

**PRESS CONFERENCE – MONDAY, SEPT. 9, 10 A.M.
HERITAGE MUSEUM, DODD HALL
Student Body President Evan Steinberg**

Hello and good morning, I'm Evan Steinberg and I have the honor of serving as Student Body President of Florida State University, and I can't imagine a better day to represent the 42,000 students at our preeminent institution.

As we all entered Dodd Hall, a famous quote is engrained above the entrance, that exemplifies the purpose of why we are gathered here today, "The half of knowledge, is to know where to find knowledge." And there is no better place, to be illuminated by knowledge, than Florida State University.

Our institution enables students to learn, to grow, to continually live up to our values, portraying Vires, Artes, and Mores; Strength, Skill, and Character.

As previous speakers have indicated, this dramatic rise in our national ranking – and our national reputation – over the past several years didn't just happen, It is the direct result by so many people, including fellow student-leaders and former Student Body Presidents who have and will continue to collaborate across campus, and engage in initiatives to ensure student success remains strong and resilient.

Our students are doing their part, our undergraduate and graduate students are dedicated to performing at the highest level, from Schwarzman Scholars to Gubernatorial Fellows, our students are creating change all across the world, as well as creating change, right here in our beloved State of Florida.

The Student Body is proud to have the highest graduation rate in the State of Florida, as well as one of the highest student-veteran graduation rates in the nation, in part due to the support of our partners in the State Government, Legislature, and University community. Florida State University was ranked No. 30 in the Nation and No. 1 in Florida for Veteran Success, as FSU continues to uphold the mantel of being the Most Veteran Friendly Institution.

This university is doing everything possible to help us succeed in our chosen areas of study, in our future careers and in life. We are encouraged to participate in experiential learning to engage in transformative opportunities.

Today's news is evident of how deeply our Faculty members and administration care about the wellbeing and success of our student body, and on behalf of FSU's student body, we can't say thank you enough to all of the world-class Faculty, Staff, and Administration that have dedicated their time and energy to enhancing our National Rankings and National Reputation. Thank you Provost McRorie and President Thrasher for continuing to Raise the Torch, and continuing to guide our institution to new heights.

As Student Body President, I am excited and I know my fellow students are just as proud as I am to be a student at Florida State University. Thank you and Go Noles!