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Commencement

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

U.S. Century Bank Arena
University Park, Miami, Florida

Monday, April 27, 2009
Tuesday, April 28, 2009



A Tribute to President Modesto A. Maidique

Florida International University President Modesto A. Maidique, the longest serving university president in Florida and second longest-serving research university president in the nation, has led FIU for more than two decades.

President Maidique's tenure has been marked by tremendous growth and expansion. During his time as president, FIU has tripled in physical size. Under his leadership, the university also has more than doubled enrollment to almost 40,000 students, added 22 new doctoral programs and 18 undergraduate programs, seen its endowment surpass \$100 million and its research expenditures grow from about \$6 million to nearly \$110 million.

In addition, the university also has established accredited Colleges of Law, Engineering, Architecture and Public Health.

In August 2009, the FIU College of Medicine, which received preliminary accreditation in February 2008, will welcome its first class, along with a faculty of 140 full and part-time professors.

President Maidique has conferred degrees to more than 120,000 students and has presided over the transformation of FIU into a major urban public research university, fulfilling the dream he had when he was appointed president in 1986.

President Maidique's vision and leadership have made FIU an internationally-recognized very high research activity university and his legacy will live on as FIU joins the ranks of our country's top universities in the future.

On behalf of the students, faculty, administration, staff, Board of Trustees and the community, we thank President Maidique for his decades of service, dedication and commitment to FIU. He has planted the seeds of a great university in South Florida and, in the process, transformed our community.

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION.....	Neil Reisner, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT	Steve Moll, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	Benjamin Baez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	Elizabeth Cramer, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Maria Kulick, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	Charmaine DeFrancesco, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS	Beverly Dalrymple, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

PROCESSIONAL	Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar <i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Theresa Sparbel, <i>Graduate Student, Voice Performance</i>
	<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key

CONVENER.....	Ronald M. Berkman, <i>Executive Vice President and Provost</i>
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WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS	Modesto A. Maidique, <i>President</i>
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SGA MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES.....	Ana Maria Silva, <i>SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Pines Center; Member, FIU Board of Directors</i>
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CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE	President Maidique and Provost Berkman Steven Jay Green, <i>Doctor of Laws</i>
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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION	President Maidique and Provost Berkman Raúl de Quesada, '74, <i>Outstanding Alumnus</i>
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CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES	Stephan Mintz, <i>Associate Dean, University Graduate School</i>
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CONFERRAL OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	
Narrator	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
School of Journalism and Mass Communication.....	Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, <i>Dean</i>
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.....	Joseph West, <i>Dean</i>
College of Education.....	Kingsley Banya, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School	Stephan Mintz, <i>Associate Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education	Douglas Reimondo Robertson, <i>Dean</i>

CHARGE TO GRADUATES	President Maidique
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RECESSIONAL	
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Honorary Degree

Steven Jay Green
Doctor of Laws

Philadelphia-born businessman Steven Green is in a class of his own.

After nearly three decades as a leader of the private sector, where the international industrialist revitalized E-II Holdings in the 1980s and successfully led Astrum International and its former major operating subsidiary, Samsonite Corporation, as chairman and CEO in the 1990s, Green was appointed by President Bill Clinton to his Export Council in 1995 and sworn in two years later as the 12th U.S. ambassador to Singapore, a position he held until 2001. In 2002, he was named Honorary Consul General of Singapore in Miami.

As ambassador, Green spearheaded strategic programs that greatly enhanced U.S.-Singapore alliances in economic development, intellectual property, immigration and national security.

Prior to his appointment, he led major corporate restructurings and expansions for manufacturing, housing, consumer products and retail and real estate enterprises. Over the years, he has served and currently is chairman and CEO of Greenstreet Partners, a private merchant bank.

Green's commitment reaches well into his community. In 1991, he established the Green Family Foundation to support HIV/AIDS prevention and education, access to the arts, homeless assistance, disaster relief and community outreach. He has served as a trustee and program chair for the Children's Health Fund and the United Way.

Together with his wife Dorothea, Green has been a longtime champion of local higher education and FIU. For more than two decades, they have supported the Frost Art Museum's Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series. Thanks to the couple's \$2.5 million gift in 1997, FIU established endowments for the museum and the Green Library at University Park, which FIU named after them in recognition of their generosity.



FIU Medallion

Raúl de Quesada '74
Outstanding Alumnus

An award-winning marketing executive, Raúl de Quesada currently leads marketing operations for Fox Sports en Español and Fox Soccer Channel, two of the country's top sports networks.

De Quesada first joined Fox Sports International in 1998 as director of marketing and communications. His dedication, professionalism and strategic successes ensured his rise to become one of the top Hispanic executives within Fox Cable Television Networks.

Today, as assistant general manager and senior vice president of marketing, communications and creative services, he has been instrumental in the growth and success of Fox Sports en Español and Fox Soccer Channel, which reach a combined nearly 45 million households in the United States. In this role, he also created the Premios Fox Sports, an awards show recognizing the achievements of U.S.-Hispanic and Latin American athletes both on and off the field.

His career has been recognized throughout the years, earning him a spot in Cable World's Most Influential Minorities in Cable list in 2008 and 2007.

This Golden Panther is the proud father of two FIU graduates, son Tommy and daughter Rebecca. He is known for his community service in South Florida, where he served as a former director and 30-year member of the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana, and in Southern California, where he lives and serves as a board of directors member of Heart of Los Angeles, an organization providing inner-city youth with programs in academics, arts and athletics.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... Ralph Clem, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Matthew Marr, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Liza Carbajo, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Mary Lou Pfeifer, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Suzanne Onorato, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Theresa Sparbel, *Graduate Student, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER..... Ronald M. Berkman, *Executive Vice President and Provost*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Modesto A. Maidique, *President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE..... Albert Dotson, Sr., *Vice Chair, FIU Board of Trustees*

SGA MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES..... Paige Lapointe, *SGA Vice President, University Park*

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE..... President Maidique and Provost Berkman
William M. Hoeveler, *Doctor of Laws*

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Jonathan Tubman, *Vice President, Research and Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

CONFERRAL OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*
College of Arts and Sciences..... Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
University Graduate School Jonathan Tubman, *Associate Vice President, Research and Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education Douglas Reimondo Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO GRADUATES..... President Maidique

RECESSINAL



Honorary Degree

William M. Hoeveler
Doctor of Laws

French-born judge William Hoeveler credits his high school basketball coach with teaching him about fairness. Everything he learned as a young man earned him the nickname "Mr. Clean," which is how the senior U.S. district judge is known throughout the halls of justice in the Southern District of Florida.

A former marine who served three years as a lieutenant after graduating law school, he practiced criminal law in Miami from 1951-1977. That year, President Jimmy Carter appointed Hoeveler to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida where he presided over cases such as the Longshoremen's Union case, one of the longest cases tried in the district.

Hoeveler was the founding director of Youth Industries, Inc., established in cooperation with the Church of Resurrection in Liberty City to train high school dropouts in marketable job skills. He also serves on the board of trustees for Transition, Inc., which helps prison inmates reintegrate into their community, and has been a trustee – and reader – for Recording for the Blind, as well as a member of the board of directors of the YMCA.

In 1983, The American Lawyer magazine named Hoeveler Best District Judge in the Eleventh Circuit. In 1998, he received the Dade County Bar Association's David W. Dyer Professionalism Award and most recently, in 2006, he received the prestigious Judicial Recognition Award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The Miami New Times also named him Best Judge, then amended the title to the less "restrictive" Best Hero.

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Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS	Eric Gollub, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ROBERT STEMPFL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK.....	Anahid Kulwicki, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES	Jennifer Smith de Castroverde, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	Dennis McCarthy, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION	Janine Valdes, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	M.O. Thiru, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS	Elias Bardawil, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Ashley Hill, *Graduate, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

FIU ALMA MATER..... Nicole Ferretti, *Graduate, Voice Performance*

CONVENER..... Ronald M. Berkman, *Executive Vice President and Provost*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS..... Modesto A. Maidique, *President*

SGA MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES..... Ana Maria Silva, *SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Pines Center; Member, FIU Board of Directors*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION..... President Maidique and Provost Berkman
James Couper III, *University Service*

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES..... Victoria Castellanos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

CONFERRAL OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*
College of Architecture and The Arts Brian Schriner, *Dean*
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work Fernando Treviño, *Dean*
College of Nursing and Health Sciences Divina Grossman, *Dean*
University Graduate School Victoria Castellanos, *Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education Douglas Reimondo Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO GRADUATES..... President Maidique

RECESSIONAL



FIU Medallion

James Couper III
University Service

Local artist and former FIU professor James Couper III has been painting with oil on canvas and teaching the medium to students for more than 20 years.

Couper's decades-spanning career dates back to 1961, when he received a merit award for his work in a student exhibition at Georgia State University, where he pursued undergraduate degrees in English and art before heading to FSU to complete his master's.

Since then, he has had 29 solo shows and been included in 31 competitive and 194 invitational exhibitions. Most recently, Couper curated a show for FIU's own Frost Art Museum, "Simulacra and Essence: The Paintings of Luisa Basnuevo," which is currently on display in the museum's Betty L. Perry Gallery.

An FIU founding faculty member, Couper taught in the Department of Art and Art History until 2005. During his tenure here, he chaired his department and became the founding gallery director of what became the Frost Art Museum and founding director of the university's MFA Program.

A renowned artist who has been featured in The Miami Herald, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution and the Sun Sentinel, Couper's fellowships, grants and awards include a 2000 Residency Fellowship from the Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Science, an Artist Access Grant from Miami-based Tigertail Productions and numerous faculty development and teaching awards from the FIU College of Arts and Sciences.

He has served as a Dade County Advisory Committee member for the Art in Public Places program, as well as the Dade County Council of Arts and Science Committee, which assesses the county's cultural situation.

Commencement Program

Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.

The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.

CHAPMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Krishnamurthy Surysekar, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING Wong Bong Choi, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Alexandra Aguirre Rodriguez, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Shawn McWashington, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Sachin Gursahani, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Eric Arneson, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Scott Kass, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER S. Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key
Donald Roomes, *Director, BBA Programs*
Louis Melbourne, *Adjunct Lecturer Management and International Business*

CONVENER Ronald M. Berkman, *Executive Vice President and Provost*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Modesto A. Maidique, *President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE Albert Dotson, Sr., *Vice Chair, FIU Board of Trustees*

SGA MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES Arthur "AJ" Meyer, *SGA President, University Park Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE President Maidique and Provost Berkman
Dean Colson, *Doctor of Laws*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Maidique and Provost Berkman
Ignacio Urbieta '85, *Outstanding Alumnus*

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Stephan Mintz, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

CONFERRAL OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*
College of Business Administration Joyce Elam, *Executive Dean and Vice Provost, FIU On-line*
College of Engineering and Computing Amir Mirmiran, *Dean*
University Graduate School Stephan Mintz, *Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education Douglas Reimondo Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO GRADUATES President Maidique

RECESSINAL



Honorary Degree

Dean Colson Doctor of Laws

A native Miamian, Dean Colson has maintained his ties to his community throughout the years, as a Coral Gables High School graduate, an alumnus of the University of Miami's School of Law and a partner with the Miami law firm Colson Hicks Eidson, where he has specialized in product liability, aviation and complex commercial litigation since 1981.

Colson, recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America by Best Lawyers magazine, began his career as a law clerk in the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit. In 1980, he clerked for Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist. He has served as president of the Dade County Bar Association and is a past member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors.

For many years, Colson served in leadership positions at UM and also chaired the university's billion-dollar capital campaign, which raised \$1.4 billion. In 2000, then-Florida Gov. Jeb Bush appointed him to the state's Commission on Ethics and, two years later, to the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission, which he chaired until 2005. In 2007, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist named Colson his special advisor in higher education.

An engaged member of our community, Colson was honored in 2008 with the James W. McLamore Outstanding Volunteer Award given by the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Miami-Dade chapter. He has received the Mayor of Miami's Citizen of the Year Award for his commitment to his community and been named Sportsman of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Miami. In 1999 and 2007, he chaired committees that successfully bid on the South Florida Super Bowls.



FIU Medallion

Ignacio Urbieta '85 Outstanding Alumnus

As the co-owner of Urbieta Oil, Ignacio Urbieta Jr. carries on the legacy of his father, Ignacio Sr., who founded Urbieta Oil Company in 1973. Today, the petroleum distribution company is systematically changing our community's fuel infrastructure by providing options to consumers searching for an alternative to gasoline and energy dependence.

Together with his brother Guillermo, Urbieta, an electrical engineer, has turned Urbieta Oil into a company that is consistently ranked by Hispanic and Entrepreneur magazines as one of the fastest-growing, thanks to ingenious and well-timed acquisitions of U-Gas, Marathon, Valero and Sunoco stations in Miami.

Today, Urbieta Oil has evolved from a \$4 million small family business into a structured \$450 million company, a feat that has earned the company the honor of ranking 47th on South Florida CEO's list of the 200 top private companies.

Urbieta remains committed to his community as much as to his alma mater. In an effort to embrace environmental responsibility, Urbieta Oil's U-Gas stations became the first E85 ethanol providers in South Florida in 2007. At the beginning of 2008, the company opened the only B20 gas station in Miami-Dade County in Hialeah. He is a supporter of the José Martí Scholarship Fund and the Urbieta Family Fund for Colon Cancer Research.

A proud Golden Panther, Urbieta was inducted into the FIU Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame in 2008, is a member of the College of Business Administration's Dean's Council and is a member of the FIU Alumni Association.

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION..... Kaushik Dutta, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Valerie Morgan, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Scott Kass, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Sofia Santiesteban, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... S. Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key
Donald Roomes, *Director, BBA Programs*
Louis Melbourne, *Adjunct Lecturer Management and International Business*

CONVENER..... Ronald M. Berkman, *Executive Vice President and Provost*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Modesto A. Maidique, *President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE..... Cesar Alvarez, *Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

SGA MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES..... Arthur "AJ" Meyer, *SGA President, University Park Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Maidique and Provost Berkman
Oscar Suarez
Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

CONFERRAL OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*
Landon Undergraduate School of Business Joyce Elam, *Executive Dean and Vice Provost, FIU On-line Undergraduate Education* Douglas Reimondo Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO GRADUATES..... President Maidique

RECESSATIONAL



FIU Medallion

Oscar Suarez

Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

As office managing partner of Ernst & Young's (EY) Miami office, Oscar Suarez brings almost three decades worth of accounting experience to his role overseeing all of the services provided by the company. He also serves as EY's tax markets leader for South Florida, overseeing all tax services provided in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

A certified public accountant and member of the Florida and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Suarez's area of expertise lies in the handling of large multinational and SEC-type engagements, from both a federal tax and service-line perspective. He joined EY four years after leaving KPMG, where he spent 15 years in leadership positions.

Prior to becoming EY's Miami office managing partner, he was a partner in the company's department of Americas Integrating Practices. Suarez's responsibilities included the integration of EY's tax practices in Latin America.

Suarez's commitment to his field stretches farther than the confines of his office. He is a member of the Americas Ethnicity/Diversity Task Force, as well as co-chair of the Southeast Area Diversity Steering Committee. He also is a trustee of the Miami United Way and a member of the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, where he sits on the corporate advisory board.

A founding member of the FIU College of Business Administration's Dean's Council, Suarez was instrumental in starting the college's School of Accounting Alumni Affinity Council and spearheaded a \$100,000 pledge for the naming of the Ernst & Young Student Learning Lab at the college.

An Academic Tradition

Michael J. Wagner, Ph.D., Retired Professor of Music Education

At every academic institution, commencement exercises are the high point of the calendar. Since the purpose of a college or university is to prepare its students to merit the conferral of an academic degree, the commencement ceremony serves as the instrument for exhibiting the success of both the university and its students in fulfilling this primary goal. The rites involved in the celebration of commencement stem from civilization's earliest times. In fact, the very word, commencement, means a beginning. If you are familiar with the trappings of this grand ceremony, you are aware that the traditions carried forth from medieval days are revealed in all of their pomp, color and symbolism. It is a celebration of new beginnings. For participants and observers alike, commencement is meant to be both self-serving and an emotional experience.

The Chain of Office

The University President is the ceremony's convener and chief presider at the commencement ceremonies. The great chain, which is the FIU chain of office is displayed on stage. This ancient symbol is perhaps the most beautiful and artistic of any of the accoutrements of the ceremony. During the Renaissance, holders of very high office sometimes wore a chain as a symbol of their authority. FIU's chain is made of sterling silver and its designs are cast, cut and etched. The center medallion represents the world and is surrounded by sea shells cast from an actual shell. Reflecting the university and the South Florida area are the eight ovals which make up the chain. Each link is connected by a shell motif and exemplifies a specific entity: 1) the University Park tower, 2) the Vrana sculpture over the entrance of Primera Casa, and 3) the Torch of Friendship. The others represent the five original schools in the FIU community: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Hospitality Management, and Engineering. Inscribed upon four of the medallions are the names and dates of tenure of FIU presidents — Charles Perry, Harold Crosby, Gregory Wolfe, Modesto A. Maidique. The chain was designed by Dr. Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and executed in 1977 by Leo Shirker, a Miami goldsmith, art teacher and FIU alumnus.

The Mace

The Grand Marshal carries a ceremonial club called a mace. In antiquity, when an official of high rank went out in public, a mace-bearer was assigned to accompany him in order to literally beat away those who got close enough to try to petition the favors of the official. Today, the bearing of the university's mace is ceremonial in nature, signifying the authority and authenticity of those who are to follow.

Music

Music plays an important role in the commencement experience. The commencement procession begins with the playing of Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man. It is followed by the traditional and familiar Pomp and Circumstance March #1, by Sir Edward Elgar. This march, one of a set of five Pomp and Circumstance marches by

Elgar, is traditionally played at commencement ceremonies throughout the United States, and many places around the world. It has come to symbolize the commencement experience. After the processional, and after the academic body is assembled, our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, is played.

After the National Anthem, the FIU Alma Mater is played. This piece of FIU symbolism was composed by Clair McElfresh of the FIU Music faculty, former dean of undergraduate studies, and now retired.

Marshals

The leader of the academic procession is the Grand Marshal. At FIU, this prestigious honor goes to the chairperson of the Faculty Senate (the university's governing body for academic matters). You will notice that as the Grand Marshal processes, the mace (a formidable weapon) is held at port arms, the ready position for quick protection. Faculty and student marshals have been elected to lead candidates for graduation from each of the university's schools and colleges.

The Dais Party

The Dais Party is also known as the Platform Party. This group is composed of the university's administrative leaders and very special guests. The Dais Party enters the hall before the faculty and proceeds directly to stage. At the end of the processional, the Grand Marshal declares the proceedings open, and the ceremony moves forward.

Academic Regalia

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic attire at commencement ceremonies originated in Europe in the twelfth century. However, gowns and capes had been worn by clerics and ecclesiastics even before that date. A heavy black or brown gown was apparently worn at all times. Hoods and capes were also a necessity during the long, cold European winters because the buildings in which scholars lived, studied and taught were cold and drafty. When not being used to provide warmth, hoods and baggy sleeves served the same purpose as do today's pockets. Often a crust of bread or some cheese were tucked away in them for sustenance on a long journey. The academic costume at English universities (from which many of our American commencement traditions originate) can be traced as far back as the middle of the fourteenth century, to the time when scholars were rebuked that a decent habit was to be worn (Statutes of Peterhouse, 1344). This document further prescribed the code of dress for university teachers of that era. In a 1432 statute, students and even doctors of theology were restricted to bunge and sad-colored habits. The robes of master were to be flowing and reach the ankles. In an order dated 1358, tailors were admonished not to stint the robes, which should be argae et talares, because clerks (of whom scholars were one type) should be distinguished from the laity. A few universities still require students and faculty to wear a short gown both on and off the university campus. Oxford, Cambridge and some Scottish universities maintain this custom. The faculties of American universities have worn

academic garb for commencement ceremonies since the beginning of the system. For almost 250 years, each university chose its own costume until it was realized that in 1896 an event unique in history would be taking place. This was the simultaneous celebrations of the 250th anniversary of Harvard University and the 500th anniversary of Heidelberg University. Because of this unique circumstance, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was opened in 1895 to record the distinctive colors of institutions, their arrangement, the particulars of gowns, hoods and caps, as well as information pertaining to academic ceremonies. At that time, an American code of academic dress was agreed upon. With few modifications, it is still with us today.

Gowns

Academic gowns of today are most easily identified by the distinctive style of their sleeves. The bachelor's gown is worn closed and its sleeves are long, open and pointed. The master's gown can be worn either open or closed, and has long distinctive sleeves which are closed, with a slit near the elbow to free the hand and forearm. These pointed sleeves hang down from the elbow to below the hand. The doctor's gown can be worn either opened or closed, and has five inches of velvet trim down both front edges, and three velvet chevrons on each sleeve. The velvet trim may be either black or the color of the discipline in which the degree is granted. The sleeves are closed and bloused.

Hoods

Probably the greatest degree of symbolism is expressed with the academic hood. Those who hold bachelor's degrees and participate in commencement sometimes wear a hood. Candidates for the bachelor's degree do not. The bachelor's hood is black and is three-feet long, with a two-inch velvet border in the color of discipline in which the degree is awarded. The master's hood is also of black material, and is three-and-one-half feet long with a three-inch velvet border in the color of the discipline. It is lined with the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The doctor's hood is four-feet long, has a five-inch velvet border in the the color of the discipline, and is lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree.

Caps

Traditionally, the Oxford style square cap is considered proper headdress. In recent times, however, it has become stylish to wear a soft cap of either square or octagonal shape. All graduates wear a tassel over the left side of the cap. Bachelor's and master's tassels may be black or the color of the academic discipline, while doctor's tassels are always gold.

These are by no means all of the styles or accoutrements worn as academic dress. Indeed, in South American, Spanish and Dutch universities, the academic attire can be likened to plumage. It is not uncommon to see brightly colored gowns adorned with ermine and other furs, flowing capes, and caps trimmed with beads or tassels. Some universities in South America even add Indian feathers to the headdress, in honor of the Inca Indians. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

FIU traditional tassel colors, according to college/school are:
School of Architecture and The Arts

— Architecture	Blue Violet
— The Arts	White
College of Arts and Sciences	White
— Public Administration	Peacock Blue
— Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
College of Business Administration	Drab
College of Education	Light Blue
College of Engineering and Computing	Orange
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
School of Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
College of Nursing and Health Sciences	
— Nursing	Apricot
— Health Sciences	Green
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	
— Public Health	Salmon
— Social Work	Peacock Blue
Honors College	Gold

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The Honors College

Graduates of the Honors College have had the opportunity to work with some of the University's most outstanding faculty members in a program of excellence in academics, personal development, and service. The College boasts faculty from a wide array of academic disciplines and students from 80 different nations and states. The Honors College provides top students with an interdisciplinary education that complements their major fields and prepares them to compete in the workplace or for graduate or professional school placement after graduation.

Created as a program in 1990, the College has grown to include a thousand students and forty-three faculty members in an exciting and challenging academic environment. The Honors College now provides a full range of opportunities and support activities for its students, including study abroad courses, individual advising, research and internship programs, and service opportunities. The heart of the college is its creative and supportive community.

The Curriculum

Honors seminars are unique classes that assure that a challenging thread winds through the undergraduate experience of all students in the College, regardless of major. Every semester Honors College students take an interdisciplinary honors seminar. Most are team-taught by three to four members of the Honors faculty. Students and faculty

members meet each week for large group lectures, panel discussions, student presentations and films; they also meet weekly in small discussion sessions to analyze reading assignments and to elaborate on issues raised during the large group. Students thus have the opportunity to work closely with one faculty member, while learning from several in their large group, from the earliest point in their studies. Third and fourth year students take advanced trans-disciplinary seminars and/or study abroad trips.

The Students

Students chosen for the College are excellent students capable of performing well in the rigorous Honors curriculum as well as in their other course work. The average SAT score for Honors students is 1246. Admission, however, is not simply based on numbers. Since the "ideal" Honors student should be active in the community and seeks out challenges both academically and personally, emphasis is placed on letters of recommendation, a personal essay, and the breadth of the student's experiences.

The success of these graduates of the Honors College is yet another example of Florida International University's continuing commitment to providing an exceptional undergraduate education for its students.

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Student Honor Stole

The greatest honor is bestowed to those students who wear the Honor Stole and Medallion. Those students who have been recognized by their respective Honor Society and by Florida International University Council for Student Organizations have reached a high level of academic achievement. The traditional gold honor stole has the emblem of the FIU Honors Community of the Council for Student Organizations on the left hand side and their distinguishing Honor Society's Greek letters on the right.

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Dissertation: *The Use of Hyphenated Spectrometric Techniques for the Environmental Forensic Assessment of Non-Traditional Pollutants and Degradates in the Greater Florida Everglades*
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Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
Dissertation: *Development and Testing of the Elderly Social Vulnerability Index (ESVI): A Composite Indicator to Measure Social Vulnerability in the Jamaican Elderly Population*
Major Professor: Dr. Lois West

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Doctor of Philosophy in Public Management
Dissertation: *Measuring Effectiveness in International Financial Crime Prevention: Can we agree on a Performance Metric?*
Major Professor: Dr. Howard Frank

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Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Carbon and Nitrogen Stable Isotopic Patterns in South Florida Coastal Ecosystems: Modern and Paleoceanographic Perspectives*
Major Professor: Dr. William T. Anderson

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Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
Dissertation: *Coherent Rho Meson Electroporation off the Deuteron*
Major Professor: Dr. Brian A. Rau

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Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *An Investigation of the Relationship between Maltreatment and Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Problems in African-American and Hispanic Adolescents*
Major Professor: Dr. Marilyn J. Montgomery

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Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Variables Affecting the Collection and Preservation of Human Scent Components through Instrumental and Biological Evaluations*
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth Furton

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Ecophysiology and Biomechanics of Equisetum giganteum in South America*
Major Professor: Dr. Steven F. Oberbauer

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Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Investigative Interviewing and Memory: How Accurate are Interviewers' Recollections of Investigative Interviews?*
Major Professor: Dr. Nadja Schreiber Compo

Maria Ilcheva
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
Dissertation: *Ethnic Groups and Institutions: A Study of Institutional Engineering in Four Central and Eastern European Countries*
Major Professor: Dr. John F. Stack, Jr.

Amolkumar Kolhe
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Synthetic Studies of Azulenyl and Pseudoazulenyl Nitrones*
Major Professor: Dr. David Becker

Genevieve Enid Kyarimpa
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Management
Dissertation: *Comparative Administrative Reform: The Rhetoric and Reality of the Civil Service Reform Programs in Uganda and Tanzania*
Major Professor: Dr. Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor

Meredith Ann Marchioni
Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
Dissertation: *Attitudes towards the Marine Environment and Implications for Marine Resource Management in Seward, Alaska*
Major Professor: Dr. Liliana Goldin

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Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
Dissertation: *A Precise Measurement of the Two-Photon Exchange Effect*
Major Professor: Dr. Brian A. Rau

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Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Elemental Analysis of Glass by Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) and Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) and Elemental Analysis of Gel Inks by Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS)*
Major Professor: Dr. Jose Almirall

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Contribution of the Vasculature to the Alzheimer's Disease Process*
Major Professor: Dr. Ophelia I. Weeks

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Diatom-Based Paleolimnological Reconstruction of Quaternary Environments in a Florida Sinkhole Lake*
Major Professor: Dr. Evelyn Gaiser

Douglas Rivero
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
Dissertation: *Soviet and Western Bloc Competition in the less Developed World and the Collapse of Détente*
Major Professor: Dr. Ronald Cox

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Dissertation: *Relevance of CD40/CD40L Downstream Pathways to Alzheimer's Disease*
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Timothy Bessler
Doctor of Education in Higher Education
Dissertation: *Private Higher Education Policy in Ohio, 1980-2006: A Case Study using Zumeta's Public Policy Posture Model*
Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

Deoraj Bharath
Doctor of Education in Higher Education
Dissertation: *The Effects of Student-Faculty Interactions on Persistence of Underprepared Community College Students*
Major Professor: Dr. Glenda Droogsma Musoba

2009 Spring Semester Doctoral Candidates (*continued*)

Antonietta Michelle DiGirolamo

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *An Investigation of the Effects of Participation in Adult Literacy Classes on Interactive Literacy Activities (ILAs) at Home*

Major Professor: Dr. Lisbeth Dixon-Krauss

Domingo G. Echevarria

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *The Contribution of Higher Education to Economic Development in a Globalized Environment*

Major Professor: Dr. Lynn Ilon

Gregory J. Ferenchak

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Cognitive and Noncognitive Variables that predict Florida Community College Radiography Program Graduates' Success on the Registry*

Major Professor: Dr. Kingsley Banya

Laura Hillerbrand Iossi

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *The Mathematics Anxiety of Bilingual Community College Students*

Major Professor: Dr. Ann Nevin

Diana Mitchell Little

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Graduate Program Culture and Intention to Persist: Working Adults in Cohort and Non-Cohort Programs*

Major Professor: Dr. Delia C. Garcia

Amy C. Lora

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *Evaluating the Impacts of Bolsa Escola Programs on Student Performance in Brazil*

Major Professor: Dr. Abbas Tashakkori

Larry Joseph Moss

Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision

Dissertation: *Effects of Service-Learning on Student Attitudes toward Academic Engagement and Civic Responsibility*

Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Cistone

Veronica Lynn Owles

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *The Experiences of Cuban American Women Attending a Hispanic Serving Institution and the Influences on Identity Development*

Major Professor: Dr. Glenda Droogsma Musoba

Nella Ann Roberts

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development

Dissertation: *The Role of Spirituality in Transformative Learning*

Major Professor: Dr. Tonette S. Rocco

Manuel Emilio Rosa

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Against All Odds: Success Stories of Latino Students who Survived the Educational Pipeline*

Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

Valorie Smith-Pethybridge

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Effects of Real-Time Captioning and Sign Language Interpreting on the Learning of College Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*

Co-Major Professors: Dr. Ann Nevin and Dr. Linda Blanton

College of Engineering and Computing

Gonzalo Argote Garcia

Doctor of Philosophy Computer Science

Dissertation: *Formal Verification and Testing of Software Architectural Models*

Major Professor: Dr. Xudong He

Qutub Ali Bakhtiar

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Mitigating Inconsistencies by Coupling Data Cleaning, Filtering, and Contextual Data Validation in Wireless Sensor Networks*

Major Professor: Dr. Niki Pissinou

Yong Gao

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *New Fuel Cells System for Portable Application with Low Temperature Cofired Ceramic (LTCC) Technology*

Major Professor: Dr. W. Kinzy Jones

Heriberto Garcia

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *A Supply Chain Capability Maturity Model to Assess the Processes and Performance of Enterprises in the Supply Chain*

Major Professor: Dr. Ronald E. Giachetti

Feng Gui

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Development of a New Client-Server Architecture for Context Aware Mobile Computing*

Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

Jun Huang

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *Controlled Growth of Carbon Nanotubes for High Performance Nanoelectronics*

Major Professor: Dr. Wonbong Choi

Xiaohua Li

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: *Study of Carbon Nanotube Film and Shape Memory Alloys Treatment for Structural Vibration Control*

Major Professor: Dr. Cesar Levy

Banu Sizirici Yildiz

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Risk Based Post Closure Care Analysis for Florida Landfills*

Major Professor: Dr. Berrin Tansel

Ramakrishna R. Varadarajan

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *Ranked Search on Data Graphs*

Major Professor: Dr. Vagelis Hristidis

Narasimha Harindra Vedala

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *Functionalized Carbon Nanotube Nanoelectrodes for Biomolecular Recognition*

Major Professor: Dr. Wonbong Choi

Mario Cesar Velez-Gallego

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *Algorithms for Scheduling Parallel Batch Processing Machines with Unequal Job Ready Times*

Major Professor: Dr. Purushothaman Damodaran

Yong Wang

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Optimization for Wireless Networks with Heterogeneous Antennas*

Major Professor: Dr. Kang K. Yen

Richard Whittaker

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *Collaborative Mediation*

Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Clarke

2009 Spring Semester Doctoral Candidates (*continued*)

Wanyang Wu

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Optimization Models for Selecting Bus Stops for Accessibility Improvements for People with Disabilities*

Major Professor: Dr. Albert Gan

Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work

Carlin Rafie

Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics and Nutrition

Dissertation: *The Relationship of Thymulin Activity, Immune Parameters of HIV Disease Progression and Substance use in a Cohort of HIV Seropositive Alcohol and Drug Users*

Major Professor: Dr. Marianna Baum



2009 Spring Semester Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates

To graduate Summa Cum Laude, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or better
To graduate Magna Cum Laude, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or better
To graduate Cum Laude, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better
(Honors designations are based on cumulative GPA through the Fall Semester)

College of Architecture and The Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Sara Aguirre
Felipe Andres Aldana, **Cum Laude**
Michael Jesse Alfonso
Sean Michael Baltagi
Michael D. Bennett
Michael Bermudez
Eder David Boo Puig
Thomas Richard Bryan
Irvelt Chery
Dafne Diane Cristaldo
Rosi D. Cutrone
Jason Alexander Diaz
Wess S. Dippee
Daniel P. Dixon
Adriana Fernandez
Seiny B. Fleitas
Isis Soraya Fumero
Claudia T. Garcia, **Cum Laude**
Christina Marie Gaudrault
Alvaro Gazo
Raven Guerra, **Cum Laude**
Adrian Heid Grotte, **Magna Cum Laude**
Alejandro Jose Hernandez
Emilio Hernandez
Anthony Christopher Jimenez
Cole Loomis
David Benjamin Lopez
Lizzet R. Lozada
Larry Lozano
Brenya Martinez Soto
Katiuska Merino
Juan C. Moran
Rhyna M. Moreno
Susana Neira, **Cum Laude**
Cesar Alexander Nieto

Michael Douglas Ordóñez
Antonio Manuel Perez
Ivonne Perez
Alex Gabriel Pina
Rowena Monique Rambaran
Graham Daniel Ritch
Alfonso Rodriguez
Carlos A. Romero
Josue Ricardo Sanchez
Luis David Sanchez
Nelson Eduardo Sanchez
Tulio Henry Sandoval
Veronica Scharf, **Cum Laude**
Jeanelle Seriane-Consegra
Eddie Seymour
Mayra Isabel Tellez
Nicole Thame
Hans Herbert Toro
Enaity Vazquez
Andres Villarraga
Vanessa Carolina Zepeda

Bachelor of Interior Design

Indalir Alicia Aguiar, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Jill Anne Bernhardt
Aneesa Charania
Andrea E. Chery
Danielle M. De La Cal
Rebeca Diaz
Monica Estrada, **Magna Cum Laude**
Katrina Maria Falcon
Kaleena Eileen Holness
Martha L. Lopez
Cristina Maria Macias
Natasha Martin-Ojeda

Margareth Pedlow
Tari C. Pelaez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Janine L. Rivero
Jovanna Marie Suarez
Dara E. Tannenbaum
Maria V. Tenorio, **Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Kimberly Blanco
Gina Joanne Cardwell
Corina Andrea Castellano
Leonardo De Carvalho
Avy Carolina Gonzalez
Ka Man Ho, **Cum Laude**
Jaime Mayor
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Fitz Manningham Murphy
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Adrian Von Der Osten

Master of Architecture

Mehran Azghandi
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Lydia E. Chang
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Christian P. Hemrick
Oscar Herrera
Priscila R. Jimenez

Caroline Joseph
Laura Jeanne LaLiberte
David Marquez
Rene Onate
Kathleen Marie Ossa
Isagubel Padilla
Alejandro Javier Ponce
Raksmey Praing
Adrian O. Price
Raymond Patrick Reade
Krystal A. Reeve
Martha Jacqueline Rodriguez
Melissa Rojas
Alva Ruge
Kaelsie Saravia
Jordan Peddy Schwiering
Jimmy Nick Sinis
Raydeivis Soguro
Patrick Brian Thorpe
Christian A. Vidal
Brian L. Zambrano

Master of Interior Design

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Lisette K. Boosooboy
Dayna Hairston

Master of Landscape Architecture

Maria Alejandra Alonso
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Gloria D. Duque
Kieran R. Lachman
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Graham Moecker
Anwar S. Morales
Ursula Maria Navarro
Casey M. Pranckun
Kirsten Siegel

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Angie Vania Del-Llano
Michelle C. Diaz, **Magna Cum Laude**
Heather Marie Fulwider
Sabrina Lorena Ocner, **Summa Cum Laude**
Christopher M. Rodriguez
Marina J. Rodriguez
Tatiana Suarez
Alexandra Vetencourt

Bachelor of Arts in Art History
Ana K. Quiroz
Yvonne M. Ruano, **Cum Laude**
Lourdes Y. Sastre, **Summa Cum Laude**
Jessica Lynn Smith, **Magna Cum Laude**
Maria C. Trujillo, **Cum Laude**
Chelsey R. Youse

Bachelor of Arts in Dance

Frances I. Cuprill-Comas
Jennifer Lee De Braga
Amanda Nicole De La Nuez
Ashley Maria Diaz
Marcela Gianina Diaz
Leslie Brooke Jones
Priscilla Marie Marrero
Omoniyi E. Osoba
Madeline Owens, **Cum Laude**
Jennifer M. Perez
Katrina Lynne Petrarca, **Magna Cum Laude**
Carlota Pradera
Milena Puerto
Karina A. Saud

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Janeta S. Jackson
Aaron J. Margolis, **Summa Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Michelle Cote
Alain Mesa

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Arts

Anthony Romulo Arriola, **Cum Laude**
Nizar Andres Assad
Santiago Castillo, **Cum Laude**
Denise A. Castro
Clint Robinson Comer, **Magna Cum Laude**
Tania Duran
Cristina Marie Farah

William Dean Faust, **Magna Cum Laude**
Whitney Louise Irvine
Christiaan Enrique Lopez Miro
Jonathan Mendelson
Cristina M. Molina
Johanna Monserratte, **Cum Laude**
Sabrina Lorena Ocner, **Summa Cum Laude**
Jose Valdivia, **Cum Laude**
Leila Ellen Walker, **Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre
Ashley Y. Alvarez, **Cum Laude**
Robert Duncan
Morgan F. Howland Cook,
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Music

Angelica M. Agostini
Axell J. Aleman
Tania Paola Aleman
Rafael Enrique Betancourt
Andrew Brugat, **Cum Laude**
Federico G. Caro
Juan Espinosa, **Cum Laude**
Nicole T. Ferretti
Ashley D. Hill, **Cum Laude**
James D. Llewellyn
Walter D. Mercado
Deandra L. Miller
Jessica F. Okaty, **Cum Laude**
Mihai V. Preda, **Magna Cum Laude**
Suilem Rodriguez, **Cum Laude**
Karli Vazquez-Mendez
Yuko Yoshikado, **Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Science in Music Education

Sandra Baez, **Cum Laude**

Master in Music

Masami Adachi
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Erik I. Deluca
Paul J. Green
Daniel Manoiu
Salvador J. Reveles
Edgar Sequeira

Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts

John Sanchez

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

Krizia J. Bandy, **Magna Cum Laude**
Rachael E. Hugh
Sallie Ann McKibben, **Magna Cum Laude**
Amed T. Ortega, **Magna Cum Laude**
Marcos Christopher Regalado
Julia K. Simons

Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry

Gabrielle Simone Alexander,
Magna Cum Laude
Andre D. Anderson
Sharon Britton
Stella M. Concepcion Guillama,
Summa Cum Laude
Anthony Martin De Abreu,
Magna Cum Laude
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Min-Mei Kuo

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Myrlchina Lewis
Anthony A. Lien
Van Joaquin Magee
Giraldo Ramon Martija, **Cum Laude**
Lisa Michelle Moore
Jeffrey R. Newton

Bachelor of Arts in English

Jason Doyle Noble
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Theodora Papadopoulos
Lawrence Edward Parodi
Henry Gustavo Perez
Peter James Ruiz
William P. Sewell
Anand J. Shukla, **Cum Laude**
Henry Jay Tobar
Shanaze S. Yarde

Bachelor of Arts in English

Tanice Natalya Abdullah-Jackson
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Anamary Aramillo
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Kirsis Elizabeth Batista
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Jennifer Espinet, **Magna Cum Laude**
Annette Marie Estrada, **Cum Laude**
Adam Febles, **Summa Cum Laude**
Rosamary Fernandez, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Daniel Garcia
Alexander P. Gil
Jessica Gomez, **Cum Laude**
Delsy Vanessa Gonzalez
Giselle Gutierrez, **Cum Laude**
Christiane Hawkins, **Cum Laude**
Liana Georgina Jahann, **Cum Laude**
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Daniel Ledesma
Diana Lombardic, **Magna Cum Laude**

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Danial Ray Moghani
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Soldanays Mujica
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Jarred Perez, **Cum Laude**
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Latricia M. Santana
Marisol Santiago
Manuel A. Santos
Paula G. Sarmiento
Lynsey Kathleen Sczechowicz,
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Kenrick Christopher Simon
Astrid Skaarrevik
Davalyn Suarez, **Cum Laude**
Anjelica Tamayo
Rashida A. Tenant
Nathalie Sabrina Thalen
Kevin Robert Thomas, **Cum Laude**
Tania P. Todaro
Carmen Torres
Scott David Willson

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Andrea M. Benitez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Eugenia Schambeau Clark

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India Paschalis
Danna E. Planas Ocasio

Bachelor of Arts in French

Benson Angervil, **Cum Laude**
Stella B. Junkin
Milondo L. Kabamba, **Cum Laude**
Sandra Medina, **Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in Geography

Luis Francisco Marroquin
Roger A. Miranda
Rosibel Socorro Roman, **Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in History

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Andres A. Arrazola
Daniel Owen Barry
Elina Blanco
Nicholas Alexander Carrasco
Michael Anthony Depew
Javier J. Hermida
Danielle S. Holmes
Rebeca M. Marenco
Vanessa Martin
Victoria D. McGraw
Yvonne Eugenia Miranda
Ricardo Guaroa Morillo
Sarah L. Otero, **Cum Laude**
Michelle Perez, **Cum Laude**
Julia Y. Poletti, **Cum Laude**
Jose M. Pombo
Cheryl Lynn Price, **Magna Cum Laude**
Philemon Ramontal
Jenny E. Rivas
Albert Sanchez
Michael A. Sanchez
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Paulo Zamith, **Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

Alexander E. Dalrymple, **Summa Cum Laude**
Omar Figueras, **Summa Cum Laude**
Maria Figueroa
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Clara Huisman, **Magna Cum Laude**
Alexandros Korakakos

Rosa E. Montenegro, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Levi Sutton
Leslie-Ann Elizabeth Townsend

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

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Ingrid Patricia Benson-Villegas,
Magna Cum Laude

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Alejandro Bolivar
Andres E. Caceres
Brittany Danielle Cannava
Othon Fernando Cardelle

Claudia Casalis, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Yunior Cordero
Melissa D'Arienzo
Nicole Davila
Anayma De Frias-Llaverias
Vanessa De La Ossa, **Magna Cum Laude**
Giovanni Delantar
Mariana Nedyalkova Drumeva, **Cum Laude**
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Daniel Escobar
Cleo M. Fernandez
Jose Fuentes, **Magna Cum Laude**
Efrain Gamara

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Melissa Krystin Gomez
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Maria Goren, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Stephanie Ellen Guedes
Alexandra Guerra
Christopher M. Hadeed
Andres F. Hernandez

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Tuan T. Huynh
Ravi Jhangimal
Jacquelyn L. Laroche
Evalina Larreal
Carlos A. Lastra
Jose Rafael Leon, **Cum Laude**
Sean Christopher Leon

Abby Davis Lorenz, **Summa Cum Laude**
Brett Murdo MacIver
Patricia Mendez, **Summa Cum Laude**

Gina Andrea Moreno
Stephan Mothe Hinsberger,
Magna Cum Laude
Lara Erin Nations, **Summa Cum Laude**
Eduardo Javier Navarro
Maria Catalina Navarro
Myra Estela Novak
David Julian Ona
Christopher E. Ortiz
Matiana Padilla
Wendy Padron, **Cum Laude**
Shannian Shoshana Palmer,
Magna Cum Laude

Rebecca Ann Pazos, **Cum Laude**
Shenna M. Perez-Martin
Diego Pezua, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Vanessa V. Pinto, **Summa Cum Laude**
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Yesenia Reyeros
Carlos Andres Rios, **Cum Laude**
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Reinaldo Rocha Jr.
Ysabelly Melitssa Rodriguez
Maria Gabriela Romeu
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Alejandra Beatriz Salgado, **Cum Laude**
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Kirk S. Taveras
Merari Teruel
Julie A. Timon, **Cum Laude**
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Christopher Eric Tynes
Alejandro Uribe
Carlos Alberto Vaca
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Komarvoski Wells
Edward Daniel Zelarayan

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

David Scott Adler
Noushin S. Ahmed, **Magna Cum Laude**
Veronica Alarcon

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Eric Tyler Anderson
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Margaux Parento
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Danelle Berta Pino
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Nathan N. Valentine
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Loreana Von Plocki
John Williams

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Christina Sara Aiken
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Enrique Coizeau
Jessika Interian, **Cum Laude**
Bela Malacsina
Patricio Hernan Mendez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Liana Milanes
Rosa E. Montenegro, **Magna Cum Laude**
Camilo Montoya, **Magna Cum Laude**
Adrian Narango
Wendy Padron, **Cum Laude**
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Hendrik Bloom Veerhusen

Bachelor of Arts in Physics

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Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

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Jeannette Krystle Alonso
Alejandro J. Arias, **Magna Cum Laude**
Jessica Ariste, **Magna Cum Laude**
Lilibet Artola, **Cum Laude**
Aselene Aurelien
Rafia Barakat, **Cum Laude**
Kenny J. Barrot
Claudio X. Bolanos
Greg Boulos, **Magna Cum Laude**
Zlato G. Buchs Fagundes,
Summa Cum Laude
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Samantha Ashley Chin Fatt
Belle Phira Civil
Gregory Troy Cohen
Charlene Collazo
Kathryn Jean Coombs, **Cum Laude**
Vanessa Corzo, **Cum Laude**

Zamir A. Cruz, **Summa Cum Laude**
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Iman Dabiri
Natacha Desamours
Ashley Marie Dewelde, **Magna Cum Laude**
Alain Philippe D'Pierre
Sandra V. Echaverry, **Magna Cum Laude**
Brianne R. Eltz
Sergio M. Eslait, **Summa Cum Laude**
Christopher Craig Evans
Sofia Estella Farias
Amanda L. Fernandez, **Cum Laude**
Cristina M. Fernandez, **Cum Laude**
Nicole Marie Fernandez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Georges Henri Final
Luisa Andrea Flores
Krystal Marie Fraley
Calisha Angeline Francis
Jose Fuente, **Magna Cum Laude**
Gonzalo Hernan Funes
Guillermo Andres Gascue
Sean Gerardino
Nathalie Giron, **Cum Laude**
Leonard O. Goenaga, **Cum Laude**
Gabriel Gomez, **Cum Laude**
Juan Carlos Gomez
Patricia Gomez
Amalia Gonzalez, **Cum Laude**
Mercedes D. Graham
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Daiana C. Herrera
Dina Denize Hunter
Vanessa Margarita Iglesia
Roberto R. Iglesias
Martha Joseph
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Afroza S. Kashar
Jeremy A. Kerley, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Paige A. LaPointe
Anthony Leon
Ricardo J. Lizarzaburu
Dominic Lomando
Tracy Marie Lorie
Daylin Lugo, **Cum Laude**
Lisandra Luis, **Cum Laude**
Antonio Carlos Lyon
Vanessa Martinez
Michael Matus
Eladio A. Mendez, **Cum Laude**
Patricio Hernan Mendez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Natalie Milian
Robert V. Myers, **Cum Laude**

Michelle M. Narganes
Kevin William Neumann
Caroline Neves, **Magna Cum Laude**
Dayana Nogareda, **Magna Cum Laude**
Dennis Obando
Heralder Ochoa
George Martin Orellana, **Cum Laude**
Mariem Paez, **Cum Laude**
Vanessa Parra
Charly Paz
Anthony Omar Perez
Philander Philippeaux
Karine Pierre-Louis
Katiana Miriam Quindemil
Andre Reid
Herno Remy
Roxana Reyes-Gavilan
Floriana Riccio, **Magna Cum Laude**
Amanda Richards
Anthony A. Rionda
Lee Robillard
Angel Rodriguez
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