

Alumni in "Hamilton," "The Voice" & More

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AlumniNEWS

Alumnus Cast in Chicago Production of Smash Broadway Hit "Hamilton"



Two-time Tony Award-nominee Joshua Henry, B.M. '06, has been cast as Aaron Burr in the Chicago production of Broadway's smash hit "Hamilton."

The musical, which shot to fame well before its Broadway premiere in August 2015, received a record-setting 16 Tony nominations, a Grammy Award, and Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Henry, a graduate of the UM Frost School of Music, leads the cast with Tony Award-winner Karen Olivo, as Angelica Schuyler, and Miguel Cervantes as Alexander Hamilton.

Alumni can see a fellow 'Cane perform now through September 2017. | [Get tickets.](#)

ALUMNUS BREAKS THROUGH ON NBC'S "THE VOICE"



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CAMPUS UPDATES





Andrew DeMuro, A.B. '12, is no stranger to performing in front of an audience. In 2012 the UM alumnus [sang an impromptu duet with Billy Joel](#), so it was no surprise when DeMuro chose arguably one of Billy's Joel's top five classics "Vienna" for his blind audition on NBC's "The Voice."

DeMuro was selected by two of the four celebrity judges, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton, and even referenced his UM duet with Joel in conversation. DeMuro selected Team Adam and progressed to the third round of the competition. He left with praises, though, from fans and coaches alike - even [a nod from the Rolling Stone](#). | [Watch Andrew's blind audition on "The Voice."](#)

SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI AND FACULTY GATHER TO HONOR ALUMNA MARIKE PAULSSON'S BOOK PUBLISHING



UM School of Law faculty and prominent international law and arbitration specialists gathered in Georgetown, Washington, D.C., to honor Miami Law Professor Marike Paulsson's, LL.M. '11, new book "The 1958 New York Convention in Action" on September 18th.

The event, attended by Dean of the School of Law Patricia D. White, and other UM law alumni, was held at Nassib Ziadé's home, a Visiting Professor at Miami Law, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution.

Paulsson is currently the Director of the International Arbitration Institute & a Lecturer at the School of Law.

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

UM Experts Provide Insights Into the Presidential Debates and the Upcoming Election

The upcoming Presidential Election is unlike any other. Two very different candidates with widely disparate political experience and personalities square off against each other in a bitter, contentious battle.

[Read more.](#)

After you cast your ballot on **Tuesday, November 8th**, or if you voted early, join the Department of Political Science as they host the **2016 Election Watch Party at the University of Miami H100 Room in the Watsco Center starting at 6:30 p.m.!**

Spend the evening alongside Political Science Professor Joe Uscinski who has been active this election season publishing essays on contemporary conspiracy theories that have appeared in *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, and *Politico*, and Professor Casey Klofstad whose research on political decision making and civic participation has appeared in *Politico* and *The American Journal of Political Science and Political Communication* as they make their political commentary while the most awaited results roll in. Media and special guests, along with our very own "Spin Room," will be on site to cover the most anticipated election of modern times!

RSVP to ensure you are part of the most lively [election watch party](#) in Miami.



Leonardo DiCaprio Screens His Epic Film on Climate Change at UM

From the White House on one day to a college campus cinema the next, Academy Award-winning actor and eco-activist Leonardo DiCaprio

BRIEFLY NOTED

Francisco Angones, A.B.'72, J.D.'76, Partner, Angones McClure & Garcia P.A., is part of the Task Force of the Hispanic National Bar Association. The Association announced the formation to assist with legal analysis and policy recommendations related to improving U.S. – Cuba relations.

Nanette Laml Avery, B.F.A.'76, announces the publication of her latest novel, "A Curious Host." It follows a scavenging yellow dog, as he wanders his way in and out of the lives of residents living in a place identified only as "the plain town."

Raymond Angelo Belliotti, M.A.'76, Ph.D.'77, Distinguished Teaching Professor of Philosophy at State University of New York, has published his 19th book, "Dostoevsky's Legal and Moral Philosophy: The Trial of Dmitri Karamazov."

Meredith Colby, B.M.'85, has published a book called "Music Notes: How to Sing High, Loud, Healthy, and Forever."

Patrick Dywer, M.B.A.'93, was ranked fifth wealth advisor by *FORBES*.

Robin Gerofsky Kaptzan, B.B.A.'82, J.D.'85, a Senior Foreign Counsel for Duan and Duan, a Chinese law firm located in Shanghai, has been appointed by the American Bar Association's Section of International Law as a Division Chair.

Cymonie Rowe Henkel, B.S.C.'94, has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to fill an open position on the Palm Beach County Circuit bench. Rowe has been a senior trial attorney for Liberty Mutual and prior to that was an attorney with Green, Ackerman & Frost, P.A.

Gregory Herman-Giddens, LL.M.E.'93, practiced law in Florida since 1992, and is celebrating the firm's 20th anniversary by moving into a new office in downtown Miami.

Horacio Gutierrez, J.D.'98, General Counsel, joined Spotify, the world's most popular streaming service.

Laird A. Lyle, LL.M.E.'87, this year marks the 22nd consecutive year he has been recognized as Best Lawyer in America 2017 for his work involving trusts and estates.

Stephen Maher, J.D.'75, a partner with Shutts & Bowen, was honored by the Florida Army National Guard for his pro bono legal service. He received the Florida Commendation Medal, one of the only military awards available to civilians.

Gerald Ratigan, B.B.A.'02, was recently promoted to SVP Finance and Chief Accounting Officer for MoneyOnMobile, Inc., a publicly-traded global mobile payments company with operations in India.

Eric Reissi, A.B.'11, rose to the rank of captain in the Marines. He is the son of immigrants and the first in his family to graduate from college and serve in the U.S. military. In addition, the first to go to law school.

David W. Schropfer, E.M.B.A.'95, published a book called "Digital Habits," the first mainstream book that anyone can read to learn simple tips that help avoid sophisticated cyberattacks.

Leslie Jose Ziegel, J.D.'95, an attorney who plays jazz bass, joined Greenspoon Marder in January with plans to bring national stature to the Miami firm's entertainment law group.

screened his powerful new documentary about the damaging effects of climate change at the University of Miami on Tuesday, October 4, moderating a subsequent panel discussion in which he told an audience of hundreds that climate change is "too important" a topic to ignore.

"So many of these issues are going to affect your state directly," DiCaprio said at UM's Cosford Cinema, referring to sea level rise, the destruction of coral reef ecosystems, and other climate change-induced conditions that especially imperil Florida and its coastal cities and are highlighted in his 96-minute film *Before the Flood*. [Read more.](#)



Forum Focuses on Bridging the Women's Cancer Divide

Singer/songwriter and UM alumnus, Jon Secada, is joining Dr. Felicia Knaul's crusade to improve the care and treatment of women's cancers in the hemisphere.

Every minute of every day, three women receive the same devastating diagnosis that Felicia Knaul, the University of Miami's first lady, received nine years ago while living in Mexico: You have breast cancer.

But if they are literate, documented, white, and happen to live in Florida, they'll likely be diagnosed early, have access to institutions like Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Miller School of Medicine, and survive. If, however, they live in a resource-poor country, like Bolivia or Guatemala, their chances of surviving even treatable breast cancer are slim. They're even less likely to survive preventable cervical cancer.

"Hundreds of thousands globally and tens of thousands in our region die every year from preventable cervical cancer or treatable breast cancer," Knaul, the director of the University of Miami Institute for the Americas, said as she opened a

UM HEADLINES

A LOVE OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND THEATER BRINGS THE FIRST CUBAN STUDENT IN DECADES ON A STUDENT VISA TO UM FOR HER DOCTORAL STUDIES

The first time that Dainerys Machado Vento walked into the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter library and its Cuban Heritage Collection (CHC) to research Cuban literature of the '50s and '60s, she realized that everything she needed was at her fingertips.

"In Cuba many of those documents are either in very bad condition or do not exist at all," she said. "When I first came to this library and saw how easily I could pick up any book, by a Cuban author or anyone, I cried. Being surrounded by the freedom of ideas, it was beautiful."

Machado Vento, a doctoral student in the Modern Languages and Literature Department at the College of Arts and Sciences, is the first Cuban citizen in decades to come to UM on an F-1 student visa, a nonimmigrant visa issued to those who want to pursue studies in the U.S. Her enrollment is another sign of the changing relationship between the U.S. and Cuba, which renewed diplomatic relations in July 2015. | [Read more.](#)



UM RANKED HIGH IN INAUGURAL WALL STREET JOURNAL/TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGE RANKINGS

In a new ranking of U.S. colleges and universities that places more weight on postgraduate success and student learning than on metrics such as test scores and acceptance rates, the University of Miami has been ranked No. 37 out of more than 1,000 national public and private institutions, solidifying its reputation as one of the nation's top private research universities.



The inaugural Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings, which incorporate results from a survey of 100,000 college students, also rank UM highest among all Florida schools. Stanford took the top spot in the rankings, followed by MIT and Columbia University.

Schools received an overall score out of 100. UM's score was 78.2.

Factors measured by the rankings include outcomes such as graduation rate and academic reputation; resources such as the capacity to effectively deliver teaching; the ability to effectively engage with students; and environment, such as the proportion of international students, student diversity, and student inclusion. | [Read more.](#)

symposium last Wednesday on "Women's Cancers in the Americas: Strategies for Synergies" with sobering statistics. "The majority of them are poor. The majority of them lack access to care. The majority of them are women in the prime of their lives with children who depend on them."

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