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Alumni NEWS

Hurricane Club, UMAA Announce #BuildingChampions Spring Tour



The University of Miami Alumni Association and Hurricane Club are excited to announce the official **2016 #BuildingChampions Spring Tour** schedule! The Spring Tour will visit seven cities and feature Head Football Coach Mark Richt, B.B.A. '82, and Athletic Director Blake James.

The Spring Tour will kick off in South Florida on Monday, May 2nd, followed by stops in Jacksonville, Orlando, Atlanta, Southwest Florida, Chicago and New York. Each tour stop will provide local supporters the opportunity to meet Head Football Coach Mark Richt as well as fellow UM alumni and Hurricane Club members. | [Read more](#)

UM LAUNCHES MADNESS IN MARCH CHALLENGE

The University of Miami has officially kicked off the U Madness in March Challenge! Throughout March, each UM school or college is competing for two top prizes of \$5,000 in student scholarships. The two schools with the most donors and highest participation rate will be declared champions.

Make a gift to your school or college by March 31st and your support will be counted. Next, rally your teammates by spreading the word using the hashtag **#CaneMadness**. Winning is all about teamwork, so get in the game and make your gift today! | [Read more](#) | [Make a Gift](#)

SAVE THE DATE : ALUMNI WEEKEND & HOMECOMING

'CANES IN THE SPOTLIGHT Alumna Among First Civilians to Travel to Space

A 1995 graduate of the University of Miami is one of the few ticket holders to take part in the first XCOR Space Expedition. The private aerospace company is slated to send the first "commercial astronauts" into space. Alumna Elisa Mallis, B.S. '95, recently visited the University of Miami campus with her husband and two sons after more than 20 years since her graduation.



Why make such a far trek that no civilian in history has ever made? Simply put, Mallis never felt like she belonged to any one place, so space felt like a natural way to strip down cultures and languages and just be a human. Having lived in nearly 16 countries so far, Mallis has a case of *un-identity*.

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Alumni Named to Forbes 30 Under 30

Corina Antal, B.S.M.A.S. '09, is a researcher at the Salk Institute for Biological Sciences. Her research has uncovered that a group of proteins thought to promote the growth of tumors actually suppresses their growth, potentially paving the way for new cancer treatments. | [Read more](#)

Austin Gallagher, Ph.D. '15, is already making an impact in the area of conservation biology with over 30 published studies. He founded Beneath the Waves, a global NGO that does

Make plans now to attend this year's Alumni Weekend & Homecoming celebration on **November 3-6**. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with classmates, share memories, and see what's new at the U!

Reunions are the hallmark of Alumni Weekend & Homecoming, and this year the University will host Class Reunion Celebrations for undergraduate alumni from the following years: **Classes of 1966, 1976 and 2006**. Affinity groups, such as student organizations and clubs, also host reunions on Alumni Avenue, a block-party that takes place in tandem with the annual Homecoming Parade, Boat Burning, and Fireworks.

For more information on the Class Reunions, and to join a volunteer reunion planning committee, visit miami.edu/alumniweekend.

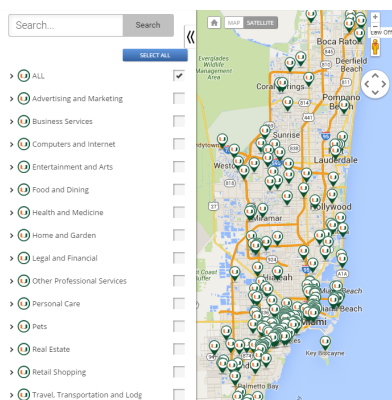
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ALUMNI BUSINESSES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The UM Alumni Association is leading an effort to showcase businesses owned and operated by alumni.

An interactive map showcasing the 'Cane economic footprint in Florida was unveiled during Inauguration Week as the University of Miami installed its sixth president, Dr. Julio Frenk. Currently, the map showcases more than 300+ businesses in Florida, many of which offer alumni discounts. The hope is to continue building on this impressive 'Cane footprint, both in Florida and across the country. | [View the map](#)



If you missed any coverage from the 2016 Presidential Inauguration, [click here for the full recap](#).

BRIEFLY NOTED

Negin Arhami, M.S. '14, is the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in Computer Science at UM. She landed a job at Microsoft last fall.

Jordan Barrocas, M.B.A. '11, and his business partner earned a \$100,000 investment on the hit TV show 'Shark Tank' for their company, Three Jerks Jerky.

Hilarie Bass, J.D. '81, was named to lead the American Bar Association.

James Ferraro, J.D. '83, was named 2015 Plaintiff's Attorney of the Year by CVN Florida.

Gregory L. Fontella, J.D. '15, joined the zoning, land use and environmental law firm Bercoy Radell & Fernandez as an Associate.

Christian Davis Furman, A.B. '92, was recently selected to be the Medical Director for U of L's Institute for Sustainable Health & Optimal Aging.

research on preserving the environmental health of oceans. | [Read more](#)

Travis Montague, B.B.A. '14, is helping brands and publishers innovatively measure the effectiveness of their online advertising. His company, Emogi, developed the Emotion Engine™, a proprietary technology that allows consumers to express their feelings by clicking on the wide range of smiling, sad, pensive and angry emoji faces and symbols used in text and email messages. | [Read more](#)

SideNOTES

VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE U HONORS 'CANE COUPLES

With more than 4,500 'Canes Couples around the world, including UM pairings amongst faculty and staff, there was a whole lot of love here at the U on Valentine's Day. On Sunday, February 14th, the University of Miami Alumni Association hosted its third annual I Love U Reception for 'Canes Couples. This Valentine's Day reception celebrated couples who share a connection to UM in some way, and also supported the [I Love U CaneFunder Campaign](#). | [Read more](#)



VISUALIZATION GOES HIGH-TECH WITH NEW VIZLAB

From an aerial shot of a shantytown to an image of brain dendrites, the VizLab at UM's Center for Computational Science (CCS) offers the UM community a high-tech way to display, present, and analyze information. The lab allows researchers to run simulations through the powerful device and then display their results on screen for analysis and discussion. | [Read more](#)

Clifford Dean Furman, A.B. '90, was elected vice-president of the Louisville Bar Association. He also began a two-year term on the Board for Louisville Literary Arts.

Michael J Higer, J.D. '85, was named to lead the Florida Bar Association.

Maria-Teresa Lepeley, M.S. '82, M.A. '87 is the editor of Human Centered Management in Executive Education Global Imperatives, Innovation and New Directions recently published by Palgrave.

Carlos Fernando Lopez, B.M. '12, won his first Grammy for his participation as arranger, engineer and performer in the album "A quien quiera escuchar - Deluxe Edition" of Ricky Martin, in the category Best Latin Pop Album.

Andres Meza-Valdes, B.S.C. '09, and Diego Meza-Valdes, B.S.C. '09, showcased their film 'Boniato' at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival.

Julio Reyes Copello, M.M. '00, won a 2016 Grammy Award as producer of the Ricky Martin album "A quien quiera escuchar - Deluxe Edition" in the category Best Latin Pop Album.

Robert Rodriguez, B.M. '00 and Michael J. Rodriguez were nominated for 2016 Grammy Awards this year, in the Best Latin Jazz Album category.

Rodolfo R. Rodriguez-Oliva, B.S.E.E '63 was recently elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

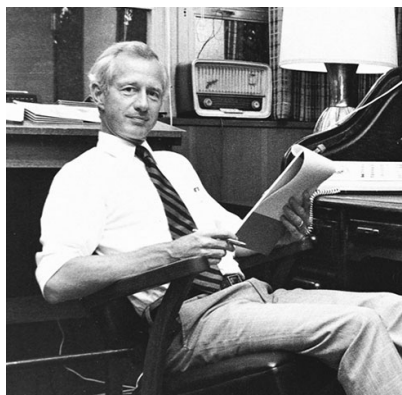
Sylvester Stallone, B.F.A. '98, won a Golden Globe and Critics' Choice Award for his role in the box office hit 'Creed.' He was also nominated for an Oscar.

Nancy Targett, M.S.C.E. '75, was appointed as the new provost of the University of New Hampshire.

UM HEADLINES

FORMER UM PRESIDENT FOOTE REMEMBERED

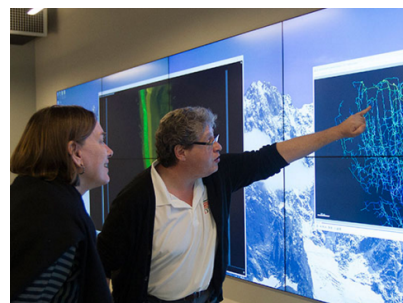
Edward Thaddeus "Tad" Foote II, who had a tremendous influence on the growth and development of the University of Miami over more than two decades, passed away on Monday, February 15, at age 78. As the school's fourth president, he significantly raised the academic and research stature of the school, spearheaded a capital fundraising campaign that was the second-largest in the history of American higher education at the time, and instituted a series of other reforms that ranged from improved facilities to new academic programs. "President Foote's tenure as president from 1981 to 2001 was marked by a far-reaching and rigorous pursuit of academic excellence that helped to distinguish our students and faculty among the finest in the nation," said UM President Julio Frenk. | [Read more](#)



GUILLERMO "WILLY" PRADO NAMED DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

The University of Miami has appointed UM alumnus Guillermo "Willy" Prado, M.S. '00, Ph.D. '05, now the Leonard M. Miller Professor of Public Health Sciences and the director of the Division of Prevention Science and Community Health at the Miller School of Medicine, as the new dean of the Graduate School, effective February 1. As dean of the Graduate School, Prado will work in partnership with the deans of the schools and colleges to support and develop strategies for attracting the next generation of scientists and researchers to graduate education at the University of Miami. He will specifically manage the process of external program reviews and new program proposals, oversee the selection process for University of Miami graduate fellowships, chair the Graduate Council meetings, and meet regularly with graduate program directors, among other duties. | [Read more](#)

NEW ENDOWED CHAIRS ANNOUNCED



NEWLY RENOVATED UNIVERSITY CENTER POOL REOPENS WITH FANFARE

Just in time for South Florida's sunny winter—and after a \$1.8 million, seven-month renovation—the Whitten University Center Pool celebrated its grand reopening with a poolside party, complete with live music, a catered barbecue, and giveaways of towels, beach balls, and sunscreen. | [Read more](#)



EVENT CELEBRATES DEDICATION OF NEW JEWISH CENTER

Hundreds of people gathered to mark the dedication of The Braman Miller Center for Jewish Student Life at the University of Miami Hillel. The building, which was made possible through gifts from two of Miami's most philanthropic families, the Bramans and the Millers, along with Hillel International, provides a space for all students and the community to study, pray, eat, and spend time with friends. | [Read more](#)

UMAA TEAM WINS FOUR CASE AWARDS

With more than 3,000 members and more than 1,000 entries this year, the UM Alumni Association is proud to have won four awards for excellence in Alumni Relations at the CASE District III Annual Conference in February. The



Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, part of UHealth – the University of Miami Health System, announced the installment of two new endowed chairs in head and neck oncology. These are the first two chairs of the “100 New Talents for 100 Years” initiative announced by President Julio Frenk at his inauguration address. The W. Jarrard Goodwin Jr., M.D., Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Oncology Surgery has been established with a gift from the Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation and will be held by Donald T. Weed, M.D., Co-Director of the Division of Head and Neck Surgery at Sylvester and professor of otolaryngology at the Miller School of Medicine. The Virginia M. Horner Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Oncology Research has been established with a gift from Virginia M. Horner and will be held by Francisco J. Civantos, M.D., Co-Director of the Division of Head and Neck Surgery/Otolaryngology, and professor of otolaryngology – head and neck surgery at the Miller School of Medicine. | [Read more](#)



UM NAMES VICE PROVOST FOR INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE

Isaac Prilleltensky has been appointed vice provost for institutional culture at the University of Miami. As vice provost, his primary responsibility will be the ongoing implementation of the University’s culture transformation initiative. In addition to this new role, Prilleltensky will continue to serve as dean of the School of Education and Human Development and report to the provost. Prilleltensky will focus on developing programs to actualize the values embraced by the University community. In addition, he will be in charge of evaluating the culture transformation initiative. He will also serve as a resource for the team that has been established by President Julio Frenk to create the framework for a culture of belonging at the U. | [Read more](#)



team received two Grand Awards and an Award of Excellence for work on a variety of programs, including the Legacy Admission Program and Impact of U Tour with former president Donna Shalala. UMAA Past President Pat Barron, B.B.A. '75, also won the Bill Franklin Volunteer of the Year Award.

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