

## FAU's Palm Pointe Educational Research School earns 'A'

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Florida Atlantic University's Palm Pointe Educational Research School at Tradition recently earned an "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education.

Debra Snyder, principal of Palm Pointe, attributes the school's success in its inaugural year to a commitment to quality instruction by all stakeholders, an increase in inclusive educational services for students with disabilities, technology integration, design and implementation of novel standard-based lessons, and a focus on student engagement. "This school's culture, combined with the support of both FAU and the St. Lucie County School District, has been a recipe for success," Snyder said.

Palm Pointe opened in August 2008. The kindergarten through eighth-grade facility is a unique charter school that is an innovative partnership between FAU and the St. Lucie County School District.



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