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BRIAN SCHRINER

Brian Schriner has over 25 years of higher education teaching and administrative experience. In 2011 he was appointed Dean of the College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts (CARTA) at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, Florida. In addition to his duties as Dean, in 2015 Schriner was appointed by the provost as FIU's first Cultural Arts Liaison, a position created to enhance collaboration with FIU's three accredited museums and leverage the University's cultural resources, teaching, research, and creative activities in support of FIU's BeyondPossible strategic plan. Dean Schriner is the publisher of *Inspicio*.

RAYMOND ELMAN

Raymond Elman is an artist, writer, and editor, who co-founded *Provincetown Arts* magazine in 1985. His paintings have been widely exhibited and are included in numerous collections. His large scale portraits of Pulitzer Prize recipients Stanley Kunitz, Jhumpa Lahiri, Alan Dugan, and U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky are in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C. In Miami, he is represented by the Williams McCall Gallery. In 2016, there was a retrospective of Elman's portraits at the Provincetown Art Association & Museum. (See www.raymondelman.com for more information.) Elman holds a BS and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Elman is the founding editor-in-chief of *Inspicio*.

TERESA PONTE

Teresa Ponte, chairperson of FIU's School of Communication + Journalism and associate professor, is an award-winning journalist with a 25-year career working at CBS News, NBC News, Telemundo Network, and *Newsweek* among other media organizations. She specialized in covering Latin America and the southeastern U.S., field producing stories that included Central America during the 1980s time of war and upheaval in the region, the Japan embassy hostage crisis in Lima, Peru, the Centennial Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta, Georgia, and Pope John Paul II's historic visit to Havana, Cuba. She was the executive editor of *Divina.com*, an innovative online bilingual magazine launched for a U.S. Hispanic and Latin American audience. Ponte was awarded a team National Emmy in the News and Documentary category for the coverage of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Park bombing. Professor Ponte is a senior adviser to *Inspicio*.

ADRIENNE SYLVER

Adrienne Sylvester has been a newspaper reporter and magazine writer, and has spent three decades in public relations writing, specializing in medical news. She has a master's in magazine journalism from Ohio University. Her non-fiction book, *Hot Diggity Dog: The History of the Hot Dog* (Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC), has been recognized by critics, librarians, and readers as a top pick for children. Her appreciation for the arts was nurtured by her mother, a classical harpist who was on the faculty at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where Sylvester played bassoon in the youth orchestra. She is an assistant editor for *Inspicio*.

GABRIELLA PINOS

Gabriella Pinos is a senior at Florida International University majoring in Broadcast Media with a minor in Business Communication. She is the opinion director for PantherNOW, FIU's student-led newspaper, and has previously interned at South Florida PBS, FIU Honors College and the FIU Healthy Living Program. Her interests include writing, videography, video editing and digital media. She contributed to this edition of *Inspicio* as a videographer and InDesign producer.

LEE SKYE

Lee Skye was a videographer for Marin County Community Television in Marin County, California. She was also a videographer for the Marin Civic Ballet. Ms. Skye was Board president of Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill in Truro, Massachusetts, for four years. She is a videographer and contributing writer for *Inspicio*.

CARMEN CICERO

Carmen Cicero is both a highly accomplished visual artist and musician. He has had 51 solo exhibitions, appeared in six Whitney Biennials, and is in the collections of 26 museums. He received a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, as well as awards from the Ford Foundation, and the American Academy of Arts & Letters. He also taught painting at Sarah Lawrence College and at Montclair State University for many years. In addition, Cicero is a highly regarded jazz saxophone player and has performed with many jazz legends. Music from Cicero's CD, *Play Me a Sad Song*, has been incorporated into some of the introductory video clips in select video interviews.

NECEE REGIS

A freelance writer and photographer with an MFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Necee Regis primarily writes about travel with a focus on food, art, culture, luxury travel, and quirky, off-beat locations. Her non-fiction writing and photos have appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *ShowBoats International*, *American Way Magazine*, *The Robb Report*, *Yankee Magazine*, *The Huffington Post*, and the literary magazine, *Tin House*. Selections of her yet-to-be published novels have been featured in *Gulf Stream: New Voiced from Miami*, *Hacks: 10 Years On Grub Street*, and *Cleaver Magazine*. Before turning her focus to the writing life, she exhibited her art in galleries and museums in Miami, Boston and New York.

KADESHA FLOYD

Kadesha Floyd was born and raised in North Miami Beach Florida, attended Mississippi Valley State University for three years on a full basketball scholarship, then transferred to FIU. Floyd enjoys producing and editing her own music and music videos. In three years, she expects to be a professional video editor or in the broadcasting field.

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CHRISTINA HESTER

Christina Hester is a student at Florida International University preparing to graduate with a double major in Journalism and Philosophy. With a passion for the arts, Hester uses her free time to discover and appreciate the vibrant music, theater, and stand-up comedy venues of South Florida. She also enjoys dedicating time to improving her guitar playing, videography, and photography skills.

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Karen Morales is a senior at Florida International University majoring in Broadcast Media Production with a minor in Fine Arts. She was a photographer for FIU's *PantherNow* in 2017 through 2018. She is also a videographer and has had work featured on the South Florida News Service. She will be graduating and earning her Bachelor of Science in Communication in Summer 2019.

CELESTE REYNOLDS

Celeste Reynolds is a junior at Florida International University, in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication with a focus on Broadcasting. In 2017, she earned her Associate of Arts degree from Lone Star College, in Texas. Celeste was a co-host and contributor for an Internet radio program that aired through Houston Media Source between 2016 and 2017.

LETICIA COBAS

Leticia Cobas is studying communications broadcast media at Florida International University. She has spent the last 9 years focusing on her career interest. In middle school, she was one of three students selected for the advanced broadcast class. In high school, she spent her 4 years in the elite TV production class working on packages for the daily newscast and competing in communication events such as Journalism Day at FIU, and FSPA in Orlando. This year she spent a semester abroad in Spain, studying at EUSA in Seville, Spain, where she worked with and created multimedia content for the non-profit PROEM-AID.

RACHEL CHANG

Rachel Chang is a Cuban-American writer, singer, dancer and model. She was named the Outstanding Student in Journalism in the 2018 Miami Dade College Academic Awards and her articles have been published in the South Florida Media Network. At 18 years old, she became the youngest of 28 cheerleaders of the Miami Dolphins where she performed for two seasons and reported Dolphins' news in the web series "Dolphins Internacional." Her work has been recognized by multiple news media including Univision Deportes, CiberCuba, and USA Today. She is a student at Florida International University in broadcast journalism and political science.

JENNIFER CHANG

Jennifer Chang is a real estate agent and a student at Florida International University, majoring in broadcast journalism and marketing. She is also a professionally trained dancer and actress. Chang is currently a Captain for the Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders and reported Miami Dolphins news in a series called "Dolphins Internacional." She developed a social media audience for her dancing and unique video techniques which went "viral," and various news organizations wrote exclusive features for her.

WESLEY VERDIER

Wesley Verdier was born and raised in Miami, Florida. He is of Haitian and African-American descent. He is a senior at FIU, majoring in Communications, and aspires to become a sports analyst. Verdier produces a YouTube channel (Dreamcatcher 305) where he provides analysis and insight regarding the game of football. After receiving his BA in the fall of 2019, Verdier plans to pursue a master's degree in Sports Management.

NIKITA GRANT

Nikita Grant is a senior at Florida International University majoring in broadcast media with a concentration in English. She has a passion for writing and video production and has worked on numerous projects in both her personal and professional life. After her graduation from Florida International University, she hopes to begin a career that combines her passions for writing and video production.