First Time’s A Charm

President Mark Rosenberg will preside over six commencement ceremonies scheduled for Dec. 14 and 15 where more than 5,200 students will receive their degrees. This will mark Rosenberg’s first commencement ceremony since becoming the University’s fifth president in August, following the 23-year tenure of former president Modesto A. Maidique.

“Commencement is my favorite event of the year because of the energy our students and their families radiate,” said Rosenberg in an interview with news.fiu.edu. “Our community’s future is tied to the success of our graduates. They’re well prepared for the challenges ahead.”

Prior to becoming president, Rosenberg served as the chancellor of the Florida Board of Governors, the governing body that oversees Florida’s 11 public universities.

Rosenberg also served as the University’s highest academic official, provost, for eight years prior to taking up post on the BOG.

Rosenberg was selected as president after an exhaustive national search by the University’s Board of Trustees after Maidique announced in Fall 2008 that he would be stepping down as president.

We are here by the efforts of many

Think of those who made graduation possible as you walk across that stage

One day in Nicaragua, my older brother, who was just five years old at the time, told my mother his class practiced military drills during physical education. My mother was scared to death and could not bear the thought of my brother holding an assault fire to help the Sandinista communist movement of the 1980s. My uncle had been nearly beaten to death a few years past for serving as a guard for the Sandinistas. To this day, the pistol whip he received on his head impairs his hearing.

My mom could not take the same risk with her son. A few months later, she was six months pregnant climbing walls with her son.

And the kid who my mom was pregnant with while crossing the border has just graduated from Miller Medical School and is currently doing his residency in anesthesiology.

We encourage anyone with any information about him to please contact us.

During this holiday season, Tommy’s family could have no better gift than to be reunited with him,” said FIU Police Chief Bill King in a written statement issued by the University. “We encourage anyone with any information about him to please contact us.”

Daniels was last seen on Nov. 2 in a pizzeria in West Miami-Dade County and was reported missing on Nov. 11.

FIU Police are working in unison with the Miami Beach Police Department with whom Daniels made contact on Nov. 5. At the time, Daniels was not in the missing persons database, according to the state release by the University.

King stated that people have contacted the department to report possible sightings of Daniels and that some of his family in Miami were searching the city, trying to find him.

Daniels is a 6 ft. 5 inches tall, weighs 230 pounds and has brown hair and eyes.

Those with information regarding Daniels’ whereabouts can call FIU Police at 305-348-2626 or 305-348-2633. Julia Cardenuto contributed to this report.

Law student, family member die in accident

A University College of Law student, Jorge Pupo, was killed in a head-on collision while in the Dominican Republic. Jorge Pupo, a second year law student, was killed in a head-on collision while in the Dominican Republic. Jorge Pupo, a second year law student, and family member Jorge Pupo were both killed instantly in the crash that occurred in Santo Domingo’s Juan Pablo II highway, according to the Miami Herald. The report
U.S.-born Hispanics see gains in education

Latinos, be they first or second generation, are straddling two worlds as they adapt to the new homeland,” according to the Pew report.

The study released Friday by the Pew Hispanic Center paints a mixed picture of adaptation for a fast-growing group of U.S. citizens starting to wield their political rights: more education and job advancement, but also social problems. The survey and analysis of census data found the high school dropout rate among all Hispanic youths ages 16-24 was 17 percent, roughly three times higher than white youths and close to double the rate for blacks. But when looking only at second-generation Hispanics born in the U.S., the dropout rate falls to 8.5 percent, roughly the same as youths of all races.

U.S.-born Hispanics also had improvements in economic well-being. About 29 percent of young immigrant Hispanics lived below the poverty line, more than twice the rate for young whites in a similar age range (13 percent) and Hispanic immigrants ages 25 and older (28 percent). But among second-generation Hispanics, the figure living below the poverty line improves to 19 percent.

On the other hand, the American-born youth were twice as likely as their immigrant counterparts to have exposure to a gang or have gotten into a fight or carried a weapon in the past year. About 40 percent reported either being a gang member or knowing a friend or relative who was, compared to 17 percent for those who were foreign-born.

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Graduation. It took a lot of emotional and physical strength to not give up and spend the money elsewhere, like on a backpacking trip throughout Europe. While I must admit, I’m pleased to close this chapter, I will not soon forget the lessons I learned. Life is a roller coaster; a journey filled with thrills and ups and downs that promise not to be dull. And it was not easy. Whether it was finishing a report ten minutes before it was due, figuring out what to wear on an important date or trying myself out of a traffic ticket, there are many lessons to be learned and built upon for the future.

As for the future, I’m excited to see what the horizon holds; to see how I will incorporate my past experiences and young wisdom to improve my environment. I hope to eventually continue and do my masters in public administration, so I can then get involved with non-profit organizations or government jobs. It will be a new, exciting path like when I first started college. Like then, I will be taking it one day at a time.

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To the graduation class of 2009, let your dreams lead your journey, we did it.

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