

FRANK T. BROGAN



Frank T. Brogan became the fifth president of Florida Atlantic University in March 2003. Previously, he was lieutenant governor of Florida, the state's commissioner of education, superintendent of schools in Martin County, Florida, and a principal, assistant principal, dean and fifth-grade teacher in Martin County public schools.

President Brogan and his twin brother, John, were born in Cincinnati, the youngest of six children. The first member of his family to graduate from college, President Brogan received a bachelor's degree in education magna cum laude from the University of Cincinnati in 1976. After moving to Florida to teach at Port Salerno Elementary School on the Treasure Coast, he continued his education at Florida Atlantic University, earning a master's degree in education. He became dean of students at Indiantown Middle School, assistant principal and then principal at Murray Middle School, Martin County's superintendent of schools, Florida's Commissioner of Education (the youngest person ever to hold that office), and, in 1999, lieutenant governor on the Bush-Brogan ticket. He had just been elected to a second term as lieutenant governor when he decided to seek the presidency of his alma mater, Florida Atlantic University.

President Brogan has been a champion of public education all his life. He considers his most important achievement as commissioner of education to have been building greater accountability into Florida's public school system, and he is a strong advocate of accountability in higher education as well. His goals for Florida Atlantic University include supporting its continued growth as an important center of teaching, research and public service activities; increasing access to higher education across the University's seven-county service region; encouraging diversity in FAU's student body, faculty and staff; supporting world-class research initiatives; fostering close, mutually supportive relationships with the communities the University serves; and making FAU an ever-stronger engine of economic development for South Florida.

In addition to championing education, President Brogan has served as a leader for other important causes. During the past few years, he has become especially involved in the fight against cancer - a disease that claimed the life of his first wife, Mary. He has used his remarkable speaking ability to crusade in the fight against breast cancer, and he currently serves as statewide chairman of Florida's Dialogue on Cancer. He has received a public service award from the Pioneers in Prostate Cancer.

In 2007, President Brogan was named to the board of directors of Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Additionally, he was recently appointed by Florida Governor Charlie Christ, to chair a collaborative Blueprint Commission on juvenile justice issues.

President Brogan is married to Courtney S. Brogan, who has a law degree from Florida State University. They are the parents of Colby John Brogan, born in 2005.