

Presidential Salute

Florida International University



July 24, 2017

Dear University Community,

Please join me in recognizing Wayne L. Rustad for his admirable dedication and commitment to delivering excellent service to the FIU community. Wayne began his career at FIU on October 12, 1982 as a Storekeeper II and has since then been promoted to serve as Equipment Athletics Facilities Manager II and Coordinator Intercollegiate Athletics for the FIU Athletics Department.

His nominator, Julie Berg-McGraw, Senior Associate Athletic Director, shared that “Wayne is a golden Panther and the Athletics Department’s most revered team player. His level of professionalism, initiative and customer service is an example to those who work with him and those who he serves on a daily basis. Wayne approaches every project with enthusiasm and works to resolve challenges in a timely manner. When faced with reduced resources and staffing, he readily jumps in to execute and help anytime the need arises.”

Wayne's supervisor, Ricardo Ramirez, Assistant Athletic Director of Facilities & Operations, has also added that "Wayne embodies the true spirit of this university and has been a great representative of the department. It goes without saying that his presence will be missed by the university once he retires this coming fall."

[Meet Wayne](#) and you will clearly see his exemplary passion for our great university. We are proud and grateful to have him as part of the FIU Worlds Ahead family!

I look forward to learning of the next candidate for the Presidential Salute. If you know someone deserving of this recognition, please let us know. To submit your nomination, please [click here](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark B. Rosenberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark B. Rosenberg
President