



THE HISTORY OF FARH

The history of the Florida Association of Residence Halls has two parts—the original and the reincarnation. The reincarnation of FARH began in 1992, with its first conference at the University of Central Florida. FARH was established as a learning and noncompetitive organization. Its focus is on improving RHAs at schools rather than inter-school competition.

FARH was established as a learning and non-competitive organization. Its focus is on improving governance organizations at schools rather than inter-school competition. An example of this is the Most Improved School award rather than the School of the Year award. Other decisions were made over the years to enhance this belief such as no banner, display or roll calls for awards at FARH conferences. FARH is that school's reprieve from the sometimes bid filled world of our organizations. FARH was designed as a haven for new organizations to grow and organizations looking for fresh ideas. Since 1992, FARH has developed countless opportunities for student leaders to learn and be recognized.

As mentioned, the first FARH conference “Set A Course for Adventure” was held in 1992 at the University of Central Florida. The first State Board of Directors was elected at this conference and they were:

Director: Corey King, FSU

Associate Director: Valerie Gallion, FSU

Associate Director, Records: Allison Case, UCF

Associate Director, Finance: Gary Kiraly, UF

Regional Communications Coordinator: Carolyn Kluwe Holland, UF

Conference Chair: Marie Habendank, FSU

Conference Adviser: Ron Davis, FSU

Adviser: Norbert Dunkel, UF

The 1993 FARH Conference “View of our State” was held at Florida State University. The State Board of Directors elected at that conference were:

Director: Linda Aeillo, FSU

AD: Valerie Gallion, FSU

AD Records: Edward Cloak, FSU

AD Finance: Dave Gaussiran, UF

Regional Liaison: Jason Wilson, UCF

RHADE Chair: Steve Botwinik, UF

Conf. Chair: Tara Pallack, UF

Conf. Advisor: Missi Thompson, UF

Advisor: Norbert Dunkel, UF

The University of Florida hosted the 1994 FARH Conference “FARH into the Woods” and the following people were elected into the State Board of Directors:

Director: Tara Pallack, UWF, Kat Neilander, UWF
AD: Jimmy Washington, St.Leo, Mary Anthony, UNF
AD Records: Kat Neilander, UWF, Meri Linn Emerson, UWF
AD Finance: Angie Nicholson, UF
Regional Liaison: David Brown, UWF, Dan Rodkin, UF
RHADE Chair: Darryl Greeley, UF
Conf. Chair: Shilog Lohmann, FIT
Conf. Advisor: Philip Cortese, FIT
Advisor: Norbert Dunkel, UF, Sue Beebe, FIU

“FARH Side” the 1995 FARH Conference found itself at the Florida Institute of Technology. The newly elected State Board of Directors for that year was:

Director: Kate Nielander, UWF
AD: Mary Anthony, UNF
AD Records: Meri Linn Emerson, UWF
AD Finance: Angie Nicholson, UF
Regional Liaison: Jason Rasso, UWF, Dan Rodkin, UF
Conf. Chair: Robert Sekman, UWF
Conf. Advisor: Rick Crain, UWF
Advisor: Sue Beebe, FIU, Carolyn Holland, LCCC

The University of West Florida played host to the 1996 FARH Conference “FARH and Away”. The position of RHADE Chair was created this year. The State Board of Directors that was elected that year was:

Director: Mary Anthony, UNF
AD: Christy Steinway, UF
AD Finance: Chris Fuller, UF
AD Records: Kim Englehardt, FSU
Regional Liaison: Brian Westmoreland, UWF, Jason Rasso, UWF
RHADE Chair: Mark Hovis, UCF
Conf. Chair: Gamma Dean, UCF
Conf. Advisor: Jan Wilson, UCF, Shannon Roberts, UCF
Advisor: J. Diane Porter, UF

Mini FARH was founded in 1996 as a drive in conference that is free to all who attend. Mini FARH continues today with the sole purpose of introducing student leaders to the FARH organization and kicking off the school year with new ideas and new leadership. Mini FARH also serves as a mid year meeting for member schools.

For the second time, the University of Central Florida, hosted the FARH conference “FARHENGROUVEN” in 1997. The SBD elected that year were:

Director: Kim Englehardt, FSU
AD: Celeste Boeri, FIU

AD Finance: Andy Satterlee, UT
AD Records: Courtney Recht, UF
Regional Liaison: Laura Wharton, UCF
RHADE, Recruitment: Tikisha Ousley, FSU
RHADE, Buddy Schools and Resource Guide: Gamma Dean, UCF
Conf. Chair: Sarah Rabin, UF
Conf. Advisor: Corey King, UF
Advisor: J. Diane Porter, UF

The University of Florida hosted its second FARH conference “Come on a SaFARHi with Us” in 1998. The position of State Liaison was created this year. The RHADE positions were eliminated this year. The SBD elected that year were:

Director: Andy Satterlee, UT
AD: Danielle Jones, FIU
AD Finance: Keith Lanson, UF
AD Records: Laura Wharton, UCF
State Liaison: Gary Slossberg, UF
RHAR Chair: Lindsay Gillete, UF
Conf. Chair: Amy Erneston, USF
Conf. Advisor: James Brock, USF
Advisor: J. Diane Porter, UF

The FARH Excellence in Housing Award (FEHA) was developed in 1998-1999 as a recognition program for FARH schools. Similar to OTM’s, nominations are submitted by FARH member schools and all who are nominated receive the award and are recognized in FARH publications.

Two schools, the University of South Florida and the University of Tampa co-hosted FARH 1999 “FARH Wars”. The position of Associate Director for Recognition was created this year. Also the RHAR Chair position was eliminated this year. The SBD elected that year were:

Director: Kristina Kelly, UF
AD: Megan Triller, UT
AD Finance: Natasha Cooper, FIU
AD Records: Karen Peterson, UF
AD Recognition: Jonathan Zerulik, UF
State Liaison: Suketu Pathak, UF
Conf. Chair: Beth Kennedy, FSU
Conf. Advisor: Megan Cahill, FSU
Advisor: J. Diane Porter, UF

In May 1999, The Florida Association of Residence Halls' State Board of Directors chose their state mascot, Felipe the Frog!

Florida State University hosted the first FARH Conference of the 21st Century in 2000. “FARH-Toons” was the 9th annual conference. The SBD elected that year were:

*Director: Elizabeth Kennedy, FSU; Trebor Yocum, ERAU**

*AD: Trebor Yocum, ERAU; Vacant**

AD Finance: Jeffrey Chernoff, UF

AD Records: Nicole Taub, UF

AD Recognition: Sarah Neiland, USF

State Liaison: Anthony Brooks, USF

Conf. Chair: Nicole Taub, UF

Conf. Advisor: Jan Wilson, UCF

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- The position of Associate Director remained vacant for the year. The original AD, Trebor Yocum, assumed the position of Director after the original Director resigned.

As no school bid to host the 2001 FARH conference, the State Board of Directors worked together to host the conference “FARH TV” themselves, with the backing of the University of Central Florida. The SBD elected that year were:

Director: Jeff Chernoff, UF

AD: Laverne Davis, ERAU

AD Finance: Sam DiRosa, UT

AD Records: Dexter Bondoc, USF

AD Recognition: Nikki Udovich, UF

State Liaison: Stefanie Riveiro, USF

Conf. Chair: Jay Chiang, USF

Conf. Chair: Dianne Buhrow, USF

Advisor: Jan Wilson, UCF

2002 was the 10th year anniversary of the Florida Association of Residence Halls. The 10th anniversary conference “Renaissance FARH” was held at the University of South Florida. The 2002-2003 State Board of Directors that were elected were:

Director: Laverne Davis, ERAU

AD: Jason Clarke-Laidlaw, FSU

AD Finance: April Gillespie, UT

AD Records: Sam DiRosa, UT (resigned)

AD Recognition: Jennifer Steelman, FAU

State Liaison: Greg Drobonare, ERAU

Conf. Chairs: Ryan Konikoff-Lynn, Allison Lazarus-Lynn, and Jennifer McIntyre-FAU

Conf. Advisors: Sean Pierce-FAU and Paul Pavlica-Lynn

Advisor: Jeff Cooper, Rollins

In 2003 Florida Atlantic University and its neighboring school Lynn University Co-hosted the FARH conference, “Building Bridges. Building

Community. Building Tradition.” The 2003-2004 State Board of Directors was elected as follows:

Director: Robert W. Farkas, UT
AD: Christopher Sclafani, FIU
AD Finance: April Gillespie, UT
AD Records: Dwayne Peterson, USF
AD Recognition: Diamond Larmone, Nova
State Liaison: Erica Jacobs, UT
Conf. Chair: Monica Texidor, FIU
Conf. Advisor:
Advisor: Jeff Cooper, Rollins

In 2004, the 12th annual FARH conference “Carnival FARHnival Carnival” was held at Florida International University in Miami. The position of State Liason was changed into Associate Director of Recruitment and Retention. The 2003-2004 State Board of Directors was elected as follows:

Director: Christopher Sclafani, FIU
AD: Danielle Nied, FIU
AD Finance: Dwayne Peterson, USF*
*AD Records: Matthew Ulyesses Blankenship, USF****
AD Recognition: Monica Texidor, FIU
*AD of Recruitment and Retention: Aurelio ‘PJ’ Rivera**, FIU*
Conf. Chair:
Conf Advisor:
Adviser: Sean Pierce, FAU HC

** Dwayne Peterson resigned at Mini-FARH. Donna Wilcox from FAU was appointed by the SBD at Mini-FARH.*

*** Aurelio ‘PJ’ Rivera resigned shortly before Mini-FARH. Jamie Porter from UCF was elected at Mini-FARH.*

**** Matthew Ulyesses Blankenship resigned shortly after Mini-FARH. The position remained open until FARH.*

In 2005, the 13th annual FARH conference “FARH Takes Flight” was held at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. The 2005-2006 State Board of Directors was elected as follows:

Director: Elizabeth Williamson, UF
AD: Dawn Quick, FSU
AD Finance: E.J. Walicki, UF
AD Records: Dane Yankowich, FIU
AD Recognition: Russell Small, FSU
AD of Recruitment and Retention: Christen Westover, Rollins
Conf. Chair: Jen Wolk, UCF
Conf Advisor: Meredith Varner, UCF
Adviser: Sean Pierce, FAU HC

In 2006, the 14th annual FARH conference “FARHy Tales” took place at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The 2006-2007 State Board of Directors was elected as follows:

Director: Dawn Quick, FSU
AD: Joanne Soliman, ERAU
AD Finance: Oleg Polupan, USF
*AD Records: Adam Blattner**, UT*
AD Recognition: Will Harmon, FAU
AD of Recruitment and Retention: Bri Bragg, FAU
Adviser: Larry Faerman, FAU

*** Adam Blattner resigned shortly before Mini-FARH. Joey McNamara from Lynn was elected at Mini-FARH.*

In 2007, the 15th annual FARH conference “SaFARHi” took place at the University of North Florida in Orlando. The 2007-2008 State Board of Directors was elected as follows:

Director: Joanne Soliman, ERAU
AD: James Capp, FAU Honors
AD Finance: David Patrickson, ERAU
AD Records: Joey McNamara, Lynn
AD Recognition: Will Harmon, FAU
AD of Recruitment and Retention: Aaron Hood, FSU

And the adviser is a 2 year term so it remains:
Adviser: Larry Faerman, FAU

Mini-FARH will take place at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers Florida in September. The theme is an Aloha theme.

Conference Chair: Michelle Michienzi
Conference Co-Chair: Stephanie Goodwin
Conference Advisor: Mateo De La Rosa

FARH will take place at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida February 15-17. The theme is *A Capital Idea*.

Conference Co- Chairs: Alec Bogdanoff & Evan Saperstein
Conference Advisor: