sail the islands in the winter and the northern US coast in the summer in their 60' sailboat, Liahona. Mark and Willie have two daughters, Jean Marie, 25 and Jennifer, 22.

### FIU Wins Award

It is with great pleasure and pride that we inform you that the FIU Department of Physical Therapy has been selected by the American Physical Therapy Association as the recipient of the MINORITY INITIATIVES AWARD. This prestigious national award recognizes initiatives, plans and services developed by physical therapy programs in the areas of recruitment, admission, retention, and graduation of minority students, the recruitment and retention of minority faculty and provision of services that can assist students from racial and ethnic minority groups. Thanks to the efforts of the faculty, and particularly Professor **Colleen Rose-St. Prix**, Director of Recruitment and Retention, FIU physical therapy is the leading provider of minority physical therapists in the nation. The award will be presented on Friday June 23rd at 5:15 pm in the Rosen Centre, Ballroom C.



### Faculty to Present at PT 2006

**Dr. Helen Cornely**, will deliver a paper on "Environmental factors implicated with falls in older adults traveling through a major airport in 2003" on Saturday June 24, 1:20-1:35pm.\*



**Dr. Mark Rossi** will present a poster entitled "The relationship between mobility, perceived abilities and two different modes of the lower extremity strength assessment following primary unilateral knee replacement" on Thursday June 22, 11-1pm in the exhibition hall.



**Dr. Awilda Haskins** will present a poster entitled "Is there a relationship between a physical therapist's race or ethnicity and the type of population served?" on Saturday June 24, 11-1pm in the exhibition hall.



**Dr. Awilda Haskins & Dr. Neva Kirk-Sanchez** will present a workshop on "Cultural competence and cultural diversity in physical therapy: Current status and future trends" on Friday June 23, 2-5pm.\*

**Dr. Awilda Haskins** will serve as a facilitator for the "Multicultural Networking" breakfast on Friday, June 23 at 7 am.\*

\*Locations will be available in the conference program.