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**Subject:** Can we include Indian River County as a sponsor? FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Celebrates 50 Years!

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Michael,

Again, it was a pleasure meeting you recently, and it is always exciting to hear from proud FAU parents!

I am reaching out to you today with some information on opportunities related to FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It would be wonderful to display Indian River County's support of the Institute and our work to preserve the environment:

2021 marks 50 years of relentlessly pursuing Ocean Science for a Better World at Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, just a couple of miles south of Indian River County. 50 years of working on critical ocean issues like new cancer therapies, global food security, wildlife conservation and toxic algal blooms. 50 years of ocean exploration envisioned by famed inventor Edwin A. Link and founder J. Seward Johnson Sr.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a call to action for us to honor our past while rising to face the pressing issues of our future. Our community, our people and our health are linked inextricably to the oceans. Consequently, our work to ensure that the ocean can sustain global economies, food security, medicine and biodiversity depends on the support of community leaders. We simply can't do it without you, which is why we hope you will consider becoming integral to this milestone celebration through sponsorship.

**We have created a special level of sponsorship for our community leaders to show the public your commitment to the ocean research that benefits the communities you serve.** At this level, we ask that our Community Leaders support us at the \$2,500 level. Community Leaders receive all the benefits at the Ocean Adventurer level. Please join us in this truly exceptional opportunity to celebrate our history and catapult forward our next fifty years. As a sponsor, you'll be making an enduring impact on the future of ocean conservation.

Please find a listing of celebratory events and sponsorship opportunities attached. You can also view everything here: <https://www.fau.edu/hboi/50/> Amanda and I are happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much for your consideration.

All the best,  
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