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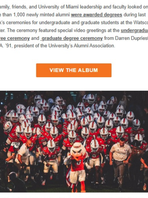

## Celebrating our newest alumni at Fall 2025 Commencement

As family, friends, and University of Miami leadership and faculty looked on, more than 1,500 newly minted alumni were awarded degrees during last week's ceremonies for undergraduate and graduate students at the Watsco Center. The ceremony featured special video greetings at the undergraduate degree ceremony and graduate degree ceremony from Darren Dupriest, B.B.A. '91, president of the University of Miami Association.

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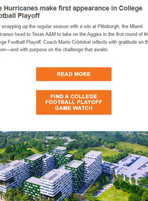

## The Hurricanes make first appearance in College Football Playoff

After wrapping up the regular season with a win at Pittsburgh, the Miami Hurricanes head to Texas A&M to take on the Aggies in the first round of the College Football Playoff. Coach Mario Cristobal reflects with gratitude on the season—and with purpose on the challenge that awaits.

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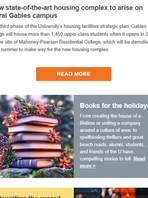

## New state-of-the-art housing complex to arise on Coral Gables campus

The third phase of the University's housing facilities strategic plan, Gables Village will house more than 1,450 upper-class students when it opens in 2028 on the site of Mahoney Pearson Residential College, which will be demolished next summer to make way for the new housing complex.

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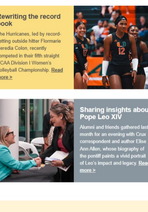
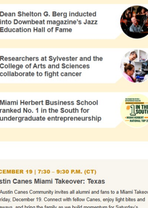


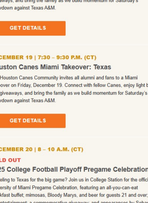
## Books for the holidays

From creating the house of a lifetime or uniting a company around a culture of verve, to spellbinding thrillers and great beach reads, alumni, students, and friends of the U have compelling stories to tell. Read more >



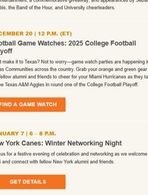
## Rewriting the record book

The Hurricanes, led by record-setting outside hitter Fernanda Heredia Colon, recently competed in their 8th straight NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. Read more >

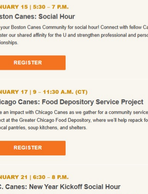


## Sharing insights about Pope Leo XIV

Alumni and friends gathered last month for an evening with Cruz correspondent and author Elise Ann Allen, whose biography of the pontiff paints a vivid portrait of Leo's impact and legacy. Read more >



## Dean Shelton G. Berg inducted into Downbeat magazine's Jazz Education Hall of Fame



## Researchers at Sylvester and the College of Arts and Sciences collaborate to fight cancer

## Miami Herbert Business School ranked No. 1 in the South for undergraduate entrepreneurship

**DECEMBER 19 | 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. (CT)**

### Austin Canes Miami Takeover: Texas

The Austin Canes Community invites all alumni and fans to a Miami Takeover on Friday, December 19. Connect with fellow Canes, enjoy light bites and giveaways, and bring the family as we build momentum for Saturday's showdown against Texas A&M.

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**DECEMBER 20 | 8 - 10 A.M. (CT)**

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### 2025 College Football Playoff Pregame Celebration

Traveling to Texas for the big game? Join us in College Station for the official University of Miami Pregame Celebration, featuring an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet, mimosas, Bloody Marys, and beer for guests 21 and over, live DJ entertainment, a commemorative giveaway, and appearances by Sebastian the Ibis, the Band of the Hour, and University cheerleaders.

**DECEMBER 20 | 12 P.M. (ET)**

### Football Game Watches: 2025 College Football Playoff

Can't make it to Texas? Not to worry—game watch parties are happening in Canes Communities across the country. Grab your orange and green gear and join fellow alumni and friends to cheer for your Miami Hurricanes as they take on the Texas A&M Aggies in round one of the College Football Playoff.

FIND A GAME WATCH

**JANUARY 7 | 6 - 8 P.M.**

### New York Canes: Winter Networking Night

Join us for a festive evening of celebration and networking as we welcome 2026 and connect with fellow New York alumni and friends.

GET DETAILS

**JANUARY 15 | 5:30 - 7 P.M.**

### Boston Canes: Social Hour

Join your Boston Canes Community for social hour! Connect with fellow Canes to foster our shared affinity for the U and strengthen professional and personal relationships.

REGISTER

**JANUARY 17 | 9 - 11:30 A.M. (CT)**

### Chicago Canes: Food Depository Service Project

Make an impact with Chicago Canes as we gather for a community service project at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, where we'll help repack food for local pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.

REGISTER

**JANUARY 21 | 6:30 - 8 P.M.**

### D.C. Canes: New Year Kickoff Social Hour

Ring in 2026 with your fellow Canes at our New Year Kickoff Social Hour hosted at Bodega In Foggy Bottom. This cozy gathering is the perfect way to reconnect, celebrate fresh beginnings, and toast to the year ahead.

REGISTER

**JANUARY 22 | 6 - 8 P.M.**

### Miami Canes: Cuban Heritage Collection Tour

Join the Miami Canes for a fascinating evening as we explore the newly renovated Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion at the Otto G. Richter Library. This special event features an exclusive look at the Fall 2025–Spring 2026 exhibition, "The Telenovela Archives: Serialized Fiction in Cuba Before the Revolution," showcasing archival materials from the Cuban Heritage Collection.

REGISTER

**JANUARY 25 | 5 - 8 P.M.**

### Miami Canes: Florida Grand Opera

Join the Miami Canes at the Adrienne Arsht Center for a special performance of "Die Fledermaus." Experience Johann Strauss II's sparkling comedy, filled with glamour, laughter, and Viennese waltzes, reimagined with South Florida flair. Alumni are also welcome to a special VIP lounge before the curtain, courtesy of the Florida Grand Opera.

REGISTER

**JANUARY 27 | 6 - 8 P.M. (PT)**

### The Future Is Now: Los Angeles

Join the University of Miami Alumni Association, your Los Angeles Canes Community, and Pat Whitely, Ed.D. '94, senior vice president for student affairs and alumni engagement, as we embark on a bold journey toward the next century of impact. With spirited conversation and light bites, we'll honor the legacy that brought us here and ignite a shared vision for the future.

REGISTER

**FEBRUARY 2 | 5 - 10 P.M.**

### South Florida Canes: University of Miami Hockey Night at the Florida Panthers

The Broward County, Miami, and Palm Beach County Canes Communities invite University of Miami alumni and friends to a memorable night at Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise as the defending Stanley Cup Champions Florida Panthers face off against the Buffalo Sabres.

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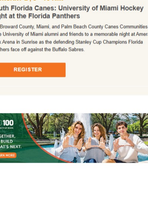



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