CELEBRATING UM'S FIRST BLACK GRADUATES

Save the Date
Feb. 24-25, 2017

As the UM community celebrates Black History Month, the UM Alumni Association and Black Alumni Society pay tribute to the University's first black graduates. The Black Alumni Society's First Black Graduates Project aims to identify, document and recognize the first black graduates of the 1960s and 1970s, inclusive of all schools and colleges as well as undergraduate and graduate students.

Through this effort, we will celebrate and acknowledge these notable figures through alumni outreach, work with University's Archives to chronicle this important part of our history for generations to come, and raise scholarships in honor of these individuals to positively impact the lives of current and future students.

The project will culminate in a celebration on the Coral Gables campus in February 2017. For more information about this project and to get involved, visit miami.edu/firstblackgraduates.

Black History Month UM Campus Events

The United Black Students (UBS) kicked off Black Awareness Month at the Shalala Student Center, continuing a tradition that began in 1962 when the annual month-long observance of important people and events in the history of the African Diaspora began. The group will host a variety of open events throughout the month, including 3 days of "Know Justice Know Peace 2" Lectures, a gospel explosion, day of service, family reunion and event promoting diversity and cultural competence. For event details, visit news.miami.edu.

NETWORK WITH TOP EMPLOYERS

Are you looking for a job? Are you tired of sending resumes left and right and never getting an answer? If you are, dress in your best professional clothes, bring resumes and attend an upcoming Career Fair. You will have the opportunity to meet top employers and to interview for several positions during the course of the day, meeting the people who make the hiring decisions.

Feb. 23: Miami Career Fair
March 31: HireMiami Alumni-Only Career Fair

Free Career Webinars

Feb. 10: Rise: 3 Practical Steps for Advancing Your Career
Feb. 17: Anticipate: The Art of Leading by Looking Ahead
Feb. 24: Social Security: The Inside Story

March 2: Manage Your Job Search

These webinars are free for UM alumni. See a full listing of upcoming webinars and recorded videos at alumnicareerservices.org/miami.

NOTEWORTHY

YOUNG ALUMNI LAW HAPPY HOUR

Feb. 18: School of Law alumni are invited to a happy hour in Downtown
ALUMNI INVITED TO STRATEGY SESSION FOR PLANNING OF NEW LGBTQ CENTER

Feb. 17

The University of Miami has announced that it will establish a center on campus to support students of all gender identities and sexual orientations. To plan the scope of what the center should offer, the University has engaged Ronni Sanlo, a foremost expert on LGBTQ issues in the realm of higher education, to conduct a series of meetings to create strategic plans for the UM center.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, Sanlo will lead a daylong strategic-planning session open to the UM community, including faculty, staff, and alumni. To participate, register by Friday, Feb. 12.

The planning session will be followed by Letters to Anita, the award-winning documentary about Sanlo, who lost custody of her children after she came out as a lesbian. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 to 9:30 pm screening, which takes place at UM’s Cosford Cinema. Learn more.

A TALE OF TWO MATHEMATICIANS

Feb. 11

The Department of Mathematics will host a lecture by Phillip Griffiths, College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Professor on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 5pm. This is the story of some of the mathematical work of two mathematicians, Jean Victor Poncelet and Niels Henrik Abel. They were contemporaries in the early 19th century who never met and who were not even aware of each other’s work. Between them, however, Poncelet and Abel laid the cornerstones of the modern field of algebraic geometry, a field that is central to current work in geometry, arithmetic and theoretical physics. The event is open to the public. RSVP now.

REAL ESTATE IMPACT CONFERENCE

Feb. 11

What’s next for commercial real estate in 2016? What can you possibly do for an encore after a $26 billion acquisition of Hilton, becoming the largest U.S. owner of single-family properties with a portfolio of 50,000 homes? And how do you top striking a $23 billion deal to purchase General Electric Co.’s commercial real estate portfolio?

Find out from the renowned Jon Gray, Global Head of Real Estate of The Blackstone Group, in a candid conversation with Howard Lorber, President and CEO of Vector Group, at the UM Real Estate Impact Conference. For more information, visit the conference website or email reimpact@miami.edu.

Miami on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6pm. RSVP here.

UPCOMING SOA LECTURES

Feb. 10: Landolf Rhode-Barbarigos, UM Engineering faculty member and expert in lightweight structures, structural design, computer-aided engineering
Feb. 17: Shohei Shigematsu, partner at OMA in New York with extensive work in Miami
Feb. 22: Charles Waldheim, Harvard professor and expert on landscape urbanism
Feb. 24: Vo Trong Nghia, Vietnamese architect with extensive design experience in the tropical world

See SOA event details.

UPCOMING FROST SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS

Feb. 10: Faculty Artist Recital
Feb. 11: Frost Opera Theater at Bonnet House
Feb. 14: Frost Symphony Orchestra: Concerto Competition Winners Concert
Feb. 15: Our Life’s Compass: Frost Chamber Singers and Frost Chorale
Feb. 16: Frost Concert Jazz Band: Kenton’s West Side Story
Feb. 18: Young at Heart: Music Learning & Teaching Film Series
Feb. 18: Frost Symphonic Winds Winter Concert
Feb. 19: Robert Kelley Memorial Musicology Lecture Series: Sacred Song and Post-Secular Nationalism
Feb. 19: From Dark Knight to Hunger Games—The Movie Music of James Newton Howard

See a full listing of Frost events.
RECYCLING CULTURE(S): POETICS AND PRACTICES OF SUSTAINABILITY
Feb. 12

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures is proud to welcome graduate students, professors and artists to discuss the role of environment, recycling, and social engagement in their respective work. “Recycling” engulfs more than reusing materials: it also means re-appropriating and repurposing ideas, resources, and forms of cultural production to new ends. The event will feature Federico Uribe, an international artist based in the Miami area. The College of Arts and Sciences invites the South Florida community to attend a fascinating conference and an incredibly rich discussion! RSVP now.

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