

## **SEMINOLE EVENING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

### **FLORIDA CAPITOL, 22<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

#### **Student Body President Evan Steinberg**

Hello and Good evening, and thank you all for attending. My name is Evan Steinberg, I have the honor of serving as Student Body President at Florida State University. It is a pleasure to represent our 42,000 students at the Seminole Evening Reception. At this time, it is my honor to welcome Florida State University's 15<sup>th</sup> President, President John Thrasher to open up our evening.

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Thank you Chairman Burr for your remarks and service to Florida State University. Thank you President Thrasher for continuing to be a champion of Higher Education and Florida State University. It has truly been a pleasure to work with you and the President's Cabinet this past academic year. Thank you for your service to our institution and dedication to our students. You and Jean are truly such a vital part of the fiber of FSU's Student Body.

Throughout my time at Florida State University, I have been able to witness What makes FSU special. What makes FSU special are the people. Every individual I have met through my experience represents a segment of Florida State University. Our student body is comprised of 42,000 students from all across the state of Florida and the world. Tonight, we are all joined together through our fellow appreciation and affection of Florida State University.

The Student Body at FSU, can't function without the commitment from our university and from the State of Florida. So thank you to every member of our FSU community from Westcott to the Capitol, thank you to every staff member, legislative assistant, Representative, and Senator who has taken the time and will continue to take the time to ensure Florida State University and the Student experience is championed in the State of Florida.

Tonight we have the opportunity to present the True Seminole Award to our elected officials who have dedicated their tenure to serving on behalf of students in the State of Florida. They have ensured that the student experience is one that is preeminent at Florida State University. At this time can SGA's Former Director of Governmental Affairs, Anna Grace Lewis join me at the podium. We would now like to present this year's True Seminole Award to: Representative Ramon Alexander Representative Daniel Perez.

Before we close out this evening, we also have two more individuals we would like to honor. As they finish their last terms in the Florida Senate. Can Senator Montford and Senator Braynon come to the podium.

In recognition for your outstanding commitment to Florida State University and our Student Body, and for being the embodiment of a True Seminole and Friend of FSU. On behalf of the Student Government Association and the Office of the President, we want to present both of you with a Brick at Westcott Plaza. Westcott has been home to beloved Florida State University traditions for over a century. Most alumni remember celebrating 21st birthdays, participating in their class ring ceremony or posting photos in their cap and gown around the plaza. Both of your bricks will surround the iconic Westcott fountain to cement your place in FSU's rich history. Thank you for your continued service.

Thank you to everyone who is here tonight, you all have portrayed your commitment to celebrate and advocate for Florida State. As my 4<sup>th</sup> Seminole Evening reception comes to a close, Thank you to Pittman Law Group for being on the forefront of student advocacy. To Kathleen Daly and Toni Moore, for their continuous support throughout the year in ensuring that the excellence of Florida State University is continuously portrayed to the legislature, thank you. We look forward to seeing all of you dressed in your best Garnet & Gold. Please be sure to stop by the rotunda to see many of the components and the people that make Florida State University preeminent, and enjoy our annual FSU Day at the Capitol Festivities in the courtyard at 11:30, for lunch generously catered by 4 Rivers, and for the opportunity to meet Coach Norvell. Thank you Please enjoy the rest of the evening.