

**Florida's Greediest Public Employee: FIU Police Chief Alexander D. Casas
From \$1.1 Million to \$2.08 Million – Because One Giant Taxpayer-Funded
Bonus Just Wasn't Enough**



Miami, FL – Alexander D. Casas, Chief of Police at Florida International University, may be the greediest public employee in Florida. Not satisfied with the \$1,127,499 pension cash bonus due November 30, 2025 under the original 5-year pension cash bonus system DROP (reported by Triple Dippers in 2022 <https://tripleddippers.org/fl-cops-tripleddippers-july-2022/>). Casas used his public position to extend his pension bonus to 8 years and pocket \$2,083,028.67 – a move that nearly doubled his pension bonus at taxpayer expense. Governor DeSantis signed SB 7024 into law, allowing all Florida politicians and public employees to apply for an 8-year public pension starting July 1, 2023.

See the full sortable list of all Florida Politicians and Public Employees collecting almost **\$50 Billion** in pension cash bonuses at <https://tripleddippers.org/fl-statewide-tripleddippers-oct-2025/>

University of Florida Serves Up a \$2.4 Million Pension Cash bonus Turkey this Thanksgiving to Professor John Kraft. This is the highest Pension bonus ever awarded in Florida. Professor John Kraft avoids paying his fair share - 3% of his \$360,519 salary (\$10,815) into the Florida Retirement System, shifting his personal responsibility onto students and taxpayers. When Kraft finally decides to retire (after stuffing his pockets with enough cash to buy a private island), he'll collect a hefty annual pension of \$283,605. The average Floridian makes \$49,261 a year[2] and would have to work 48.4 years to earn Professor Kraft's \$2.4 Million pension cash bonus. <https://tripleddippers.org/fl-tripleddipper-list-november-2024/>

Meanwhile, University of Florida students graduate with an average of \$23,132 in student loan debt [3]. how much, if any, of John Kraft's \$2.4 Million Pension bonus will he promise in writing to donate to U of F Student Debt relief or other charities?" asked Dave Jaye, Researcher, <https://tripleddippers.org/>

While continuing to collect his full ~\$245,000 salary, Casas avoids paying the standard 3% of salary to the Florida Pension System – an estimated \$7,350 per year shifting personal responsibility onto students and taxpayers. Six months after cashing the \$2.08 million pension bonus check, Florida law allows Casas to return to the same job.

After taking the \$2.08 Million pension bonus check Casas will collect an estimated \$201,012 annual

pension – \$16,761 every single month – for the rest of his life. Meanwhile, the average FIU graduate leaves with \$24,941 in student loan debt (2024 data, EducationData.org). Casas and University of Florida professor John Kraft (another \$2.3 million pension bonus recipient) use Florida’s public university system for personal enrichment while students, parents and taxpayers foot the bill.

To make matters worse, In May 2024, Casas was suspended after video showed him groping two male subordinates on stage at an FIU awards ceremony (one victim is heard saying “Title IX”). FIU quietly reinstated him two months later and let him keep fattening his seven-figure retirement pension cash bonus. <https://panthernow.com/2024/07/25/police-chief-casas-returns-from-leave/>

2025 Florida Triple Dipper Hall of Shame – The Dirty Dozen

Rank	Name	Employer	Pension Cash Bonus	Est. Annual Pension	Est. Monthly Pension
1	JOHN KRAFT	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	\$2,329,392	\$224,796	\$18,733
2	ROBERT L ALLEN	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$2,227,972	\$214,994	\$17,916
3	MARK B ALEXANDER	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$2,121,912	\$204,765	\$17,064
4	ALEXANDER D CASAS	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	\$2,083,029	\$201,012	\$16,761
5	JOSE R CRUZ	MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$1,982,796	\$191,340	\$15,945
6	JUAN SEGOVIA	MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$1,970,107	\$190,115	\$15,843
7	TODD R TURNER	PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMM.	\$1,967,938	\$189,856	\$15,821
8	RICHARD J LUTZ	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	\$1,944,296	\$187,685	\$15,640
9	ANDREW J MEYERS	BROWARD CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	\$1,913,169	\$184,611	\$15,384
10	GERARD P WATKINS	BROWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$1,888,140	\$182,206	\$15,184
11	JAMES M HIGHTOWER	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$1,854,605	\$178,979	\$14,915
12	SCOTT E OGDEN	MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$1,848,979	\$178,426	\$14,869

In 2025, Florida's Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) is projected to benefit approximately 30,626 public employees with pension cash bonuses—representing an 8% increase from the roughly 28,300 participants in 2024—while the total projected taxpayer liability for these bonuses has swelled to about \$4.2 billion in 2025, up roughly 10.5% from the \$3.8 billion in 2024, and the broader Florida Retirement System continues to carry a \$39 billion unfunded pension liability that will ultimately be paid by the same taxpayers.

“Chief Alexander Casas may be the greediest public employee in Florida”, observed Dave Jaye. How many luxury cars, condos, and gourmet meals can one person actually use? How much of his taxpayer-paid pension will Casas promise in writing to donate to charity?”

While Florida’s pension system carries a \$39 billion unfunded liability (approximately \$1,725 per every Florida resident <https://thecapitolist.com/frs-double-dip-retirement-expansion-will-make-it-harder-for-private-sector-to-compete-with-state/>) and FIU students drown in debt, these 12 insider “Public Servants” are set to collect over \$24.8 million in lump sums plus \$2.3 million per year in lifetime pensions – forever. The Legislature and Governor need to eliminate taxpayer paid pension bonuses or cap pension bonuses to \$50,000.

Every Public Government and University could simply accept the resignation of these Retired employees and replace them with younger, healthier, more recently educated young men and women.

This Thanksgiving, there are two Florida turkeys stuffed with more taxpayer money than the rest: Alexander D. Casas and John Kraft.

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Groping scandal coverage: <https://www.miaminewtimes.com/news/fiu-police-chief-on-leave-after-butt-groping-video-surfaces-19983304>

https://www.instagram.com/p/C531PAHv_rQ/?igsh=OHI2OXI4NXoxY2Ru&img_index=1

Florida Senate Bill 7024 (2023), signed by Governor DeSantis on June 6, 2023 (Ch. 2023-193), effective July 1, 2023. Increases maximum DROP participation from 60 to 96 months for all FRS classes. <https://share.google/eYtk0jYngGK1F5UvQ>
<https://reason.org/commentary/florida-strengthens-retirement-plan-but-also-increases-taxpayers-burden-and-rolls-back-pension-reforms/>