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John Thrasher

FSU President

- When:** Friday January 26, 2018; 11:30 a.m. Buffet
- Where:** **Donald L. Tucker CIVIC CENTER**
- Guest(s):** Guest(s): \$30 per guest (payable by cash, check, MasterCard, or VISA on-site with no exceptions)
- RSVP:** Please RSVP no later than **Monday, January 22, 2018** by e-mail to tigerbay@comcast.net or at 850-906-0450 (including the **number** of guests you expect to bring). If we are provided the names of your guest(s) we will pre-print guest(s) badge(s). Guest Fees are \$30 per guest.

We want to wish each of our Capital Tiger Bay Club members a Happy New Year and we hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season! We are looking forward to a fantastic 2018!

[Florida State University President John Thrasher](#), Tiger Bay's next featured speaker, has had one of the most challenging and difficult three months of any Florida State University President in recent history; in fact, the issues he has had to address have garnered national attention and most believe he has acted decisively and boldly. In November 2017, he was confronted with the tragic death of a 20 year-old fraternity pledge and after assessing the circumstances he suspended all Greek activities at the University's 54 fraternities and sororities, and banned alcohol use at student campus events indefinitely. While not a popular decision to some, he did, by at least one journalist's opinion, "what few in his position have ever had the guts to do."

President Thrasher was also confronted with conducting FSU's first true head football coaching search in nearly 40 years when Jimbo Fisher decided to resign as FSU's head football coach and become the head coach at Texas A & M. He again acted decisively and introduced Florida State's new head football coach Willie Taggart in December 2017— a hire that has drawn positive acclaim nationwide.

In addition to focusing on the challenges above (and many others), President Thrasher is pushing hard in his quest to have FSU become one of the country's top 25 public universities and is gearing up for the 2018 Legislative Session that begins January 9, 2018. In his recent State of the University address he referenced the fact the University has received nearly 43,000 applications from students vying for 6,500 slots in next year's freshman class. He also stated the University is making a bold legislative request of \$90 million to "support the efforts to hire world class faculty and scholars, advance our professional and graduate degree excellence, support our preeminence and maintain our facilities."

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