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Alumni Rally to Support Frenk's Installation as UM's Sixth President



The sixth president of the University of Miami, Dr. Julio Frenk, was installed Friday, January 29, 2016 as alumni played a supportive role in the historical celebration. At his [installation ceremony](#), faculty, staff, students, alumni, and delegates from nearly 100 universities and colleges watched Frenk announce his greatest aspirations leading into UM's centennial. "We have an extraordinary capacity for renewal -- reinventing ourselves and leaning into hurricane-strength forces that reshape our landscape literally and figuratively," he said.

Frenk's vision is to advance to a more hemispheric, excellent, relevant, and exemplary university. He announced the game-changing \$100 million gift from Dr. Phillip and Patricia Frost to support basic and applied science and engineering at UM. Frenk committed to increasing financial aid to meet 100 percent of student need in the next ten years, and announced an initiative to create 100 endowed faculty chairs by 2026.

As the University of Miami's first Hispanic president, Frenk's installment was met with immense support from the Miami community. Iconic structures including the Port of Miami, the Freedom Tower, and the Biltmore Hotel donned [orange and green lights](#), amplifying Frenk's commitment to the university's diversity and inclusion in one of the world's most diverse destinations.

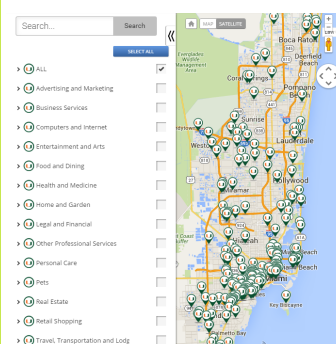
Frenk concluded his address by enthusiastically forming the U symbol above head, declaring with palpable passion: "With resilience and renewal, the University of Miami, like the Ibis, can take flight and soar." | [read more](#)

'CANES COMMUNITIES TIP-OFF PARTIES

As fans geared up for the UM vs. Duke Men's Basketball game on January 25, 'Canes Communities gathered for Tip-Off Parties across the country, some even trudging through inclement winter weather, to cheer for Miami and welcome the new president. International 'Canes united in countries as far as China to record [special video messages](#) to welcome Frenk to the 'Canes family. [View photos](#) from 'Canes Communities Tip-Off Parties.



CELEBRATING ALUMNI BUSINESS OWNERS & OPERATORS IN FLORIDA



In perhaps the biggest show of alumni support during Inauguration Week, the UM Alumni Association led an effort to showcase more than [300 alumni business owners and operators in](#)



Florida and compiled them into an **interactive business map**.

"We are incredibly proud to feature alumni-owned/operated businesses as part of President Dr. Julio Frenk's Inauguration. By showcasing the economic impact of 'Canes across the state, this effort is one of the many ways we are introducing the president to our active and vibrant alumni community," said Donna Arbide, M.B.A. '95, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Individual Giving. "Our interactive map features more than 300 Florida businesses, many of which offer discounts for fellow UM alumni. We hope to continue building on this impressive 'Cane footprint in the years to come."

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