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# *Commencement*

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

FIU Arena

Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

# *Commencement 2015*

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Sunday, May 3, 2015  
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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 brings a global perspective to its research and teaching. Our vibrant student body is made up of individuals from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries, and our **Worlds Ahead** alumni have risen to prominence in every field.

FIU offers more than 200 baccalaureate, master's, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools, including: College of Architecture + The Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Nicole Wertheim 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 54,000 students, 1,200 full-time faculty and more than 200,000 alumni – many of whom live and work in South Florida. The university is split between two major campuses: the Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC) in western Miami-Dade County and the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC) in northeast Miami-Dade County. FIU also has several other locations across South Florida: FIU at I-75, an academic facility in nearby Broward County; the Engineering Center, a 40-acre research facility located near MMC; FIU Downtown on Brickell; and the Miami Beach Urban Studios (MBUS) on South Beach. Three fully accredited museums are a part of FIU's portfolio: the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum at MMC; the Wolfsonian FIU; and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU—both on South Beach. FIU also has the Marriott Tianjin China Program with the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

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

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# Commencement Program

## Sunday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE + THE ARTS .....	Elena Nuciforo, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION .....	Alicia Mendoza, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL .....	Joyce Fine, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Stephen Anderson, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	Scott Kass, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Sabrena O'Keefe, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES .....	Alexandra Laforest, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Maria Hernandez, <i>Bachelor of Music</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	Laura Martinez-Leon, <i>Master of Music</i>
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	Edgar Abreu, <i>Master of Music</i>
CONVENER .....	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....	Natasha Lowell, <i>Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....	Jazmin Felix, <i>SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus</i> <i>and Member, Board of Directors</i>
CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....	Paul L. Cejas <i>Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean, University Graduate School</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
College of Architecture + The Arts.....	Brian Schriner, <i>Dean</i>
College of Education.....	Delia Garcia, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Jose Rodriguez, <i>Assistant Dean</i>
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....	President Rosenberg
RECESSATIONAL	

# Commencement Program

## Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.

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

R. KIRK LANDON UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.....	Flavio Carrillo, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Maria Kulick, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	Adam Gorelick, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Kristen Kawczynski, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES .....	Edivaldo Mota, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Kathy Maichel, <i>Junior, Vocal Performance</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	
CONVENER .....	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....	Gerald C. Grant, <i>Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....	Jazmin Felix, <i>SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus</i> <i>and Member, Board of Directors</i>
CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....	Jessica Chadwick and Chase Harris <i>Courage Award</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
College of Business.....	David R. Klock, <i>Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Jose Rodriguez, <i>Assistant Dean</i>
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....	President Rosenberg
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# Commencement Program

## Sunday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.

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

ALVAH H. CHAPMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS .....	Roman Lukyanenko, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT .....	Pablo Simon, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL .....	Ocheing Walumbwa, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Leslie Richardson, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Rafael Zapata, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
LIBRARIES .....	Sarah Hammill, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES .....	Georgia Bazos, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
<b>PROCESSIONAL .....</b>	Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
<b>THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....</b>	HEARTbeats, <i>FIU Honors College A Capella</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	
<b>CONVENER.....</b>	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
<b>WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....</b>	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
<b>STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....</b>	Jazmin Felix, <i>SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Member, Board of Directors</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS</b>	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
College of Business.....	David R. Klock, <i>Dean</i>
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management .....	Mike Hampton, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Sonja Montas-Hunter, <i>Associate Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
<b>CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....</b>	President Rosenberg
<b>RECESSONAL</b>	

# Commencement Program

## Monday, May 4, 10 a.m.

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

HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE .....	Robert Dollinger, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ROBERT STEMPFL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK .....	Kristopher Fennie, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
NICOLE WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES .....	Alicia Montalvo, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	Miguel Angle Cano, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....	Rebekah Schulze, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	Cynthia Dottin, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
LIBRARIES .....	Sarah Hammill, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....	Christian Rodriguez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
<b>PROCESSIONAL .....</b>	Grand Marshal Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, <i>Secretary, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
<b>THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....</b>	Naomi Mercado, <i>Junior, Vocal Performance</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	
<b>CONVENER.....</b>	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
<b>WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....</b>	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....</b>	Herbert Wertheim, <i>Trustee Emeritus, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
<b>STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....</b>	Alexis Calatayud, <i>SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.....</b>	The Honorable Bill Nelson, <i>Senator, State of Florida</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION .....</b>	Gepsie M. Metellus, <i>Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MEDICAL DEGREES .....</b>	John A. Rock, <i>Founding Dean, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....</b>	Sonja Montas-Hunter, <i>Associate Dean, University Graduate School</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS</b>	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.....	Mark Williams, <i>Interim Dean</i>
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences .....	Ora L. Strickland, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Sonja Montas-Hunter, <i>Associate Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Lesley A. Northup, <i>Dean</i>
<b>CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....</b>	President Rosenberg
<b>RECESSONAL</b>	

# Commencement Program

## Monday, May 4, 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.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION.....	Neil Reisner, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING.....	Karen Schmahl, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....	David Garber, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Charlie Andrews, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE.....	Adam Gorelick, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Antonio Delgado, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....	Kwesi Tarradath, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Lauren Cote, <i>Sophomore, Vocal Performance</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	
CONVENER.....	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....	Alexis Calatayud, <i>SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean, University Graduate School</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
School of Journalism and Mass Communication.....	Raul Reis, <i>Dean</i>
College of Engineering and Computing .....	Amir Mirmiran, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Juan Carlos Espinosa, <i>Associate Dean</i>
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....	President Rosenberg
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# Commencement Program

## Tuesday, May 5, 10 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 .....	Carmela McIntire, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL .....	Sujumar Ganapati, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Janie Valdes, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	Ruben Garrote, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS.....	Elias Bardawil, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....	Vanessa Ares, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Joerg Reinhold, <i>Vice Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Adolfo Rodriguez, <i>Freshman, Vocal Performance</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	
CONVENER.....	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....	Jazmin Felix, <i>SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Member, Board of Directors</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean, University Graduate School</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
College of Arts and Sciences .....	Michael Heithaus, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Lesley A. Northup, <i>Dean</i>
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....	President Rosenberg
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# Commencement Program

## Tuesday, May 5, 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 ARTS AND SCIENCES .....	Darden Pyron, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Hugo Jimenez, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	John Clark, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS.....	Amanda Niguidula, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....	Maria Cristina Montoya, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
 PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
 THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	Roberto Lopez-Trigo, <i>Sophomore, Vocal Performance</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	
 CONVENER .....	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
 WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....	Alexis Calatayud, <i>SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
 PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre College of Arts and Sciences</i>
College of Arts and Sciences.....	Michael Heithaus, <i>Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Lesley A. Northup, <i>Dean</i>
 CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....	President Rosenberg
 RECESSONAL	

# Commencement Program

## Tuesday, May 5, 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 ARTS AND SCIENCES .....	Kenton Harris, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL .....	Matthew Sutherland, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Consuelo Boronat, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	Gretchen Scharnagl, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS.....	Cheryl Nowell, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....	Dennys Massanet, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
 PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Joerg Reinholt, <i>Vice Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	
 THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....	HEARTbeats, <i>FIU Honors College A Cappella</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	
 CONVENER .....	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
 WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE.....	Claudia Puig, <i>Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MESSAGE.....	Alexis Calatayud, <i>SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
 PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean, University Graduate School</i>
 PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre College of Arts and Sciences</i>
College of Arts and Sciences.....	Michael Heithaus, <i>Dean</i>
University Graduate School.....	Lakshmi N. Reddi, <i>Dean</i>
Undergraduate Education.....	Douglas L. Robertson, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Lesley A. Northup, <i>Dean</i>
 CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES.....	President Rosenberg
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## FIU Medallion

### Ambassador Paul L. Cejas

#### *Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Medallion*

Ambassador Paul L. Cejas served as U.S. Ambassador to Belgium from 1998 until 2001. Currently, he is chairman and CEO of PLC Investments Inc., a wholly owned company that manages portfolio investments as well as investments in real estate and venture capital projects. A CPA (not active), Cejas has been a real estate investor in Florida for more than 30 years. He has served on the Board of Mellon Financial Corporation (NYSE), Ivax Pharmaceuticals Corporation (ASE) and Oceana Cruise Lines.

Cejas was founder, chairman, and CEO of CareFlorida Health Systems, the country's largest Hispanic-owned health care company and the fourth largest Hispanic business in the United States. He was recognized as one of the top CEO's in Florida by *Florida Trend Magazine*. In addition to his entrepreneurial endeavors, he has maintained an extensive involvement in community and public service.

When he served on the Board of Regents of the State University System of Florida, Cejas championed the creation of the FIU School of Architecture and later made a significant philanthropic gift to FIU in support of the school. Today the school's building is named in his honor - The Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture Building.

In 2010, he became the first recipient of FIU's Art, Design, and Culture Award for his generous commitment and contributions to the College of Architecture + The Arts.

Cejas graduated from University of Miami with a B.B.A. in accounting, and received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from FIU.



## FIU Medallion

### Jessica Chadwick

#### *Courage Award*

Jessica Chadwick is a member of the FIU swimming and diving team. Born and raised in England, Chadwick fulfilled one of her lifelong dreams and moved to the United States to pursue a college degree and swim competitively at FIU in 2013. She is a junior with a double major, pursuing degrees in sport and fitness and international relations.

This year, Chadwick helped the swimming and diving team win the Conference USA title, breaking the school record in the 100 breaststroke at the conference championships. After graduating from FIU, Chadwick plans to enroll in graduate school and eventually begin a career in physical therapy.



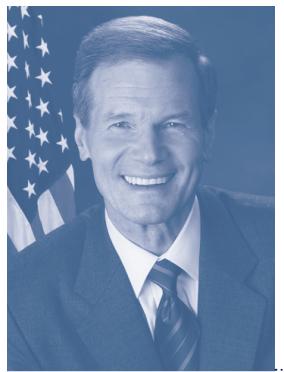
## FIU Medallion

### Chase Harris

#### *Courage Award*

Chase Harris is a member of the FIU swimming and diving team. A freshman from Jupiter, Fla., Harris served as a captain for her high school swim team and came to FIU as a four-time state finalist and all-regional champion. She also excelled in the classroom, earning the House of Representatives Athletic Achievement Award. This year, in her first year at FIU, she played a key role in helping the program win its first conference championship, picking up six points.

Harris, the daughter of a lifeguard lieutenant, is a certified junior ocean rescue lifeguard herself. She is passionate about the environment and is pursuing an environmental science degree and hopes to begin a career with Florida Fish and Wildlife law enforcement. One of her life goals is to protect and preserve the environment.



## Commencement Speaker

**Bill Nelson**  
*Senator, State of Florida*

Senator Bill Nelson is a true son of Florida – his family arrived in the Panhandle in 1829, and his grandparents homesteaded in the early 20th century on land that today is the Kennedy Space Center. From a spot near there, Nelson would launch into space in 1986 and spend six days orbiting the Earth aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

With more than 40 years in the political arena, Nelson has earned a reputation as a thoughtful, moderate voice in an increasingly partisan political world. His public service career began in 1972, with his election to the Florida Legislature. He then served six terms in the U.S. Congress representing Orlando and the Space Coast, becoming an early champion of the environment. In 1994, Nelson was elected to the Florida Cabinet as State Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal. During his six years tenure, he showed he was a common-sense problem solver and strong consumer advocate.

Nelson was first elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2000. Since then, he has stood up to insurance companies, Wall Street banks and Big Oil. He has also created a blueprint forward for the nation's space agency. Now in his third term, he continues to fight for lower taxes, better education, including Pell grants, Medicare and Social Security.



## FIU Medallion

**Gepsie M. Metellus '93**  
*Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Medallion*

Gepsie Morisset-Metellus' community involvement spans more than two decades. She is the co-founder and executive director of the Haitian center Sant La, a neighborhood resource center that serves as a lifeline for the Haitian immigrant population. In addition to hosting a weekly talk-show targeting the Haitian community in South Florida, Metellus, who migrated to the United States at the age of 12, is a frequent radio and television commentator on issues that impact the Haitian community.

She has authored several articles and publications about the Haitian experience, including *The Haitian Presence in the United States; Haitians: Their History and Culture; The Long Journey of South Florida's Haitian Community; and The Magic of Little Haiti*.

Her many awards from local, state and national organizations recognize her exemplary leadership as well as her ability to harness support for the Haitian-American community's well-being. Some of these honors include: Women of Impact, BellSouth Black History Month Honoree, In the Company of Women, Women's Hall of Fame, Miami ICON, Outstanding Americans by Choice, MCCJ Humanitarian, and M. Athalie Range Miami Pioneer.

Metellus is an alumna of the Rockefeller Foundation's prestigious fellowship, Next Generation Leaders. She earned a bachelor's in french/romance languages from Queens College, NY, in 1983; a master's in modern language education from FIU in 1993; and a post master's certificate in education leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 1994.

In 2004, she was conferred an honorary doctorate for her community service by the Université Jean Price Mars in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

## THE COMMENCEMENT: An Academic Tradition

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—designed by Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and created in 1977 by Leo Shirker, a Miami goldsmith, art teacher and FIU alumnus.

### Grand Marshal

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Academic Regalia

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic attire at commencement ceremonies originated in Europe in the 12th 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. 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 14th century, to the time when scholars were rebuked that a decent habit was to be worn (Statutes of Peterhouse, 1344). 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 250<sup>th</sup> 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. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

Master's candidates wear black gowns and bachelor's candidates wear blue gowns with the following tassel and hood colors representing degrees:

Architecture	Blue Violet
Arts and Sciences	White
Business	Drab
Communication Arts	Crimson
Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering and Computer Science	Orange
Fine Arts	White
Health Sciences	Green
Honors	Gold
Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon
Social Work	Citron

Doctoral candidates wear black gowns with gold tassels and hood colors are assigned as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Navy Blue
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)	Light Blue
Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)	Teal
Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)	Apricot
Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)	Green

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Honors students embrace their responsibility to the larger society, and engage in service-research that directly benefits external communities, such as the Worlds Ahead Honors-Sweetwater Partnership. Students also take advantage of lectures by distinguished speakers, professional training dinners and seminars, social activities, the Honors Place living-learning wings in campus housing, partnerships with other university units and colleges, the Honors Education in the Arts (HEARTS) program, and study abroad, with intensive opportunities to study and interact with other cultures.

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## 2015 Spring Semester Doctoral Candidates

### College of Arts and Sciences

#### Beyte Barrios Roque

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Pollination, Herbivory, and Habitat Fragmentation: Their Effects on the Reproductive Fitness of Angadenia berteroii, a Native Perennial Plant of the South Florida Pine Rocklands*  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Koptur

#### Boris Castillo Chabeco

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Redox Regulation of Ras Proteins in Dictyostelium discoideum*  
Major Professor: Dr. Lou W. Kim

#### Michelle Maria Cerreta

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *The Creation and Evaluation of Novel Canine Training Aids for Cocaine using Molecularly Encapsulated Sol-Gel Polymers and an Investigation of Canine Field Accuracy*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth G. Furton

#### Krzysztof Duniewicz

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Don't Get Mad, Get Even: How Employees Abused by their Supervisors Retaliate Against the Organization and Undermine their Spouses*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chockalingam Viswesvaran

#### Anya T. Edun

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Workplace Discrimination Climate and Team Effectiveness: The Mediating Role of Collective Value Congruence, Team Cohesion, and Collective Affective Commitment*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chockalingam Viswesvaran

#### Peter John Ferdinand

Doctor of Philosophy in History  
Dissertation: *Atlantic Ais in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: Maritime Adaptation, Indigenous Wrecking, and Buccaneer Raids on Florida's Central East Coast*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kirsten E. Wood

#### Zeila María Frade

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
Dissertation: *Literatura infantil, ideología e identidad nacional antes y después del triunfo de la Revolución cubana*  
Major Professor: Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas

#### Diana M. Grullón-García

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
Dissertation: *Epistemología cultural del Caribe: Modelos conceptuales de la cultura en el ensayo caribeño del siglo XX*  
Major Professor: Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas

#### Yukari Ito

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
Dissertation: *Identity, Ideology, and Cinema: Making Sense of Japan's Foreign and Security Policies in the 1950s and 2000s*  
Major Professor: Dr. John Clark

#### Aparajita Biswas Kuriyan

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of an Online Workshop on Behavior Management as a Professional Development Tool for Teachers*  
Major Professor: Dr. William E. Pelham, Jr.

#### Lorena N. Loguzzo

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
Dissertation: *Destabilizing Strategies in the Narrative of Silvina Ocampo*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Andrea Fanta

#### Brian L. Machovina

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *The Role of Agriculture and Food Consumption in Tropical Conservation*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth J. Feeley

#### Eladio Mendez

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Conjugated Polymer Nanoparticles for Biological Labeling and Delivery*  
Major Professor: Dr. Joong Ho Moon

**Simona Emanuela Merati**  
Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
Dissertation: *Russia's Islam: Discourse on Identity, Politics, and Security*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohiaddin Mesbahi

**Peter F. Molinaro**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Exoneration or Observation? Examining a Novel Difference between Liars and Truth Tellers*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ronald P. Fisher

**Lilliana I. Moreno**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *The Effect of Sample and Sample Matrices on DNA Processing: Mechanisms for the Detection and Managing of Inhibition in Forensic Samples*  
Major Professor: Dr. Bruce R. McCord

**Feng Pan**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Understanding Ten-Eleven Translocation 2 (TET2) in Hematological and Nervous Systems*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Ophelia Weeks  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Lidia Kos

**Nicole Clare Porther**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Intracellular Signaling and Trafficking in Cancer: Role of Rab5-GTPases in Migration and Invasion of Breast Cancer Cells*  
Major Professor: Dr. M. Alejandro Barbieri

**Mamyrah Prosper**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Global and Sociocultural Studies  
Dissertation: *New Haitian Social Movements: Alternative Modernities, (Trans)local Nationalisms, and Solidarity Economies*  
Major Professor: Dr. Vrushali Patil

**Palina Prysmakova**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
Dissertation: *Public Service Motivation in Public and Nonprofit Service Providers: The Cases of Belarus and Poland*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor

**Angela Christin Reaves**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Work Creativity as a Dimension of Job Performance*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chockalingam Viswesvaran

**Evan M. Rehm**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Factors Affecting Current and Future Treeline Locations and Dynamics in the Peruvian Andes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth J. Feeley

**José Luis Rodríguez**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
Dissertation: *Ekphrasis and Icono-Textual Discourse in "Leyendas" by Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer*  
Major Professor: Dr. María Asunción Gómez

**Alessandra M. Rosa**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Global and Sociocultural Studies  
Dissertation: *Resistance Performances: (re)Constructing Spaces of Resistance and Contention in the 2010-2011 University of Puerto Rico Student Movement*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jorge Duany

**Desiree Jasmin Sepulveda**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Evaluating the Effectiveness of Discrete Trial Procedures for Teaching Receptive Discrimination to Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*  
Major Professor: Dr. Anibal Gutierrez, Jr.

**Synatra Alyse Smith**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Global and Sociocultural Studies  
Dissertation: *On and Off the Stage at Atlanta Greek Picnic: Performances of Collective Black Middle-Class Identities and the Politics of Belonging*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jean Muteba Rahier

**Jason Kenneth Steinert**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Workplace Aggression: A Reconceptualization of the Construct and an Exploration of Strain Based Outcomes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Valentina Bruk-Lee

**Hod Yehuda Tamir**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Romantic Relationships and Adjustment in Early Adulthood: The Role of Cross-Sex Experience in the Context of Social Norms and Support*  
Major Professor: Dr. Dionne Stephens

**Purushottam Babu Tiwari**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics  
Dissertation: *Multimode Analysis of Nanoscale Biomolecular Interactions*  
Major Professor: Dr. Yesim Darici

**Tereza Vokatá**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Synthetic Approaches to Flexible Fluorescent Conjugated Polymers*  
Major Professor: Dr. Joong Ho Moon

**Jiangyun Wan**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics  
Dissertation: *Essays on Competition in Pharmaceutical Industry*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kaz Miyagiwa

**Susan Caroline Young**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
Dissertation: *Factors Affecting the Adoption of New Technology: The Case of 311 Government Call Centers*  
Major Professor: Dr. Allan Rosenbaum

**Diansy Zincke**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Characterization of the poxAB Operon Encoding a Class D Carbapenemase in Pseudomonas aeruginosa*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kalai Mathee

**Luca Zini**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science  
Dissertation: *The Modern State and the Re-Creation of the Indigenous Other: The Case of the Authentic Sámi in Sweden and the White Man's Indian in the United States of America*  
Major Professor: Dr. John F. Stack

## College of Business

**Sayed Mohammad Reza Afjei**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *A Content Analysis of Sustainability Dimensions in Annual Reports*  
Major Professor: Dr. Karen Paul

## College of Education

**Teo O.H. Cooper**  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Investigating the Effects of Cognitive Apprenticeship-Based Instructional Coaching on Science Teaching Efficacy Beliefs*  
Major Professor: Dr. Eric Brewe

**Jacqueline Caroline Ellis**  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *English Language Learners: A Correlational Study of the Relationship between a Proficiency Level Assessment and End of Course Test Scores at One Georgia High School*  
Major Professor: Dr. Eric Dwyer

**Linda Donnell Fowler**  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Comparison of Linear Functions in Middle Grades Textbooks from Singapore and the United States*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. George E. O'Brien  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Maria Fernandez

**Claudia G. Grigorescu**  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Undergraduate Students' Perceptions of Study Abroad and their Level of Achievement of Global Learning Outcomes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Hilary Landorf

**Ruba Monem**  
Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education  
Dissertation: *The Effect of Mobile Technology as an Active Student Response System on the Acquisition of U.S. History Content of Secondary Students with Specific Learning Disabilities*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kyle Bennett

**Daniela Fabiana Ottati Reperger**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Geographical Literacy, Attitudes, and Experiences of Freshman Students: A Qualitative Study at Florida International University*  
Major Professor: Dr. Hilary Landorf

**Natalie Paul**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *A Basic Interpretive Study of the Experiences of University Students Who Have Dropped or Failed an Online Course*  
Major Professor: Dr. M.O. Thirunarayanan

**Michael Porter**  
Doctor of Education in Higher Education  
Dissertation: *Online Education, Accrediting Standards, and Student Success: An Examination of the Relationship between the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Standards for Online Education and Student Success*  
Major Professor: Dr. Erskine Dottin

**Daniel Alfonso Ramírez-Lamus**  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Foreign Language Education in Colombia: A Qualitative Study of Escuela Nueva*  
Major Professor: Dr. Eric Dwyer

## College of Engineering and Computing

**Reza Amini**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Learning Data-Driven Models of Non-Verbal Behaviors for Building Rapport using an Intelligent Virtual Agent*  
Major Professor: Dr. Christine Lisetti

**Maryam Asghari Mooneghi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Experimental and Analytical Methodologies for Predicting Peak Loads on Building Envelopes and Roofing Systems*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Arindam Gan Chowdhury  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Peter A. Irwin

**Xizi Dai**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Fiber Scaffolds of Poly (glycerol- dodecanedioate) and its Derivative via Electrospinning for Neural Tissue Engineering*  
Major Professor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Lin

**Hadi Fekrmandi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Development of New Structural Health Monitoring Techniques*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ibrahim Nur Tansel

**Ange Marie Patricia Fievre**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Uniquely Identifiable Tamper-Evident Device using Coupling between Subwavelength Gratings*  
Major Professor: Dr. Shekhar Bhansali

**Ricardo Gasparini**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Engineering Analysis in Imprecise Geometric Models*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Igor Tsukanov  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Cesar Levy

**Peeraya Inyim**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Time, Cost and Environmental Impact Analysis for Sustainable Design at Multiple Building Levels*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Wallied Orabi  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Arindam Gan Chowdhury

**Xexi Jiang**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Temporal Mining for Distributed Systems*  
Major Professor: Dr. Tao Li

**Ramtin Kargamoakhar**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Large-Scale Testing to Study the Effects of Critical Parameters on the Aerodynamic Behavior of Long Span Bridges*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Arindam Gan Chowdhury  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Peter A. Irwin

**Tan Ma**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Hybrid Power System Intelligent Operation and Protection Involving Plug-in Electric Vehicles*  
Major Professor: Dr. Osama A. Mohammed

**Kamran Moradi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Acoustic Manipulation and Alignment of Particles for Applications in Separation, Micro-Templating, and Device Fabrication*  
Major Professor: Dr. Bilal El-Zahab

**Jaimit Parikh**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Theoretical Investigation of Intra- and Inter- Cellular Spatiotemporal Calcium Patterns in Microcirculation*  
Major Professor: Dr. Nikolaos Tsoukias

**Sasmita Rath**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Regulation of Bone Marrow Stem Cells through Oscillatory Shear Stresses - A Heart Valve Tissue Engineering Perspective*  
Major Professor: Dr. Sharan Ramaswamy

**Manuel Salinas**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Movement Effects on the Flow Physics and Nutrient Delivery in Engineered Valvular Tissues*  
Major Professor: Dr. Sharan Ramaswamy

**Saman Sargolzaei**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Intracranial Volume Estimation and Graph Theoretical Analysis of Brain Functional Connectivity Networks*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Mercedes Cabrerizo

**Pratikkumar Shah**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Development of a Lab-on-Chip Device for Rapid Nanotoxicity Assessment in vitro*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chenzhong Li

**Yongzhou Sun**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Material Science and Engineering  
Dissertation: *Study of Ammonia Borane and its Derivatives: Influence of Nanoconfinements and Pressures*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jiuhua Chen

**Sharon Czarina Surita**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Emergence and Fate of Siloxanes in Waste Streams: Release Mechanisms, Partitioning and Persistence in Three Environmental Compartments*  
Major Professor: Dr. Berrin Tansel

**Arash Tarighi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Dynamic Behavior and Fatigue Life of Highway Bridges Due to Doubling Heavy Vehicles*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ton-Lo Wang

**Lixi Wang**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Fuzzy Modeling and Control Based Virtual Machine Resource Management*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ming Zhao

**Yongzhi Wang**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Constructing Secure MapReduce Framework in Cloud-based Environment*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jinpeng Wei

## Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**  
Irina Hughes  
Jessica Lynne Roesch

## Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work

**Anamica Batra**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *Investigating the Outcomes of a Physical Activity Program Offered to Older Adults in South Florida and Understanding the Correlates of Completion*  
Major Professor: Dr. Richard C. Palmer

**Rana Jaber**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *Determinants of Waterpipe and Cigarette Smoking Progression among a School Based Sample of Adolescents in Irbid, Jordan: A Three-Year Longitudinal Study (2008-2011)*  
Major Professor: Dr. Wasim Maziak

**Pascale C. Jean**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *The Influence of Psychological Predictors and Cognitive Behavioral Stress Management Intervention on Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Adherence among HIV-Positive Female Haitian Alcohol Users*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jessy G. Dévieux

**Melissa Li**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics and Nutrition  
Dissertation: *Defining Fluid Restriction in the Management of Infants Following Cardiac Surgery and Understanding the Subsequent Impact of Nutrient Delivery and Growth Outcomes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Adriana Campa

**Sabrina Sales Martinez**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics and Nutrition  
Dissertation: *Overweight/Obesity and HIV Disease Progression in HIV+ Adults in Botswana*  
Major Professor: Dr. Adriana Campa

**Sandeep Singh**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *A Case-Only Genome-Wide Association Study of Gender- and Age-Specific Risk Markers for Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Mehmet T. Dorak

## Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Michelle Mary Abou-Jaoude  
Mohammad Faris Al-mousily  
Veronica Marie Alvarez  
Fernando S. Aran  
Jacqueline Heather Atlass  
Camila Bahamon  
Fabiana Barnabe  
Shane Lolan Barney  
Colleen Nykole Bartley  
Jessica Jeanne Bartle  
Peter J. Belin  
Jennifer Pernas Boucher  
Melissa A. Cardenas-Morales  
Casey Terry Carr

Louis Carrillo  
Alejandro Castañeda  
Rhea Chattopadhyay  
Jennifer Chen  
Jerry Cherisien  
Rebecca Lauren Cole  
Silvia Patricia Coronel  
Franklin Javier Danger  
Natalia Echeverri Botero  
Adam Mark El Kommos  
Erica Jeanette Escarcega  
Salman Ahmad Farsi  
Stephen Paul Ferber  
Ernesto Fernandez  
Stephen Ferraresi  
Kobi Fogel  
Farah Y. Fourcand  
Michaela Wendy Georgia Gaffley  
Robert Michael Guido  
Christian Raul Gutierrez Morales  
Luv N. Hajirawala  
Jade M. Hernandez  
Julia Donnelly Hicks  
Allison Elizabeth Holder  
Mary Frances Kearns  
Joshua Paul Kelley  
Kamen Jordanov Kutzarov  
Dustin Matthew Lang  
Claudia Marisa Leon  
Jason Ilias Liounakos  
Lori Maria Marcu  
Fady Paul Marji  
Kenneth Logan Maskell  
Mario Enrique Mayes Romero

Hans Michell  
Kathryn Elizabeth Myers  
Christian Wallace Nagel  
Maria-Carolina Orbay  
Guillermo Enrique Ortega  
Marta Lauren Papoosha  
Ana I. Pena Calero  
Christopher Jordan Plescia  
Monica Evelyn Polcz  
Carlos A. Prays  
Katherine Kornelia Raczek  
Katiuska Johana Ramirez  
Javier Reyes  
Andres Luis Rodriguez  
Jose Raul Rodriguez  
Marlen Maria Rodriguez  
Michael Rosenthal  
Brian Jason Salzberg  
Dale Segal  
LeAnn Marie Shannon  
Michael Matthew Skaret  
Elizabeth Michelle Spiwak  
Gabriel Raul Suarez  
Grant Gerard Swartz  
Alyssa Dayne Swick  
Sairah Bridget Thommi  
Stanley Tiu  
David Morris Weithorn  
Rebecca Elizabeth Wiesenfeld  
Michael William Witteman  
Yoko Melainie Young Sang  
Lynn Zaremski



## 2015 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 + The Arts

### *Master of Architecture*

Christopher Robert Akins  
James Robert Allen  
Tatiane De Paiva Almeida  
Yamile Victoria Aponte  
John Richard Archer  
Daniel Alejandro Arrieta  
Silvia Baldoquin  
Edgardo Javier Betancourt Santiago  
John Christopher Bleeker  
Ruth Brooks  
Josefina Bussola  
Kenlong A. Castillo  
Hector Ceballos Jr.  
Christopher Centeno  
Dominique James Chalmers  
Bernice Chavez  
Stephanie Isabel Colon  
Lissette Carolina Cordero  
Brandon James Cummings  
Jihan El Abbadi  
Jorge Fabregat  
Ludovico Ferro  
Michael Anthony Flores  
Maria Victoria Franco  
Cynthia Ann Garcia  
Reynaldo Garcia  
Richard Andres Gomez Ruiz  
Antuhan Gonzalez  
Veronica Graziella Hiegemann  
Kevin B. Hutchinson  
Ivie Yvonne Ijewere  
Eliana Izza

Alejandro Jordan  
Dina Karimullina  
Casey James Lamrouex  
Anica Andrea Lompre  
Sarah Chrystel Malebranche  
Larisa Marenco  
Nanette Martinez  
Valentina Martinez  
Meryl John Mathew  
Thais Mathias  
Tara Mazloomi  
Samantha Melissa McNeil  
Manuel Omar Menoya  
Branko Micic  
Gladisbel Miranda  
Esther Dulce Monterrey  
Gabriella Moreno  
Danilo J. Navarrete  
Leonardo Joseph Nediani  
Maurice Jerome Noisette  
Eileen Nicole Nunes Koo  
Carolina Maria Papale  
Cynthia Parada  
Crismary Pascarella  
Maria Adelaida Peguero  
Veronica S. Pereda  
Italo Perez  
Egipcia N. Perez Herrera  
Manuel Perez-Trujillo  
Haley Charlene Perry  
Joaquin J. Pineda  
Miguel A. Pio  
Dontavious Pittman

Nelson Pulgarin  
Alex Roberto Quinonez II  
Alejandro Reyes  
Maria Lorena Reyes Bahamon  
Andrea Mariel Rivera  
Trinity Robinson  
Yanelys Rosua  
Jacqueline Nicole Rowe  
Jasha Sly Salas  
Daniel Ernesto Salazar  
Vanessa Salcedo  
Jennifer Sandoval  
Raphael A. Santos  
Luis Andre Santovenia  
Anyeli I. Silva Santillan  
Amanda Sookdeo  
Kevin Tenor  
Jose J. Tribaldos  
Mathieu Vincent Tronel  
Jordan McKayla-Breeze Turner  
Jaime Aliskahir Vado  
Jesus Antonio Vega  
Maria Gabriela Verdu  
Kevin Vildosola  
Bobbie J. Walker  
Lashai Tianna Waterman  
Aileen Zeigen

### *Master of Arts in Architecture*

Hermann Alexander Gonzalez  
Priscilla Pagan  
Shima Sarafrazi



# College of Arts and Sciences

## *Master of Arts in African and African Diaspora Studies*

Shanequa Tiwanna Castle  
Abby Suzanne Gondek  
Aysha Louise Preston  
Tonya St. Julien

## *Master of Arts in Asian Studies*

Bill Bryan Barber  
Augusto Bejar  
Gregory James Bryant  
Claudia Wang Lau  
Noelle Elaine Rogers  
William Ross  
Charles Jose Simeon

## *Master of Arts in Economics*

Renzo Manuel Alvarez  
Shahrzad Ghourchian  
Yulin Hou  
Zhongyuan Hu  
Fan Jiang  
Md Tanvir Pavel  
John Michael Shannon  
Amin Shoja  
Yun Wang  
Qian Zhang

## *Master of Arts in English*

Michelle Alonso  
Eduardo Barreto  
Tiffany Lace Fajardo  
Chelsea Elena Franco  
Jamie Nicole Franks  
Oscar A. Gonzalez  
Issel M. Guigou  
Francis Harrison Hill  
Brandon Lee Lodenquai  
Eunice Louis  
Justin Philip Mayerchak  
Carmen Mise  
Laura Maria Ortega  
Jessica Petit-Frere  
Lauren N. Rey  
Mariane Stanev  
Cayce Marie Wicks

## *Master of Arts in Global and Sociocultural Studies*

Lyzbeth Martha Armenteros  
Shawna L. Avila  
Elena Maytee Cruz  
Alyssa Edwards  
Wendy Padron  
Vilma Baronessa Rizzo  
Andrea Lorraine Vidal

## *Master of Arts in Global Governance*

Olga Aleksandrovna Alabina  
Mercedes Almonacid  
Martha C. Alvarado  
Andrea E. Claeysen  
Aquiles Consuegra  
Antonio Armando Estevez  
Federico Gil  
Eliyaim Gonzalez  
Marianne Liens  
Natalia Liviero  
John Richard Miller  
Fred Noel  
Tracy Noel  
Christian Ostergaard  
Erin Phalen  
Belinda Sardinas  
Tremaine N. Steed  
Shota Tchigladze  
Ilioney Thelemaque  
Claudine Victor

## *Master of Arts in History*

James Almeida  
Alecia Marie Chapin  
Stephanie Nicole Couto  
Mario Jose Montoya  
Kenia Marlene Perez  
Jeremy Christian Salloum  
Ahmed Soliman  
Gilbert Joshua Velasquez  
Evan Garrett Wexler

## *Master of Arts in International Studies*

Carolina Natalia Krauskopf  
Yongjae Lee

Alisa Momot  
Amanda Cristina Schwank

## *Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies*

Daniel Balseiro  
Emily D. Bello-Pardo  
Esther Emergui  
Frederick Humphreys Joyner Jr.  
Adriana M. Montoya-Daza  
Mark Alexander Pacho  
Gianfranco Patuzzo  
Randy Michael Pestana  
Valentina Pilonieta-Vera  
Yanell Nicole Sanchez  
Danielle Nicole Tidline  
Adriana Valencia

## *Master of Arts in Liberal Studies*

Jesus Alvarez-Builla  
Leonidas Demetrio Konstantakos

## *Master of Arts in Linguistics*

Yasser Alaamri  
Laila Khalid Almashhur  
Salvatore Callesano  
Noha Elsakka  
Lydda Lopez  
Lilian Mara McLeod  
Kelly Annie Millard  
Kristen H. Mullen

## *Master of Arts in Political Science*

Fiacre Bienvenu  
Maria I. Gabryszewska  
Mark C. Mayo  
Yonas K. Mulat

## *Master of Arts in Religious Studies*

Tamara Massiel Ballesteros  
Emerio Diaz  
David Brian Esch  
Anna Patricia Ladowski  
Jeremy S. Paulovkin  
Gerardo Rodriguez  
Maurisa Zinira

## *Master of Arts in Spanish*

Iyovis Acosta  
Maritza Alsina-valdes  
Mercedes Munoz Gonzalez  
Elsa J. Varela

## *Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing*

Annik Isabel Babinski  
Elizabeth Hicks Buro  
Cathleen Ferree Chambliss  
Paul Christiansen  
Ashley Michelle Jones  
Erica Nicole Kenick  
Esther C. Martinez  
James L. May  
Christine Morando  
Dawn Davies Tyrrell

## *Master of Public Administration*

Wayne Christopher Appleby  
Camila Renee Arteaga  
Victoria Ingrid Bartell  
Anthony Joseph Cariveau  
Liana Jasmin Castano  
Javier Castro  
Wendy K. Crane  
Cameron Michael Creque  
Genesis Yasmeen Cuevas  
Jaime Dashiel  
Mario A. Diaz  
Karen Diazgranados  
Peter Einisman  
Meaghan Gies  
Daniel Alexander Gonzalez  
Javier Ernesto Gonzalez  
Rosa M. Guerra  
Claudelle Hazell  
Selisa Herriott  
Rihena Diana Hodgson  
David Scott Hughey  
Leanna Mari Jones  
Wayne Anthony Jones  
Faye Y. Kalam  
Julia Lopes  
Lydia Anne Lopez  
Yanitza Yolaina Madrigal  
Martine Marcelin  
David Edward Mcshane  
Irina Mocanu  
Megan O'brien  
Lindamaria Ortega

## *Master of Science in Environmental Studies*

Jessica Ann Lee  
Ramon L. Salazar II

## *Master of Science in Forensic Science*

Lauren Anne Evenstone  
Claudia Liliana Sanchez

## *Master of Science in Geosciences*

Yujie Hua  
Amber A. Kiger

## *Master of Science in Mathematical Science*

Gonzalo Cazes-Nasitiqui  
Lisandra Hernandez  
Shaikh Gohin Samad  
Shuai Xu

## *Master of Science in Psychology*

Amy R. Altszuler  
Diana Marie Daddario  
Alejandro Rene Diaz  
Gabriela Alejandra Escalona  
Elaine Espanola  
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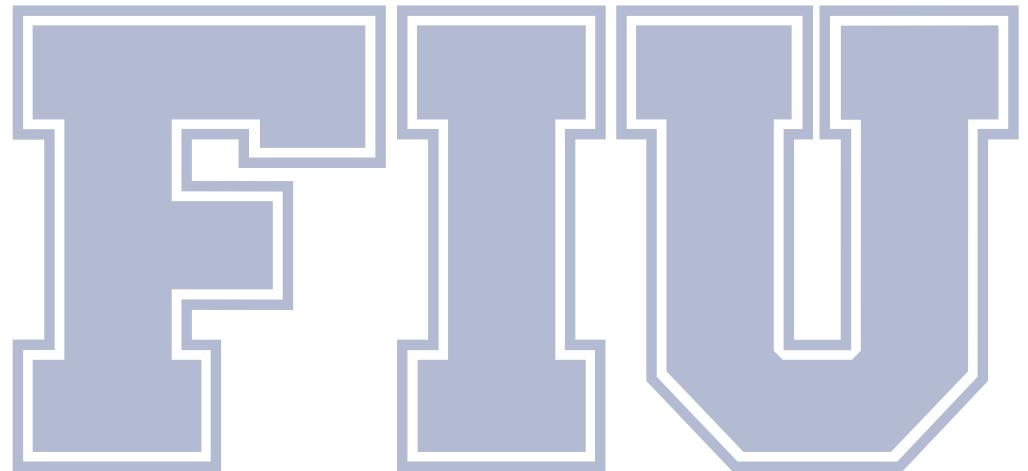
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