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**University of Miami Alumni Association of Chicago Hosts the
11th ANNUAL CHICAGO SCHOLARSHIP CLASSIC
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 28 AND 29**

**SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDE HURRICANES HEAD COACH RANDY SHANNON,
CHICAGO BEAR GREG OLSEN, NFL GREAT RUSSELL MARYLAND AND MORE!**

April 20, 2009 – The **University of Miami Alumni Association (UMAA) of Chicago** is thrilled to host its 11th Annual Chicago Scholarship Classic, including an **intimate dinner with Hurricane coaches and alumni on Thursday, May 28 and a Golf Outing on Friday, May 29, 2009.**

The Chicago chapter of the UMAA, the only club of its kind to hold an event like this, raises thousands of dollars to benefit the Hurricane Club, which supports the University of Miami Athletic Program; the Chicago Alumni Club; and most importantly, Chicago-area students who hope to attend the University of Miami. Last year, in addition to a record attendance, the Randy Shannon Dinner and Golf Outing raised an unprecedented amount of nearly \$30,000 for scholarships. Among those in attendance were Head Coach Randy Shannon, Chicago Bears Tight End Greg Olson, Hall of Famer Ted Hendricks, and Hurricane Coaches Wesley McGriff (Secondary), Joe Pannunzio (Tight Ends/Special Teams) and Jeff Stoutland (Offensive Line).

Kicking off this year's event, the Chicago Alumni club and Head Coach **Randy Shannon** are proud to honor Whitney Young Alumnus, former Dallas Cowboy, and Hurricane Great **Russell Maryland** at the Metropolitan Club on the 66th Floor of the Sears Tower, 233 S Wacker Drive on Thursday, May 28. Other special guests in attendance include Chicago Bears Tight End and Hurricane Alumnus **Greg Olsen**, newly hired Hurricane Offensive Coordinator **Mark Whipple**, and Hurricane Coaches Wesley McGriff (Secondary), Joe Pannunzio (Tight Ends/Special Teams) and Jeff Stoutland (Offensive Line).

Following the dinner and ceremony, attendees will have the opportunity to meet-and-greet with the special guests and take part in a question and answer session.

The Scholarship Classic continues on Friday, May 29 with a Golf Outing at Oakbrook Country Club, 2606 York Road in Oak Brook beginning at 1pm.

Tickets for the Dinner on May 28 are limited and priced at \$125. To purchase tickets or for information about participating in the Golf Outing on May 29 contact 847-415-2004 or visit www.chicago-canes.org.

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The *University of Miami Alumni Association of Chicago* is a non-profit organization committed to strengthening local alumni ties through quality services and programming, funding scholarships for local students, and assisting in the continued development and enhancement of the University of Miami. For more information www.chicago-canes.org.

The *University of Miami Alumni Association of Chicago* is a program partner of **The AtTENTION Project**, a new pro bono program of The Silverman Group, Inc., a Chicago-centric publicity firm specializing in arts and leisure clientele. Recognizing that there are numerous worthwhile non-profit organizations operating without the benefit of publicity support - and in commemoration of its tenth anniversary in 2009 - The Silverman Group is proud to launch its AtTENTION Project, whereby the firm provides expert publicity counsel *at no charge* to ten Chicago non-profit organizations for month-long projects beginning in March.

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