TAKING PRIDE IN THE MANY WAYS WE TRANSFORM LIVES

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
The Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine is named a Cancer Center of Excellence by the State of Florida, one of four in the state and the only one in South Florida.

No. 51 on U.S. News & World Report’s 2016 Best Colleges list.

U.S. News ranks the Miller School of Medicine No. 45 for research and the Miller School’s Physical Therapy program No. 9 in the nation on its 2016 Best Graduate Schools list.

Other UM graduate programs in the top 50 U.S. News rankings: clinical psychology (No. 32) in the College of Arts and Sciences, earth sciences (No. 42) in the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, tax law (No. 13) in the School of Law, and health care management (No. 33) in the School of Business Administration.

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at UHealth-University of Miami Health System is ranked the nation’s No. 1 ophthalmology program for the 12th consecutive year on the U.S. News 2015-2016 Best Hospitals list. Bascom Palmer makes headlines again in 2015 when surgeons restore partial sight to a woman who had been blind for 16 years by implanting a “bionic eye” system, the first such procedure in Florida and only the 70th in the world.

NO. 8 FOR VALUE AND THE TOP PRIVATE SCHOOL IN FLORIDA

According to NerdWallet, based on factors such as student debt, alumni salaries, school prestige, and whether alumni find their careers meaningful.
U.S. News ranks **five specialties at Holtz Children’s Hospital** at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center on its Best Children’s Hospitals 2015-2016 list: cardiology and heart surgery (No. 40), diabetes and endocrinology (No. 34), gastroenterology and GI surgery (No. 39), neonatology (No. 44), and nephrology (No. 32).

**Bloomberg BusinessWeek** ranks the School of Business Administration’s **full-time M.B.A. program No. 47 in the nation** in 2015, and **America Economia** ranks it the **No. 16 U.S. program for Latin Americans and No. 32 in the world**. **The Economist** lists the full-time program among its top 50 and ranks the school’s **Executive M.B.A. program as No. 26** in the U.S.

The Princeton Review ranks the University **No. 12** in the nation for **Lots of Race/Class Interaction** and also lists UM a **Best Southeastern College**, one of the **380 Best Colleges**, and a top **Green College**. In its **Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Best Value Colleges and What It Takes to Get In**, The Princeton Review also names UM **among the nation’s academically best and most affordable colleges with excellent records of alumni employment**.

The Patricia and Harold Toppel Career Center is **No. 7** in JobBrander’s **Top 25 Career Centers on Social Media**.
Momentum2: The Breakthrough Campaign for the University of Miami concludes in April with support from nearly 138,000 donors and a $55 million gift from the Miller family that helps us surpass our $1.6 billion goal. The gift will fund a medical education building on the Miller School of Medicine campus and provide support for the Frost School of Music.

Combined with $1.4 billion raised by the 2007 conclusion of Momentum: The Campaign for the University of Miami, the two campaigns raise an unprecedented $3 billion, elevating programs, facilities, and opportunities in all areas of the University.

Recognizing the University’s sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency, Charity Navigator awards UM a four-star rating, the highest possible score.
THE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES A MILESTONE WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ITS SIXTH PRESIDENT, JULIO FRENK, FORMER DEAN OF HARVARD’S T.H. CHAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MINISTER OF HEALTH IN MEXICO.

RESEARCH & LEADERSHIP

Jean-Pierre Bardet, former dean of the College of Engineering and director of the Urban Water Institute at the University of Texas at Arlington, and an expert on geomechanics and civil infrastructure, joins the University as dean of the College of Engineering.

Four UM scholars are included in Thomson Reuters’ Highly Cited Researchers 2015, which recognizes scientists whose published works are most cited by fellow researchers. Earning the “mark of exceptional impact” are Brian Soden, in the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science; Lucina Uddin and Ruan Shigui, in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Philip Harvey, in the Miller School of Medicine.

More than $309 million in sponsored grants and contracts in FY 2015 supports 2,100-plus extramurally funded research projects. With $99 million in NIH funding for biomedical research, the Miller School of Medicine and the School of Nursing and Health Studies are again the top NIH-funded medical and nursing schools in Florida.
Yadong Luo, the School of Business Administration’s Emery Findley Distinguished Chair and professor of management, is the world’s most prolific Chinese strategy scholar outside of mainland China, according to the Asia Pacific Journal of Management.

The National Institute on Aging awards Sara J. Czaja, Leonard M. Miller Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the scientific director of the Center on Aging, $7.8 million in renewed funding for the Center for Research and Education on Aging and Technology Enhancement (CREATE).

Abhishek Prasad, assistant professor of biomedical engineering, receives a $2.26 million New Innovator Award from the National Institutes of Health for his proposal to study spinal cord motor circuits involved in limb movements and their viability for prosthetic control.

Chaoming Song, assistant professor of physics, is the winner of the 2015 Erdős–Rényi Prize in Network Science, which honors scientists under 40 for research achievements in complex networks, a field that draws on theories and methods from mathematics, physics, statistics, computer science, and sociology.

The Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science unveils its Helicopter Observation Platform, a one-of-a-kind flying scientific laboratory for obtaining vital information about our climate and human health.
The School of Nursing and Health Studies breaks ground on a 41,000-square-foot Simulation Hospital that will revolutionize health care education by replicating the flow of activities in a real hospital.

The School of Architecture breaks ground on the 20,000-square-foot Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building, a structure that will enable up to 120 students to work together on designs using the latest technology.

Fashioned from surplus military barracks, the University’s original administration and registration center, known by its 1300 Campo Sano address, wins Coral Gables’ City Beautiful Award, the fourth in a series of preservation awards, for its outstanding renovation.

Fate Bridge opens, creating a 210-foot pedestrian path across Lake Osceola that displays the message from William Ernest Henley’s poem *Invictus*: “I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul,” a favorite quote of the late Alexander Grass, whose granddaughter is a UM student and whose family foundation helped fund the bridge. College of Engineering students contribute to construction, installing composite reinforcements on the deck and digital sensors to monitor its strength.

Several single-stall bathrooms on the Coral Gables campus are labeled with signage as Gender Neutral (open to all gender identities/expressions) or Inclusive (open to all gender identities/expressions, ADA compliant, and suitable for families). This is one of multiple initiatives underway for making the University a more safe and inclusive place for the LGBTQ community and all students.
Thirteen UM student projects receive seed funding at the Clinton Global Initiative University, hosted for the second time by UM in March 2015. Engineering major Samuel Peurifoy’s USolar program, which educates students on alternative energy, receives funding from the Resolution Project Social Venture Challenge.

A record-high nine UM students receive Fulbright Scholarships to study, teach, and conduct research across the globe. Six students are from the College of Arts and Sciences, two are from the Miller School of Medicine, and one is from the College of Engineering.

School of Communication students take home six gold and eight silver local ADDY awards, recognizing their campaigns for national corporations such as Mary Kay, Maker’s Mark, and Johnnie Walker, as well as other product lines and social awareness campaigns.

For the fifth consecutive year, the College of Engineering’s Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) Student Chapter receives the IIE’s Gold Award for overall achievements in 2014-15.
Brian Oliver, a student in the School of Law and Frost School of Music joint J.D./M.M. program, wins The Grammy Foundation’s 17th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative, a prestigious writing competition sponsored by The Recording Academy for a paper urging courts to reconsider how statutory damages are awarded for digital music albums.

Christopher Bailey, a doctoral student in the School of Education and Human Development’s Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, receives the 2015 Doctoral Scholar Award from the American Kinesiology Association for his work on chromium supplementation. He is the first UM student to receive a national award from the association.
A half century after becoming the first academic family medicine department in the United States, the Miller School of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine and Community Health celebrates five decades of innovative health care and service to the community through clinics, health fairs, and other outreach programs.

Under an agreement signed by UM President Julio Frenk, the University joins the Carlos Slim Foundation and the Inter-American Development Bank to reduce high mortality rates among poor women and children in Mexico and other Central American nations through advanced training for health care professionals.

Biomedical engineering major Natasha Koermer receives Campus Compact’s Newman Civic Fellows Award and the Student Excellence in Service Award for creating sustainable solutions to global engineering and health problems.

Through a new partnership with the Peace Corps, students in the School of Education and Human Development’s Community and Social Change Master’s Program can integrate their studies with 27 months of service overseas. This year students travel to China, Macedonia, Dominican Republic, Morocco, and Uganda.

The University receives the prestigious 2015 Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, valid until 2025.

The Office of Civic and Community Engagement and Center for Computational Science launch the Miami Affordability Project (MAP), a first-of-its-kind, free online tool that provides data about affordable housing and development.

More than 3,900 faculty and staff participate in TeamUM’s 2014 United Way campaign, raising $1.16 million—up from $1.13 million the previous year.

Some 7,300 students complete more than 147,000 community service hours in 2014-2015.

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The men’s basketball team advances to the National Invitation Tournament championship game, losing by only two points to Stanford, and finishes its season 25-13. The women’s basketball team makes its sixth consecutive trip to a postseason tournament and fourth trip to the NCAA Tournament in the last five years, and has its fifth 20-plus win season in the last six years, all program records.

Hurricanes sophomore diver Briadam Herrera wins the bronze medal as the lone representative of Team USA in the men’s 1-meter springboard at the 2015 World University Games in Gwangju, South Korea.

All UM Athletics programs continue to demonstrate classroom excellence by scoring 960 or better out of a possible 1,000 Academic Progress Rate (APR) points, with seven teams scoring 990 or better. Hurricane student-athletes also post an NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 89 percent—6 percent higher than the national average and the 16th-best score among Football Bowl Subdivision schools.

For the first time since 2008 and the 24th time in program history, the Hurricanes travel to Omaha, Nebraska, for the 2015 NCAA Baseball Championship. Five ‘Canes are selected in the 2015 Major League Baseball draft, and eight players are selected for All-ACC.

Hurricanes track star Shakima Wimbley wins a gold medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, helping the United States finish first in the women’s 4x400-meter relay. She also wins silver in the individual 400 meters, solidifying her status as one of the nation’s top sprinters.