

**PRESS RELEASE**

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ON  
OCTOBER 6, 2005  
AT 3:30 P.M.  
THE FACULTY SENATE WILL BE MEETING  
AS A  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
IN  
HERTER HALL AUDITORIUM, ROOM 227

TOPIC  
“THECENTER’S TOP AMERICAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES”  
Please visit: <http://thecenter.ufl.edu>

SPECIAL GUEST  
CHANCELLOR JOHN V. LOMBARDI

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*ALL FACULTY AND LIBRARIANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND*  
*(THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)*

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John V. Lombardi is co-author of *The Top American Research Universities: An Annual Report from the Lombardi Program on Measuring University Performance* (December 2004), published by TheCenter at the University of Florida (<http://thecenter.ufl.edu>). The Report’s conclusions include:

- Campuses seeking improvement need reliable national indicators to help them place their own performance within a national context.
- *TheCenter’s* data ...show the share of academic research productivity achieved by each campus represented in the data... *TheCenter* primarily measures market share.
- Although faculty research talent is individual, high-quality faculty become more productive when they work in contexts with significant numbers of other high-quality faculty.
- The measure of a research university’s success is the quantity of high-quality human capital it accumulates.
- Americans have a passion for the pursuit of the mythical No. 1 in every field...
- At the campus level...it is possible and often very helpful to focus on individual colleges and even departments or programs...

According to this publication (p.52), the University of Massachusetts Amherst ranks among the top 50 public research university campuses in America.