FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
School prepares for landmark event with opening of Pines Center

It will be a landmark date for both Broward County residents and Florida International University (FIU) Jan. 2.

On that date, FIU will open its own building at the Academic Village in Pembroke Pines.

Although courses and programs have been offered in Broward by FIU since the university's inception in 1972, this will mark the first time that FIU will have its own building.

This contemporary, state-of-the-art facility will boast the latest technology throughout its 90,000 square feet. In addition to spacious classrooms and offices, included will be case study rooms, computer labs, a bookstore and a 450-seat auditorium.

The Village itself contains the Southwest Regional Library, Broward Community College's Pines Center, Pembroke Pines Charter High School and an Olympic swimming pool.

FIU's Pines Center will offer all of the academic programs formerly located on Broward Community College's Central Campus and at the University Tower in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

At this time, select programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral level are offered by the College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Health and Urban Affairs and the College of Engineering.

A key factor in FIU's decision to engage in this new venture was a report prepared by higher education marketing consultants that concluded that there was a major need for additional higher education programs and services in southwest Broward County.

The prime location of the Village was another element in helping senior administrators decide to establish a presence at this ideal site. The location is just one mile west of the Sheridan Street exit of I-75.

Diana Little, director of the Broward Programs, is quick to point out that not only do FIU's Broward students receive a highly regarded education close to home, but students have a complete educational experience.

There is a long tradition of organizing Student Life activities, funded by the Student Government, that provide many opportunities to socialize and network.

For additional information about programs at the Pines Center, call 954-201-3608.

All admissions, registration and advisement services are available at the Pines Center for FIU's Broward students.

This milestone of FIU's new building in Pembroke Pines coincides with the 30th Anniversary celebration of a young university that has achieved unbelievable recognition for the many scholarly accomplishments of its students, alumni and faculty.

All FIU campuses are getting ready for Open Registration, which is taking place now through Jan. 3.

Classes for the spring semester begin Jan. 8. Students may take classes prior to being admitted.

One of the best ways to learn more about FIU (the Pines Center and Miami-Dade's two residential campuses is to take a virtual tour at www.fiu.edu).