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## Adult Students Benefit from MacArthur Foundation Grant

WEST PALM BEACH — Adult students enrolled in Palm Beach Atlantic University's Catherine T. MacArthur School of Leadership will benefit from a new scholarship program funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The $250,000 grant will establish a scholarship fund focused on adults going back to college who are displaced workers, working parents, parents returning to the workplace, or those currently employed who are trying to move ahead in their careers. Scholarships will be awarded beginning this summer to adult students based on academic merit, their potential for future achievement and financial need. The majority of the grant, which honors Catherine T. MacArthur, will go into an endowment to provide scholarships for future students.

"Since 1980, the MacArthur Foundation has made donations of approximately $200 million in Florida, primarily in Palm Beach and Martin counties," said Foundation President Jonathan Fanton. "A lot of attention is focused on John MacArthur, but we should not overlook Catherine, a woman ahead of her time and a full partner in his work. During her lifetime she had a deep interest in Palm Beach Atlantic University. The University's school of leadership bears her name, and we were pleased to establish this scholarship fund that honors Catherine on what would have been her 100th birthday."

"Many more adult students will be able to achieve better lives for themselves and their families thanks to the MacArthur Foundation," said Jim Laub, dean of the Catherine T. MacArthur School of Leadership. "On behalf of those students and our faculty, many of whom returned to college as adults, I wish to thank the Foundation for their generous grant and continued support of the school."

Established in 1989, Catherine T. MacArthur School of Leadership currently serves nearly 500 adults and non-traditional students. Presently, the school offers the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Master of Science in Organizational Leadership degree programs in West Palm Beach, Orlando and Wellington. In addition, the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management is offered online. The school has 12 full-time and 77 part-time faculty members, and more than 2,400 alumni.

"Palm Beach Atlantic University is deeply appreciative of the both this recent gift as well as the longstanding relationship the University has enjoyed with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation," said President David W. Clark. "In expressing our gratitude we salute the Foundation and its commitment to the educational community that the MacArthurs first learned about from our founding trustee chairman Dr. Donald E Warren."

While living in Florida, John D. MacArthur engaged in extensive business and real estate activities. He was instrumental in the founding of Palm Beach Gardens, sold the land on which many southeast Florida housing and commercial developments are now located, and donated land that ultimately became much of what is now the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park.

The MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the MacArthur Fellows, the Foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society. More information is available at www.macfound.org.

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