UM Alumni Association Announces Two International Tours

The UM Alumni Association will host receptions for alumni, parents and new students across Asia in late May, featuring Rodolphe el-Khoury, Dean of the School of Architecture. Dean el-Khoury will discuss the university’s effort on emerging modern technology to transform and redefine traditional buildings into smarter, more energy efficient, and human-centered edifices. Receptions will take place in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Singapore between May 24-31.

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'CANES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

'Cane Biz: UM Advances Alumna’s Entrepreneurial Career

UM alumna Sakine Gulce, B.B.A. ’12, graduated from the Entrepreneurship Program in 2012 with a clear idea about what she would set out to do. She would turn her passion into a reality by starting her own jewelry business, with hopes that it could go global. Today Gulce’s jewelry line, a #CaneBiz called Amorium, is sold in 500 different boutiques and department stores worldwide.

Gulce left her native country of Turkey at 18 years old to tour the University of Miami campus after her high school college advisor recommended UM’s respected entrepreneurship program. At the time, she said matter-of-factly, “My parents pushed the importance of languages. So as a child, I traveled a lot throughout Europe to learn as many languages and cultures as I could.” She speaks Spanish, French, Turkish, and English fluently. | Read more

'Cane Biz: Buttercream Cupcakes & Coffee

http://www6.miami.edu/atmiami/20160414.htm
The University of Miami attracts the best and brightest students from all over the world including over 600 students from the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. The UM Alumni Association continues its Connecting U Tour with a stop in Panama City, Panama on Monday, May 16. Alumni are cordially invited to this reception, which will feature Thomas J. LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost.

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SUPPORT A CAUSE THAT MATTERS TO YOU

This month, the Office of Annual Giving has launched new CaneFunder campaigns benefiting a variety of causes that support the future of UM and the community. Choose to support a project that addresses access to quality healthcare in South Florida - or donate to student volunteers who are working on a sanitation project in South America - or help fund scholarships for Black students through a fund that honors the First Black Graduates of the University of Miami.

Learn more and make a gift today on www.canefunder.com where it is easy to give online, share the cause with your networks, and watch project support grow. | Read more | Make a Gift

COMMENCEMENT BALL WELCOMES SENIORS TO ALUMNI FAMILY

More than 600 graduating seniors came together for the first UM Commencement Ball on April 2nd at the BankUnited Center. Seniors celebrated all they’ve accomplished in the last four years at UM. This was the UM Alumni Association’s official welcome to seniors on the eve of their becoming alumni.

Alongside campus partners, the UM Alumni Association hosted the soiree in Great Gatsby fashion, complete with long feathers, flapper fringe dresses, and ragtime tunes. The Fieldhouse was transformed into an elegant ballroom with interactive food stations, two retro-style beverage stations and an eye-catching black and white checkered dance floor.

Browse the event photos and watch the senior send-off video, which featured highlights of the past four years.

For more alumni news and upcoming events in your area, visit www.miami.edu/alumni.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Karina Alexandra Castillo, B.S. '09, M.P.S. '12, was chosen by Ford Motor Company and Ford en Español as one of their 2016 Mujer Legendarias. Marcia K. Cypen, J.D. '76, is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at Legal Services of Greater Miami's 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, May 14 at the Miami Beach Resort & Spa. She currently serves as the chair of Coral Gables, did you know Buttercream Cupcakes & Coffee is a #CaneBiz owned by Kristine E. Graulich, B.B.A. '01? Stop by today for a fresh gourmet treat! Find more local businesses owned and operated by UM alumni at www.miami.edu/alumnibusinesses.

Young Alumni Leadership Council Member Vance Aloupis to Lead The Children’s Movement of Florida

The Children’s Movement of Florida has a new CEO: Vance Aloupis, B.B.A. '05, J.D. '08, who helped found the childhood advocacy organization six years ago. Aloupis was already overseeing day-to-day operations for the group, which advocates for early childhood education and champions increased healthcare and resources for young people. He will replace David Lawrence Jr., who remains the organization’s chair. | Read more from the Miami Herald

White House Recognizes Nursing Alumna as Champion of Change

School of Nursing & Health Studies alumna and Ph.D. candidate Valerie
May 7th at the JW Marriott Marquis, Miami. Benjamin S. Everard, A.B. ’06, produced the new movie Lights Out through his company, Grey Matter. The movie was picked up by New Line Cinema and Warner Brothers and is slated for full release in July.

Deborah Hoffman, J.D. ’83, a longtime advocate known for her support of the arts and programs for women and girls, will be the recipient of the 2016 Community Champion Award at the 18th Donor Next Door Luncheon on Thursday, May 12.

Laird A. Lile, Esq. L.L.M.E. ’87, a board-certified wills, trusts and estates attorney in Naples at Lile & Hayes, has been re-elected by his fellow members to the Board of Regents of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Kendra P. Leonard, M.M. ’98, is the winner of the Society for American Music's 2016 Sight and Sound subvention for her collaborative project with the Silent Film Sound and Music Archive and pianist Ethan Uslan; a 2016 American Music Research Center Fellowship; and a 2016-2017 Harry Ransom Center Research Fellowship in the Humanities. The Silent Film Sound and Music Archive, which she established and directs, is the recipient of a 2016 GRAMMY Foundation Preservation grant.

Bruce P. McMoran, B.B.A. ’71, J.D. ’76, is one of three finalists for the New Jersey 2016 Attorney of the Year Award.

Jorge Mejía, B.M. ’96, was promoted to President at Sony/ATV Music Publishing Latin America and U.S. Latin.

Dale Noll, J.D. ’12, a trusts and estates lawyer at Akerman LLP in Miami, was named president-elect of the National LGBT Bar Association.

Mark Talenfeld, Esq. B.B.A. ’74, J.D. ’79, was honored for his work on children's rights with an Alumni Achievement Award from the UM Law Alumni Association.

Donna Turetsky, B.B.A. ’88, L.L.M.T. ’93, has been named to the Top 10 Legal Eagles List for 2016 by Long Island Pulse Magazine and was honored at the 1st Annual Long Island Outstanding Women in Law event.

UM Alums Receive Abess Center’s Environmental Stewardship Award

UM alumna Rachel Silverstein, Ph.D. ’12, the executive director of Miami Waterkeeper, received the 2016 Reitmeister-Abess Center Environmental Stewardship Award for her singularly significant contributions to conserving water resources.

UM President Frenk Receives Bouchet Award

UM President Julio Frenk was presented the prestigious Bouchet Leadership Award Medal, named for the first African-American to earn a Ph.D. in the U.S., at the 13th annual Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education at Yale University. Frenk also delivered the keynote address at the April 2 conference, which was themed “Embedding Diversity in the Mission, Vision, and Values of the Academy.” In his remarks, "Beyond Goodwill: Committing to Diversity, Inclusion, and the Scholarship of Belonging," he spoke eloquently about one of the core issues that defines his new presidency at UM.

UM hires Peace Corps Recruiter

The University of Miami, which ranked No. 25 among medium-sized schools on the Peace Corps 2016 Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities
UM GRADUATE PROGRAMS RANKED IN TOP TIER

U.S. News & World Report has released the 2017 edition of its annual “Best Graduate Schools” issue, placing several University of Miami programs in its top 50 rankings. Climbing 12 spots in the past decade, the Miller School of Medicine is now ranked No. 44 among the nation’s top research medical schools. The Miller School’s Department of Physical Therapy received a No. 10 ranking. The School of Nursing and Health Studies’ Master of Science in Nursing program climbed a dramatic 21 spots since last year to reach the No. 40 ranking this year out of 259 schools. Its Doctor of Nursing Practice program is No. 38 among 149 schools, a new category in 2017. | Read more

UM INTRODUCES ‘CANE TALKS VIDEO SERIES

In January alongside the Inauguration of President Julio Frenk, the University of Miami introduced ‘Cane Talks - lively ten-minute presentations by leading thinkers in the UM community discussing the big questions facing society in the next century.

This spring the university is sharing videos of the inaugural ‘Cane Talks on social media to extend the reach of UM’s powerful network of thinkers. ‘Cane Talks have included presentations by Theatre and Civic Engagement Professor Tarrell Alvin McCraney who shares his vision for Miami as the art capitol of the world, Law Professor Osamudia James who examines racial identity, diversity and equality in public schools, and Frost School of Music Dean Shelly Berg who speaks on the rigorous, innovative UM curriculum that nurtures risk-taking, creative thinking and performance in the next generation of musicians.

Stay tuned as more videos are unveiled on social media using #CaneTalks.

UM FORUM ADDRESSES CONCERNS ABOUT ZIKA VIRUS

Researchers and physicians from the Miller School and elsewhere discussed the science of the virus, public health safety, and ethics at a recent forum held on
BILL ALLOWING NEEDLE EXCHANGE AT UM APPROVED, LARGELY THANKS TO ADVOCACY OF ALUMNUS HANSEL TOOKES

After 4 years of efforts, the Miami-Dade Infectious Disease Act became law on March 24 with the signature of Governor Rick Scott. The effort started in 2012, with a resolution, written by UM Public Health students Marek Hirsch and Hansel Tookes. Tookes began this work on this project as an MPH student. The resolution was inspired by his study “A comparison of syringe disposal practices among injection drug users in a city with versus a city without syringe exchange programs” which was published in the journal Drug and Alcohol Dependence in December 2011. The efforts and the passing of the bill are a prime example of translational research. | Read more from the Miami Herald | Read more from Miller School of Medicine

GREEN U HOSTS SEA-LEVEL RISE PANEL DISCUSSION

Green U kicks off UM’s Earth Week with a panel discussion on the financial, legal and policy implications of sea-level rise in South Florida. Dozens of students, faculty, local government officials, and community members gathered on campus Monday to hear panelists discuss the legal, financial, and policy issues regarding sea-level rise in South Florida. The discussion, entitled Sea-Level Rise and its Impacts on Coastal Policy in Southeast Florida and hosted by the University of Miami’s Office of Sustainability, Green U, kicked off the University’s Earth Week events. | Read more

INTERNATIONAL WEEK CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

With the world still reeling from the Paris and Brussels attacks, COISO (the Council of International Students and Organizations) kicked off its annual International Week celebration on April 4, unveiling a “Local Experience” theme intended to take the campus community on an exploration of different regions of the world while also honoring those nations that have fallen victim to acts of terrorism. | Read more

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