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AlumniNEWS

Alumnus Earns Silver Medal at Rio Olympics



UM alumnus and United States Olympian Sam Dorman, B.S.M.E. '15, teamed up with Michael Hixon to win a silver medal in the synchronized 3-meter springboard event on August 10 at the 2016 Olympic Games.

Competing in their first Olympics, Dorman and Hixon delivered a second-place score of 450.21 to pick up USA's second diving medal of the 2016 Rio Games. Dorman became the first Hurricane to medal in the Olympics since Lauryn Williams, who won silver in the 2014 Sochi Games and won gold in the 2012 London Games.

Dorman was among four UM alumni competing in this year's Olympic games. Racing for Trinidad & Tobago, alumna Felice Aisha Chow, B.S. '99, raced the women's single skulls and finished fourth in the rowing event; Murielle Ahoure, A.B. '11, representing her native Ivory Coast, competed in women's track & field 100- and 200-meter races; Canada's Alysha Newman, B.S.E.D. '16, competed in women's track & field pole vault event. | [Read more](#)

ALUMNUS KNIGHTED FOR PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BARBADOS REAL ESTATE



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 for Alumni Weekend and Homecoming, which will take place on
 November 3-6, 2016.

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CAMPUS UPDATES



Lowe Museum Ranked #3 in Miami

Recognized for his work preserving Barbados' most historic buildings and real estate, 1969 University of Miami graduate Paul Bernard Altman was awarded the title of Knight Bachelor, as part of the British Honours System.

Primarily involved in urban renewal programs, Sir Paul Altman also serves as Chairman of the Campus Council at the University of the West Indies, and holds a seat on the Board of the National Art Gallery. He and his family led the restoration of the Nidhe Israel Synagogue in Bridgetown, Barbados capital, and it is currently in its final phase of redevelopment. | [Read more](#)



USA Today ranked UM's Lowe Art Museum as the #3 Best Museum in Miami, citing its well-rounded collection of Italian Renaissance, Baroque, Greco-Roman, Spanish Old Masters art, and assortment of Native American, African, and Asian antiquities. [Read more.](#)

ALUMNA NAMED SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF PERU



School of Business Administration alumna Mercedes Araoz, M.A. '91, who became Peru's first female finance and economics minister in December 2009, became second vice president of her home country on July 28. Araoz is part of the cabinet of Peru's new president, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski. | [Read more.](#)

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BRIEFLY NOTED

Pedro R. Ast, B.B.A. '13, released a new Tinder-like app for athletes. Bvddy has raised over \$1.5 million in its first round of funding. Bvddy lets people search for partners for the sport of their choice as well as find and organize their own sports events.

Stanford Blake, J.D. '73, has been honored by the Florida Supreme Court for judicial excellence and was recognized as "the best of the best" among all Circuit Court Judges in Florida.

Robert Buschel, A.B. '91, published his first novel *Silent Majority*.

Thomas F. Cecich, B.S.I.E. '72, was installed as the 102nd president of the American Society of Safety Engineers on July 1st in Atlanta, GA.

Freddy R. Funes, J.D. '09, has made partner at Gelber Schachter & Greenberg.

Kourtney Ratliff Gibson, B.B.A. '03, was named President of Loop Capital Markets, LLC, a full-service investment bank, brokerage and advisory firm.

Frank Gonzalez, M.B.A. '95, was promoted to Managing Principal of the firm's headquarters in Miami for Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLC.

Martin D. "Doug" Kelly, A.B. '77, published his second book *Alaska's Greatest Outdoor Legends* from University of Alaska Press with circulation worldwide by the University of Chicago Press.

William C. MacLeod, J.D. '79, has been named Chair Elect of the American Bar Association's Antitrust Section.



Election Course Offers an Engaging Curriculum for UM Students

The 2016 presidential candidates have been chosen and the race to the White House is on in one of the most controversial and historic elections to date. Who will win? How does the Electoral College work? What role does media play in today's political arena? These questions and more will be answered by a group of University of Miami instructors teaching a course entitled The 2016 Election, hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Political Science.

The course will also feature guest speakers who offer real-world experience in politics, government, and the media, such as U.S. Representatives Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Carlos Curbelo, both Republicans from Miami and UM alumni, former U.S. Representative and current news commentator Colonel Allen West, as well as local filmmaker Billy Corben, B.S.C. '09. [Read more.](#)



Roberto R. Pardo, J.D. '86 and Robert "Bob" A. Butterworth, Jr., J.D. '69, have been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to serve on the board of the Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide charitable organization whose mission is to provide greater access to justice.

Rafael "Ralph" A. Ribas A.B. '87, B.S. '88, was recently promoted to Brigadier General at the Mark Lance Armory in St. Augustine, Florida.

Selena S. Smith, M.B.A. '13, has been elected to the Royal Palm Beach Village Council. Her two year term began in March.

UM HEADLINES

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES DEAN PERAGALLO MONTANO TO STEP DOWN

Nilda (Nena) Peragallo Montano, who fostered monumental growth and significant improvement in the curriculum, facilities, and programs of the University of Miami's School of Nursing and Health Studies during her 13 years as dean, will step down at the end of the fall 2016 semester.

An internationally recognized nursing scientist, Peragallo Montano will become dean of the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

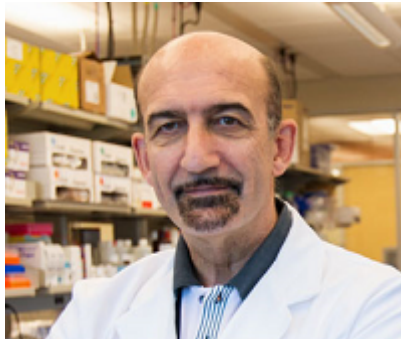
"Nena's leadership and the contributions of the school's outstanding faculty led to many significant accomplishments," said Thomas J. LeBlanc, UM's executive vice president and provost, noting that Peragallo Montano "has elevated the School of Nursing and Health Studies into the ranks of the nation's best." | [Read more](#)



UM FOCUSES ITS MEDICAL MIGHT ON ZIKA THROUGH RESEARCH, TREATMENT, EDUCATION

Mosquito-borne transmission of the Zika virus appeared in South Florida just recently, but at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, forward-thinking researchers and clinicians had begun preparing for its arrival a year ago.

That's when David Watkins, Ph.D., vice chair for research in the Department of Pathology, who researches diseases in Latin America where the infections were reaching epidemic proportions, first sounded the alarm about the potential consequences in South Florida. | [Read more](#)



UM FILMMAKERS' UNUSUAL EXPERIMENT PRODUCES LOVE STORY FOR THE WORLD

As the title of producer Sanjeev Chatterjee's latest movie implies, "Mi Amor" is a Miami-based love story, but not exactly the kind most people might imagine. With his first feature film, the University of Miami's award-winning documentarian set out on "an unusual



New Director of LGBTQ Student Center On Board

Van Bailey is not shy about telling people he was once homeless. His gender identity and sexual orientation were at odds with his family's conservative religious and cultural background, so at age 14, he transferred from his North Carolina high school to a performing arts school with a dormitory he could call home. He then lived year-round at Denison University in Ohio as an undergraduate English and black studies major. [Read more.](#)

Alumni are invited to learn about the **LGBTQ 'Canes** and get involved. For more information, visit their website at miami.edu/alumni/lgbtq.



Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Launches Dynamic New Master's Degree

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute - the global leader in eye care, vision research and ophthalmology education - is pleased to launch the world's first Master's degree in Vision Science and Investigative Ophthalmology (MVSIO). This innovative program offers comprehensive training in ophthalmic translational research, problem-based learning, management and a skill set available only at Bascom Palmer. [Read more.](#)



An Advance Look at UHealth Coral Gables in The Lennar Foundation Medical Center

In many ways, UHealth Coral Gables, in The Lennar Foundation Medical Center, is a model for patient care in

experiment” to revitalize the global appeal of Indian Bengali films on “a micro budget.”

Written and directed by the critically acclaimed Bengali filmmaker Suman Ghosh and starring two of Calcutta’s top actors, “Mi Amor” was shot mostly in English, partly in Bengali, and entirely in Miami during two grueling weeks in May with a small crew comprised largely of faculty, staff, and students from the School of Communication’s Department of Cinema and Interactive Media. | [Read more](#)

UM PROFESSOR EXAMINES TACTICS USED BY MEXICAN JOURNALISTS TO STAY ALIVE WHILE ON ASSIGNMENT

How has an almost-certain death sentence for simply reporting the truth affected the way Mexican journalists practice their craft?

That is at the heart of a first-of-its-kind study by a University of Miami scholar and research partners in Mexico who spent nearly three years studying the problem.



Sallie Hughes, an associate professor in UM’s School of Communication, and her colleagues Mireya Marquéz-Ramírez of the Iberoamerican University in Mexico City and Marco Lara Klahr of the Media and Violence Program of the non-profit Instituto de Justicia Procesal Penal in Mexico City, surveyed nearly 380 Mexican journalists, asking them to report on the types of measures they use to reduce the risk of reprisals and direct threats carried out against them for covering certain types of news stories. | [Read more](#)

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