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Commencement

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

U.S. Century Bank Arena
Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Monday, August 13, 2012
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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 180 baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools: College of Architecture + The Arts, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Engineering & Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Chaplin 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 46,000 students, 1,000 full-time faculty and more than 169,000 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.

Thanks to the support of the South Florida community, FIU has emerged as a Worlds Ahead leader of higher education, and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015.

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.....Charles Bleiker, *Banner Marshal*
 ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK.....Alok Deoraj, *Banner Marshal*
 COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES.....Michelle Ferguson, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....Kyle Bennett, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....Charles Andrew, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE.....Leonard Elbaum, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS.....Ana Sippin, *Banner Marshal*

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Fatima Silva, *Master of Social Work*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

FIU ALMA MATER..... Fatima Silva, *Master of Social Work* and
 Evelyn Saavedra, *Junior, Voice Performance*

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

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONSMark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE.....Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus*
and Member, FIU Board of Trustees

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLIONPresident Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
 Sandra Schultz MS '75, *Outstanding Alumna*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMASLakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
 Narrator... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
 College of Education.....Delia C. Garcia, *Dean*
 Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.....Michele Ciccazzo, *Interim Dean*
 College of Nursing and Health Sciences ... Ora Strickland, *Dean*
 University Graduate School..... Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*
 Undergraduate Education... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL



FIU Medallion

Sandra Schultz MS '75
Outstanding Alumna

An award-winning educator with more than 30 years of higher ed experience, Sandra Schultz is a professor emerita at Miami-Dade College, an institution she first joined in 1977 as a volleyball and softball coach.

During her career at Miami-Dade (MDC), the Biology Department faculty member was instrumental in the development of the Fitness and Wellness for Life course. One of the college's most enduring courses, it provides students instruction on improving health and nutrition and reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease. Before her retirement in 2011, she began teaching the course online to expand its reach to MDC students all around the world. An accomplished scholar, she also has authored several fitness textbooks.

Still a part of the MDC family, the native Miamian and FSU doctoral alumna was chair of the MDC North Campus' Wellness Day Committee, co-chair of its Learning Outcomes Coordinating Council, and a member of the college's Strategic Plan Committee and Learning Outcomes Assessment Team.

In 2009, Schultz was chosen by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education as the U.S. Professor of the Year for the state of Florida. She also has received four Endowed Teaching Chairs, including her most recent, the Anastasios and Maria Kyriakides Chair.

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Monday, August 13, 3:00 p.m.

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS.....Steven Schoen, *Banner Marshal*
 COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.....Charles MacDonald, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....Kevin Evans, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....Maria Kulick, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE.....Ricardo Castells, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS.....Ivette Duarte, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES.....Zhao Hui Fu, *Banner Marshal*

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....Sarah Payne, *Junior, 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.....Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Member*

SGA MESSAGE.....Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE.....President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
 Maurice A. Ferré, *Doctor of Public Service*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION.....President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
 The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen '75, MS '87, *Outstanding Alumna*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
 Narrator.....Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
 College of Architecture and The Arts.....Brian Schriener, *Dean*
 College of Arts and Sciences.....Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
 University Graduate School.....Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean*
 Undergraduate Education.....Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL



FIU Medallion

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen '75, MS '87 *Outstanding Alumna*

Havana-born Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is the representative of Florida's 18th Congressional District and the chair of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. First elected to Congress in 1989, she is the first Hispanic woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A lifelong champion of education who pursued higher education at Miami-Dade Community College, FIU and UM in the years after her family relocated to Miami, Ros-Lehtinen actually began her career as a teacher. She founded and led a private bilingual elementary school in Hialeah, which inspired her first foray into public service. It was her desire to advocate for a stronger educational system, lower taxes and a brighter economic future for her community that fueled her victorious pursuits of seats at the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate in 1982 and 1986.

In the state legislature, she authored the Florida Prepaid College Plan, now the largest pre-paid college tuition program in the nation, and worked to strengthen the Head Start program. She supported legislation to increase the availability to student financial aid and revise the Federal Application for Student Aid process. She remains committed to her constituents and South Florida community, and works to reduce taxes and cut back unnecessary government spending and increase tax incentives for small businesses and middle-class families. She also advocates for fair mortgage lending practices and for first-time homebuyers.

Among the programs that Ros-Lehtinen also supports are the ones that address marriage equality, domestic violence against women – she led the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act – and legislation that increases criminal penalties for perpetrators of Medicare fraud. She also is passionate about improving the United States' military, and strives to safeguard veterans' health care and their access to higher education after service.

For her far-reaching work and many contributions to her community, the congresswoman has been recognized by local, state and national organizations.



Honorary Degree

Maurice A. Ferré *Doctor of Public Service*

Puerto Rican-born public servant Maurice A. Ferré is a former six-term mayor of the City of Miami and the first Hispanic mayor of a major American city, serving from 1973-1985. He currently is the chair of the Miami Dade County Expressway Authority and serves on the Florida Transportation Commission.

As mayor, Ferré provided leadership and vision when Miami took its place as one of the world's most vibrant, eclectic and diverse international cities. Throughout his years in office, he focused on economic development, job creation and a visionary approach to improving South Florida's transportation and public infrastructure, as well as on transforming the area into a center for inter-American trade, banking and commerce.

He remains active in business, commentary on current affairs, teaching and in public service. In 2006, he explored issues concerning Puerto Rico, its identity and political status in his book ¿Hacia Dónde Va Puerto Rico? (Where is Puerto Rico Headed?).

His career has been marked by a style of public service that encourages people of widely different views and philosophies to work together in the name of the common good and progress. Ferré himself embarked on that journey early on, first as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1966-1967 and then as a commissioner and later mayor of the City of Miami and, years later, as vice chairman of the Dade County Board of Commissioners.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... Yesim Darici, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Stacy L. Frazier, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION William Beesting, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE..... Jose F. Rodriguez, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS Kristen Kawczynski, *Banner Marshal*

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Evelyn Saavedra, *Junior, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

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

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE..... Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
 Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, *Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
 Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
 College of Arts and Sciences Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
 University Graduate School Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean*
 Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL



FIU Medallion

Lady Blanka Rosenstiel
Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

Warsaw-born philanthropist Lady Blanka Rosenstiel has been an avid promoter of the arts since she settled in Miami with her late husband, Lewis Rosenstiel, the former chairman of Schenley Industries, in the mid-1960s. It was her dedication to helping young artists and her desire to promote Poland's contributions to America that prompted her to establish two nonprofit organizations in the 70s: The American Institute of Polish Culture and The Chopin Foundation.

For the last 40 years, the institute has created hundreds of education programs. These include awarding annual scholarships to students in various areas of study at colleges across the United States, sponsoring lectures and conferences at American universities and presenting historical exhibits at national museums and other educational facilities.

The Chopin Foundation, meanwhile, holds a Miami-based piano competition every five years that yields four finalists selected to represent the United States in The International Chopin Piano Competition, easily the most prestigious musical event in Poland and one of the most anticipated in the world.

An active member of her community and a champion of education, Rosenstiel has received many honors, including the Lady of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta; FIU's The Society of Founders Award, the Gloria Artis Medal; and the Polish Commander Cross of the Order of Merit.

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Tuesday, August 14, 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 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION..... Deanne Butchey, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONHugo Jimenez, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Miranda Parvis, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Amanda Niguidula, *Banner Marshal*

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

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

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

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

SGA MESSAGE Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus*
and member, FIU Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
College of Business Joyce Elam, *Executive Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

Tuesday, August 14, 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..... Chun-Hao Chang, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Sonja Montas-Hunter, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... John Tsalikis, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Yisell Cirion, *Banner Marshal*

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... S. Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key
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Donald Roomes, *Senior Instructor, Management and International Business*

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

SGA MESSAGE Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus*
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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
College of Business Joyce Elam, *Executive Dean*
University Graduate School Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

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Commencement Program

Tuesday, August 14, 7:30 p.m.

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION..... Neil Reisner, *Banner Marshal*
 COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING..... Shonali Laha, *Banner Marshal*
 CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT..... Jinlin Zhao, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Moses Shumow, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION... Magnolia Hernandez, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE..... Daniel Anzueto, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Carolyn Meeker, *Banner Marshal*

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Sarah Payne, *Junior, 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..... Claudia Puig, *Member*

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CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
 Wayne E. Chaplin, *Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
 Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Department of Theatre*
 School of Journalism and Mass Communication..... Raul Reis, *Dean*
 College of Engineering and Computing Amir Mirmiran, *Dean*
 Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management..... Mike Hampton, *Dean*
 University Graduate School Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*
 Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL



FIU Medallion

Wayne E. Chaplin
Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

As president and chief operating officer of Southern Wine & Spirits of America, Wayne Chaplin is an integral part of the nationally recognized Miami company with more than 12,000 employees and a long history of support to FIU.

It was because of the vision of Chaplin and his father, Harvey Chaplin (the recipient of an honorary FIU doctoral degree), that Southern Wine first became a major benefactor of the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, named in honor of their longstanding generosity. With their support, the school created the Southern Wine & Spirits Beverage Management Center, and established the Harvey R. Chaplin Eminent Scholar Chair in beverage management and the Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival. The annual event has returned more than \$16 million to the school, much of it for student scholarships.

A belief in education and hard work has been a constant in Chaplin's life. A UM grad with degrees in business and law, he joined his father in the family business in 1984. During his first decade at Southern Wine, Chaplin worked in a number of positions. In 1987, he was appointed VP of operations. Two years later, he was named first VP and COO.

Chaplin reached his current posts in 1994, remaining focused not only on the company's mission but also on giving back. He has continued his family's philanthropy and community service through a number of local and national charities, and is the current chairman and member of the executive committee at Mount Sinai Hospital.

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 for students and their families. 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 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. The National Anthem is followed by the FIU Alma Mater, a piece of FIU symbolism 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

An Academic Tradition continued

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 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	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
Chaplin 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
—Physical Therapy	Teal
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	
— Public Health	Salmon
— Social Work	Citron
Honors College	Gold

State of Florida

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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 over a 1200 students and forty-four faculty members in an exciting and challenging academic environment. The Honors College provides a full range of opportunities and support activities for its students, including study abroad courses, individual advising, paid research and internship programs, and engagement opportunities. The heart of the college is its creative, active, and supportive community.

The Curriculum

Honors courses are unique interdisciplinary classes that challenge and enrich students in the College, regardless of major. Every semester Honors College students take an Honors seminar, team-taught in the Lower Division. Students and Honors Faculty Fellows meet each week for lectures, panel discussions, student presentations and films; they also meet weekly in small discussion sessions to analyze readings and to elaborate on the "Big Questions." Students have the opportunity to work closely with individual Fellows while learning from many others from the earliest point in their studies. Upper Division opportunities include advanced trans-disciplinary seminars, service-research study abroad, and advanced research programs.

The Students

Honors College members are admitted by application. Excellent students capable of performing well in the rigorous Honors curriculum as well as in their other course work, Honors students are active in the community and seek out challenges, both academically and personally. The success of these graduates is yet another example of Florida International University's continuing commitment to providing an exceptional undergraduate education for its students.

The Honors College Graduates

Santiago Alonso

Alexander Moncion Baez

Camila Barranco

Stephanie Nicolas

Ashanna Biltoo

Remin Ozbay

Federico Bregni

Alexandra Pitigoi

Jonathan Broch

Bryan Ramos

Karla Cabral

Violeta Rodriguez

Rachel Chavez Sanchez

Esther Sales

Andres Daza

Omar Sanchez

Brianne Duffy

Carmen Sanmartin

Adriana Gamboa Caraballo

Stephanie Simeon

Marling Garcia

Janet Sosa

Carlos Gomez

Beatriz Suzuki

Nicholas Jimenez

Ana Torres Hernandez

Arpita Khajanchi

Brian Toston

Valeria Manavello

Anisley Valenciana

Jillian Manobanda

Andrew Mendoza



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The following students have been recognized by their respective Honor Societies and the Florida International University Council for Student Organizations for reaching a high level of academic achievement.

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Jimmy Diaz
Vanessa Fang Chu
Marling Garcia
Puneet K. Gill
Albert Gomez
Barbara Gonzalez
Teresairis Gonzalez-Serrano
Susana Grossman
Steve Held
Terry Lacey
Christina Lee
Natali Lorenzo
Sofia Mohammed

Sherna Narcisse
Dina Navarro
Steven Neifeld
Odette Novoa-Arias
Laura Ojeda
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Alexander Polstein
Ryenne Powers-Cavo
Raul Quintana
Selleras Terry Ramtulla
Mollie Raymond
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Genesis Rodriguez
Kelly Rodriguez
Violeta J. Rodriguez
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Jorge Rosello
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Andrew Mendoza
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PHI KAPPA PHI

Raul Quintana Selleras
Laura A. Ojeda



2012 Summer Semester Doctoral Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Maurice John Aboud

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *The Development of Direct Ultra-Fast Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for Forensic Genotyping using Short Channel Microfluidic Systems with Enhanced Sieving Matrices*
Major Professor: Dr. Bruce R. McCord

Christine Ardalan

Doctor of Philosophy in History
Dissertation: *Forging Professional Public Health Nursing in a Southern State: Florida's Public Health Nurses: 1889-1934*
Major Professor: Dr. Kirsten E. Wood

Jessica Sara Brown

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Determination of Signature Volatile Odor Chemicals Emanating from Novel Biological Specimens by Non-Invasive Analytical Techniques for the Potential use in Forensic Identifications*
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth G. Furton

Justin E. Campbell

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *The Effects of CO₂ Fertilization on the Ecology of Tropical Seagrass Communities*
Major Professor: Dr. James Fourqurean

Sat Gavassa Becerra

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Social and Environmental Regulation of Signal Plasticity and Signal Reliability in the Electric Fish *Brachyhypopomus gauderio**
Major Professor: Dr. Philip K. Stoddard

Ryan J. Klotz

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
Dissertation: *Sustainable Rural Development through Alternative Economic Networks: Redefining Relations in the Commodity Chain for Export Vegetables in Western Guatemala*
Major Professor: Dr. Guillermo Grenier

Gregory Robert Koch

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Dynamics of Ecosystem Metabolism and Flocculent Detritus Transport in Estuarine Taylor River*
Major Professor: Dr. Daniel L. Childers

Elizabeth Ann Lacey

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Herbivore and Nutrient Impact on Primary Producer Assemblages in a Tropical Marine Environment*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. James Fourqurean
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Ligia Collado-Vides

Guy Metayer

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
Dissertation: *The Influence of Corporate Interests on the US Agency for International Development's (USAID) Agenda: The Case of Haiti*
Major Professor: Dr. Ronald W. Cox

Luci M. Motoca

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Treatment Moderation and Secondary Outcomes: Results from a Randomized Clinical Trial*
Major Professor: Dr. Wendy K. Silverman

Diane Schott

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
Dissertation: *The Search for a $\pi_1(1400)$ Exotic Meson in the $\gamma p \rightarrow \Delta^{++} \eta \pi^-$ System with CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS)*
Major Professor: Dr. Brian Raue

Shari Schwartz

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Judging Expert Witnesses: Can Judges and Attorneys Distinguish between Clinical and Experimental Psychologists?*
Major Professor: Dr. Nadja Schreiber Compo

Galin K. Todorov

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
Dissertation: *A Study of Stock Market Linkages between the US and Frontier Countries*
Major Professor: Dr. Prasad Bidarkota

2012 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

Umut Unal

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
Dissertation: *Essays in Open Economy Macroeconomics*
Major Professor: Dr. Cem Karayalcin

Jimena Vaillant-Mekras

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Tests of the Intersensory Redundancy Hypothesis across Early Postnatal Development*
Major Professor: Dr. Robert Lickliter

Virginia M. Walsh

Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Geochemical Determination of the Fate and Transport of Injected Fresh Wastewater into a Deep Saline Aquifer*
Major Professor: Dr. René M. Price

Chengtao Wang

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Assessment of the Occurrence and Potential Effects of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products in South Florida Waters and Sediments*
Major Professor: Dr. Piero R. Gardinali

College of Business Administration

Dina Mahmoud Abdel-Zaher

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Corporate's Environmental Management Framework: The Complexities of Subsidiary Network Dimensions*
Major Professor: Dr. William Newbury

Abdul-Rhman Beydoun

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Explaining Investor Preferences: The Significance of Socio-Demographic, Ideological, and Attitudinal Factors*
Major Professor: Dr. Karen Paul

Giovanni Fernandez

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *A Comprehensive Study of Bankruptcy Prediction: Accounting Ratios, Market Variables, and Microstructure*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Suchismita Mishra
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Arun Prakash

Wei He

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Essays of Strategic Alliance Portfolio Configuration: Its Performance Properties, Strategic Antecedents and Consequential Effects on Multinational Firms' Continuing Foreign Expansion*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Jinlin Zhao
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Sumit Kundu

College of Education

Rimjhim Banerjee

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development
Dissertation: *The Role of Attachment in Faculty Mentoring*
Major Professor: Dr. Thomas G. Reio, Jr.

Sandra Eveline Fletcher

Doctor of Education in Higher Education
Dissertation: *Personal and Institutional Factors: Relationship to Self-Efficacy of Persistence to the Senior Year in College among Self-Identified Black Undergraduate Students in a Hispanic Serving Institution*
Major Professor: Dr. Adriana McEachern

Mary Kristina Gonzalez-Ledo

Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education
Dissertation: *The use of Computer Graphic Organizers for Narrative Writing by Elementary School Students with Specific Learning Disabilities*
Major Professor: Dr. Patricia M. Barbetta

Nilia M. Madan

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development
Dissertation: *Predictors of Success: Medical Laboratory Associate in Science Degree Program*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Thomas G. Reio, Jr.
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Lynn Ilon

Ilida M. Medero

Doctor of Education in Higher Education
Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of a Conceptually-Based Health and Wellness Course in Developing Health Related Factors, Exercise Self-Efficacy and Knowledge of Health Issues and Exercise Performance among Diverse College Students*
Major Professor: Dr. Glenda Droogsma-Musoba

2012 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

Omar Riaz

Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision
Dissertation: *Spirituality and Transformational Leadership in Education*
Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Cistone

Rehana Seepersad

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development
Dissertation: *Island Diasporas: Perceptions of Indo-Caribbean Protégés regarding the Effects of their Cross-Cultural Mentoring Experiences in the United States*
Major Professor: Dr. Tonette S. Rocco

College of Engineering and Computing

Majid Beidaghi

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: *Design, Fabrication and Evaluation of On-Chip Micro-Supercapacitors*
Major Professor: Dr. Chunlei Wang

Abhishek Bhattacharya

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Affect-Based Modeling and its Application in Multimedia Analysis Problems*
Major Professor: Dr. Zhenyu Yang

Santanu Das

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: *Carbon Nanostructure Based Electrodes for High Efficiency Dye Sensitized Solar Cell*
Major Professor: Dr. Wonbong Choi

Puneet Kamal Singh Gill

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: *Assessment of Biodegradable Magnesium Alloys for Enhanced Mechanical and Biocompatible Properties*
Major Professor: Dr. Norman D. H. Munroe

Jorge Guerra

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Improving Storage with Stackable Extensions*
Major Professor: Dr. Raju Rangaswami

Ravi Krishna Prasanth Gudavalli

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
Dissertation: *Effect of pH and Temperature on the Carbonate Promoted Dissolution of Sodium Meta-Autunite*
Major Professor: Dr. Berrin Tansel

Rostislav Hrubciak

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: *Exploring Thermal and Mechanical Properties of Selected Elements and Compounds under Extreme Conditions: Experiments at High Pressures and High Temperatures*
Major Professor: Dr. Surenda K. Saxena

Kaushal Kumar Jha

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
Dissertation: *An Energy Based Nanomechanical Properties Evaluation Method for Cementitious Materials*
Major Professor: Dr. Nakin Suksawang

Ali Karbasi

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: *Developing a High Density Pt/Al₂O₃ Hermetic Feedthrough*
Major Professor: Dr. W. Kinzy Jones

Ali Kashefi Kaviani

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *Dynamic Modeling and Analysis of Single-Stage Boost Inverter under Normal and Abnormal Conditions*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kang Yen
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Behrooz Mirafzal

Ricardo Koller

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Improving Caches in Consolidated Environments*
Major Professor: Dr. Raju Rangaswami

Ruilong Li

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
Dissertation: *Effects of Architectural Features of Air-Permeable Roof Cladding Materials on Wind-Induced Uplift Loading*
Major Professor: Dr. Arindam Gan Chowdhury

Guanglei Liu

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *Practical Dynamic Thermal Management on Intel Desktop Computer*
Major Professor: Dr. Gang Quan

2012 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

Shabnam Mansourie Namin

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *An Experimental and Theoretical Analysis of Nitric Oxide Availability in the Microcirculation*

Major Professor: Dr. Nikolaos Tsoukias

Luis Useche

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *Optimizing Storage and Memory Systems for Energy and Performance*

Major Professor: Dr. Raju Rangaswami

Lichen Weng

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *A Hardware and Software Integrated Approach for Adaptive Thread Management in Multicore and Multithreaded Microprocessors*

Major Professor: Dr. Chen Liu

Nitin Yadav

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *In Vivo Characterization of Epileptic Tissue with Optical Spectroscopy*

Major Professor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Lin

Shanshan Yang

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Improving Seasonal Factor Estimates for Adjustment of Annual Average Daily Traffic*

Major Professor: Dr. Albert Gan

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Evelyn Johana Ardon
Monica Arreaza Graterol
Jamie Rae Baker
Lohendy Baro
Samuel Batista
Marjorie Bergiste
Ketsia Bien Aime
Kristina Alain Boast
Nicole Burgos
Thais Carulla
Gloria Patricia Choperena
James F. Courbanou
Maria Jesus Cuevas
Irene De Jesus De Sousa
Daniel A. DeLeon
Barbara Elena Diaz
Maksimilian Dikarev
Renata Fernandez
Sheana Ann Garbutt
Krystal Nicole Garrett
Nadia Garrido
Giselle Gonzalez
Bibi Anisah Gurmohamed
Mirit Hazan
Ebony Nicole Henry
Edward Hernandez

Siomara Priscilla Hohl
Joseph Jacob Javier
Carlos J. Jimenez
Valerija Jovic
Roody Joseph
Linnet Leal
Annemay Maligalig Lelis
Rafael Monasterio
Raul Morales
Keila Aguiar Oliveira
Susana Ortiz
Marybell Padilla
Michael A. Parkinson
Maxine Vanessa Parra
David Anthony Paula
Melissa Magdalena Pratt
Annette Rico
Leslie Alina Santoyo
Michael Jason Sulal Swaby
Joseph John Szybinski
Julie Alexandra Tan
Valentina Veroes
Sashoy Tawana Wright
Becky Young
Viviana Sesibel Zuniga



2012 Summer 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

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Master of Music

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Christian Mejia
Andrea P. Preciado Reynoso
Jorge M. Triana

Master of Interior Design

Jessica A. Cruz
Mohamed Elsayed
Karisa N. Masson
Jessica Samboni

Master of Landscape Architecture

Rafael Juan Ferrer
Kristen D. Hoover
Raul E. Nevarez Gavela

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Clark Vincent Agravante
Luis Miguel Davila
Mauricio J. Deleon
Carlos A. Fernandez
Melisa Checkming Ford
Lissette E. Gonzalez
Anaysa Mogene
Carmen Elena Rivero
Yadilka Torres

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Andrea Alvarez
Roseline Felisha Denuna
Yu-Chuan Fang, **Cum Laude**
Lourdes Lily Figueroa
Guillermo Gomez
Mario Hernandez Vazquez,
Magna Cum Laude
George Herrera
David Mayer, **Cum Laude**
Joseph Francis Walker

Bachelor of Arts in Art History

Amanda S. Baez
Nicole M. Espailat
Andria Hoyos
Jenny G.Ko
Leidiany Perez

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts

Michelle Marie Troche

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Marlisa Nicole Mendoza
Kevin Louis Preval

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre

Ryan Ruben Rodriguez

Bachelor of Music

Giancarlo Aravena
Christopher S. Best
Jose M. Chavez
Carlos A. Dominguez, **Cum Laude**
Kevin Alexander Flores
Iran Alberto Garcia
Paul T. Kinard

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts in Asian Studies

Adam N. Johnson
Thomas J. Liguori

Master of Arts in English

Carly A. Orshan
Michael A. Riobueno

Master of Arts in Global and Sociocultural Studies

Mamyrah A. Prosper

Master of Arts in History

Mary A. Antelo
Tiffany N. West

Master of Arts in International Studies

Kaisha Marise Ahye
Samantha Rose Nolan

Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Moises Caballero
Sandra C. Lazo Dela Vega Bayona
Yola Menard Saint-Clair
Nicholas M. Sanchez
Elaine S. Whitt

Master of Arts in Linguistics

Marcela Guadalupe Lopez Bravo

Master of Arts in Political Science

Jaquelyn Gonzalez

Master of Arts in Religious Studies

Dolores Guadalupe Heredia-Wood
Ariella L. Siegel

Master of Public Administration

Anas Hamid Alharbi
Gilvert Angervil
Regina Lacole Bloom
Luis Oswaldo Bohorquez
Aimee Bojorquez
Amy L. Bolanos

Monica Correa
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Barbara Esther Erched
Eric Esteban
Jessica Gregoire
Jeffrey Thomas Hawley
Ayliin Hernandez
Nysa Menise Hernandez
Monica Alexandra Hoo
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Jacques Antoine Medard
Amanda Meyers
Pierre Holly Paul
Christopher L. Pitts
Elizabeth Amparo Ramirez
Ruth Regis
Woody Remy
Waldhys Junior Rodoli
Marcela Maria Rubio
Devin Shannon
Travis L. Stokes
Myriam Tanis
Ryan W. Tesnow
Chardeline Vigne
Yvonne Wright

Master of Science in Statistics

Antonio R. Hudson

Master of Science in Biology

Robin N. Abbey-Lee
Megan L. Fork
Bruce Mcneil Milburn

Master of Science in Chemistry

Zhiwei Duan
Punam K. Parekh
Jorge Enrique Quintana

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Gilvert Angervil
Jennifer P. Blackmon
Maria Lourdes Borrajero
Daisy Corina Garcia

Joshua Conrad Hoffman
Safiya Johnson
Marie Carmelle Julien
Kymberly Ann May
Amanda Meyers
Akinshimaya Nnamdi
Vanessa Caridad Otero
Samantha E. Postigo
Cynthia Rogers
Katy San Emeterio

Master of Science in Environmental Studies

Carolina Berget
Cara A. Cooper
Meenakshi Jerath
Juliana James Msaghaa
Amour Seleman

Master of Science in Forensic Science

Michael Hyre
Beatrice Kallifatidis
Julian Lior Mendel

Master of Science in Physics

Casey M. Neville

Master of Science in Psychology

Loren Blandon
Desiree Jasmin Espinal
Devi Hausman
Joshua A. Herrington
Daniel Cain Kemp
Aurelie Lucette
Alan Meca
Jenilee Medina
Alina Nazareth
Angela C. Reaves
Frances Sanchez

Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

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Merim Imamovic
Matthew Dell Iverson, **Magna Cum Laude**
William Ross, **Cum Laude**

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Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry

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John W. Holbrook
Ingrid A. Huysmans, **Cum Laude**
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Rachelle Jean-Francois
Janay Laing, **Cum Laude**
Jesseca Erin Lee, **Cum Laude**
Shewonda Leger
Jennifer Alicia Louissaint
Valeria Manavello, **Summa Cum Laude**
James Charles McCrink, **Cum Laude**
Jessica A. Mendoza
Ricardo Adolfo Mor
Miguel J. Ovalles, **Summa Cum Laude**
Donna Maria Perez
Lillian Pollino
Mariela C. Prieto, **Cum Laude**
Bryan Reynoso
Gladys Richardson
Amy Victoria Richter, **Cum Laude**
Maria Jose Rivera
Marlena Victoria Rodriguez
Marisa C. Roman
James R. Sallee
Nidya Sarria
Monique Simon
Raghav Suri
Arturo Tanon
Gregory Desmond Thomas
Jocelyn Elise Tojo, **Magna Cum Laude**
Carolina Jacky Venegas
Jonathan Andrew Welin

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Jillian Michele Berswick, **Cum Laude**
Kimberly S. Carnall
Jose E. Ferrer III
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