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FIU GLOBAL

Upcoming program to help international students' English

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The University will launch a full-immersion English-speaking program next year to help international students adapt to learning in an American classroom setting.

Over the summer, the University announced a 15-year partnership with Shorelight Education, a company which funds and manages globalization projects at universities, to create the FIU Global First-Year Program.

The program will provide undergraduate international students with a six- or 12-month-long intensive English-speaking course and a living community in the residence halls at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus during their first year at the University.

The idea came about after the University noticed international students struggled even when they scored high on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, which indicates a student's English-

speaking level as part of the admissions process into American universities.

Even when international students score high on the TOEFL, they sometimes don't function well in American classroom settings, according to Provost Emeritus Douglas Wartzok.

The program is designed to help international students adjust to speaking conversational English on a regular basis. It also will help them understand how an American classroom style works and how to interact with the professor and other students during classroom discussion, a practice which is not common in other countries.

"Perhaps the greatest difference from how university classes work here and from Spain is the importance of attendance and participation," said international student Gonzalo Llanes, a senior majoring in international relations. "In Spain, you're usually required just to attend exams and professors rarely have close interactions with students."

Plans for the program are not

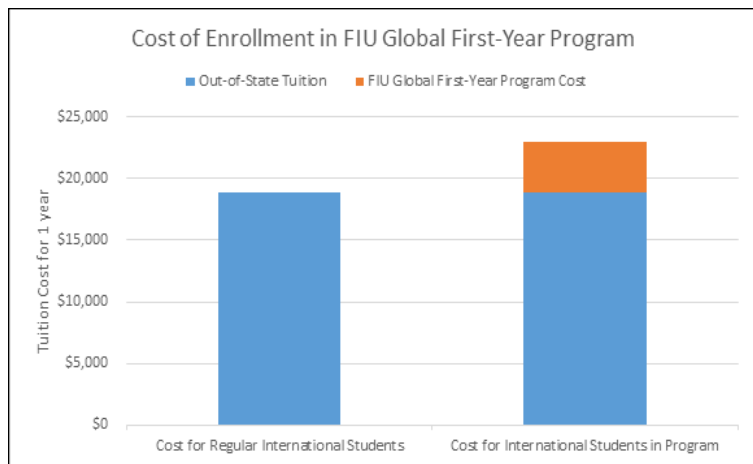


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MOMENT OF SILENCE



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Sara Saleh (left), a junior studying biology, joined members of Students for Justice in Palestine in a silent protest on the grassy hills behind Graham Center, Monday, Nov. 17. The group held signs to protest the barring of Muslims from the Al-Aqsa Mosque, a sacred place in Jerusalem, Israel.

yet finalized, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Bejar, but the English course will involve personalized English instruction and possibly a study group after each day where students can review material covered in class in their own language.

This English course is not for credit and will be taken along with 15 credits of University Core Curriculum classes.

Participating international students will be required to live in the dorms during the program, although the program itself is not mandatory.

Plans for the dorm community include field trips around Miami, during which international students will have the chance to bond with each other and get to know the city and its culture, according to Bejar.

"I personally like the idea of creating the community, since international students living on campus might be otherwise driven

to interact only with people of their similar background," said Llanes. "I think integration is very important, especially at the beginning."

Perhaps the greatest difference from how university classes work here and from Spain is the importance of attendance and participation.

Gonzalo Llanes
Senior
International Relations

The FIU Global First-Year Program is set to launch in fall 2015 with 25 to 50 international students.

International students pay out-of-state tuition, which is

currently \$18,905 for a full year. Bejar said the 12-month program sets tuition for students in the program at \$23,000, so they would pay about \$4,100 more than regular international students.

However, as the program progresses and gains popularity, scholarships are expected to open up for international students to help cover the extra cost.

Bejar said it's the University's responsibility, as part of the international community of South Florida, to create a more welcoming and enriching university experience for international students with the program.

"What we have experienced is that we have international students who come, but they tend to cluster together in their own language, and our regular students from the South Florida area don't learn from them and their experiences," said Bejar. "So we want to be able to broaden that for all of our students."

Student internships turned to jobs at mayor's office

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The office of Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Giménez offers an executive internship program to offer hands-on experience in government work, with the possibility of future employment.

The 15-week internship program allows juniors and seniors to meet County leaders and to have a first-hand look at government.

In fall 2013, 26 University students were recruited. By last spring, the program expanded and offered four additional internships — a total of 30 available spots.

FIU alumni Daniella Romero and Humberto Ocano participated in the program and said it was an immersive and rewarding experience.

"I had the opportunity to explore a completely different realm of work than what I had been studying," Romero

said. "[I] was immersed in a subject matter that I truly loved."

Students are positioned under a department director and are given workshops and professional mentoring from senior management, as well as projects that match their educational objectives.

Romero was selected to work at the Department of Community Information and Outreach. Some of the tasks she performed involved working on different projects that comprised annual reports, learning about campaign management and marketing procedures, as well as writing a proposal to help bridge two police units to work together.

"The internship experience with Miami-Dade County was probably one of the most rewarding things I've done in my undergraduate career," Romero said.

Romero said that her biggest challenge was time management: juggling between the internship, school, and a part-time job took a lot of focus.

Ocano, on the other hand, selected the Mayor's Office

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Daniella Romero
Alumna
Florida International University

of Communication and Legislative Affairs — also known as external affairs.

He was tasked to work on a full marketing campaign for the opening of the PortMiami Tunnel, an analysis of the Hispanic market and its media and first-hand observation

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Foreign students flock to US, set record in 2013

The number of international students in the United States last year rose to a record 886,052, with China by far leading as the nation sending the most students for the fifth year in a row, according to data to be released on Monday by the Institute of International Education in cooperation with the State Department.

America's popularity is reflected in the fact that the number of international students in the U.S. is nearly double what it was 20 years ago.

Overall, 4.2 percent of students at American colleges and universities are from other countries. At some popular destination universities, however, international students make up 15 percent to 20 percent of student bodies.

Meanwhile, more than 289,000 U.S. students went abroad to study in 2012-13, the latest year for which figures available. The numbers show that fewer than 10 percent of all U.S. college students study abroad during their undergraduate years.

Forest Service criticized over management of Alaska national forest

Federal efforts to end old-growth logging in Alaska's Tongass National Forest have stalled and millions of tax dollars are being wasted, according to a report that will be released Tuesday, the latest salvo in a dispute over the future of America's largest national forest.

U.S. Forest Service officials rejected the report's conclusions, particularly the observation that the agency had great latitude in how and where it would spend its money.

Four years ago, the Forest Service pledged to change the way the Tongass' abundant natural resources are managed, shifting the emphasis toward harvesting younger trees and supporting the growing tourism and fishery industries, which depend on the 17 million-acre expanse.

But the study by Headwaters Economics, a Bozeman, Mont.-based research firm, argues that the federal government's good intentions – the so-called Transition Framework – have not come to pass.

Researchers filed Freedom of Information Act requests to obtain Forest Service budget and staffing information from 2009 to 2013. Basing their analysis on that data, they say the agency still spends the largest percentage of its resources to prop up the shrinking timber industry, instead of investing in areas that are creating more jobs every year.

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

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of governmental media relations. Unlike Romero, Ocano had more direct contact with the mayor.

According to aid Lee-Ann Dizon, the program's coordinator, interns learn about what programs and services exist in the county, along with ethics of work, punctuality, project management and presentation skills.

"We teach students about how we do business and touch people's lives in the county," Dizon said.

Some of the interns have received job offers to continue their work experience. Upon their completion of the program, both Romero and Ocano were employed under the support of their fellow mentors.

Dizon said that not only are students impacted by the experience,

but so are those at the office.

"It is always very interesting to watch them grow from where they started in the program being shy, not able to communicate that well until you see them grow as the program passes," said Dizon.

For more information on the Executive Internship Program visit: www.miamidade.gov/mayor/internships.asp.

MAST @ FIU: an innovative STEM academic experience

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According to Welker, MAST @ FIU was designed to complement the University's "Worlds Ahead" strategic plan of increasing the number of STEM-based programs and courses at FIU.

What began as a collaborative conversation between President Mark B. Rosenberg and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho resulted in the "easy marriage" between the original MAST concept and its iteration at BBC," said Welker.

FIU's partnership with the program has created a total university experience for MAST students due to their presence on campus, he said. According to MAST @ FIU, students are given access to the University's resources

which include University lectures with leading scientists and professors, access to University internships, clubs and honors societies.

These on-campus amenities help to supplement their academic success.

"The interaction of our students will undoubtedly make them more comfortable and hopefully minimizes the academic difficulties that are often observed when students leave high school and go to college," Welker said.

Christopher Jones, a senior computer science major, believes that the program will be helpful for high school students who wish to pursue college STEM degrees.

"A lot of students pursuing STEM majors are unaware of the requirements they need to meet," Jones said.

He said that the general number of math and science high school courses aren't enough to prepare them for college courses.

"Calculus II' is required for my major, but in my high school, I believe you didn't even need to take 'Algebra II' to graduate which means a lot of math catching up to do in college," he said.

Amy Tenorio, a sophomore biomedical engineering major, said she sees the value the academy can have for up-and-coming college students from her own experiences.

"Having teachers who have a background in what you wish to study in the future is so much more helpful," Tenorio said. "Doing something like this will definitely help lower the percent of students who drop out of STEM majors due to the fact that they can't keep up or were not

ready." MAST @ FIU's emphasis on early hands-on career experiences will help prepare students for the growing STEM fields which according to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration, are projected to grow to 17 percent by 2018.

The next step for the school is its own building.

According to MAST @ FIU, construction for a freestanding facility adjacent to Bay Vista Drive will be completed within the next two years. The new facility would allow the program to expand from its current 178 student capacity to 500.

"It helps that students will study in a college environment with professors who will teach them in the future so they will already gain a feel for college," said Welker.

Dark, light and pale: Sampling at South Florida beer festival

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A hint of South Florida's tropical taste in different beer crafts is anticipated by some of the event's attendees.

"I feel like just because we are in Florida, I like the citric beer a lot more and the fruity kinds," said Dainelys Mezerene, a senior journalism student and beer enthusiast.

Among the seminars offered at the event are "Beer Tasting 101" and "Intro to Beer Brewing." "Beer Tasting 101" will be presented at 1 p.m. by professor Barry Gump of the University's Brewing Science Program. "Intro to Beer Brewing" will be presented at 3 p.m. by Aaron Anderson, executive head brewer of the Biscayne Brewing Company.

Food will also be included at the event, especially during the "Beer and Food Pairing" seminar which will take place at 2 p.m. with the participation of Luis Brignoni, founder of the Wynwood Brewing Company, and Juan Carlos Lopategui, corporate chef at Casavana.

"We usually see people drinking wine with their food, but I feel like beer can probably be more effective at highlighting the different flavors of the food we eat," Aristizabal said.

"Food is very important with beer, like burgers. Since we are going to be walking around, maybe a mini burger or just finger food will be good," said Mezerene.

In addition to the seminars, tours of a new brewing science laboratory at the University will be offered to students interested in learning how to brew beer, according to Gump.

The proceeds from the South Florida BrewFest will be used to support the Brewing Science Program of the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

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Balancing life and your phone

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In the fast growing world of new technologies, we have made many changes in the ways we live our lives. Family dinners have now become a fight against everyone's smartphone, meeting your next lover is no longer left to chance and reuniting with distant friends from the past is a common occurrence with the help of social media sites.

With each amenity we gain with the help of the Internet, we are also losing the power to physically communicate, while in other cases it is connecting our world in a way that was never

before possible.

Back when cell phones didn't exist and the Internet was barely in use, people relied on the radio and newspapers to catch up on current events. Now every piece of information we could possibly want to know is at the mercy of our fingertips.

The problem we face is that we spend so much time looking down at our phones that we forget about the real world around us. Think about how many times you have walked a block down the street with your face buried into your texts and ran into another person.

Or when you sit down for lunch with your friends and you go to check a text and

10 minutes later when you look back up, everyone else is too caught up in their own cyber world to start a real conversation.

We are all guilty of this, but the disease of the Internet has become an ongoing issue with the way we communicate in real life.

On the other hand, we are able to immediately find out what is going on in our world with a click of a button.

When signing onto Facebook, we are bombarded with news articles and celebrity gossip that floods our news feed. Everybody rages about their thoughts on these topics giving us a more broad view on issues going on instead of only hearing family and friends' biased

opinions.

We have never been more in tune to the ever-changing world we live in. With all things considered, we don't want to be known as the generation that is so lost in our mobile devices that we missed out on life itself. There are so many advantages to the advancements in technology, but we all need to learn how to step outside without our cell phones glued to our sides.

Challenge yourself to turning your phone off while at dinner and keeping your phone in your pocket while walking down the street. You might be surprised at the engaging conversations and increased coherence that is put in your path.

Reduction of space out of place

Florida International University is a place full of traditions and stories that have been passed down to every class since the 1960's. One that has stood the test of time, unfortunately, is the parking situation that has affected the University for years.

Being that this school is 50,000 students strong, making it the fifth largest university in the country, you would think these circumstances would change over time. The administration has of course taken measures to fix this as we've seen new parking garages throughout the years.

Recently, there has been a shift and a possible backtracking when it comes to the progress we all hoped to see. Lot 3 has been closed off since Monday, Nov. 10 to start breaking ground for the newest addition to campus, the Student Academic Support Center. This building will be housing different departments such as the Honors College and University Graduate School offices, Enrollment Services, Student Financials and classrooms. Overall, the placement could not be any better since it would be a five minute walk from major University areas like the Graham Center and the Academic Health buildings allowing quick access to students that need it.

However, the students that will benefit from this new center are ones that won't be admitted for at least another one or two years. We're shocked to see the lot get closed down with little to no warning other than a memo sent out to the student body a few days prior. The problem is not that the administration is seeking to expand our institution, but rather that there are usually no alternatives provided to students to combat the lack of parking.

The current class and the entire next class will have to face these issues without reaping the benefits of any newly constructed buildings. If anything, they are feeling the collateral damage. Trams have been put in place to help transport students from the slightly farther Lot 5 as a way to help the transition go by smoother, but it takes away from the convenience of parking 20 feet away.

Now, there is no way to speed up such a complex expansion process, but it is the responsibility of the University to give students a practical amount of space to replace what was lost. The closure results in the elimination of 167 spots in front of the FIU Official Bookstore and pushes metered parking into the southern section of the lot.

The addition of Garage 6 and 2,000 fresh spots seems to be the solution we've been waiting for, but then it begs the question of whether or not this is going to be a long term solution for the students who are here now.

Parking lots cannot be built overnight, but when we are feeling the negative effects of expansion now, is there really much hope to prevent these problems for future construction projects? Time will tell, but for now we expect to find parking spots in an our or so every day.

Dress the part for success

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On Wednesday, Nov. 12, Mark Zuckerberg held his first Q-and-A session at Facebook and was put on the spot when questioned why he always wears the same gray T-shirt. Zuckerberg responded with a rather large spiel about how purchasing a large amount of plain gray T-shirts has allowed him to completely focus on his business rather than miniscule, pointless decisions.

This psychological answer has caused for Zuckerberg's mentality to be compared

to that of President Barack Obama's from a 2012 Vanity Fair interview where the president admitted to only wearing gray and blue suits in an attempt to cut down the daily amount of decisions he makes.

In the midst of these current comparisons, the notion that people should stop dressing for success has for some reason come up. People assume that because a 30-year-old billionaire and the president of the United States have turned to simplistic living styles, perhaps that is what causes success and power.

Zuckerberg and President Obama are not alone in what seems to suddenly be the newest trend on dressing the part. For years

fashion designers and models have been praised on their simple, everyday street styles.

Although they may not be as simplistic as a gray T-shirt, there is clearly no wasted time when they get dressed in the morning. Many high fashion powerhouses are notable for actually wearing the same thing everyday – from Michael Kors' and Karl Lagerfeld's signature suits to Vera Wang's and Grace Coddington's all-black outfits.

While it sounds incredibly tempting to dress comfortably everyday and save 15 minutes in the morning, I am going to have to disagree with the mentality – at least until I'm 30, a billionaire and my own boss. Every one of these people mentioned is a public figure that has a persona to maintain and no boss to answer to at the end of the day. They only suggest dressing simply because they have all reached a place in life where they are able to do so without any repercussions.

It is extremely unlikely that if I decide to show up to work on Monday morning in a hoodie and jeans my boss would agree that it is "with the company's best interest in mind." I would actually challenge that any of the powerhouses mentioned beforehand would not appreciate their own employees showing up to the office dressed comfortably. In the workplace, employees are expected to dress professionally on a daily basis as they denote the work, efficiency and stability of the business they represent.

Merely because a handful of famous people stick to a daily uniform they are comfortable with does not suggest that everyone else should do the same with the excuse that "successful people do it, so it must create success." These presidents, CEOs, editors and designers did not become successful because they dress simply, they dress simply because they have become successful.

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GAME TIME



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Left: Glenn Hubert Library's Grisel Dominguez (left), a University librarian, teaches Gustavo Arauz (right), a senior in criminal justice, how to play "Guitar Hero" during International Gaming Day at the Biscayne Bay campus on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Above: Cristina Perez, a junior in economics and Chess Club member, plays Scrabble at the International Gaming Day event at the Modesto A. Maidique campus on Thursday, Nov. 13.

NATALIE RIVES/THE BEACON

Rapper provides album that gives an 'intergalactic-country journey'

ALBUM REVIEW



VINCENT RIVES

As Andre 3000 of Outkast was met with an uproar of boos from a New York crowd at The 1995 Source Awards, he boldly stated, "the South got something to say." Outkast would go on to become one of the highest selling-most influential

hip-hop groups of all time, selling 22 million albums throughout the lifespan of their nine-year career

Their rebuttal is as relevant as ever, as Big K.R.I.T. keeps their spirit alive with his second major label release, *Cadillactica*.

Big K.R.I.T. (which stands for King Remembered In Time) is a Mississippi lyricist who's out to prove himself. After being signed to Def Jam Records in 2010 K.R.I.T. was featured as one of the members of XXL's Freshman of the Year list, as an MC to watch for.

His first major studio release, "Live From The Underground," was named one of the most anticipated albums of 2011 by Complex Media, yet was met with lackluster reviews, and was actually labeled as of the most disappointing releases that year by the hip-hop blog Rap Radar.

It also didn't help that he was one of the 11 rappers singled out on Kendrick Lamar's "Control" verse.

It's safe to say K.R.I.T. used all the negative energy and frustration to stay in the lab, because "Cadillactica" shows his growth as an artist.

The premise behind "Cadillactica:" K.R.I.T. creates this fictional planet, and he takes his audience down a soulful, jazzy ride which depicts the creation of how, his evolutionary theory behind it, and even features a conversation between he and his old school car.

The intro track "Kreation" features a couple speaking on whether to create, then starts off with a smooth old school R&B feel to invite the listener in, the songs ends with the couple naming their creation "Cadillactica," which is the name of this planet K.R.I.T. has created, putting two and two together – this couple birthed a planet."

One of the standout tracks is the Raphael Saadiq assisted "Soul Food". The song's subject matter is about family dinners, where the food would bring the family together, the second verse mentions how our current generation doesn't understand the essence of love, we're a more promiscuous based lifestyle, rather that a stay-together bond, just like his grandparents had.

Spirituality is a topic that K.R.I.T. does not shy away from in any sense of the word. "Life" has K.R.I.T. asking for answers, finding life on this planet he's

created, with lyrics like "I was so close to the sun/I burnt the top off my roof/I travelled a million miles to uncover what most would doubt/Although I believe in

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God, I need proof.”

On his sophomore major label release, K.R.I.T. is finding his identity as an artist. One of the new talents he's mastered is the soulful hook, which has K.R.I.T. singing, which is a first in his career, but the gamble pays off. In fact, my personal favorite tracks are "Third Eye", "Angels", and "Soul Food", all three with soulful croons, but the first two feature K.R.I.T.

singing. After having blues legend B.B. King feature on his first album's track "Porchlight", which features K.R.I.T. it rapping as a first person perspective as a runaway slave, its good to see that King rubbed off on his music even more.

Also a first on "Cadillactica," is the fact that the multi-talented K.R.I.T. takes a break from total control of his sound, leaving production in the hands of disc jockey Dahi and Jim. Usually K.R.I.T. writes the verse, hook, produces the beat and masters it as well.

Though the album contrasts between his laid back country tunes to more intense songs with K.R.I.T. straight flexing through his delivery, K.R.I.T. loses no quality and instead shows off his versatility.

Cadillactica is crafted for long drives, or something along the lines where one can listen in its entirety, to get the full gist of the country crafted planet. Substantial lyrics, soulful melodies, and trunk rattling bass, K.R.I.T. delivers on his intergalactic effort.

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Artist: Big K.R.I.T.
Album: "Cadillactica"
Rating: 4/5

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‘Dumb and Dumber To’ tops box office



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This image released by Universal Pictures shows Jim Carrey, left, and Jeff Daniels in a scene from “Dumb and Dumber To.”

MCT STAFF

At the movies, idiocy never goes out of style.

Twenty years after the 1994 original, “Dumb and Dumber To” opened with \$38.1 million at the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Universal sequel debuted almost exactly two decades after the Farrelly brothers first introduced the Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels low-IQ duo.

“Dumb and Dumber To” edged out the animated Disney adventure “Big Hero 6,” which took in \$36 million in its second week. Christopher Nolan’s sci-fi epic “Interstellar” slid to third in its second week with an estimated \$29.2 million. The film continues to blast off overseas, where it took

in \$106 million over the weekend, with sales particularly boosted by a strong opening in China.

The top three films took up the lion share of the box office, with the no. 4 film, the romance “Beyond the Lights,” opening with a distant \$6.5 million.

In a Hollywood constantly updating, rebooting and sequelizing old properties, “Dumb and Dumber To” was still unique. In between installments, there was also a 2003 prequel, though it was made with different actors and wasn’t directed by Bobby and Peter Farrelly.

“This was a gamble,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. “Cinematic history is littered with long-lead sequels that just haven’t worked.”

“It’s always a risky move to wait this long, but in this case, the casting of Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels really made a difference,” he added.

Most delayed sequels — “Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps,” “Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull” — depend on the addition of a new, younger star like Shia LaBeouf. The closest comparison to “Dumb and Dumber To” might be 1998’s “Blues Brothers 2000,” made 18 years after the original. But with John Goodman stepping in for John Belushi, it opened with just \$6.1 million.

Staying power is rare in comedy, where chemistry is especially difficult to regain. But “Dumb and Dumber To” gave moviegoers a chance to see Carrey back in his old, physically comedic form. It’s his best live-action debut since 2003’s “Bruce Almighty.”

The project, though, took years to get off the ground and was independently produced by Red Granite Pictures before Universal signed on to distribute. Made for about \$40 million, “Dumb and Dumber To” catches up with Lloyd and Harry in middle age.

“There was the battle of ‘That was then, this is now,’ and, ‘It’s not going to work.’ All those guys keep their job by saying no,” Daniels said in an earlier

interview. “But we kept going, ‘How can this miss?’ Jim and I would look at each other and say, ‘This is a no-brainer’ — so to speak.”

Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, noted that “Dumb and Dumber To” was the first big, broad comedy to hit the marketplace since the summer. With an audience that was 43 percent under 25 and 38 percent Hispanic, Rocco said: “It’s not just the 20-year-ago audience that embraced this.”

Overall business was up 13.6 percent on the same weekend last year. The box office was boosted by a handful of independent films including “St. Vincent” (\$4 million its sixth weekend) and “Birdman” (\$2.5 million in its fifth weekend) as well as the limited released debuts of “Foxcatcher” and Jon Stewart’s “Rosewater.”

Next weekend will be dominated by the release of Lionsgate’s “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1.”

Estimated ticket sales for

“Twenty years after the 1994 original, “Dumb and Dumber To” opened with \$38.1 million at the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Universal sequel debuted almost exactly two decades after the Farrelly brothers first introduced the Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels low-IQ duo.”

The weekend gave Disney a new milestone. The studio passed \$4 billion worldwide for the second year in a row, buoyed by in-house hits “Frozen” and “Maleficent,” and Marvel’s “Guardians of the Galaxy” and “Captain America: Winter Soldier.”

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The Panthers swimming and diving team started the season strong, winning their four meets so far. FIU will be competing Nov. 20 to Nov. 22 at the Mizzou Invite.

record from Saturday, Oct. 4. The improvement on times is a great feat for a swimmer and clearly shows the progress of an athlete.

A time of 1:58.77 also puts Scalia at the top of C-USA 200 backstroke this season while earning a National Collegiate Athletic Association team B position. Showing out for her team, the 200 backstroke isn't her only event granted to the team. One hundredbackstroke time of 55.76 also lets her sit at the top of C-USA for the season. On Nov. 7 she also put in effort with the 200 medley relay, helping the team place first at the event.

Freshman Rebecca Quesnel has also earned her first conference awards as C-USA Diver of the Week with her Saturday, Nov. 1 results. With only four weeks into season Scalia is the only swimmer to earn the award twice while Quesnel splits the awards with Rachel Eckert of Old Dominion University for Diving.

Senior Johanna Gustafsdottir also serves well for the Panthers as expected with 5:00.80 in 500 freestyle. Gustafsdottir may be seen as the veteran of the team, able to help in a list of events.

With these standout athletes, the Panthers look well off in the conference but nothing in this world is free. Head Coach Randy Horner is not new to the sport with this being his fifth year as the head of the program. It is debatable that Horner led the swimming and diving program to be the best team at FIU.

One thing that seems promising about the swimming and diving coaching staff, including assistant coach Ignacio Gayo and diving coach Rio Ramirez, is that they don't really seem to stop. Alumna Sonia Perez just left the program with an unforgettable impact. Gustafsdottir performs well at many events as a senior and Scalia and Quesnel have much time to commit to the program and have shown early promise.

On top of showing results Horner looks to improve the program adding Zach McGinnis to the program. McGinnis is a former five-time All-American and two-time Atlantic Coast Conference Champion at Virginia Tech University now joining the coaching staff for FIU. According to

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The swimming team has already began traveling to meet in Columbia, Missouri for the annual Mizzou Invite. The University of Missouri will host the event with West Virginia University, University of Illinois, University of New Mexico, Drury University, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Missouri University of Science and

picked up against Florida Atlantic University, Florida Southern College, Indian River State College and Illinois State University.

Picking up these wins, Panther individuals have gained close to record breaking times and various achievements. Freshman Silvia Scalia has been quickly seen by many in Conference USA as a young athlete with outstanding results.

Scalia has made C-USA Swimmer of the Week twice with only four opportunities to perform. To go along with it, at her last event on Friday, Nov. 7, Scalia earned her fastest recorded time for the 200 backstroke with 1:58.77. The significance of this time is that it broke her previous

Technology in attendance.

The Panthers have been successful to begin their season with an undefeated dual meet record of 4-0. Wins were

FOOTBALL

Senior send off ends with Panther win 38-28

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The Panthers (4-7) defeated the Middle Tennessee State University Raiders (5-5) on Saturday, Nov. 15, by a score of 38-28 in the team's, what some may say, most exciting victory of the season. They will travel to the University of North Texas on Saturday, Nov. 22 to square off against the Mean Green (3-7) in the Panthers' season finale.

"Great win for us, great win for the program, and very proud of the guys after falling behind 21-3 for fighting," said Head Coach Ron Turner.

After falling to Old Dominion University, the team entered the game without a bowl game to play for, and the team's energy in the first quarter reflected that fact; the Panthers could not sustain any offense. The team did not have a single third down conversion in the first 15 minutes. Middle Tennessee's offense, however, posted 152 yards of offense in the

first quarter.

"We can't come out and spot points. We have to come out with more energy," said Turner.

Smith's 10-yard tackle-breaking touchdown. Both McGough and Smith ended the day with three touchdowns, which were personal

game) and running back Anthon Samuel's 65 rushing yards, Smith's 115 receiving yards and two touchdowns by halftime closed Middle Tennessee's lead to 21-17.

"We wanted to have the momentum coming out of the half. That's what we did," said linebacker Davison Colimon.

The Panthers would come out with greater energy in the third quarter. A peculiar play of the game came when running back Napoleon Maxwell fumbled the ball right to Smith, who was several yards ahead of his teammate. Smith ran the ball right into the endzone to give the Panthers their first lead of the game at 24-21. Although he "caught" (per NCAA rules) his career-high third touchdown of the game, Smith admitted blame for allowing the fumble in the first place.

"I was engaged in a block and I got disengaged and [my assignment] forced the fumble. I was right there so I had to make up for it," said Smith.

Two minutes later, Colimon

returned an interception for 79 yards. Colimon's score extended his team's lead to 31-21 and would cap off the Panther's 28-0 run – their best scoring run of the season.

"It was a great feeling. It was my first pick and I wanted to make something out of it," said Colimon.

Middle Tennessee would break the scoring streak with a 10-yard touchdown run from Jeremiah Bryson. The Panthers' offense began to struggle again and punted the ball away to Middle Tennessee with 4:23 left. There wasn't a typical fourth quarter letdown, however, because safety Demarkus Perkins sealed the win with an interception with 4:06 left.

The Panthers flashed a side of fight in them versus Middle Tennessee that was rarely on display this season. Although they are unable to participate in a bowl game because they cannot reach six wins, the team will nonetheless look to pull out another win versus the Mean Green next weekend.

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Ron Turner
Head Coach
FIU Football

Three touchdown passes from Middle Tennessee quarterback Austin Grammer boosted his team to a 21-3 lead. Momentum shifted to the Panthers midway through the second quarter in the form of a punt return to the 50-yard line by cornerback Richard Leonard. Quarterback Alex McGough targeted tight end Jonnu Smith on a variety of short and intermediate passes that drive, including

records for both players. "Off the field, me and McGough are tight knit. He's like my little brother; I try to take him under my wing. We just have that type of relationship," said Smith.

A reception by Smith on a Hail Mary pass over three Middle Tennessee defenders may prove to be a game highlight to some of the attendants. In concert with strong defense (five takeaways in the

SOCCER

What a ride: Men's soccer season review

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JAMES PROFETTO

Scott Calabrese came into 2014 with a winner's mentality. Hailing from East Tennessee State

University, Calabrese had a six-year stint as their head coach and four consecutive seasons of 10 or more wins (2010-13). The Panthers' 6-9-1 record broke that consecutive streak and landed the Panthers almost dead last in Conference-USA, finishing eighth (Florida Atlantic University was last).

The season had its highs, beginning with beating a nationally ranked team at the University of Michigan. The Panthers were knocked back to reality after a 3-0 loss at Michigan State University. It took four more games to finally grab a win. The first half of the season needed the scoring of senior forward Quentin Albrecht, who took a little while to get going. But when he did, he provided eight goals on the year.

The non-conference record for the Panthers was respectable; a 4-3-1 record, which included a few ranked opponents, is nothing to scoff at. Arguably the best win of the year came against San Diego State University, who was a top-tier team projected to win big against the then 1-3-1 Panthers. An overtime, game-winning bicycle kick goal by Albrecht sparked hype

and promise behind Calabrese and the boys. Florida Gulf Coast University was another win for the Panthers, making it two in a row.

Then, it went all downhill. Calabrese suffered a four-game losing streak, digging them into a hole that not even the tiniest of light could shine through. One of the uglier losses of the year came against South Carolina University, in the middle of the losing streak. The Panthers were leading 2-1 in the second half, then gave up two goals minutes apart from each other to make it 3-2. Then, junior midfielder Daniel Gonzalez and senior midfielder Roberto Alterio scored seconds behind one another to make it 4-3. SC scored a goal minutes after Alterio to equalize, then the game winner with three seconds left in the match. That was the match that broke the camel's back. The Panthers only won three games from that point on to finish 6-9-1.

Where does the blame go? Is there blame to even go around or is it just "unlucky?" Let's break down the defense.

The Panthers out-shot opponents this season 229-188, yet were outscored 28-23 in goals. Not too sloppy, but concerning, especially with five red cards that changed plenty of games. The Panthers committed four penalties and that resulted in four goals. Opponents were shooting a 0.149 percent during the season compared to the Panthers' 0.100 percent.

On offense, all the scoring



MARIA SOLEDAD LORENZINO/ THE BEACON

Panthers soccer senior forward and captain Quentin Albrecht (middle) received Conference USA All-Conference recognition after being selected for the C-USA First Team. Albrecht ended his FIU career ranked No. 10 in scoring.

came off the boot of Albrecht with eight goals, then Alterio with three. Nobody scratched double-digit scoring during the year. Gonzalez, a speedster on the pitch, was able to hand out five assists and 24 shots. Scoring wasn't a large issue all season, it seemed.

So, where does the blame go? I believe there's not one answer, but the reality is the Panthers were bottom-dwellers in C-USA (2-6). This team had four senior players in defender Sean McFarlane, midfielder Nelson Milsaint, Albrecht and Alterio. If all of

these impact players were to leave, Calabrese would have more work cut out for him next season. The fact is that this Panthers team clicked at spontaneous times throughout the year, yet never consistently.

2015 will provide more of the ups-and-downs and in-between roller coaster rides. Will next season be a ride with loops and corkscrews or smooth sailing to a tournament berth? If this past season was

any indication, please keep your hands and feet inside the vehicle at all times, and hopefully you aren't suffering from motion sickness.

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Panthers hope for continued success at Mizzou Invitational

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fiusports.com, Horner feels this move will advance the team even further.

"I'm happy to welcome Zach to our staff. His experience swimming at the elite level will be an asset in our program. He has been coached by some great coaches in his career and has a lot to share," Horner said.

With McGinnis earning record breaking times in his college career not long ago and launching his professional swimming career in 2013, it seems Horner made a logical decision. While he gains time around the team there should be a visible change for the positive.

It seems like there is no wasted time when it comes to their chances to prepare. The Panther team can be seen on campus coming from Tamiami pool after practice at various times of the day. When you put in the work you will eventually get the results and that has been proven through their program.

Regardless of their success, speaking to the swimmers when they have a chance, it is evident of their determination and I feel that they are increasing their workload on top of that. I am expecting this team to do well at

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Randy Horner
Head Coach
FIU Swimming

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the Mizzou Invite. Finishing fifth last year the Panther swimming and diving team will hunt for a winning title this week.

The Mizzou Invite begins Thursday Nov. 20 and concludes Saturday Nov. 22.

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Female bosses know the struggle

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I have met and talked to many college students with big dreams. They aim for the stars and don't want to simply find a job after graduation. They want to become leaders and start businesses of their own.

This is true for men and women, but the perception society has of both is a little skewed, with women often finding themselves fighting to earn the same level of respect and opportunity as their male counterparts.

The power struggle female bosses endure from male employees is shocking. I know this because I listen and watch other women in higher positions deal with discrimination because of their gender.

I've witnessed men flirting with their female bosses in the workplace. These men have a different tone of voice when they talk to them, as opposed to their male bosses.

Would male employees be extra friendly to their male boss? This is not only a fight over power, but over respect. Women shouldn't have to fight for respect

in the workplace or be subjected to sexual harassment by men.

When male employees are flirty and overly friendly with their female bosses, it affects their job performance and only feeds the gender roles embedded in society.

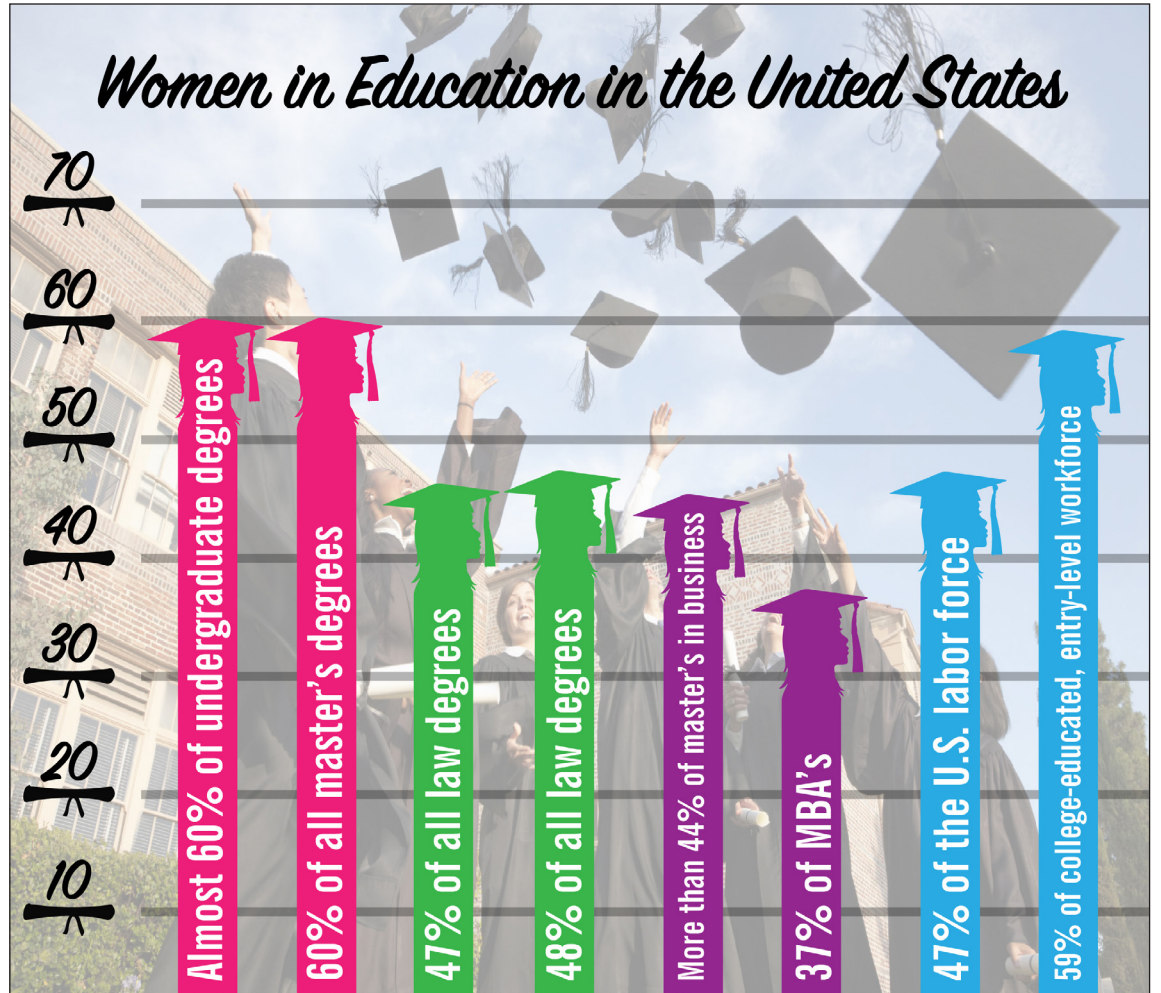
Last week at the Biscayne Bay Campus, a talk organized by the Society of Professional Journalists took place, where three women leaders in the workforce discussed experiences as female bosses.

One woman talked about her family and how it is hard to balance things out between a job, having a good marriage and raising children. It is definitely not easy, but it is manageable and if done right, it is also very fulfilling.

Different companies have different policies and female employees and bosses have more to consider than men because of the possibility of becoming a mother one day.

Flexibility and support at a company is very important. It has gotten better over the years, but it is not optimal because working women face a lot of pressure when making the decision of becoming a mother.

When female bosses and employees become mothers they feel guilty. They miss out on something at home or they miss



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out at work. The key to this is to find a balance and have achievable goals in both places.

It won't be easy, but it is possible to be a successful and

respected female boss.

Thanks to many brave and strong women who helped to build a path for future working women like myself. Now, I too strive to

own a business one day and do my best.

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University to aid advancing STEM fields through dual enrollment for county schools

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To gear up future Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Transformation Institute students, Biscayne Bay Campus has fostered an innovative experience for high school students.

With last fall's opening of the Marine Academy of Science and Technology, a four year high school magnet program, students interested in STEM fields complete two-years' worth

“The interaction of our students...will undoubtedly make them more comfortable, and hopefully minimizes the academic difficulties that are often observed when students leave high school and go to college.”
Matthew Welker
Principal
Marine Academy of Science and Technology

of college credits by graduation.

The program's curriculum includes high school and college courses like honors, Advanced

Placement, and dual enrollment courses.

Matthew Welker, the school principal and University alumnus, has worked closely with the

University — prompting MAST @ FIU to be the only university-based public high school in Miami-Dade County.

For more than three decades, Welker worked as a County employee. He said that becoming principal of the academy is the highlight of his career.

“For me, this represents the culmination of 33 years of public service at Miami-Dade Public Schools,” Welker said.

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School of Hospitality holds local beer festival

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To highlight the craft of beer, the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management will host its third annual South Florida BrewFest with the help of local brewers.

What started as a student internship program in 2012 by the Biscayne's Renowned Engineers of Wort club has evolved into an annual event open to the public.

This year, the event will take place on the Biscayne Bay Campus on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., with the purpose of teaching more locals about the enticing and exciting world of beer crafting. Guests must be 21 or older.

According to Paige Wuensch, the event's director, the festival features craft beers from local breweries with the opportunity to learn about the art of beer-making through educational seminars conducted by experts in the brewing industry.

“It makes me feel like they are not trying to sell a product, but instead, they are trying to promote a kind of culture that is rapidly growing.”

Juan Aristizabal
Senior
Engineering Major

Some of the brewers that will attend include Wynwood Brewing Company, Biscayne Bay Brewing Company, Hialeah Brewing Company, Native Brewing, Cigar City Brewing, Due South Brewing Co. and Funky Buddha Brewery among others.

“We invite only South Florida local breweries and homebrew organizations out to participate by sampling their beers to our guests,” Wuensch said.

Juan Aristizabal, a senior engineering student, said that the culture of beer is becoming more imminent and that the fest is supporting that.

“It makes me feel like they are not trying to sell a product, but instead, they are trying to promote a kind of culture that is rapidly growing,” said Aristizabal.

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