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BRIAN SCHRINER

Brian Schriener 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 Schriener 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 Schriener 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 Sylver 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 Sylver played bassoon in the youth orchestra. She is an assistant editor for *Inspicio*.

BREA JONES

Brea Jones is a junior at FIU and currently works as Promotion and Recruitment Director for FIU Student Media. She has experience with writing, photography, interviewing, using Adobe Software and more. During her time as Editor-in-Chief of the *Seminole Newspaper*, her photos were featured in the *Orlando Times*. To see her portfolio go to her website:

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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.

DIANNE MAY ROSON

Dianne May Roson is a full Filipino who is pursuing her bachelor's degree in Broadcast Media along with a minor in Asian Studies. She finds passion in photography and videography. She aspires to use her skill to show that Asian females are qualified to work in the media industry.

FABIAN OSORIO

Fabian Osorio is a Florida International University (FIU) student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communication with a major in Broadcast Media. He has experience in coordinating social media platforms, writing articles as well as shooting and editing photographs and videos. He is a staff writer for the FIU newspaper PantherNow. He has lived in four different countries, which has helped him better understand different cultures and modi operandi.

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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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ROSY AYALA

Born and raised in West Palm Beach, Florida, Rosy Ayala is a self-proclaimed 'foodie,' a peer-reviewed author of *A Seat at the Table Set by Women: An Outlook on Female Matters*, and a comedic content creator by day. With a Bachelor's degree from Florida International University in Broadcast Media, Rosy applies her skills to start-ups and nonprofit companies.

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.

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MARIALEXIA HERNANDEZ

Marialexia Hernandez is an actress and active volunteer in the South Florida theatre community. She currently teaches theatre to homeschooled children and musical theatre presentation at the Maria Verdeja School of the Arts. Through her work she hopes to inspire and share unique stories that showcase our growth as a society. She is a senior at Florida International University pursuing a double major in Theater and Broadcast Media Production.