Taking excess credit hours will lighten your wallet

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Undergraduate students at the University who have exceeded the course credit minimum of 120 to graduate casually refer to themselves as “super seniors.” Many don’t realize, however, that by attempting an excess amount of credits, the students may have to pay more in tuition.

In a recent Board of Trustees meeting held via conference call, Provost Douglas Wartzok reviewed the annual University Accountability Report, pointing out that 63 percent of students graduate with excess hours. Wartzok noted that the issue was something the board should “pay particular attention to.”

In 2009, the Florida Legislature implemented Section 1009.286 in the Florida statutes, establishing the Excess Credit Hour Surcharge -- an extra amount of money charged to students who attempted a certain amount of credits above their required credits.

For students who started college in the fall 2011, the surcharge was 100 percent of tuition for any credits attempted above 115 percent of credits required.

None of the surcharges are retroactive -- meaning they don’t affect students who started college before the semester the section was implemented or changed.

“The objective is to get students to graduate as quickly as possible and without taking more credits than they need for their degree,” said Kenneth Jessell, chief financial officer.

April Lewis, senior academic advisor of undergraduate education, said many students have not noticed the surcharge until now because students initially affected by it are now reaching their fourth year of college.

“It’s only now that students are starting to feel the effects of the surcharge because they’re nearing graduation,” Lewis said.

More recently, for students entering college in the fall of 2012, the surcharge is 100 percent of tuition for every credit attempted above 110 percent of the requirement, meaning that a student with a 120-credit requirement attempting more than 132 credits will pay double in semester fees.

Doctors research to be featured at conference in Oregon

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Three laboratories from the University’s Legal Psychology Department will be featured at the 2013 American Psychological Association’s Law and Social Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The AP-LS Conference acts as an opportunity for members of the discipline, be it practitioners, researchers, professors or students, to come together and show case as well as review the prospective research being conducted annually.

The AP-LS is an academic organization in which interests lie within the application of psychology to the law.

The conference is described to be not only a flagship opportunity for students to become involved and recognized in this community, but also as a means of establishing the University as a professional and credible research institution. Research studies from the Legal Psychology Department’s three laboratories have been accepted as submissions for the conference.

Three studies from Dr. Nadja Schreiber Compo’s Investigative Interviewing-Lab (iLab) will be presented at the conference. Dr. Compo’s Investigative Interviewing-Lab (iLab) conducts research with a focus on investigative interviewing with the hopes of improving interviewing techniques on vulnerable witnesses and victim recall.

Thefirst study, known as the Alcohol Study, looks at whether the state of intoxication at encoding of memory versus the retrieval of the memory has an effect. Dr. Schreiber Compo explained that witnesses may be intoxicated or sober at the event.

American Marketing Association starts semester solid

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When students first arrive at a university, networking is one of the most important skills to acquire. The American Marketing Association at FIU helps its members communicate with company leaders, understand the vast job market, and develop connections important to a student’s professional life.

The club is a collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association, one of the largest marketing associations in North America for students, professionals and organizations involved in the practice, teaching and study of marketing worldwide.

“At the American Marketing Association, it’s all about the journey,” said Executive Graduate Advisor Solomia Poder.

The club starts on an all new semester with new projects, all open for the taking by students of all majors.

New projects, such as Poleg305, works closely with nonprofit organizations and exercises leadership and organizational skills.

Other projects include a Mama Muncie’s competition to spread “meatball consumption awareness” throughout the school. Winners of the most creative and fun videos earn a cash prize of $500. AMA also sells merchandise at concession stands and attend resume workshops.

Students also learn about e-marketing, public speaking and gain skills from the professional world, recruiting sessions, and social event opportunities.

Cosette Garcia, a junior marketing major and first time member of AMA, said she is excited about the events and is making plans to put most of her time into an internship with Honda.

AMA will be setting up workshops and events at the University.

“Last semester, we had a workshop on how to build our resume, and that was incredible,” said Jessica Cordoves, sophomore, finance and marketing major. “As a commuter school, it’s great to know people, is one reason I join the club- to make friends that have the same goal as I do. [Members] are ambitious and truly love marketing.”

AMA will be running an upcoming workshop, Marketing Yourself, on Feb. 2. The workshop will give students tips on how to sell themselves, in front of employers. The event location is to be announced on their Facebook page and website.

The FIU Business Olympics will take place on Feb. 9 where marketing, accounting, and business students participate in mini competitions, such as retail marketing, impromptu speaking, sales presentation, and international business. Information and registration is available at business-solph2013.evento.co.

Marketingpower.com provides information for students to participate in AMA. Dates and times of weekly meetings and workshops are posted on the club’s “AMA at FIU” Facebook page and its website at amafiu.com.

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Facebook introduces new tool called Graph Search

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Facebook is everchanging. The social network will be adding Graph Search to the site, a tool that will allow users to instantly search for friends, people, places and interests. On January 17, Facebook co-founder, CEO and Facebook Manager of Facebook, Kari Lee said, “If you want to find a tool that shows you the breadth of the social graph, you’ve been and helps you search for a location.” arabia blanco, sophomore journalism major, said, “It may seem like a competition for Google, Yelp and other search companies, but Graph Search only works within the Facebook house.” Honestly the application seems promising and useful, Lauren Samani, sophomore sport and fitness and physical therapy major said, “I always want to know what good social media gives me, not only in Mason but when I am in different states.” Privacy and security are prevailing concern. Zuckerberg said, however, that this tool is "not a web search tool" and that it will only display content that the user has shared in their profiles and never intrude in some-one’s privacy. “Invasion of privacy is increasing with this new feature,” Samani said. “But that is the risk we take with social networks.” AS CNN reports, on another side, this may bring more users engaged to the site, a tool that practically has not been launched yet, Freshmen Christian Rivera, Computer Science major, seem interested. “I haven’t heard of the new tool but [Graph Search] sounds awesome. My results would probably give me more information on a person since quite a few of my friends went there or have worked there” he said. For now Graph Search is temporarily available to a few hundred thousand people and in English only with no scheduled release date. Those that would like to experience the new tool would be put on a waiting list. -news@fiusm.com

Three studies in psychology to be featured

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either point of an investigation, meaning they could be intoxicated at the time they witness the crime but sober when they recall the crime during the investigative interview. She explains that “...a basic cognitive theory [suggests that] being in the same state at encoding and retrieval means that your memory would be better than if you were in a different state.” Only a cued portion of the study will be presented meaning the portion in which specific questions about the event witnessed are asked to the participants; so far, data suggests that people who are drunk at encoding are less likely to be accurate during cued recalling regardless of sobriety during retrieval.

The Alcohol Study is also the highest ranked proposal of all the eyewitness submissions at the conference, as far as academic merit is concerned. The second study deals with rapport building before an investigative inter-view and whether it can help decrease pre-interview anxiety and in turn improve the quality of witness reports. Rapport building suggests the establishment of some form of a relationship before the interview begins between the witness and the interviewer.

The third study deals with the perception and opinion of rapport building among police investigators. Dr. Lindsay Malloy’s Development, Context, and Communication Laboratory focuses on the involvement of children in the legal context in terms of their social and cognitive development. A total of five studies will be presented from Dr. Malloy’s lab at the conference. The first study also deals with rapport building and investigative interviewing but with children who were suspected of having been victims of sexual abuse. Dr. Malloy explained that what they are doing is “...coding that rapport building section and trying to look at children’s expressions of reluctance and whether children who are more reluctant are getting different kinds of rapport building sessions than the ones who are not showing reluctance.”

The second study deals with true and false confessions as well as adolescents’ perceptions of the justice system in order to determine whether there is a relationship between the youth who have made more negative or coercive interrogation experiences with police officers and their atti-tudes with the police and the legal system generally.

The third study focuses on looking at the interrogation experiences of youths and whether youths who have had more negative or coercive interrogation experi-ences are more likely to have made a false confession in the past. The fourth study focuses on children’s requests for clarification in investiga-tive interviews and how the interviewers respond to the requests. The fifth study deals with potential jurors’ perceptions of child sexual abuse victims in terms of finding their state-ments credible.

Students attempting extra credit hours pay more

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credit hour tuition.

“The surcharge affects students who have attempted more than 132 credits,” Lewis said. “That includes credits they have dropped late, failed or passed.”

As per Lewis, to avoid the surcharge and take an extra major or pursue a certificate, a student must exclude certain credits from that second major or certificate. Minors, however, do not apply.

We advise students to try to avoid failing classes, drop classes or taking extra classes they do not need,” Lewis said. “It’s very important that our Fall 2012 freshmen now stay on track because the credit limit is lower now.”

Khiem Nguyen, a “super senior” double majoring in biology and biomedical engineering who started in the fall 2009, didn’t know that his tuition was being affected by the surcharge.

“It does make me want to graduate as soon as possible,” Nguyen said. “It’s a good reason to get students to actually work hard.”

David Chau, majoring in chemistry with more than 160 credits, said that his reason for extending his stay at the University is in order to take what he calls “hobby classes” for a GPA boost.

“My philosophy is that you should take your time with school and try to get the best grades possible,” Chau said. “I finish school when I finish school.”

Chau said this would be his first semester paying out of pocket and that he hadn’t noticed the increase in his tuition due to the surcharge because of his financial aid covering all expenses.

According to Lewis, the University has been providing several initiatives to aid students in graduating more quickly and thereby reducing the amount of credits they may graduate with.

Major Maps and Advisor that were implemented last fall to keep students on track in their majors. The Univer-sity has also sent out emails, posted on PantherSaves message boards and incorporated the Excess Credit Hour Surcharge from freshman orientation and First-Year Experience classes.

The surcharge is in no way designed to penalize students,” Lewis said. “This is not unique to Florida, many other states like Wisconsin and Utah have similar statutes.” -mariella.roque@fiusm.com
A second chance to make “change” real

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I was one of many Americans who was convinced that in 2008 the United States was being steered into an age of “hope and change” by a fresh-faced Senator from Chicago.

In the few years since Barack Obama’s meteoric ascent to power, a plethora of issues have been addressed which had been totally ignored by the previous administration—issues which disproportionately affect those of lower socioeconomic status, women, minorities and small businesses.

One of the first pieces of legislation Obama signed into law was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. This law addressed the sensitive issue of pay equity in the workplace.

Another, much to the chagrin of some conservatives and private health-care businesses, was the Affordable Care Act of 2010, which extended everyone’s access to healthcare services.

These issues resurfaced during this past year’s presidential campaign and debates.

While pundits and detractors have highlighted this administration’s shortcomings, there has been significant progress, and still more to be achieved.

Despite these shortcomings, more than half of the American people are in accord with this administration’s policies.

According to a recent Gallup poll taken between January 7th and the 13th, the approval for the president is around 54%, three percentage points up from the 51%, by which the election was won.

Like many presidents before him and no doubt after—there will be decisions made which are not popular, but must be made for the well being of the populace.

But, there are individuals who tend to disagree with every issue and seek to hinder progress. It seems they would rather protect their affiliates’ interests and ideals than do what is in the best interest of the American people and the country in general.

Consequently, nobody seems to feel they have license to ask their friends over lunch if they believe in love, or if they can define it, or what they think it means to lead a fulfilling life.

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There are deeper subjects to be touched upon than the ones you’ll find within the strictures of small talk.

There are pressing questions about the soul, life and death, art and love, that seem to be explored to no end, and perverted by simplicity, in mainstream entertainment, but of which you’ll rarely hear a word spoken on campus.

The idea of somebody being “philosophical” or having a personal philosophy at this age sounds, in the more stylish circles, painfully corny. Consequently, nobody seems to feel they have license to ask their friends over lunch if they believe in love, or if they can define it, or what they think it means to lead a fulfilling life.

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**School of Architecture sets big goals for spring semester**

**EDWIN ESEM Small Talk**

Architecture can’t always be taught in classrooms, according to FIU’s School of Architecture. Throughout its events, you can see the world ahead them and how projects are going on.

This spring, the school will organize many activities in those three departments – architecture, landscape architecture, and interior architecture – for students from lectures to exhibits and events.

The School of Architecture will host a series of lectures throughout the semester in Paul Cejas Architecture Lecture Hall 155, a new and internationally known architecture school such as Roberto Segato, Rob Joy, Steve Oue, Joseph Oubrerie, David Leatherbarrow, Malcolm Glenn, Charles Waldheim and Nick Gelpi – one of our favorite professors.

The lectures will include a Q&A section where students can ask the speakers about the work they do.

These activities expose our undergraduate and graduate students to real world professionals in their field of study,” said Alexandre Sarid, head of the School of Architecture, and also the exhibits at FIU’s Miami Beach Urban Studies. Each exhibition will include an opening reception where student and faculty will have discussions on the exhibitions being presented.

The exhibitions will include “Spring Charette,” which includes selected student works, from Jan. 23 to Feb. 6. Jose Oubrerie, the French architect and author, is going to part of the lecture series and will also have an exhibition at Miami Beach titled “Tinny Church” from Feb. 4 to March 3. Architecture professor, Eli Keidan, will exhibit “Utopia” from March 4 to April 8, and the students’ annual student research project from April 13 to 30.

The Interior Architecture Department will have its Cruise Ship Super Yacht Exchange Program. This spring, they will have three student and faculty members from the universities of Diigo De Gas and di Gas, one of the largest universities in Italy, come to the FIU campus from Feb. 23 to March 7. They take part in a series of interior design workshops and classes, while also hosting a day trip to work with Lazzarthe, a yacht building firm.

The School of Architecture also has programs focusing on the arts, with the School of the Arts Institute of Miami and other programs focusing on the arts, with the School of the Arts Institute of Miami. The school also has a series of lectures throughout the semester, bringing together innovative composers and performers.

**ALEANDRO APANCO Small Talk**

The verdict to decide Judas’ fate will be held at the “Last Days of Judas Iscariot,” written by Stephen Adly Guirgis and directed by Wayne E. Robinson. Associate professor at the Department of Theatre and Dance.

“It’s a dark play, but quite funny, intense, but it’s a huge, huge hit,” said Robinson. “It’s about a dozen different Juliet power plays and there’s a character that is one of the few scenes that I actually cared about, but they are great parts because all the characters have so much to do. The play’s style changes with each character that is introduced so it’s really a very broad, philosophical, universal style.”

One of the most important aspects of the play is its ability to produce very interesting, interesting questions without giving answers. “It’s a perfect time to see our work in the city,” said Robinson.

The play was written by Gersdoh, of Greek Catholic background and the controversial subject is what it’s about. The show has been praised as a “beautifully written, funny, intense and thought-provoking play.”

For Jair Bula, a senior, BFA performance major, getting the role was a “great experience” because he trusted that we are going to bring the play to life. The play is about urban, and it is set in the city of Purgatory. The main character is Judas Iscariot, a character who is said by someone, so it has been a blast,” said Hood, who is also the character of Judas Iscariot. The performance was accompanied by the “National Socialism” exhibition.

**Judas Iscariot’s fate to be decided on stage**

**SOLANGE NASON Consultant Writer**

If doing a visit to the Patrick & Philip Frost Art Museum, your interest is not peaked, there are other options to catch your attention throughout the following days.

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Kansas, UCF among teams FIU softball faces at home

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Winning a conference is like hitting a home run in sports, but having a top-10 team in a player’s division makes it all the more interesting, even if soft¬ball Head Coach Jake Schumann doesn’t readily admit it.

[“Louisiana-Lafayette”] won the conference 15 years in a row, that’s going to be exciting,” Schumann said. “But it’s just a confer¬ence weekend, we have to win that either way, no matter the opponent.”

After going 28-27 last year, the team’s first under coach Schumann, the Panthers play an intense schedule featuring 54 games in 89 days. Last year the team had the 35th toughest schedule in the NCAA, playing top-ten teams California, Florida, and top-25 teams Louisville, Stan¬ford, and Oregon St. They also played games against top-50 DePaul, Auburn, and Alabama. Fortunately for the Panthers, their schedule this year is very home friendly with only 12 road games.

“Last year we had a tough schedule,” Schumann said. “We’ll have some tough wins on the schedule [this season] but not as tough as last year. The schedule is solid from top to bottom. We play a lot of top 100 and top 75 teams. In the rankings, you get more points for playing tougher teams.

The journey to a conference tournament win and a championship series berth begins at home on Feb. 8 at the Panther Invita¬tional. They will take on University of Kansas, Georgetown University, and North Carolina State University. Kansas being the only team of the three ranked higher than FIU.

“Our first weekend is a big weekend,” said Schumann. “I hope that we can go out and just completely solidify, get off to a good start.”

The next month of the schedule is very favorable for the Panthers, leading up to a two-game road trip in Tallahassee, Fla., against In-state rival Florida State University on March 12. This will be the team’s first play against highly ranked competi¬tion for the year, offering a good measuring stick of where the club is a third of the schedule in.

The month of March doesn’t get any easier on the girls with a six-game stretch facing South Alabama and Louisiana-Lafayette at the end of the month, playing three games against each, the former at home and the latter on the road. Add that both are in the same conference as FIU and it’s enough for Schumann to preview the Panthers’ odds to win the conference. “South Alabama is another team at the top of the conference. We finished right behind them so last year it’ll be exciting to see what we can do against them and how we’ll finish this year,” Schumann said.

The last month of the season sees the team only playing two road games both against Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. It all culminates on May 8 in Troy, Ala., where the Sun Belt Conference Tournament takes place.

The club is offering a new season-ticket package this season that start at $70 for up to two adults and three youths. Students can attend any home game free of cost.

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Walk-on hopefuls like their chances moving forward

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Heading into fall 2012, foot¬ball was one of the most antici¬pated events in FIU.

Coming off of a loss to Marshall in the Beef O’Brady’s Bowl following the impres¬sive 2011 season, there were high hopes for the team this past season.

The Panthers, however, without T.Y. Hilton and the other leaders from the 2011 season, went 3–9. The team had the first-year Head Coach Katarina Butkus at the helm and a different vibe from last season as Maisak played in South Caro¬lina during her freshman season when Petrovic was an assistant coach with the Gamecocks.

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Panthers home winning streak reaches five

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The last time the Panthers won five consecutive home games was 15 years ago. Fifteen years later, first-year Head Coach Richard Pitino repeated the feat.

Pitino has pioneered his team to a 10-8 record after two home games, surpassing last year’s win total of eight.

“I’m extremely lucky to coach these guys in year one, because they really are a lot of fun to coach,” Pitino said.

After splitting their two road games, the Panthers (10-8, 5-4 Sun Belt Conference) were back on the hardwood against the North Texas Mean Green (8-12, 3-6 SBC) on Jan. 17. The Mean Green’s record may not have been daunting for the Panthers, but North Texas’ Tony Mitchell should have been. He was averaging nearly 14 points (ninth in the SBC) a game and almost nine rebounds (fourth in SBC) going into the contest.

A player like Mitchell should have exposed the Panthers’ 11th-ranked scoring defense or their eighth-ranked rebounding margin. Instead, FIU stilled Mitchell, holding him to zero points and only two rebounds.

“Tony Mitchell is a great player and to hold him to zero points just shows how they really paid attention to the scouting report and what we wanted to do,” Pitino said. “He is a very talented player and we wanted to know where he was at all times – man or zone.”

Forward Tymell Murphy came into the game averaging about 15 points and eight rebounds. The game should have been a showdown between Murphy and Mitchell, but ended up being one-sided.

“I feel good. We’ve talked about the guy all week,” Murphy said. “In practice we were making sure that no matter what happened tonight, he wasn’t going to have the night we know he can have.”

Murphy combined Mitchell, as he went on to score 22 points and grab three steals in the team’s 70-64 victory.

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“That’s the [proudest] I have been of a win because nothing was going our way. Things were just not going our way and we gutted it out,” Pitino said. “I [shows] when you have a lot of heart and a lot of fight, you can find a way to win and these guys have done that.”

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Maisak: “This year, we have nothing to lose…”

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just getting settled into FIU this spring semester, Grass has been at FIU since fall 2012 and competed in the Opening and End of Fall Tournaments. Grass had a decent showing in the End of Fall Tournament, teaming up with Maisak to win the doubles flight one consolation championship. Then in the singles flight two bracket, Grass reached the semifinals before falling in defeat.

“I didn’t know what to expect. Now after fall tournaments, I have a picture of how everything goes and how everything will be,” Grass said.

The Panthers will have their share of matches this season against ranked teams. Some of the players look forward to traveling to New Haven, Conn., to take on Yale University on Feb. 1 and then traveling to New York City to take on Columbia. FIU also will have intra-state opponents like Florida State who come to town on Feb. 22 and Florida Atlantic University who will come to Miami on April 10. The Panthers will face North Texas for the first time since last year’s Sun Belt Tournament Championship.

“I’m looking forward to New York of course, because it’s indoors and I love playing indoors. It’s my type of tennis. It’s my birthday, too, so I will have my birthday in New York,” Maisak said.

“I think we all are excited about the trip to New York. Also to play against Yale which is a great university,” Boha said.

While Boha, Maisak, and Grass have their calendars circled for the trip to New York and for the North Texas match, Petrovic has circled tomorrow, Jan. 26, on her calendar for the home opener against Florida Gulf Coast University and her head coaching debut. Petrovic has a simple message to her team for their first match and beyond.

“For us, the most important thing is to give 100 percent in effort in everything,” Petrovic said. “That’s what counts.”

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Marti breakfast brings culture back into students’ hearts

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Thirteen years and 40 scholarships later, the 13th annual Jose Marti Breakfast will once again celebrate the life of the Cuban national hero and figure in Latin American literature.

The breakfast always takes place on Marti’s birthday, Jan. 28, from 8:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. in the Wolfe University Center ballrooms, bringing together students and faculty to commemorate the year’s scholarship winners.

Six winners will be announced at the event where University President Mark B. Rosenberg is expected to attend.

“He’s looked upon as a hero,” said Kiptien Franco, public relations assistant in Office of Campus Life. “He wrote a lot about revolutionary politics and that’s a touchy topic now in Cuba. So the theme for this year’s event is call it, “la casa cuba.””

Franco is of Cuban descent and understands the inescapable divide within students who are from another culture. It is often difficult to remember that a culture that one had left behind when life in America is so much more enriching and less painful. The breakfast aims to help bring the culture back into students’ hearts.

“Today, people are still arrested if they’re showing to be against the government. Journalism there isn’t free. He was very big on campaigning for Cuba’s independence,” said Franco.

The breakfast will include guest speaker Rafael A. Penalver Jr. a Miami attorney who is president of the San Carlos Institute. The institute now aims to preserve Cuban culture; students are taught about the history and customs of Cuba and the United States.

Today, this symbol of cultural hope for Cubans stands on Duval street since its restoration in 1992. Marti loved the San Carlos Institute so dearly that he called it, “La casa cuba.”

Among the scholarships awarded is the Badia Spices - Jose Marti Scholarship.

“Represent freedom, represents the best in human nature,” said Rud Muncar, vice provost emeritus of Biscayne Bay Campus. “He is not Cuban, not Latin American. He is the world. And that’s what we are trying to teach the community.”

-Curry Up, Time for Lunch!

Malcolm Prude, a junior in the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, cooks up a late lunch with graduate student, Marcos Oliveira. While Prude prepares the garlic mashed potatoes, Oliveira works on the curry chicken breasts. They also prepared bread from scratch.

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