Before our eight Spring 2023 graduates turned their tassels at commencement, we recognized their remarkable achievements and shared in their excitement for what lies ahead during the annual Kelly/Strul Stole Ceremony and Celebration. From law enforcement and cybersecurity to marine biology and nursing, the graduating Class of 2023 represents diverse interests and holds the potential to make lasting impacts on our community:

Computer whiz Klark Balay will proudly join the Ignite Leadership Team at NextEra Energy. He will participate in a two-year development program, gaining leadership and functional training while contributing to numerous projects.

Roberto Romoleroux, a Management Information Systems major, will enter the cybersecurity field and utilize his software programming skills to protect critical systems from digital threats.

Driven by a desire to pay it forward and protect her community, Psychology major Lancia Haynes will begin her career in law enforcement and criminal investigation.

Shernira Hurtault will begin the next step toward her dream of becoming a mental health counselor by attending graduate school at Florida State University.
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Multimedia Studies major Francisco Aguirre will gain valuable experience in a media department while developing a business plan for his own photography and videography business.

Joseph Alexander will continue their passion for marine research and exploration, working as an aquatic biologist and applying for graduate school.

After completing her degree in Exercise Science and Health Promotion in just three years, Abigail Augustin will pursue post-degree classes in preparation for entering a Physical Therapy program.

Hannah James, our second Nursing graduate, will study for her licensure exam this summer and plans to work in a stepdown intensive care unit.

Celebrating a Year of Achievements:
Kelly/Strul Scholars' 2022-23 Success Stories

During the 2022-23 academic year, our Kelly/Strul scholars achieved remarkable feats. From launching advocacy organizations on campus to 15 scholars securing coveted summer internships, our driven scholars set the standard for first-generation students at FAU.

Leadership

• Victoria Armand was elected as the Director of Program Board, a branch of FAU’s student government.

• Three pre-medicine scholars Jean Pierre, Clawens Ticompere and Dodlee Mosilme, founded FAU’s Black Men in Medicine chapter and serve as the organization’s inaugural vice president, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

• This spring, Genesis Hernandez interned in the Disney College Program, where she gained hands-on experience at the parks and resorts and networked with people from all over the country.
Community Involvement

- 12 scholars actively participated in student organizations.
- 19 students served as peer mentors.
- Scholars have devoted more than 612 hours to community service, the most in Kelly/Strul history.

Summer Internships

- **Aalesha Chisholm-Green** will intern at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, as part of the Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program.
- **Miller Ngo** will intern at Kravit Architectural in Boca, where he will be responsible for creating finish boards and proposed floor plans for clients.
- **Samaelle Louis** will intern at the renowned Mayo Clinic, supporting the Oncology unit while learning alongside distinguished providers.

Keep up with our scholars this summer on social media.

Where Are They Now:
**Alumna Valeria Tineo ’22 is Breaking Down Barriers and Setting Records**

Since graduating in 2022, **Valeria Tineo** joined the NBA’s Cleveland Cavaliers and quickly made her mark on the organization. As an Account Executive on the Cavaliers Foundation, she exceeded $400,000 in overall revenue in her first year with the organization and was the first in her department to earn a promotion.

As she excels in her career, Tineo remains connected to her roots. She actively connects with the Hispanic/Latino community in Cleveland and documents her experience as a first-gen Latina in the corporate world on social media.

Her journey from first-gen student to NBA marketing superstar serves as a powerful example of the success our scholars can achieve through FAU’s Kelly/Strul program. Not only did the program equip Tineo with the skills needed to succeed professionally, the mentorship and camaraderie she found, among her peers and FAU faculty, gave her the confidence to realize her full potential.
Welcome, Future Owls! Introducing the Class of 2027

After our most competitive application cycle in the program’s history, we are thrilled to welcome 20 exceptional scholars to The Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program. The students who will comprise our seventh cohort, graduated from 18 high schools across Florida and boast an impressive average GPA of 4.0. These bright-eyed and eager scholars plan to pursue a wide range of disciplines, including business, nursing, education and science.

Be sure to follow us on social media to read the official announcement and meet our newest Owls this fall!

Show your support for our Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars as they work toward achieving their goals.

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