

Dear members of the FIU community:

I regret to announce that Jeanne S. Kates, retired instructor in the Department of Political Science, passed away at her home in Seneca, South Carolina on July 8. Jeanne was the first student to earn a Masters of International Studies at FIU. She pursued graduate work at the University of Miami and returned to FIU in 1982 as the first full-time instructor in the Political Science Department where she taught courses in international relations and comparative politics. She trained team after team in the art of negotiation and compromise, and honed students' skills in both oral and written communications in preparation for the National Model United Nations (NMUN) competition. The first major FIU Model United Nations delegation award came in 1996 under Jeanne's leadership when the program was awarded its first Outstanding Delegation Award for representing Romania. The 2001 school year pioneered what culminated into more than a decade of success at NMUN. Each year the FIU MUN Program has received awards.

Jeanne had built a successful agricultural business in south Miami-Dade and like many students in FIU's early years, she enrolled in college after raising her two sons. As a political science major, she focused on political theory and international politics, and earned a certificate in Western Political and Social Thought in addition to her B.A. Jeanne retired in Spring 2005. Jeanne was considered a mentor's mentor—she taught, engaged, and inspired students to be the best they could be. She was awarded a Medallion at the 2005 Spring Commencement in recognition for her contributions to FIU.

Sincerely,

Douglas Wartzok