Mary Jane Saunders was named Florida Atlantic University’s sixth president by unanimous vote of the FAU Board of Trustees on March 3, 2010. She began her term of service on June 7, 2010.

Prior to her arrival at FAU, Dr. Saunders was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cleveland State University, where she also was founding Dean of the College of Science, Director of the Biomedical and Health Institute, and a Professor in the Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences.

Her professional background also includes service at the National Science Foundation, the University of South Florida, Louisiana State University and the University of Georgia. She is an award-winning cell biology researcher, educator and academic leader who is known nationally for her commitment to public higher education.

A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, Dr. Saunders holds a B.S. in Biology from Boston University and both a M.S. and a Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Dr. Saunders is married to Dr. George Newkome, a distinguished polymer science and chemistry research professor.

**Presidents of Florida Atlantic University:**
- Dr. Kenneth R. Williams 1962 - 1973
- Dr. Glenwood L. Creech 1973 - 1983
- Dr. Helen Popovich 1983 - 1989
- Dr. Anthony J. Catanese 1990 - 2002
- Mr. Frank T. Brogan 2003 - 2009

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