Congratulations, Graduates

The University of Miami looks forward to welcoming families and friends to the fall and spring commencement ceremonies to be held in the BankUnited Center on the Coral Gables campus. All graduates will be recognized by name and walk across the stage to be congratulated by the president and their school’s dean. This brochure offers general information for parents, guests, and candidates. The University is proud of its students and their accomplishments and looks forward to this most memorable occasion. Congratulations!

For up-to-date information, go online at www.miami.edu/commencement or call the Commencement Infoline at 305-284-5798.

Dear Families and Friends of Future UM Graduates:

Commencement at the University of Miami is a very special occasion for you, your family and friends, and the University faculty. It is a time when our graduates are honored for their hard work and achievements.

The 2010-2011 commencement ceremonies are just around the corner. Important commencement information regarding the ceremony schedules, parking, and other related events are included in this brochure and on our website. For the most up-to-date information and to join our 2010-2011 commencement mailing list, please visit www.miami.edu/commencement.

All graduate and undergraduate degree commencement ceremonies will be held at the BankUnited Center on the Coral Gables campus.

**Fall 2010 Ceremony**
Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 10 a.m. for all graduate and undergraduate degrees

**Spring 2011 Ceremonies**
Thursday, May 12, 2011 for graduate degrees
Friday, May 13, 2011 for undergraduate degrees

If you have any questions or if we can provide you with further information, please call the Commencement Infoline at 305-284-5798, e-mail us at commencement@miami.edu, or visit www.miami.edu/commencement.

On behalf of the University of Miami, I extend my warmest wishes as you celebrate this joyous occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. LeBlanc, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost
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Fall and spring graduate and undergraduate ceremonies will be held in the BankUnited Center at the University of Miami on the Coral Gables campus at the following dates and times.

DECEMBER 2010
Combined Graduate, Law, and Undergraduate Degree Ceremony
Thursday, December 16, 2010
10 a.m.
All degrees for all schools and colleges, except Miller School of Medicine M.D. degrees

MAY 2011
Graduate Degree Ceremony
Thursday, May 12, 2011
4 p.m.
All graduate degrees for all schools and colleges, except Miller School of Medicine M.D. degrees and School of Law

Undergraduate Degree Ceremonies
Friday, May 13, 2011
8:30 a.m.
School of Business Administration
College of Engineering

12:30 p.m.
School of Architecture
School of Communication
School of Education
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music
School of Nursing and Health Studies

5 p.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (undergraduate degrees)

School of Law
Saturday, May 14, 2011
10 a.m.
The School of Law will hold its commencement ceremony in the BankUnited Center on the Coral Gables campus. For more information, call 305-284-4551 or visit www.law.miami.edu/graduation.

Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
Saturday, May 14, 2011
5 p.m.
The Miller School of Medicine will hold its commencement ceremony in the BankUnited Center on the Coral Gables campus. For more information, call 305-243-7418.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES
Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the BankUnited Center. Firecrackers and explosives of any kind are prohibited.

ACCESSoRIoNS
For information about area hotels, maps, and other traveling needs, visit the Web sites www.miamiandbeaches.com and www.miami.edu/commencement.

INVITaTIoNS anD aNnouNCemenTS
For all commencement ceremonies, personalized invitations and announcements may be ordered directly from Herff Jones at www.herffjones.com.

PRINTED PROGRAMS
Commencement programs will be available at the entrance to the ceremony for guests and in the seating areas reserved for graduating students and participating faculty. The program lists the name and degree for each graduate. It also contains information about commencement speakers as well as a sequence of events for the ceremony.

“Commencement is full of special moments that help you celebrate UM traditions as well as your accomplishments. It’s a time for reflection, but also a time to look forward to future opportunities.”

—Sarah Canale, A.B., M.P.A.
College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration
From the north
- Follow I-95 south, which feeds into US-1.
- Continue south on US-1 for approximately five miles.
- The University of Miami’s Coral Gables campus will be on the right, with entrances at Granada Boulevard, Stanford Drive, and South Alhambra Circle.

PARKING
Parking passes are not needed for any of our commencement parking lots. Ample parking is conveniently located at the Ponce de Leon Garage, the Pavia Garage, and the parking lots on Walsh Avenue and Dickinson Drive. Shuttle service will run to and from the Pavia Garage and the BankUnited Center. There will also be shuttle service to the University Center and the Bookstore on Stanford Drive.

Handicapped-accessible and special needs parking will be available in the lot directly across from the BankUnited Center on Walsh Avenue. For guests with special needs and those who cannot walk long distances, we recommend parking in the Special Needs Lot or the Pavia Garage. For more information about special assistance, call the Office of Commencement at 305-284-1821.

Please be aware that the City of Coral Gables police will strictly enforce off-campus parking regulations. More parking information is available online at www.miami.edu/commencement.

“The It was so rewarding for me to come back to my alma mater and see how the UM spirit and traditions are still such a vital part of commencement. You’re a ‘Cane...for life.”

—Dwayne Johnson, B.G.S.
Candidate Information

ATTENDANCE/ELIGIBILITY

Fall Candidates: Students who have completed or are scheduled to complete their requirements for graduation this fall may participate in the December ceremony. In order to be included in the December program, participate in commencement, and receive regalia, you must have applied for graduation online at www.myum.miami.edu by the Friday, October 8, 2010* deadline.

Spring and Summer Candidates: Students who will have completed or are scheduled to complete their requirements for graduation this spring or summer may participate in the May ceremonies. In order to be included in the May program, participate in commencement, and receive regalia, you must apply for graduation by the deadline. Regalia must be ordered online at www.myum.miami.edu by the Friday, March 4, 2011* deadline.

*All deadlines are subject to change. Please contact the Office of the Registrar for the most up-to-date information regarding academic calendars.

CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION

You will order your regalia online when you apply for graduation by the deadline. Regalia is free for all graduating students. Regalia distribution for graduates (except Miller School of Medicine and School of Law) will take place at the Toppel Career Center on the Coral Gables campus during the week of commencement. Please visit www.miami.edu/commencement for exact dates and times or call the Toppel Career Center at 305-284-5451 for more information.

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI STOLE

The University of Miami is making available to all graduating degree recipients a unique Official Stole—a meaningful way for graduates to show their appreciation to family, friends, and mentors or as a keepsake of their UM experience. Join your fellow graduates in this University tradition and wear the stole during your graduation ceremony. For more information or to place an order, visit www.miami.edu/commencement.

Commencement Ceremonies

ASSEMBLY AND ROBING

Graduating students should arrive in their regalia and follow the signs to the Graduate Lineup Site at the BankUnited Center.

ORDER OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCESSION

The stage party, which includes the president and provost, will follow the academic procession. The presidential procession will enter the site promptly at the scheduled starting time of the ceremony, and the audience should stand and remain standing until the ceremony is declared open.

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Doctoral Degrees

For the graduate degrees, doctoral candidates will have their degrees conferred prior to the master’s candidates. Faculty advisors to the doctoral candidates will sit with their respective candidates.

The provost will introduce the dean of the Graduate School, who will then present the candidates to the president. The dean will ask all candidates to rise for the conferral of degrees. Following conferral, the dean will ask the graduates, along with their respective advisors, to come forward to the stage. Graduates

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS

At the commencement ceremonies, professional photographers from Gradtrak (www.gradimages.com) will photograph all graduates as they walk across the stage. A complimentary copy will be mailed to graduates, along with instructions to order additional prints.

Personal photographs may be taken only before and after the ceremonies. No one is permitted in the aisles during the ceremony.

CAPTURE THE MEMORIES

Video coverage will be available for all ceremonies. For details and to order a DVD, go to www.miamicommencementvideo.com. The ceremony will be webcast live. For more details, visit www.miami.edu/commencement.
will proceed to the stage, where they will be
hooded by preselected hooders.

After each graduate is hooded, the gradu-
ate will proceed to the president for a pho-
tograph. Graduates will exit the stage, take a
photograph with their advisor and then return
to their seats.

Master’s Degrees
Candidates will wear their hoods during
the entire ceremony.

The conferral of master’s degrees will
follow the conferral of the doctoral degrees. During the ceremony, the provost will indi-
vividually introduce the dean of each school to
present the candidates for graduation to the
president. The dean will ask the candidates
to rise for the conferral of degrees. Graduates
will remain standing until all master’s-level
candidates are recognized. Following
conferral, graduates will approach the
stage to be congratulated.

The announcer will call out each gradu-
ate’s name. The graduate will walk toward
the center of the stage to the president for
photograph. Graduates will exit the stage
and return to their seats.

PROCESSIONAL EXIT
The president will lead the recession,
followed by the stage party. Graduates will
then follow the exiting stage party, front rows
going first.

Bachelor’s Degrees
For the conferral of the baccalaureate
degrees, the provost will introduce the dean
of each school to present the candidates to
the president. The dean will ask candidates
to rise at their seats for the conferral of
degrees. Upon conferral, all graduates will
move their tassels from the right side to the
left side of their caps. The dean will then ask
the graduates to approach the stage to be
congratulated.

The announcer will call out each gradu-
ate’s name. The graduate will walk toward
the center of the stage to the president for
a photograph. Graduates will exit the stage
and return to their seats.

RECEPTIONS AND EVENTS
Schools and colleges may host
receptions and other events related to
commencement. Please contact your
school or college directly for more
information. Details will be available at
www.miami.edu/commencement as the
ceremony approaches.