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Dr. Pamela Chally
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of North Florida

Dear Dr. Chally:

With this letter, I hereby submit my intention to retire from the University of North Florida. I feel I leave this institution with a sense of accomplishment on many fronts. First, from 2001 to 2005, as Biology Department Chair, I helped the new Department of Biology get underway on the UNF campus. During my 4-year tenure, Biology increased the number of faculty by 5 full-time members and the number of undergraduate Biology majors from around 100 in 2001 to 250 in 2005. I also initiated a Master of Science program within the Biology Department which has graduated numerous advanced Biology students during my time at UNF. I feel I have been a successful teacher during my 17-year tenure at this institution and have received outstanding student evaluations by students enrolled in my Physiology course that I have taught 2-3 times a year since my initial hire. Lastly, I have been honored by UNF on two occasions for my instructional and scholarly activity while on this campus. In 2008 I received the Runner-up award for Distinguished Professor and in this same year I was awarded the John A. Delaney Presidential Professorship for distinguished research. It has been my honor to work at UNF over these years and I wish to express my sincere thanks for the opportunity to teach and learn at this important institution.

Sincerely,



Gregory A. Ahearn
Presidential Professor