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## SOUTH FLORIDA GIVES

### KELLY/STRUL EMERGING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

# A PATH TO EDUCATION

BY AUBREY STRUL

*Aubrey Strul and Florida Atlantic University president launched the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program in 2017.*

#### What's the No. 1 way your organization makes a difference?

We provide the financial resources and personal support to enable low-income, first-generation students to graduate from Florida Atlantic University debt-free in four years or less.

#### How do you measure success?

Each Kelly/Strul scholar follows a 17-step path that prepares students for college life and beyond. We measure success by the scholar's academic records, involvement in university-related activities, graduation track, and desire to give back to the school and the community.

#### What are your three wishes?

■ Every student accepted to Florida Atlantic University can



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Aubrey and Sally Strul with the 2018 FAU Emerging Scholars.

attend and graduate, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

■ The Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars program is endowed in perpetuity.

■ Kelly/Strul scholars are so inspired by their experiences that they give back to the program after graduation.

#### What's your biggest challenge?

Funding to support as many deserving FAU students

as possible.

#### What's one fast fact about your organization?

The program began in 2017 with four students. Through generous donations, it expanded to an additional 20 in 2018.

#### What's your motto?

Unbridled ambition.

*Aubrey Strul is a Boca Raton manufacturing entrepreneur and philanthropist.*

