



# RECOGNITIONS

SPRING 2012

## Everglades University Earns Top Distinction: Listed as "25 Best Online Colleges"

Everglades University is very excited and honored to be listed by TheBestSchools.org as a one of the "25 Best Online Colleges". The rankings were based on a number of factors that are important for prospective students to research when selecting a college and/or university, which include: academic quality, rankings by organizations, awards, online teaching ability, retention, graduation rates, affordability, and student to teacher ratio. TheBestSchools.org mentioned "Everglades University has impressive retention and graduation rates." In today's "online" world, more and more people are finding the convenience of communicating with one another by shopping, banking, and even obtaining their education online. With the increasing popularity of online programs, TheBestSchools.org conducted extensive research to assist prospective students in choosing an online college and/or university. We encourage our current and prospective students to visit their website to review our ranking at [www.thebestschools.org/blog/2012/02/20/25F\\_online\\_colleges/](http://www.thebestschools.org/blog/2012/02/20/25F_online_colleges/).

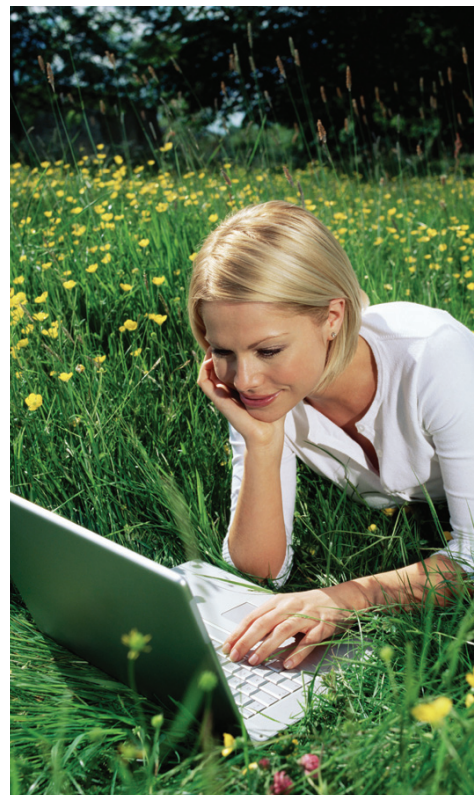
## BIZ (941) Class of 2012 Outstanding Grads

[http://www.biz941.com/ARTICLES/Current Issue/Class of 2012.aspx](http://www.biz941.com/ARTICLES/Current%20Issue/Class%20of%202012.aspx)

Christian McGowan, a graduate of Everglades University's Aviation Management Program, was named as one of only six people chosen as BIZ (941) Outstanding Grads of 2012. After high school Christian joined the Army and became an Avionics Systems Technician. After eight years in the military, Christian developed an interest in the management side of aviation. He was happy to discover that Everglades University offers a degree in this area. "The teachers have a lot of aviation experience," says McGowan, "and you get one on one time so they can really work with you." Christian earned Dean's List honors eight times and graduated in May with a 3.8 GPA. Before graduation, he landed a local job, in Sarasota Florida, with the Federal Aviation Administration as a management and program analyst. He also spends free time helping younger students network to find jobs in aviation. Christian hopes to be promoted to an aviation inspector. "That's my ultimate goal," he says. "That could be the rest of my career right there."



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## Do You Facebook? We Do!

### Everglades University's Facebook Page

Attention current and prospective students, staff, and faculty, Everglades University is proud to announce our official Facebook page. As social media becomes an integral part of our lives, we want to keep our current students, prospective student, faculty and staff updated on our current events, recognitions, awards, and graduate testimonials. It is important that our Everglades University community of family and friends are updated on the latest and greatest achievements of our students, graduates, faculty, and staff. Please visit our facebook page and "like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Everglades-University/162175693833882>  
[www.thebestschools.org/blog/2012/02/20/25F\\_online\\_colleges/](http://www.thebestschools.org/blog/2012/02/20/25F_online_colleges/)

## Everglades University's Sarasota Campus Graduate Receives 2012 APSCU GREAT Award



To read more Everglades University graduate testimonials, visit our website at [www.evergladesuniversity.edu/testimonials.asp](http://www.evergladesuniversity.edu/testimonials.asp).

It is our pleasure to announce that Derrick Buchholz, a 2009 Everglades University Sarasota Campus graduate, was one of five recipients of the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU's) GREAT Award.

The Graduate Recognition for Excellence, Achievement, and Talent (GREAT) Award is bestowed upon graduates who have excelled academically while overcoming great odds to achieve their educational goals and objectives. Mr. Buchholz had to overcome a great deal of obstacles prior to earning his bachelor's degree, including recovering from a car accident and overcoming a cancer diagnosis. In 2009, Mr. Buchholz graduated from Everglades University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Technology and is currently enrolled at Everglades University as a graduate student.

Mr. Buchholz is scheduled to graduate with his Master's Degree in Aviation Science later this year. Mr. Buchholz served as President of Everglades University's Student Government Association (SGA) while he was an undergraduate student and is active in the local community. "I am grateful to receive this recognition and for the education that I received at Everglades University," said Derrick Buchholz. Buchholz continues to say, "I knew that getting a college degree would help me with my career in aviation and EU provided the flexibility and resources I needed to receive my degree while working full time."

Mr. Buchholz traveled to Washington, D.C. in March, where he was presented with this prestigious achievement. We are extremely proud of him and wish him continued success in the future.

## Construction Management Graduate Featured in Construction Business Owner



Sandra Michael, a 2012 Everglades University graduate, says in a recent article featured in *Construction Business Owner*, "From the very beginning my experience at EU was full of support and encouragement. The thought of going back to school at my age after so many years, was a little overwhelming at times. My admissions counselor and the construction department chair encouraged me every step of the way and helped me believe that I could achieve my dream." Sandra continues by saying "In January 2012, I completed my Capstone and fulfilled that long awaited dream. I cannot say thank you enough to the University, my professors and the staff who have blessed my life so abundantly over the past three years. I learned so much in every course that I immediately applied back at my work to improve the performance and production of our companies. The knowledge I gained has been invaluable. The woman who once had no interest in the construction industry has realized a passion for building, smart growth and development of our land that I never knew I had." The staff and faculty of Everglades University congratulate Sandra and all of our graduates and alumni on their continued success; we are very proud of each and every one of you!

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THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MAGAZINE FOR CONTRACTORS

## Everglades University Becomes a Member of ICUF

Everglades University is proud to announce that we are now a member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF). ICUF is an association of 31 private, not for profit, educational institutions located in Florida and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. ICUF serves more than 133,000 students at 132 locations throughout the state of Florida. Each member of ICUF offers a variety of degree programs and education mission statements. Some of our fellow members include University of Miami, Barry University, Nova Southeastern University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Lynn University, Stetson University, and St. Thomas University. We are very excited and honored to be a part of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida.



## Everglades University Receives the Business Leader of the Year Award



On May 22, 2012, Everglades University's management staff attended the 2012 Business Leader of the Year (BLOY) awards dinner. The awards dinner was held at the Bankers Club in Miami where we received the Business leader of the Year award for Education Division. We were very honored to be there among so many successful and distinguished businesses such as University of Miami School of Business Administration, American National Bank, Arellano Construction Company, Datacorp, and Office Depot. It is a great honor for Everglades University to be chosen as the recipient of this award.

The BLOY awards are awarded annually based on a variety of criteria, such as local and regional community leaders, proven track record of sustained financial performance, operational success and forward thinking strategies, community involvement, and philanthropic organizations.



## Everglades University 2012 Graduation

On March 30 and 31, 2012, Everglades University's Boca Raton Campus and Online Division celebrated Homecoming and graduation with our staff, faculty, and students from all across the country. Every year in March we receive the honor of spending time with our graduates and their families. For some this is the very first face to face meeting with their Admissions Counselor, Financial Aid Officer, and Department Chair. This joyful meeting is very special for our staff as each of our students has become part of Everglades University. Their accomplishments and successes are our hopes for them and we support them each and every step of the way.

Homecoming and Graduation has become a very special time for the staff and faculty of Everglades University as we receive the honor of meeting the family and friends who have stood behind our students and encouraged their successful completion of their undergraduate or graduate degree. Graduation also brings us immense joy when the ceremony reaches an end and our University President says the words that all of the students are waiting to hear, "Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2012."

