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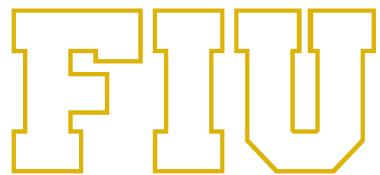
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# *Commencement*

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

U.S. Century Bank Arena  
Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida  
Monday, May 2 , 2011  
Tuesday, May 3, 2011

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## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida International University is a vibrant, student-centered public research university, ideally located in Miami, that is **Worlds Ahead** in its commitment to learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity so that our graduates are prepared to succeed in the global market.

Since 1965, when it was chartered as the area's first public university, FIU has built a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and community engagement. Since taking office in August 2009, President Mark Rosenberg has focused on strengthening student-centered academic excellence, enhancing research that supports community priorities and expanding community partnerships.

FIU has a diverse and nationally celebrated faculty who bring a global perspective to their research and teaching. Our vibrant student body comes from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries. FIU's worlds ahead alumni have risen to prominence in every field. The university takes full advantage of its ideal location, which serves as a "living laboratory" for many of its programs and offers unparalleled career opportunities. As a public university located in one of the nation's great cities, FIU offers a combination of vast resources, personal attention and affordability.

The university offers more than 200 baccalaureate, master's, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools: College of Architecture and The Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, College of Medicine, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.

FIU has more than 42,500 students, 1,000 full-time faculty and more than 146,000 alumni. The university has three campuses – Modesto A. Maidique Campus in western Miami-Dade County; the Biscayne Bay Campus in northeast Miami-Dade County, and the FIU Broward Pines Center, an academic facility in nearby Broward County. The 40-acre Engineering Center, a major research facility, is located near Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

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# Commencement Program

## Monday, May 2, 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.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION.....	Neil Reisner, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION .....	Tonette Rocco, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT .....	Jinlin Zhao, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	David Park, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Maria Kulick, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	Mary Lou Pfeiffer, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Robert Frye, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i> <i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland <i>Liberty Fanfare</i> , John Williams <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Ashley Lewis, <i>Junior, Voice Performance</i> <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key
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CONVENER.....	Douglas Wartzok, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
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WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....	Claudia Puig, <i>Member</i>
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SGA MESSAGE.....	Christin Battle, <i>SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Pines Center; Member, FIU Foundation Board of Directors</i>
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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....	President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok Frank van der Post '84, MS '84, <i>Outstanding Alumnus</i>
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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES.....	Kevin O'Shea, <i>Interim Dean, University Graduate School</i>
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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator.....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, School of Theatre</i>
School of Journalism and Mass Communication.....	Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, <i>Dean</i>
College of Education.....	Delia C. Garcia, <i>Dean</i>
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.....	Mike Hampton, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School .....	Kevin O'Shea, <i>Interim Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education .....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES.....	President Rosenberg
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## FIU Medallion

Frank van der Post '84, MS '84  
*Outstanding Alumnus*

Frank van der Post recently joined British Airways as managing director of Brands & Customer Experience and executive director of the board, bringing to the airline more than two decades of customer service experience and a passion for world-class service.

In his previous role as COO for the Jumeirah Group, widely known in the hospitality industry as one of the world's most exclusive hotel and resort groups, van der Post was responsible for operations, guest services and the satisfaction and profitability of the group's operating businesses worldwide.

Upon joining Jumeirah in 2005, as senior vice president for the Americas, he steered the takeover and subsequent \$90 million renovation and repositioning of the Essex House. He also oversaw a number of operations, including regional global sales and marketing activities and corporate excellence.

Van der Post previously spent 21 years with the InterContinental Hotels Group in Europe and North America, which recruited him after graduation. His last position with them was vice president for the East Coast of the United States and the Caribbean and general manager of The Barclay in New York.

Van der Post received his bachelor's of science in hotel and restaurant management and his master's of science in hotel administration from the FIU School of Hospitality Management and Tourism Management.

# Commencement Program

## Monday, May 2, 3:00 p.m.

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

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .....	Kaushik Dutta, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	Blaise Sonnier, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Valerie Morgan, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	Benjamin Baez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Amanda Niguidula, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

**PROCESSIONAL .....** Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*

*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Liberty Fanfare*, John Williams  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....** Kathryn Rodriguez, *Senior, Voice Performance*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key

**CONVENER.....** Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

**WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....** Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....** Joseph Caruncho, *Member*

**CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....** President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok  
David F. Alfonso '96, *Outstanding Alumnus*

### PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*  
R. Kirk Landon Undergraduate School of Business..... Joyce Elam, *Dean*  
Undergraduate Education ..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....** President Rosenberg

### RECESSIONAL



## FIU Medallion

**David F. Alfonso '96**  
*Outstanding Alumnus*

An accomplished businessman with more than two decades of experience in mergers and acquisitions, David F. Alfonso is the founder, chairman and CEO of Empire Investment Holdings, a private investment firm focused on the acquisition and strategic management of business units from public and private corporations.

Throughout his career, Alfonso has completed more than 50 transactions and acted as the portfolio manager of a highly diversified group of companies acquired in North America, Asia, Europe and Latin America, with aggregate annual revenues of more than \$5 billion and 15,000 employees worldwide.

Prior to establishing Empire Investment Holdings in 2003, he was senior vice president and principal of Platinum Equity; managing director of Hartford Life International; and director of sales and marketing with the American Bankers Insurance Group.

A Lifetime Member of the FIU Alumni Association, Alfonso has served on the FIU Foundation Board of Directors since 2008. He is an active supporter of the FIU Athletic Department, providing scholarships to four student athletes (football, men's and women's basketball and volleyball). He recently made a gift that resulted in the naming of the football team's home field, now known as Alfonso Field at FIU Stadium. He also supports various community organizations, such as the Jimmie Johnson Foundation, Veterans of WWII and the Vizcaya Museum & Gardens.

Alfonso has a bachelor's of arts in international relations from the FIU College of Arts & Sciences.

# Commencement Program

## Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.

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

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING .....	Gene Farmer, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .....	Edward Lawrence, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	Sakhrat Khizroev, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Lari Martinez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	Daniel Anzueto, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Bronwen Barres, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES.....	Lauren Christos, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

PROCESSIONAL.....	Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i> <i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland <i>Liberty Fanfare</i> , John Williams <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Scott Tripp, <i>Graduate Student, Voice Performance</i> <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key
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CONVENER.....	Douglas Wartzok, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
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WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....	Jorge Arrizurieta, <i>Member</i>
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SGA MESSAGE .....	Helena Ramirez, <i>SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus</i>
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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....	President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok Carlos Duart '94, '99, <i>Outstanding Alumnus</i>
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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES .....	Victoria Castellanos, <i>Associate Dean, University Graduate School</i>
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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, School of Theatre</i>
College of Engineering and Computing .....	Amir Mirmiran, <i>Dean</i>
Alvah H. Chapman Graduate School of Business .....	Joyce Elam, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Victoria Castellanos, <i>Associate Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education .....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	President Rosenberg
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## FIU Medallion

**Carlos Duart '94, MS '99**  
*Outstanding Alumnus*

Carlos Duart is the president and CEO of Metric Engineering Groups, a consortium of international architectural and engineering firms with more than 500 employees that specializes in transportation and infrastructure engineering, as well as emergency management and control. He is responsible for providing the vision and strategic direction of the company, maintaining and reinforcing Metric's corporate culture and overseeing its operations.

The Miami native previously worked at Price Waterhouse as a tax accountant and later as a consultant from 1995 to 1997.

A 2010 inductee to the FIU College of Business Administration's Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame, Duart is involved with several of his alma mater's organizations, including the FIU Foundation as vice chairman of Development, and dean's councils for the schools of Business Administration and Engineering. He is also a council member of the FIU Pino Global Entrepreneurship Center. A committed member of the South Florida, he also is involved with various philanthropic organizations.

Duart received his bachelor's of science in accounting and his master's of science in taxation from the FIU College of Business Administration.

# Commencement Program

## Tuesday, May 3, 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.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES .....	James Sutton, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL .....	Daniel Bagner, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Meredith Basil, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	Scott Kass, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Beverly Dalrymple, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

PROCESSIONAL.....	Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i> <i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland <i>Liberty Fanfare</i> , John Williams <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Anjane Girwarr, <i>Junior, Music Education</i> <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key
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CONVENER.....	Douglas Wartzok, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
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WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....	Jorge Arrizurieta, <i>Member</i>
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SGA MESSAGE .....	Christin Battle, <i>SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Pines Center; Member, FIU Foundation Board of Directors</i>
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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....	President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok Allan Phipps MS '00, <i>Outstanding Alumnus</i>
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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES .....	Victoria Castellanos, <i>Associate Dean, University Graduate School</i>
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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, School of Theatre</i>
Narrator .....	
College of Arts and Sciences.....	Kenneth Furton, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Victoria Castellanos, <i>Associate Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education .....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	President Rosenberg
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### RECESSATIONAL



## FIU Medallion

Allan Phipps MS '00  
*Outstanding Alumnus*

An educator for 11 years and a recent Torch Award winner, Allan Phipps teaches advanced placement courses in environmental science and alternative energies at South Plantation High's Everglades Restoration & Environmental Science Magnet Program.

Known for engaging his students in hands-on, project-based learning, Phipps mentors his young charges in numerous environmental projects, including the deployment of artificial reefs and a student-built solar car that his class races every year. The team clinched the national championship in 2009.

Two years ago, President Obama presented Phipps with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, which he received during a trip to the White House.

He also was named Florida Governor's Serve to Preserve: Green Schools' 2009 Teacher of the Year and recently was recognized as the 2011 Broward County Teacher of the Year and a Florida Macy's Teacher of the Year finalist.

During his time at FIU, his research took him to Japan to study the efficacy of traditional detoxification methods when removing ibotenic acid and muscimol from Amanita muscaria.

Phipps has a master's of science in biology from the FIU College of Arts & Sciences.

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS .....	Phillip Church, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES .....	Lidia Tuttle, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL .....	Kathy Dambach, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Magnolia Hernandez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	Alan Raudez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Lynn Hendricks, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER .....	Lauren Elbaum, <i>Bachelor of Music, Music Education</i> <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key
	Natalie Fernandez, <i>Bachelor of Music, Music Education</i>
	Kathryn Rodriguez, <i>Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance</i>

CONVENER .....	Douglas Wartzok, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
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WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE .....	Michael M. Adler, <i>Vice Chair</i>
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SGA MESSAGE .....	Helena Ramirez, <i>SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus</i>
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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....	President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok Jaime Canavés, <i>University Service</i>
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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES .....	Kevin O'Shea, <i>Interim Dean, University Graduate School</i>
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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, School of Theatre</i>
College of Architecture and The Arts .....	Brian Schriner, <i>Dean</i>
College of Arts and Sciences .....	Kenneth Furton, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School .....	Kevin O'Shea, <i>Interim Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education .....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	President Rosenberg
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### RECESSATIONAL



## FIU Medallion

Jaime Canavés  
University Service

FIU Professor Jaime Canavés is a founding member of the university's architecture and design programs with more than three decades of experience as an educator, mentor and professional.

During his tenure at FIU, Canavés has made numerous contributions to the pedagogy of the School of Architecture. He has served as associate dean and director of research at the school and also established and directed SOAP, the School of Architecture Practice. Through this design-build enterprise, he engaged students in substantive community outreach, including the creation and construction of the first playground for handicapped children in Metro Miami, among other projects.

Twenty years ago, Canavés created one of FIU's most enduring traditions, the popular Walk-on Water student competition that is part class assignment, part university gathering. The event brings together hundreds of students, architects, alumni and community members to campus each fall.

A well-respected member of the FIU family and the architecture community, Canavés has received an Honors College fellowship and several FIU Teaching Excellence Awards. The co-founder and executive director of Bienal Miami + Beach, an international professional and academic exposition now entering its 10th year, he was named a fellow in education by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). In 2007, the Florida/Caribbean Region of the AIA named him the inaugural recipient of the William G. McMinn Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Architecture Education.

# Commencement Program

## Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

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ROBERT STEMPPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK .....	Jennifer Nimmo, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES .....	Michelle Odai, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	Denis Brunt <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Leslie Richardson, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	Larry Martinez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Ajamu Banjoko, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

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

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

CONVENER.....	Douglas Wartzok, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
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WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....	Albert Maury, <i>Chairperson</i>
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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION.....	President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
	Pedro Jose Greer Jr., M.D., <i>Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award</i>

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES.....	Kevin O’Shea, <i>Interim Dean, University Graduate School</i>
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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, School of Theatre</i>
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work .....	Michele Ciccazzo, <i>Interim Dean</i>
College of Nursing and Health Sciences.....	Sharon Pontious, <i>Interim Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Kevin O’Shea, <i>Interim Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education .....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	President Rosenberg
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## FIU Medallion

Pedro Jose “Joe” Greer Jr., M.D.

*Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award*

Dr. Pedro Jose “Joe” Greer Jr., is a founding faculty member of the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, the founder of Camillus Health Concern and the founder and medical director of the Saint John Bosco clinic.

Through his work at Camillus, which he established as a medical intern in 1984, Dr. Greer has provided access to health care to more than 10,000 of Miami’s homeless, undocumented and poor. His concern for those without health care has fueled his passion to work on their behalf and in 2009, President Obama presented him with a prestigious Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States.

Currently, he is assistant dean for Academic Affairs at FIU’s College of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Humanities, Health, and Society. A former advisor to presidents Clinton and Bush Sr., Greer also runs a private practice of gastroenterology at Mercy Hospital with his father. Better known as “Joe”, he is the author of *Waking Up in America*, an autobiographical account of his early years working under the bridges of Miami to his years at the White House.

During his career, Greer has received a MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship and a Presidential Service Award from presidents Clinton, Bush and Carter, as well as three Papal medals, and he has been named a Knight of Malta and the Order of Saint Gregory the Great.

# THE COMMENCEMENT: 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 Liberty Fanfare, composed by John Williams and followed with the 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, which is the democratic collegial governance body of the faculty. 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 to which we adhere today with few modifications. Since Spring 2011, FIU has selected to use earth-friendly academic regalia for undergraduate and graduate students. The fabric is manufactured from molten plastic pellets recycled from approximately 23 water bottles and feels like traditional fabric. This initiative underlines FIU's commitment to sustainability.

## 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 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 — Music              Pink — The Arts            White
College of Arts and Sciences	— 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	Apricot
— Nursing              Green — Health Sciences	Green
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	Salmon
— Public Health        Citron — Social Work          Gold	Citron
Honors College	Gold

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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 over 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 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 or participate in research.

### 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 1870. 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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Jannifer A. Diaz  
Kimberly Ann Dizon  
Shirly Dorilas  
Kristina Espinosa  
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Sandra Garcia  
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Monica Gonzalez  
Vanessa Maria Granados  
Amanda Gutierrez  
Ivette Habach  
Desiree Hall  
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Renata James  
David Jaramillo  
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Karla Moyse  
Paulina Nowak  
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Roxana Soriano  
Gissell Varela

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Cynthia Fuentes

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Christina Lombardi  
Kristin Marie Lopez  
Jannifer A. Diaz  
Michael Pego  
Mylene Rios  
Andrea Leano Rojkes  
Santa D. Santiago  
Nathalie Nicole Vergoulas  
Monique Williams

### SIGMA IOTA RHO

Maria Louisa Almasy  
Flavia Marline Almonte  
Yelina Angulo

### SIGMA KAPPA

Yamily Arab  
Andrea Burgos  
Pedro Carrion  
Mercedes De La Caridad Cabrera  
Aaron Joseph Feit  
Fabiola Ferdinand  
Laura Fernandez  
Michael Fernandez  
Gilberth Flores  
Yudex Hasburn  
Muhammed Khan  
Miriam Mercado  
Michelle Meulens  
Francis Paulino  
William Sewell

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Rizwan Farooqui

Byron Gaskin  
Khadija Kathiria  
Kevin Li  
Kane B. McCarthy  
Alfredo Enrique Morales  
Francisco A. Morocz  
Octavio M. Oliva  
Ana Isabel Pena  
Gabriela Senott Peres  
Andres G. Reyes  
Ailyn Rivero  
Christopher Roath  
Rigoberto J. Roche  
Timothy James Rogers  
Muhammad Azhar Saleem  
Raymond Valido

## 2011 Spring Semester Doctoral Candidates

### College of Arts and Sciences

**Isa Afacan**  
Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
Dissertation: *Turkish-American Relations in the Post-Cold War Era, 1990-2005*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohiaddin Mesbahi

**Eugenio A. Angulo**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
Dissertation: *Dulce María Loynaz's Jardín: Subversive Tropological Discourse*  
Major Professor: Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas

**Mayra Beers**  
Doctor of Philosophy in History  
Dissertation: *Para Subsistir Dignamente: Alberto Yarini and the Search for Cubanidad, 1888-1910*  
Major Professor: Dr. M. Sherry Johnson

**Meilian Chen**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Characterization, Sources, and Transformations of Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM) in Florida Coastal Everglades (FCE)*  
Major Professor: Dr. Rudolf Jaffé

**Maria Espinoza**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
Dissertation: *The Problematics of Mestizaje in the Indigenist Peruvian Novels of Yawar Fiesta (1941) by Jose Maria Arguedas, El Mundo es Ancho y Ajeno (1941) by Ciro Alegría, and Los Ríos Profundos (1958) by Jose Maria Arguedas*  
Major Professor: Dr. Maida Watson

**Chaka Ferguson**  
Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
Dissertation: *Soft Power as the New Norm: How the Chinese-Russian Strategic Partnership (SOFT) Balances American Hegemony in an Era of Unipolarity*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohiaddin Mesbahi

**Sitti Zayda Halun**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *The Effects of Fertilization and Simulated Grazing on the Community Structure of a Seagrass Bed in South Florida*  
Major Professor: Dr. James W. Fourqurean

**Nichole Hinds Vaughan**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Antimicrobial Proteins and Peptides in Nurse Shark (Ginglymostoma cirratum) Peripheral Blood Leukocytes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Charles H. Bigger

**Safiéto Kane**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology  
Dissertation: *Women and Development in Senegal: Microcredit and Household Well Being*  
Major Professor: Dr. Liliana Goldin

**Aline Machado**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science  
Dissertation: *Determinants and Effects of Electoral Party Coalitions: The Case of Brazil*  
Major Professor: Dr. Richard Olson

**Venkata Lakshmi Malladi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *The 4-aza-s-ribosyl-l-homocysteine Derivatives and the Related Gamma-Lactam and Azahemicetal Analogues: Synthesis, Inhibition and Quorum Sensing Activity*  
Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk

**Adriana Potra**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences  
Dissertation: *Isotopic Studies of the Guerrero Composite Terrane, West-Central Mexico: Implications for Provenance of Crustal Rocks and Genesis of Ore Metals*  
Major Professor: Dr. Andrew W. MacFarlane

## 2011 Doctoral Candidates (continued)

**Roberto Luis Rinaldi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *A Developmental Intervention Science Outreach Research Approach to Promoting Positive Youth Development*  
Major Professor: Dr. William Kurtines

**Meijin Shi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics  
Dissertation: *The Construction and Optimization of a Surface Plasmon Resonance Sensor for the Studies of Bio-Molecular Interactions*  
Major Professor: Dr. Yesim Darici

**Tanya Michelle Simms**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *The Peopling of the Bahamas: A Phylogeographical Perspective*  
Major Professor: Dr. Rene J. Herrera

**Patricia Noelle Vanderkooy**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology  
Dissertation: *Life Pathways of Haitian-American Young Adults in South Florida*  
Major Professor: Dr. Alex Stepick

**Jeremy Vaudo**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Habitat Use and Foraging Ecology of a Batoid Community in Shark Bay, Western Australia*  
Major Professor: Dr. Michael R. Heithaus

### College of Business Administration

**Sokol Celo**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *A Fresh Look at Decision Making in International Investment Choices: Firm International Coherence and Home-Host Country Relatedness*  
Major Professor: Dr. Aya Chacar

### College of Education

**Edwin David Arrieta**  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Immigrant High School Students' In-depth Understanding of the Value of Heritage Language and Bilingualism*  
Major Professor: Dr. Eric Dwyer

**Jeannette Cruz**  
Doctor of Education in Higher Education  
Dissertation: *Understanding the Relationship between the Talented Twenty Program and College Aspirations for High Ranking Students at a High Priority School*  
Major Professor: Dr. Leonard B. Bliss

**Lyle Delos Culver**  
Doctor of Education in Higher Education  
Dissertation: *The Influence of Study and Travel Abroad on the Personal and Professional Development of Students in Architecture Design Programs*  
Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

**Raul Escarpio**  
Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education  
Dissertation: *Comparison of Repeated and Two Non-Repeated Readings Conditions on Reading Abilities of Students with Emotional and/or Behavioral Disabilities*  
Major Professor: Dr. Patricia M. Barbetta

**Jesús Fernández**  
Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development  
Dissertation: *Factors that Differentiate Persistence Beyond the First Session at a For-Profit University*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Thomas G. Reio, Jr.  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Abbas Tashakkori

**Renita Ferreira**  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Development of an Instrument to Measure High School Students' Global Awareness and Attitudes: Looking through the Lens of Social Sciences*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohammed K. Farouk

**Fernando Ganivet**  
Doctor of Education in Higher Education  
Dissertation: *Development of a New Student Evaluation Instrument of Instructor Effectiveness in Online Courses*  
Major Professor: Dr. Leonard B. Bliss

**Whitney Moores-Abdoool**  
Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education  
Dissertation: *The Use of Curriculum Modifications and Instructional Accommodations to Provide Access for Middle School Students with Autism to the General Curriculum*  
Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Cramer

## 2011 Doctoral Candidates (*continued*)

**Katherine Perez**  
Doctor of Education in Higher Education  
Dissertation: *GRE as a Predictor of Graduate Student Success at a Hispanic Serving Institution of Higher Education*  
Major Professor: Dr. Leonard B. Bliss

**Carolyn Allison Tonge**  
Doctor of Education in Higher Education  
Dissertation: *Predicting the In-Term Persistence of Community College English-as-a-Second-Language Students*  
Major Professor: Dr. Roger Geertz Gonzalez

## College of Engineering and Computing

**Andrew Anthony Allen**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Abstractions to Support Dynamic Adaptation of Communication Frameworks for User-centric Communication*  
Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Clarke

**Rafael Hubert Alpízar**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Secure Information Flow via Stripping and Fast Simulation*  
Major Professor: Dr. Geoffrey Smith

**Rene Alejandro Amaya**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Dissertation: *A Diagnostic Framework for Demand Amplification Problems in Supply Chains*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ronald Giachetti

**Lily Chang**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *A Nested Petri Net Framework for Modeling and Analyzing Multi-Agent Systems*  
Major Professor: Dr. Xudong He

**Kai Chen**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Mitigating Congestion by Integrating Time Forecasting and Realtime Information Aggregation in Cellular Networks*  
Major Professor: Dr. Niki Pissinou

**Po-Ching Chen**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *In Vivo Tissue Diagnosis for Myocardial Infarction using Optical Spectroscopy with Novel Spectral Interpretation Algorithms*  
Major Professor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Lin

**Sarah Jane Erickson**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Clinical Translation of a Hand-held Optical Imager for Breast Cancer Diagnostics: In Vitro and In Vivo Tomography Studies*  
Major Professor: Dr. Anuradha Godavarty

**Rizwan Ul-Haque Farooqui**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Achieving Zero Accidents- A Strategic Framework for Continuous Safety Improvement in the Construction Industry*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Syed M. Ahmed  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Berrin Tansel

**José Carlos Flores-Molina**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Dissertation: *A Total Quality Management Methodology for Universities*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen

**Omar Granados**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Space-Time Coding for Polynomial Phase Modulated Signals*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jean Andrian

**Changan Han**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Neural Network Based Off-line Handwritten Text Recognition System*  
Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

**Mouncef Lahlou**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Color-Based Surface Reflectance Separation for Scene Illumination Estimation and Rendering*  
Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

**Jesus Alonso Mena**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Dissertation: *A Quantitative Approach to the Organizational Design Problem*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen

**Mark Rossman**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Automated Detection of Hematological Abnormalities through Classification of Flow Cytometric Data Patterns*  
Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

## 2011 Doctoral Candidates (*continued*)

**Muhammad Azhar Saleem**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Alternatives to Steel Grid Bridge Decks*  
Major Professor: Dr. Amir Mirmiran

**Bo Shao**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *User-Centric Music Information Retrieval*  
Major Professor: Dr. Tao Li

**Zhengguo Sun**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Large Scale Data Processing using MapReduce*  
Major Professor: Dr. Naphtali Rishe

**Yan Xiao**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Hybrid Approaches to Estimate Freeway Travel Time Based on Point Traffic Detectors*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohammed Hadi

**Yao Y. Yan**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Spatial Modeling and Uncertainty Analysis of Sediments Quality of Lake Okeechobee, Florida under Extreme Environmental Forcing*  
Major Professor: Dr. Fernando R. Miralles-Wilhelm

**Zhongping Zhai**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Dissertation: *The Order Selection and Lot Sizing Problem in the Make-to-Order Environment*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen

**Yanming Zheng**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Dissertation: *Minimizing Makespan for Hybrid Flowshops with Batch, Discrete Processing Machines and Arbitrary Job Sizes*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Sayed M. Ahmed

## Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work

**Victor Onyishi Okoh**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *4-Hydroxy Estradiol-Induced Oxidant-Mediated Signaling is Involved in the Development of Breast Cancer*  
Major Professor: Dr. Deodutta Roy

**Rosalind Brigham Penney**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *Thioredoxin and Jab1 Control Estrogen- and Antiestrogen-Mediated Progression of the Cell Cycle through p27 Interactions*  
Major Professor: Dr. Deodutta Roy

**Stacey Lyn Tannenbaum**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics and Nutrition  
Dissertation: *An Investigation into Equations for Estimating Water Requirements and the Development of New Equations for Predicting Total Water Intake*  
Major Professor: Dr. Victoria H. Castellanos

**Joan Anne Vaccaro**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics and Nutrition  
Dissertation: *Medical Advice, Diabetes Self-Management, and Health Outcomes of a Multi-ethnic Population from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2007-2008*  
Major Professor: Dr. Fatma G. Huffman

## 2011 Spring Semester Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates

To graduate **Summa Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Magna Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

(Honors designations are based on cumulative GPA through the Fall Semester)

## College of Architecture and The Arts

### Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Daniel Alonso  
Maria Del Pilar Alva  
Lauren J. Bartroli  
Sybille Calixte  
Ken-Long A. Castillo  
Beatriz Chaljub, **Cum Laude**  
Mario R. Duclos  
Melissa Fitoria  
Esteban Garces, **Cum Laude**  
Daniel K. Han, **Cum Laude**  
Stacey Hernandez  
Eduardo Huergo  
Michelle S. Komornik  
Jayson Earl A. Loyola  
Miguel Magallanes  
Jesus Malagon  
Rolie Marcket  
Monica Mejia, **Cum Laude**  
Enrique Martin Melchor  
Christopher Stephen Newcomb  
Paula A. Osorno  
Andres Penalver  
Ulises Reyes  
Juan Pablo Rodriguez  
Emanuel Rousseau, **Cum Laude**  
Jorge A. San Martin, **Cum Laude**  
Jereme David Sanchez  
Jennifer Catalina Sandoval  
Angelica M. Torres-Lorenzo,  
**Magna Cum Laude**  
Manuel Alejandro Vargas  
Oscar Vega, **Cum Laude**  
Alvaro Velosa

### Bachelor of Arts in Art

Alexis Jordana Altamirano  
Julia Autry  
Jessica A. Coronel, **Cum Laude**  
Ana Maria De Lima  
Michael Joseph Finelli  
Alex Herman Garcia, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Elizabeth Hilario, **Cum Laude**  
Erica Robin Liemer  
Guadalupe Victoria Lira  
Sergio L. Mesa  
Natalia Pop, **Cum Laude**  
Claudia Pretelt  
Vanessa Salavarria, **Cum Laude**

### Bachelor of Arts in Art History

Andres Roberto Bilbao  
Inese Bunch, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Triana Carmenate, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Jessica Castillo  
Madiana Andre Echavarria  
Julia Frajlich  
Liseth C. Giraldo  
Michelle C. Lopez, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Eva Melnikova, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Jorge Miguel Orduz  
Shantelle Rodriguez  
Moriah Russell, **Cum Laude**  
Chantelle Sutfin  
Chelsey R. Youse

### Bachelor of Arts in Dance

Julya B. Baer

### Bachelor of Arts in Music

Mavy Rifat

### Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Robert E. Alter  
Marlisa Nicole Mendoza  
Michelle C. Moreno

### Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art

Danielle Marie Del Riego, **Cum Laude**  
Lindsay E. Dye  
Alexander O. Garcia  
Alina Rubi Gil, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Maria Clara Guerrero  
Viviana Mora  
Alberto Ordaz  
Denise Ortiz  
Alfredo Paredes  
Jesse Peterson  
Christine Marie Prieto  
Katrina C. Quigley, **Cum Laude**

### Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre

Elaine Michelle Bryan, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Marina E. Catalan, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Damian Charkiewicz  
Deanna M. Drayton  
Chelsea Duran  
Brian A. Espinoza

Angelina S. Esposito  
Fadoua Hanine  
Sarah Olivia Heria  
Krista A. Jamison  
Juan C. Madriz  
Daniel A. Nieves  
Carolina Pozo  
Ruthmarie Tenorio

### Master of Music

Kathleen Marh Bell  
Ruben Caban  
Miroslav Misha Dacic  
Jelena Djukic  
Michael Guzman  
Federico Alejandro Musgrove Stetson  
Hector D. Neciosup  
Paul W. Poston

### Bachelor of Interior Design

Leslie Elizabeth Bosson  
Jissette Jimenez, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Laura V. Jimenez  
Anamika Naraynsingh, **Cum Laude**  
Johanna Rodriguez, **Cum Laude**  
Nicole Yousefi, **Cum Laude**

### Bachelor of Landscape

Architecture  
Damian R. Caballero  
Tania Gutierrez

### Bachelor of Music

Priscilla Maria Blanco, **Cum Laude**  
Elizabeth Antonia Cid  
Pedro H. De Faria, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Lauren P. Elbaum, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Ernesto Fernandez, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Natalie Marie Fernandez, **Cum Laude**  
Nick A. Mastrovito  
Hery D. Paz, **Cum Laude**  
Adrian Alberto Quesada, **Cum Laude**  
Mauricio Quiros  
Kathryn Marie Rodriguez, **Cum Laude**  
Alexander Sancho  
Janelle Elyssa Tibbetts, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Thomas J. Uriarte  
Keba J. Williams, **Cum Laude**

### Master of Architecture

Paolo Arce  
Jonathan S. Blumenthal  
Ashley Allen Braden  
Manuel L. Dorticos  
Isis S. Fumero  
Jaclyn Marie Garcia  
Giovanna Jaspid  
Mabel Lanza  
Ricardo Antonio Largaespada  
Andrew J. Madonna  
Julian J. Melo  
Mario Carlos Menendez  
Susana Neira  
Stephen A. Parra  
Chrissy Perez  
Leon Cayetano Posada  
Kittybelle Rivera  
Gayluz Rivera-Claudio  
Christina Marie Rodriguez  
Ileana Rodriguez  
Carlos A. Romero  
Luis David Sanchez  
Nelson Eduardo Sanchez  
Julian Sandoval  
Susanne Schiffer  
Eddie A. Seymour  
Mohammad K. Shanti  
Mikhaile M. Solomon  
Deana Lynn Sritalapat  
Federico Zapata

### Master of Landscape Architecture

Tyler L. Schwartz

### Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts

Ivania Guerrero  
Emmy E. Mathis  
Joshua B. Neel

### Master of Interior Design

Caroline Aizenstark  
Kristyna R. Borden  
Alicia Fernandez  
Ka Man Ho  
Moira Stephens

### Master of Landscape Architecture

Kevin Banogon  
Devin Michael Cejas  
Sefora Chavarria  
Peter E. Coyle  
Jose D. Fonseca  
Carolina Alejandra Jaimes  
Meredith C. Lambert  
Roberto Martin Molina  
Alba R. Myers  
Alejandro J. Perez  
Andres F. Pineda  
Chelsi L. Rome

### Master of Science in Music Education

Luciano Alberto  
Jacqueline A. McAllister  
Jeannine Michelle Miranda

# College of Arts and Sciences

## Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

Carrice A. Brown  
Carlos Corrales, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Eva Melissa Duenas  
Natasha Eckhart, **Cum Laude**  
Luis Alberto Fonteboa  
Kennisha Gaynor  
Alejandro Geerman, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Mark Hernandez  
Jessica Joanne Knudsen  
Renee Martindale  
Viviana Patricia Ordonez  
Chris J. Piverotto  
Chris Plesent  
Thomas J. Rayson, **Cum Laude**  
Jillian Roland, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Nathaniel Frederick Schorb  
Felisha Shakeer  
Shanna Shirley Smith  
Christina E. Valdes  
Melonija Justina Van Coevering  
Angela K. Vegega

## Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry

Nathalie Michelle Anderson  
Leonor Armas, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Rebeca Armenteros, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Yamile Arocha, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Alberto Esteban Batista  
William T. Brown IV, **Cum Laude**  
Melissa Ann Cardenas, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Marcela Cardona  
Maite Castillo, **Cum Laude**  
Daniel A. Castro  
Katherine De armas  
Raiko Diaz, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Mildred Magny Eloi  
Robert J. Evelyn  
Elizabeth L. Flagg  
Monica Maria Garcia  
Jocelyn Anne Green  
Sacha Y. Jimenez  
Jessica M. Mendez  
Nicole J. Metallo, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Nath Ngamsiri  
Jonathan A. Pappas, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Caroline Pascual, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Jose Pazos-Perez, **Cum Laude**  
Luis Enrique Ramirez  
Yamayra Rodriguez

## Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Gregory Frantz Saintil  
Claudia L. Sanchez  
Julia Santos  
Andres J. Seoane, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Rodolfo Wilfredo Sigler

## Bachelor of Arts in English

Marcos J. Alonso-Santiago,  
**Magna Cum Laude**  
Alejandro Amaya  
Ana I. Arraut  
Margo Bartlett  
Steve Beaulieu, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Jennifer L. Brown, **Cum Laude**  
Joseph Carmen Canicatti  
Claudia M. Carcach  
Adriana Cardona, **Cum Laude**  
Ginette Dina Behar  
Jaime A. Bell  
Shanna Lisa Marie Chai  
Lilian Deneb Cobo  
Iris J. Curtis  
Alejandro Eguren  
Brian Anthony Ellis  
Cesar Augusto Florian, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Nicolas Giambini  
Edwin Gerardo Gonzalez  
Steve G. Guillaume  
Juan Sebastian Guzman  
Holly M. Hamilton, **Cum Laude**  
Richel Hernandez  
Janine M. Hudgins  
Clement James  
Wilford Lee  
Joshua Lewis  
Antonio Lozada  
Nicole Macajoux  
Yomayra D. Morales, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Victor Nava  
Marcos L. Nieto, **Cum Laude**  
Robert A. Gonzalez  
Jehanne M. Gumbs-Taylor, **Cum Laude**  
Alberto J. Ortega, **Cum Laude**  
Khadija A. Harris, **Cum Laude**  
Janette Isla  
Lindsey R. Jackson  
Anwar Janania  
Ana M. Jarpa  
Shyla Marie Jasinski, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Christopher A. Jordan, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Sallam Joseph  
Michelle Amie Kaplan  
David Kasprzyk  
Yvette C. Kennedy  
Noelle M. Knight  
Patricia Kathleen Lopez  
Eunice Louis  
Joel E. Maliskas  
Cassandra Marin

Jessica Marie Marinello  
Chantelle Francesca Martos  
Robert Alexander Melo  
Cristina Gisela Milian  
Amy Monasterios  
Maite Morales  
Luis M. Nin  
Michael-Angelo Nunez  
Miguel J. Ovalles, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Alexandra Sofia Palacios  
Kristina Pazos  
Maitte Penalver  
Aileen Perez  
Patricia B. Perez  
Sandra Perez  
Rebecca K. Peterson  
Marie-Junie Missoline Pierre  
Nikki A. Poey  
Francesca Rivera  
Jorge Rivero  
Alexander T. Robbie  
Stephanie Rodriguez, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Veronica Amanda Rodriguez  
Martha Elisa Rosa, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Stephanie Santiago  
Liza Ahilyah Sawh-Ramnauth  
Ana Kristell Sequeira  
Sloane Rose Solomon  
Pauline Sung  
Jessica N. Talpesh, **Cum Laude**  
Jose Ignacio Unamuno  
Giselle Valdes, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Jeselle Valdes  
Richard James Vazquez  
Ricci Yuhico, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Dan A. Zavala, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Christine Anne Zelenka

## Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Jessica Yvette Chianesse  
Jennifer Marie Garcia  
Cindy Kohn-Cybulkiewicz  
Jorge A. Sola

## Bachelor of Arts in French

Sabrina Lee-Gabrielle Clerc  
Maria Eugenia Rojas, **Cum Laude**

## Bachelor of Arts in Geography

Chari L. Adames-Smith, **Magna Cum Laude**

Andrea Elizabeth Dodd, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Kevin Hasbun, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Jarvis Cornelius Robinson  
Dorien Z. Rowe

## Bachelor of Arts in History

Angela Albanese  
Javier Jesus Arbolaez  
Gabriela Giselle Bello  
Peter Botero  
Alejandro Arturo Camacho  
Medgina Canal  
Michelle Cordova  
Francisco De La Torre  
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