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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

FIU

COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE



ABOUT FIU

Florida International University (FIU) is Miami-Dade County's first public, four-year university. FIU opened for classes in 1972 with 5,667 students, the largest opening-day enrollment in U.S. collegiate history. It has grown to 38,000 students today, with almost 759 full-time faculty and more than 124,000 alumni, making it the largest university in South Florida. The university offers more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in 21 colleges and schools and confers approximately half of all degrees now awarded by universities in Miami-Dade County.

FIU is the youngest university to have been awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's

oldest and most distinguished academic honor society. The university recently ranked among the best values in public higher education in the country, according to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine's 2006 survey, "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." In the survey, FIU ranked among the top 50 nationally for in-state students and among the top 100 nationally for out-of-state and international students.

The university recently ranked third in the country in granting bachelor's degrees to minorities and ninth in the United States in granting master's degrees to minorities, according to Diverse Issues in Higher Education, June 1, 2006.



About the College

Florida International University College of Medicine, South Florida's only public medical school, is transforming the future of public health and educational opportunity in the region. Created in 2006 amid pressing community health concerns and a projected critical shortage of physicians nationally, the College of Medicine is developing a curriculum that reflects an innovative, 21st century approach to health care and medical education.

The medical school will provide quality, affordable medical education and educate physicians who are culturally sensitive to South Florida's diverse demographics. It will help advance South Florida's health care dynamic by facilitating improved access to first-rate medical care among our medically underserved populations and lead an economic impact that will eventually reach more than \$1 billion each year.

The College will admit its first class of 40 students in August 2009.

Distinguishing characteristic: Only public medical school in South Florida

Authorized by the State Board of Governors: March 2006

Preliminary Accreditation: Received February 2008 from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) approving recruitment of inaugural class

Expected opening of the FIU College of Medicine: August 2009

Number of students in inaugural class: 40

Number of students at full capacity: 480

Annual tuition cost: Approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000

Expected annual economic impact: More than \$1 billion to the state's economy

Contribution to the state tax base: As much as \$62 million

New jobs to be created in South Florida: More than 8,300

Affiliated Hospitals: Jackson Memorial Hospital, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Miami Children's Hospital, and Mercy Hospital

For more information, please visit <http://medicine.fiu.edu>.

Message from the Dean: A New Model for Medical Education in an Urban Multicultural Environment



The FIU College of Medicine stands alone among U.S. medical schools. We have seized the opportunity afforded to us in building a program from scratch to design a curriculum that is infused with opportunities to learn and to help. Our innovative Neighborhood HELP (Health Education Learning Program), which runs through the entire four years of medical school, will put medical students in teams with students of other disciplines. They will work together to address real medical, social and ethical issues experienced by disadvantaged families in South Florida.

This program - indeed the entire College of Medicine - is as much about learning as it is about us giving back to the community, of which FIU is such an integral part. It is my hope that our medical students help save lives and make important contributions to the improvement of the quality of life throughout South Florida, especially the region's poorest areas. Further, through our partnerships with Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Children's Hospital, Jackson Health System, the Florida Department of Health and other community-based health providers, FIU medical students will be in contact with our community on a daily basis.

The entire College of Medicine team and the leadership of Florida International University look forward to creating a model that will contribute to the improvement of the quality and access to health care in South Florida and ultimately throughout the nation.

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