



Paul Orehovec
Vice President

The Vice President of UM

I'd like to introduce Mr. Paul M. Orehovec, Vice President of the University of Miami. He is from Cleveland, Ohio. He has been at UM for 17 years and he graduated twice from it. He likes all kinds of sports, but his favorites are baseball and skiing. Vice President Orehovec said that UM has had the Intensive English Program for 50 years and because of that he is so excited to have us with them. He loves the idea of the relationship between both organizations, IMG Academies and The University of Miami. It is good to grow and extend the program.

He seems like a really nice person. Good for UM and for Us!

Heywi Maldonado
Venezuela

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A Meeting Of The Minds

A Golfer from Taiwan

MY name is YANG CHEN HAO. I come from TAIWAN. I am a student, and I like to watch TV and play video games. I am a golfer. I can play all kinds of sports except soccer because I think it is boring. I have two brothers named RICKY and PETER who have different hobbies. They like to play online games. SO sometimes I don't know what they are talking about. My father is a businessman. He also likes to play GOLF. So we usually play golf on the weekend. My mom works with my father. She accounts for all company finances. Another family member is my grandmother. She is a pious Buddhist.

I came to the U.S.A. because I want to go to University so I can play on a college golf team. My goal is to be a professional golfer, to win the major championship.

Chen Yang
Taiwan

A Guy Who Loves America

I would like to introduce my friend Daniel. He has lived here one year and three months. He is Czech and a salesperson. His shop's name is Pagliacci and is located in Sarasota. He likes tennis but just watching the game and also action and spy movies. The *Lord of the Rings* was the best movie he has ever seen. He has parents, but they are divorced. His goal and dream are the same -- to live in the USA. In his free time he goes to the club to meet somebody or sleeps in his house. But he can cook and is a very cool



guy who loves America. I gave him a question about America and he answered me like this: "Always there is a lot of opportunity to do everything." He also wants to travel around the USA. because he loves America!

Ian-Park
S. Korea



My Autobiography: Alfonso from Panama

I am Alfonso Marino. I was born in Panama City, at the Paitilla Hospital on January, 29, 1990. I was living in an apartment near that hospital. When I was 3 years old, my parents decided on a change of house at Villa de las Fuentes (my current house then). In the same year, I went to my first school that is located across from a church close to my house. When I was 5 years old, I changed my school and I went to Saint Augustine School (my current school then). At this moment I am in 8th grade. My favorite sports are tennis and soccer.



My father's name is Jose Alfonso Marino. He's 40 years old and was born in Colombia. He has 3 sisters and 3 brothers. He is the youngest of his family and he likes golf.



My mother's name is Bernardina Serrano; she's 38 years old and was born in Sona, a town located in the province of Veraguas. She has 2 sisters and is the younger of them. She really likes exercise.



My brother's name is Jose Ricardo Marino and he's 10 years old. He plays tennis also. He isn't fat, but he likes to eat. I want to be a very good tennis player, if it's possible a professional player. In 10 years, I will be 24 years old. In the future, I want to study in the United States, live in my country, and have a family.

Alfonso Marino
Panama

The Motorcycle Man!



Alberto Villamarin is from Colombia. He worked fro a Marketing and Sales Management Company. He came here to learn English, "well try", he said. He loves soccer like all the Colombians do, and also adventure sports, because of that he has a Harley Davidson motorcycle and he looks very handsome on it. He can't cook, but he likes Italian food and of course Colombian food. He has 2 daughters also 2 grandchildren. He already is a "Grandpa". He lives with his parents but they are always traveling to Colombia and to Australia. He likes the safety of the U.S .It's better than Colombia is. His dream is to be with his young daughter because she is the apple of his eye. I think he is a great man and I wish the best of luck to you! Kisses...



Heywi Maldonado
Venezuela



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A Spanish Golfer

I am going to talk about a young Spanish man, who was born in Santo Andre in the north of Spain, whose name is Carlos Garrido. He likes to go to discos during the weekend with his friends and go to the beach. At the moment he is studying English at UM-IMG in the morning, and in the afternoon he is playing golf. He loves sports and his favorites are: golf (of course), tennis, soccer, basketball... he doesn't know anything about the kitchen- he doesn't know how to cook!!!!

He has a big family with 3 sisters and 2 brothers. 2 of his sisters and 1 brother work in a company and the others are in the University. Now he is living in the U.S. and he said how he likes the U.S because it prepares athletes very well for sports, while his country doesn't. His goal is to become a famous golf player, but he thinks it's very difficult. His dream is to win a tournament of PGA Tour.

Daniel Sasson Wunsch
Brazil

Fascinating Girl from Venezuela

I interviewed someone whose name is Heywi Maldonado. She is 21 years old and she came from Caracas, Venezuela for studying English. Of course, she is a student and she likes watching soccer, not playing, listening to music such as Hiphop, Rock, Reggae, Salsa. She promised she will show me how to salsa dance. Furthermore, she can cook only soup. I think if someone married her, he would always eat soup for breakfast. ^ ^ ;

She has so much family: two sisters, one brother, uncles, aunts, father, mother. Heywi is the oldest of her sisters and brother. Her goal is above all graduation, second, to be a webmaster and to make a beautiful family. Besides, she wants to live in Italy, because she said she loves Italy and wants to go around the world. She is interested in knowing every country and culture.

In the U.S.A, she lives in Mirror Lake, which is two blocks from the IMG academy. Heywi sometimes goes shopping for food at Winn-Dixie, Publix and Wal-mart and gets up at 6:00 a.m., though her home is near the school. The reason she gets up early is her young sister goes to school by 7:00 at Pendleton.



Suk Won Chung
S. Korea

Great Tennis Player

Daniel Sasson was born in a beautiful city, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At the moment he studies English at UM-IMG because he wants to improve his English and in the afternoon he plays tennis. He spends four hours more or less studying English and three hours and a half playing tennis.

On the other hand, among his hobbies most notable are: going to the beach, meeting with his family and his friends and going to the cinema.

Besides, he likes to play soccer and basketball and skate. He has a sister and a brother. His brother is younger than his sister. Both his father and his mother are doctors.

His goal is he wants to be a professional tennis player and for his job to be a production engineer. Finally his dream is to play like Federer (a tennis player).

Carlos Garrido
Spain

My Friend from Korea

I would like to tell you about my friend Jong Soon Han from the beautiful city Seoul. Han is 28 years old and was working in an international computer company in the position of sales person. He likes to grow in his job, so he decided to improve his English and came to the USA to study English in the former Internexus Florida. Now he is studying with us at the University of Miami at IMG. I think it's good for him and also for all of us (we are very happy). Han's life goal is to be in the future a rich person. In Seoul, Han lived with his sister Yun Mi. I saw a picture of her; she is a beautiful young lady. Yun Mi is 25 years old and she is working in a phone company. Now she is also a student in a Korea.

Han lives on 26th Street and 13th Avenue in a small house. From this place every morning he goes to a school by a bus at 7:46, so he has to get up at 6:56 in the morning. Every day after school Han goes to shop (at Walmart) to buy something to eat for lunch and dinner. Every Saturday he cleans his house and does laundry. Usually in the evening on weekends he likes to go out to dance clubs or some bar to have fun. His other hobbies are computer games, collecting money from every country in the world and I'm very sure one day some girl will be very happy with him, because Han loves to cook, and that's not finished, HEY girls !!! – He knows how to cook every kind of food (INTERNATIONAL!!). So do not wait! Find him in Bradenton here -- he is only one.

He is such a super – special man.

Daniel Salajka
Czech Republic

Future Soccer Player Andre!

He comes from Panama. His name is Andre De Leon and he is eleven years old. He is a student and plays soccer and basketball. He likes soccer very much. I asked him a question: "Can you cook?" He answered me: "No, I just eat!" He's funny. He has one sister, father and mother. His sister is fifteen years old and his parents are forty-two years old. His father is in Italy. He is thinking about the U.S.A. It's a good place so he wants to live in Miami. His goal and dream is to be a soccer player. He

wants to travel in Italy. He has lived in Florida for one year. He likes

comedy movies and Italian food. He doesn't know Korea, only the name. He wants to be a soccer star in the future. Good luck, Andre!

Ian-Park
S. Korea

The Soccer and Mechanic Man

I have a classmate from South Korea whose name is Brad Chung. He studied Mechanics in South Korea and now he is studying English with us. For hobbies he likes playing soccer a lot, watching TV and singing. He loves to sing typical songs from South Korea and also dancing. He likes all kinds of sports, except American football. He cooks typical food from his country, noodles and omelet. His favorite omelet is ham with cheese. He has an older brother who is an Electronic Engineer. He likes the U.S, the beautiful views and beaches. His goal is to speak English very well and become a Chief Executive Officer. His dream is to have a good life, meet a good lover and visit Egypt.

I think Brad is a really cool guy and he will probably be able to have a nice future! Good luck!

Heywi Maldonado
Venezuela

My Autobiography: Jae Hwang

My name is Jae Hwang. I'm fifteen years old. I was born in Seoul Korea on October 13th, 1989. I was living in Anyang city in the in Duck Won.

In Duck Won is a city. When I was 1~6 years old I played in my neighborhood. And when I was 8 years old, I went to school. I made many friends and learned math and science. I like playing golf and basketball. I have a one brother and father, mother and me. My father's name is Hwang Jong Hee. His hobby is playing golf. His job is real estate. And he was born in Na Ju city. He is 41 years old. My mother's name is Jung Ang Ron. Her hobby is reading a book. Her job is real estate. And he was born in Ko Chang city. She is 40 years old. My brother's name is Hwang In Hwan. His hobby is playing soccer.

His job is student and he was born in Seoul city. He is 13 years old. I myself am 10 years old. In the future I would like to be maybe a scientist or dentist. I will go to medical school and dental school. I want to be married and have children.

Jae Hwang
S. Korea

My Autobiography: Leopold von Portatius

My name is Leopold von Portatius. I am from Germany and I play tennis. I have lived here in Florida for a half a year. I am 19 years old. I was born in

Neus in Germany. I moved when I was 3 to Hamburg. There I lived until I was 16. In 1998 I went to a boarding school, where I stayed until I was 16. In 2000 I went when I was 16 to live in Mallorca. In Mallorca I finished my school and then I started to play tennis in Barcelona. And now in 2003 in September I came to live here in Florida. In Florida I want to stay at least one more year. And my dream for the future is to live well, to have fun and to have nice girl friends.

Leopold von Portatius
Germany

The Guitar Player

This guy is really cool. His name is Alejandro Martinez. He is from Cali-Colombia. He was studying Advertising at the University over there, and he came here to study English and do a master's. He loves to play guitar and play soccer. Also he likes to do weight lifting. He cooks a typical Colombian food called "Sancocho," and he said he does it really well... He is close to his mother's family and he has 2 aunts living here with 2 cousins. He likes the people here. "They are very polite," he said. He wants to get a good job, because of that he wants to get a lot of money...and his dream is that Colombia would be able to have peace in the world.

I hope that too. Alejandro...you're a special person... Kisses...

Heywi Maldonado
Venezuela

Comeback to Italy

Franca lives in Rome, Italy. She is 32 years old and her job is staff of a Senator who is famous broadcasting in Italy. She likes watching movies, reading a book, traveling and sports such as tennis and ice-skating.

Franca doesn't cook and lives in Sarasota. The reason she studies here is her American friend lives here. She has a brother who lives in Rome and works for an American company as an engineer. Her mother lives in Sardinia and is a home-maker. Franca's goal is to find herself and her dream is to be happy, but she will go back to Rome on Monday because of her job.

Suk Won Chung
S. Korea

My Classmate from Brazil

I would like to introduce one of my classmates who is from Brazil. His name is Joao Barros and he lives in Rio de Janeiro.

Joao is a tennis player and that's the reason why he came to the U.S, to

play tennis and study English. Joao is a fan of sports, not only of tennis, but he also likes soccer, basketball, etc. He likes to spend his free time playing tennis and soccer.

He has a small family, but he has a lot of cousins. He like his family, which is just his father, mother and him, but he never helps his mother in the kitchen, because he doesn't know how to cook.

Joao tells us about the U.S. He said that he likes all the country, because it's a very nice country, but the place that he enjoys most is Orlando, because he loves Disney World, for all the parks and the attractions that they have.

The first goal of Joao is to become a professional tennis player. And his dream is to have a family and a good life with his family.

J.J. Graterol
Venezuela

My Friend from Korea

I would like to really tell you about my friend. His name is Ian Park. He comes from South Korea. He is in this country as a student to learn English and to learn to work in the hotel field.

He likes the U.S because there is so much freedom, but misses his brother and sister back home. He tries to keep busy playing sports like basketball and when he has time, he likes to go fishing and watch sports on TV. He doesn't get much time in doing this during the week because he leaves for school at 7:45 a.m.

Daniel Salajka
Czech Republic

A Soccer Player from Japan

This is Tetsuya Iwasaki from Tokyo, Japan. He was studying health and sports at the University in Tokyo for 4 years, but he couldn't finish it. Tetsuya is a person of few words and is a little shy. He wants to be a Physical Educator in Japan. His hobbies are listening to music, playing tennis and bowling. He likes sports like soccer, tennis and volleyball, but only watches volleyball. He can't cook but he love lasagna, a typical food from Italy, and of course "sushi." He was living with his father, mother and younger sister, who is studying in some high school in Tokyo. She is also studying very hard to enter to a good university over there. She would like to study Math and English. He doesn't know very much about the U.S, because it's his first time here, but he says, "I like the people here; they're very good." His dream is to be a rich man and help poor children and have them around him.

Good Tetsuya! Good luck.

Heywi Maldonado
Venezuela



**Vice President
Paul Orehovec
and
Anna Palombini**

A Pretty Girl Anna

Her name is Anna Beatriz Palombini from Brazil. She is fifteen year old, and she is a student. Her hobbies are playing tennis, dancing and riding a bicycle. So she likes sports a lot, especially tennis. She can not cook.

Anna has a little sister named Anna Carolina. She's ten years old, and Anna has a father and mother. They were born in Rio de Janeiro, but they live in Vitoria. Her goal is to have success in her life and her dream is to have a nice family and get a good job and be happy.

She has to do her homework and go to her beach house in Florida for three weeks. Finally she told me, about Korea. "I know very little Korean history. I want to visit in Korea. I want to know Korea."

**Ian-Park
S. Korea**

My Classmate from Venezuela

I have a classmate, and his name is Juan Graterol, or J.J. He is from Venezuela. There, he lives in Caracas. He came to the USA to play baseball and study English. His favorite hobby is playing baseball.

Baseball is his favorite sport, but he likes all the sports. He is from a big and close family. He likes the U.S. because he thinks it is a nice country. He wants to go to college and play baseball there. His dream is to be a professional baseball player. Nice to meet you J.J., and good luck in your dream!

**Joao Barros
Brazil**

A Very Special Person from Colombia

This story will be about a very special person from Colombia. His name is Jose de la Roche. He is 20 years old. Jose is such a powerful, energetic and witty man. He is also a very friendly guy; if we are around him, we have a lot of fun and we are always laughing. He wants to have some business and big family and he says: "I will travel with my family around the world and teach my son how to play soccer. With my wife we will watch a romantic movie or lovely story." Jose will very soon finish his university. Right now Jose is only a student so he has time for fun and playing tennis or soccer. He doesn't cook, but he is not an only child. He has a sister and she knows how to cook so he is fine. Jose likes his school (academy), because he lives only 5 minutes from his apartment using a car. If school is at 8 a clock, he gets up at 7 and leaves his apartment at 7:55. When school finishes, Jose goes with us to a restaurant to get something to eat. We like fast food such as Mc Donald's or Taco Bell – he doesn't like to hear anything about these restaurants. He very much misses his beautiful city, but his time is coming soon. When we start to talk about this, Jose is always exited.

**Daniel Salajka
Czech Republic**



SPORTS AROUND THE WORLD



SPORTS IN EUROPE

In January the most important sport in Europe is soccer. In this moment many leagues are competing in Europe. There are some leagues more important than others. One of them is in Spain. In this league there are players like Ronaldo, Zidane, Ronaldinho.....On the other hand there is a tournament in which all really good teams of Europe play together named Champions League. In February this competition is going to start the sixteenth round. The team that will win this competition is considered like the best team of the year in Europe. Among the teams from Spain that are playing in this competition are R. Madrid, Valencia, R. Sociedad and Deportivo. Last year the champion of this tournament was Milan from Italy.

Carlos Garrido
Spain

Baseball Spring Training

At this time in the U.S. the baseball season is getting ready to start. All the players have to report to their teams, to start practice and meet the new teammates. The spring training is like a pre-season; all the teams play against each other. They play and practice everyday for 2 months.

The Spring Training is really fun, because a lot of people go to see the pre-season game. Those games are very interesting because you can see the new players.

At this time everybody is hoping that the season starts, because everybody wants to go to or see a baseball game.

J.J. Graterol
Venezuela

THE MOST IMPORTANT DATE IN ASIA

In January, no big sporting event happened in ASIA because all the ASIAN countries celebrate the CHINESE NEW YEAR. We started on January twenty-second to twenty-ninth. This year is the year of the monkey. We have twelve animals to take turns every year. For example, next year will be the year of the chicken. And we also have a different calendar to know the traditional days. When somebody wants to get married or somebody dies, everyone needs to see the calendar to decide the date to make the ceremony. All the family members will get together again. All children will have a red envelope and all adults will put money in the envelope. So children will be rich after Chinese New Year. So THE CHINESE NEW YEAR IS MOST IMPORTANT IN ASIA.

Chen Yang
Taiwan

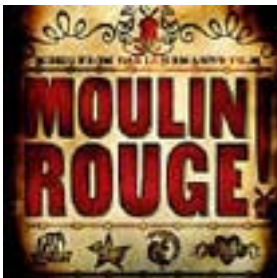
MOVIE REVIEW

MOULIN ROUGE (COME WHAT MAY...)

THE MOULIN ROUGE is a love story like another movie... but this movie is different a little. It is like a musical style movie.

The Moulin Rouge is a night club's name in Paris. This movie was absolutely different, not only because it is a musical but so many other reasons. The images in this movie couldn't be more beautiful. I was so attracted by Moulin Rouge's images, texture, color, tone, editing and the style of all sets. The actors were great, too. Just one thing I wasn't satisfied with was that they used famous pop songs, but I was sure people would like it that way ..., like Romeo and Juliet.

Ian Park
S. Korea



IMPRESSIONS OF THE U.S.

My Story about America

America is a big country with lots of crime and lots of rich people. I like America because it's a country where you see people from everywhere in the world and you learn different languages here because there are so

many Spanish speakers. I think Florida is also very nice because here there is always nice weather and here are nice beaches where you can see nice girls. And you can buy here so many cheaper electronic things than in Germany. And the English school where I am changed from Internexus to University of Miami. That's good because the name is better. And now we have also new computers here in the University of Miami that we can use -- that's cool. The Americans are very hard workers and they see their lives more easily than the German people. The rules here in America are sometimes a bit crazy. I don't understand why you can drive when you are 16 years old, and why you can use guns when you are 16. But anyway, I like America!

Leopold von Portatius
Germany

We hope you like our first newsletter.
See you next month for more!