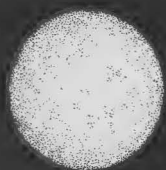


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# **SUNBLAZERS VOLLEYBALL**



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**Dr. Judy Blucker  
Volleyball Coach**



In her fifth coaching season at FIU, Dr. Blucker has a strong ambition to make it two in a row for the women Sunblazers. Last year, the volleyball team took the Florida State Championship title here in Miami.

A cum laude graduate from Memphis State University, Dr. Blucker was captain of the varsity volleyball team that won the East Tennessee State Championship for three consecutive years. In her junior year she was chosen Outstanding Women Physical Education Major.

She earned a master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1965 and the Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1972. At FSU she coached the softball team that won the 1970 Senior College State Championship. In 1971-72 she coached the Broward Community College volleyball team to a second-place berth in the Florida State Championship.

Her talents as an athlete, teacher and coach are assets to Florida International University. "This year my goal is to win the regional and go on to the national tournament," says the eager coach. It's this positive attitude that has made FIU's volleyball program so successful.

**FIU Volleyball History**

In just two short years, the FIU intercollegiate volleyball program grew from a club sport, with only one win out of a fourteen match season, to state champions in 1975. The Sunblazers have established themselves as a volleyball power in the state. Look for FIU to be among the top twenty national intercollegiate volleyball teams in the near future.



**1976-77 VOLLYBALL ROSTER**

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ELLIS, Lynette	261-23-7232	WILLIAMS, Betty E.	262-21-3871

**Patricia  
(Patti) Abbott  
Assistant Coach**



Miami native, Patti Abbott is a 1972 graduate of Florida State University. Captain of the FSU volleyball team, Patti was selected to several all-star teams during her four years as a player. Patti is back in Miami to complete her master's degree at FIU after teaching and coaching at the high school level. Head coach Dr. Judy Blucker is enthusiastic about the skills and expertise Patti brings to the Sunblazers.

**FIU Volleyball Outlook**

With the return of five starters, the outlook is excellent for a second consecutive championship season. Last year, the team's goal was to be state champion. This year the Sunblazers aim to take the regional title and participate in the AIAW National Championships. Several outstanding new junior college players join the already strong volleyball team this season, adding to the enthusiasm for another winning program.

## FIU FACTS

Name: Florida International University  
Founded: 1965  
Location: Tamiami Trail  
Miami, Florida 33199  
Classification: Florida State University System  
Affiliation: NCAA, Division II, District III.  
Conference: Independent  
Nickname: Sunblazers  
Colors: Blue and Gold  
Athletic Director: Tom H. Wonderling

### Message from the Athletic Director Tom H. Wonderling

Our women's intercollegiate volleyball team, now in its third season, won the Florida State Collegiate Championship last year. As a recognized regional power, the Sunblazers are challenging some of the best teams and have been scheduled to compete in an outstanding series of upcoming tournaments.

Florida International University is a new school, but our athletic program has plenty of the competitive tradition which grows with the pride of winning.

During the University's first year, we fielded a full-scale intercollegiate program. The FIU athletic scoreboard totaled a winning record that year — an accomplishment yet to be matched. Watch us next year!

### Highlights of 1975-76 Volleyball

The 1975 FIU Volleyball team staged a top-notch performance at the State Volleyball Championships losing only one match and capturing the Senior College State Championship. At the same tournament they garnered the Overall State Championship, defeating the winner of the State Junior College Championship.

## FIU IN REVIEW

Florida International University opened its Tamiami Campus in the fall of 1972 with 5,667 students — the largest first-year enrollment of any college or university in the history of the United States. Enrollment is expected to grow to 30,000 by the early 1980's, when the North Miami campus is in full operation.

An accredited member of the State University System, FIU serves juniors, seniors and graduate students. Admission is open without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

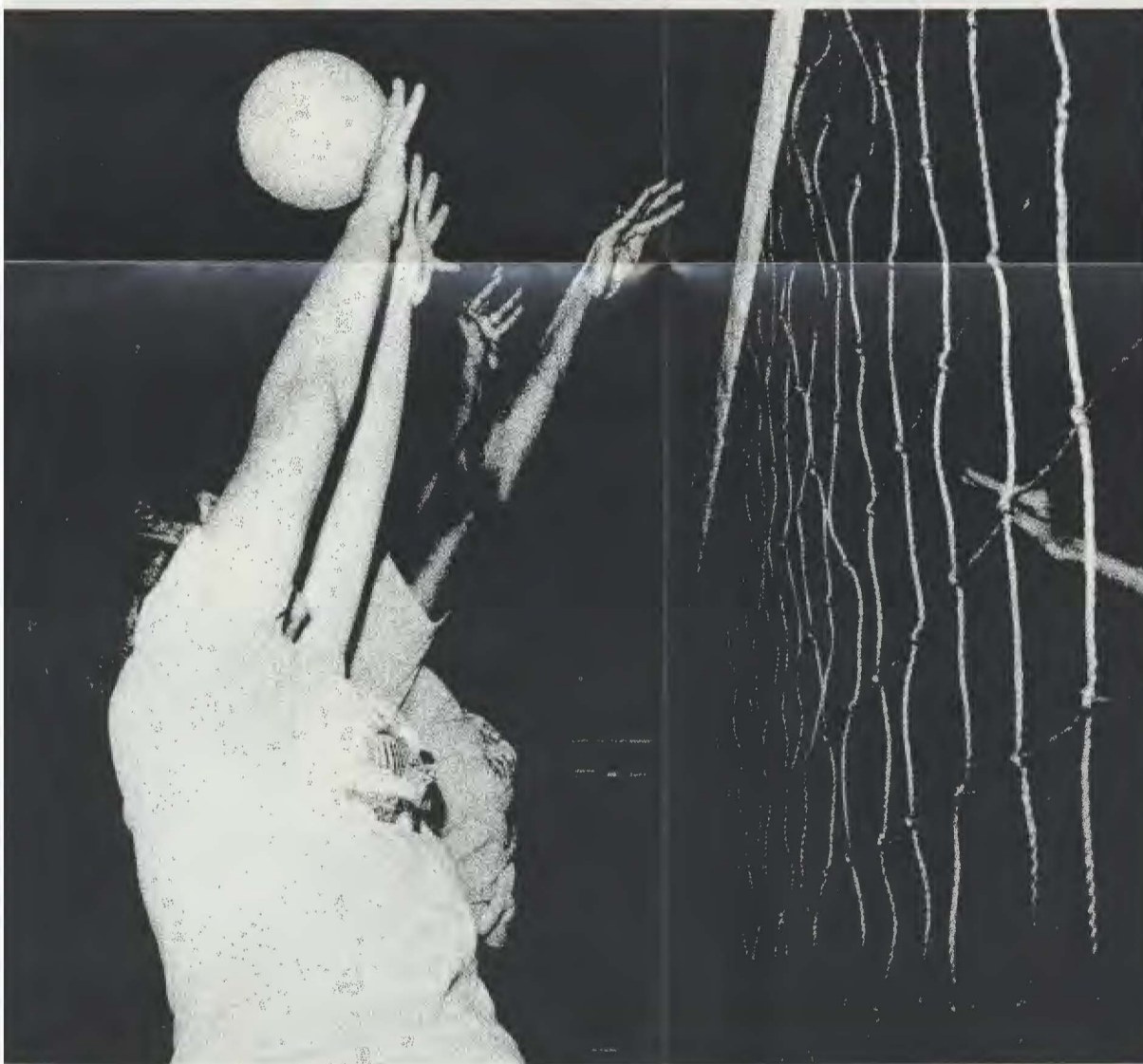
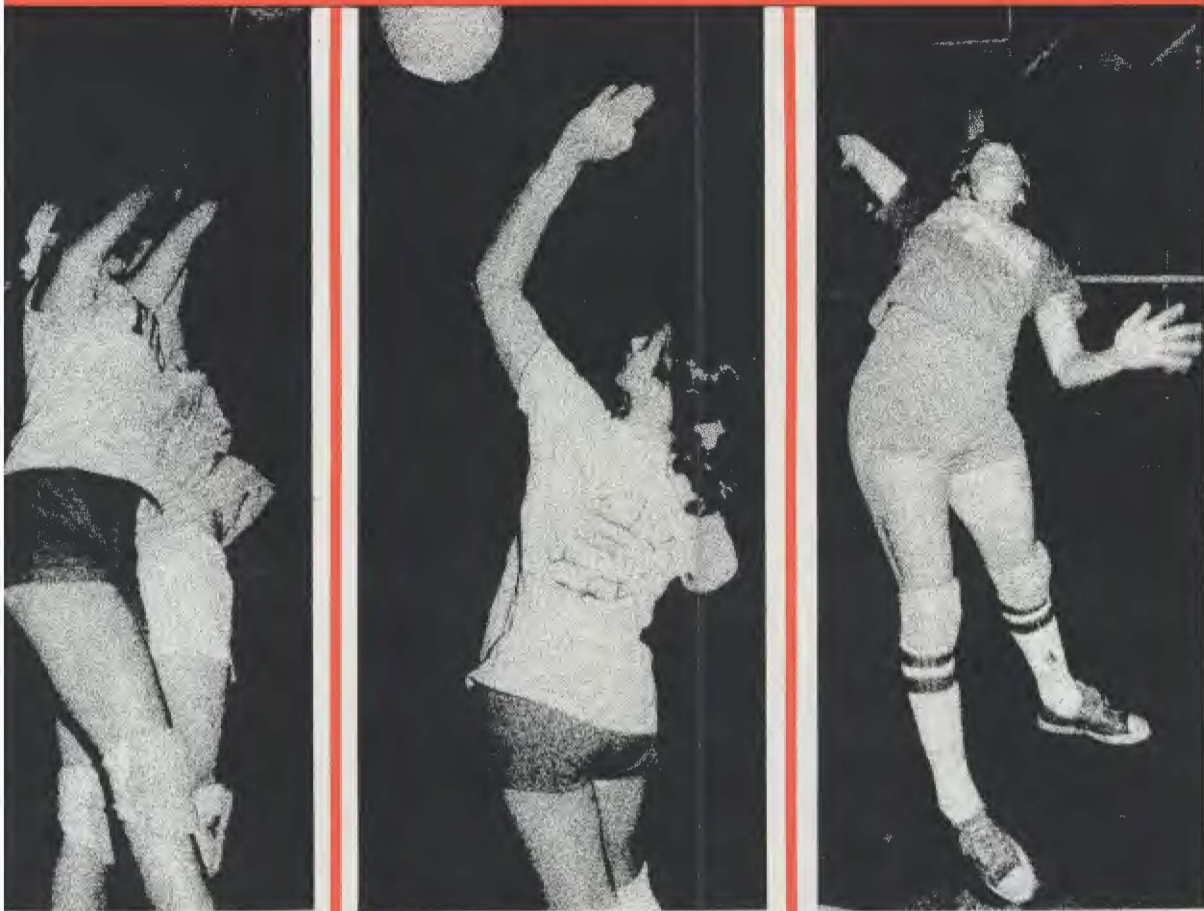
Academically, FIU offers the benefits of higher education's proven features blended with the innovations of progressive ideals. The University has developed individualized study programs including off-campus, real-life career experiences.

Academic divisions include the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Organizational Sciences, School of Education, School of Health and Social Services, School of Hotel, Food and Travel Services and the School of Technology.

The University has three main goals: to provide action-oriented education for students so they can live more personally satisfying and socially useful lives; to serve the Greater Miami and South Florida region in meeting the ecological, cultural, social and urban challenges which it faces; and to become a major international center with emphasis on helping achieve greater mutual understanding among the Americas and throughout the world.

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## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 1976-77

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday Sept. 29 Miami-Dade CC-North at MDCC-North 5:00PM  
 Thursday Sept. 30 University of Miami at U. of Miami 4:00PM

### OCTOBER

Friday October 1 Miami-Dade CC-Downtown FIU 3:00PM  
 Monday October 4 Miami-Dade CC-South FIU 3:00PM  
 Wednesday October 6 Flagler College at Flagler  
 Thurs-Sat Oct 7-9 Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro at Greensboro, NC Invitational Tournament  
 Fri-Sat Oct 15-16 Florida State University at Tallahassee Tallahassee, FL Invitational Tournament  
 Wednesday October 20 University of Miami FIU 4:00PM  
 Thursday October 21 Flagler College FIU 7:00PM

Fri-Sat Oct 22-23 Miami-Dade CC-South Invitational Tournament at MDCC-South

Tuesday October 26 Miami-Dade CC-North FIU 3:00PM  
 Wednesday October 27 Miami-Dade CC-Downtown at MDCC-Downtown 4:00PM

Thurs-Sat Oct 28-30 West Georgia Volleyball Tournament at Carrollton, GA

### NOVEMBER

Wednesday November 3 Broward CC FIU 3:00PM  
 Tuesday November 9 Miami-Dade CC-South at MDCC-South 3:00PM  
 Thurs-Sat Nov 11-13 FAIAW Volleyball State Tournament at Lakeland, FL  
 Thurs-Sat Nov 18-20 AIAW Regionals, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

### DECEMBER

Thurs-Sat Dec 9-11 AIAW Volleyball National Tournament, Univ. of Texas at Austin, Texas

