We're movin' on up—in research, opportunities for students, service to local and global communities, and national recognition. Inside this booklet are several points to help you tell the world why It’s Great To Be a Miami Hurricane!
The University of Miami is ranked No. 47 nationally and No. 1 in Florida in U.S. News & World Report’s 2014 Best Colleges. Fifth year in a row in the nation’s top 50.

The Active Times ranked the University of Miami No. 39 on its list of the 50 Fittest Colleges—schools that emphasize keeping students active, promoting athletics, and providing healthy dining options.

In The Princeton Review’s The Best 378 Colleges: 2014 Edition, the University of Miami is ranked No. 3 in the nation for Race/Class Interaction and listed as a Best Southeastern College.

The Financial Times has ranked the School of Business Administration’s Executive MBA program No. 19 among all U.S. stand-alone Executive MBA programs and No. 1 in Florida. The publication ranked the school No. 45 for research. The Executive MBA program also received high marks from The Economist, which ranked the program No. 21 in the nation. HispanicBusiness magazine ranked the school No. 9 in the country for Hispanic students. The school’s traditional MBA program is ranked No. 10 in the nation for Latin Americans by América Economia magazine, which also placed the school No. 22 internationally among all schools in its 2013 rankings.
The Miller School of Medicine’s Bascom Palmer Eye Institute was rated the nation’s No. 1 ophthalmology program for the tenth consecutive year in the U.S. News 2014 Best Hospitals rankings. This list also recognized University of Miami Hospital as among Florida’s best and as “high performing” in neurology and neurosurgery. UM/Jackson Memorial Medical Center was ranked No. 6 in Florida and was recognized as “high-performing” in cancer, gastroenterology and GI surgery, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, psychiatry, and urology.

Holtz Children’s Hospital at UM/Jackson has been ranked in six pediatric specialties in the U.S. News 2013-14 Best Children’s Hospital rankings, making it one of the nation’s top medical centers for children: cardiology and heart surgery (No. 40); diabetes and endocrinology (No. 45); gastroenterology and GI surgery (No. 22); neonatology (No. 32); nephrology (No. 22); and urology (No. 38).

The University of Miami has earned a spot on the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, recognizing its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. UM also became one of 73 schools named by NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education to join its Lead Initiative on Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement.

U.S. News & World Report listed several UM graduate programs in its 2014 Best Grad Schools edition, including the School of Law’s program in tax law (No. 5); the College of Arts and Sciences’ earth sciences program (No. 39); and several health-related graduate programs, including physical therapy (No. 9), clinical psychology (No. 32), nursing-midwifery (No. 34), and health care management (No. 46). U.S. News also ranked the School of Education and Human Development No. 46 among its best schools of education for graduate studies.
The mean SAT score of the incoming freshman class is 1325.

We received 29,000 applications for 2,140 freshman spots.

Percent graduated in the top 10% of their high school class, and about half graduated in the top 5%.

Our student selectivity ranking, according to U.S. News & World Report—an all-time best, improving from 39 in 2012.
By the end of 2013, the University of Miami raised $1.2 billion from more than 133,450 donors to Momentum2: The Breakthrough Campaign for the University of Miami.

More than 40 endowed scholarships have been created through gifts to Momentum2 from donors who support student enrichment and success.

More than 2,800 young alumni stepped up to support Momentum2 in FY13, a record level of participation. Young alumni—those who graduated within the last ten years—were called to action by the GOLDstein Family Challenge. Sean Goldstein, a young alumnus, and his parents made a pledge to donate $35,000 toward scholarships if at least 2,400 young alumni made a gift by May 31, 2013.
The Miller School of Medicine climbed to No. 38 in National Institutes of Health funding in 2012, solidifying its position as the top NIH-funded medical school in Florida.

Mary Bartlett Bunge, professor of cell biology, neurological surgery, and neurology at the Miller School of Medicine’s Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine. In another remarkable achievement, Bunge also received a five-year renewal of NIH funding for her 39-year-old individual research grant.

The Office of Naval Research awarded the Center for Southeastern Tropical Advanced Remote Sensing (CSTARS) a three-year, $16.5 million contract to continue collecting, processing, and furnishing data from commercial satellites. Operated by the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, CSTARS radar images help scientists understand oceanographic and terrestrial processes and aid in humanitarian relief operations during natural and manmade disasters.

The University installed its first fully research-dedicated functional MRI (fMRI) for human brain imaging. The fMRI, located in the new Neuroscience Annex on the Coral Gables campus, places researchers from the College of Arts and Sciences and Miller School of Medicine at the forefront of scholarship in brain function and neurological health.

Amishi Jha, associate professor of psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences, is using the University’s new neuroscience fMRI to explore how mindfulness training may help the brain become more resilient, attentive, and happier. Jha’s lab has received more than $3.5 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Defense and donor support. Her article on mindfulness training was the cover story for the March 2013 issue of Scientific Mind.

The College of Engineering’s new Fortinet CyberSecurity Lab, funded by the California-based Internet security provider Fortinet, is designing revolutionary ways to keep digital information safe.
The University launched a new undergraduate curriculum called the Cognates Program of General Education, which allows students to explore the University’s array of schools and colleges by choosing cognates (sets of at least three related courses) that tap into their individual interests and career goals.

The UM Debate Team, which won a national championship at the University of Florida in March, advanced to No. 8 in the 2013 National Debate Tournament Rankings. UM holds court over more than 100 other schools, including Northwestern, Harvard, Vanderbilt, and Emory.

For the second time in three years, the University of Miami won first place at the highly competitive National Student Advertising Competition, besting 17 other district-winning universities from around the country with a vibrant campaign for Glidden Paint at Walmart.

Five UM students were selected as 2013 NOAA/Ernest F. Hollings Scholars, joining a group of 127 recipients from universities across the country who are interested in studying oceanic and atmospheric science, technology, and education.

For the fourth time, the School of Nursing and Health Studies received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing grant, which supports ten Accelerated B.S.N. students in the 2013-14 academic year.

Sonia Chao, director of the School of Architecture’s Center for Urban and Community Design, was awarded a major grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to conduct a community planning process in the commune of Arcahaie, Haiti, a region that may hold the potential for sustainable architecture and urbanism due to its distance from fault lines.
Two U.S. Supreme Court justices, Sonia Sotomayor and Anthony Kennedy, visited the University in February. In a conversation with UM President Donna E. Shalala, Sotomayor told poignant stories from her life and book, *My Beloved World*. Ten days later, Kennedy delivered the Robert B. Cole Distinguished Jurist Lecture.

During her March visit to the University of Miami, MSNBC host Rachel Maddow addressed some of the topics in her new book, *Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power*, and offered students advice on activism.

Evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in March shared with the UM community his thoughts on “The Science of Beauty and the Beauty of Science.”

Famed primatologist Jane Goodall, Hon ’93, spoke to an audience of thousands in April about her groundbreaking studies of chimpanzees in Tanzania and the challenges our planet faces in the future.
The University’s continued evolution reached new heights in 2013 with the opening of four new buildings on the Coral Gables campus—the Student Activities Center, Schwartz Center for Athletic Excellence, Neuroscience Annex, and Toppel Career Center.
The Student Activities Center, made possible through a lead $20 million Momentum2 gift from the Fairholme Foundation, has become the focal point of student life and the Student Center Complex, which also comprises the Whitten University Center, UC Patio, Rock, Foote Green, and the pool along Lake Osceola.

The Theodore G. Schwartz and Todd G. Schwartz Center for Athletic Excellence, named by father-and-son donors, is a multipurpose building that is part of the Isadore Hecht Athletic Center and showcases enhanced football facilities, including a football locker room, players’ lounge, Gallery of Champions celebrating the legacy of Hurricane Athletics, and a new academic center for student-athletes.

The 37,000-square-foot Neuroscience Annex adjacent to the Cox Science Center is an interactive hub for interdisciplinary health research based on neurological imaging. Funded by a $14.8 million federal stimulus grant, the facility houses a cooperative group of research personnel from the psychology and biology departments, as well as other UM departments and the Miller School of Medicine.

The Patricia and Harold Toppel Career Center, made possible by a generous gift from UM alumna and trustee Patricia Toppel, B.Ed. ’58, M.Ed. ’59, features innovative technology and space for entrepreneurial workshops and interview rooms. The 12,000-square-foot center doubles the amount of space from the original Toppel Center.

The Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science’s Marine Technology and Life Sciences Seawater Complex, a facility that will enable scientists to conduct research on climate, marine animals, and the Earth’s oceans, opens in spring 2014. Work also continues on the Patricia Louise Frost Music Studios at the Frost School of Music, providing classroom, teaching, and practice space.
The 2012-2013 year was one of the most successful in Miami Hurricanes history, with 15 of our 18 programs advancing to NCAA postseason play.

It was a championship year for men’s basketball and women’s tennis, with both teams clinching their first Atlantic Coast Conference title. The International Tennis Association named women’s tennis head coach Paige Yaroshuk-Tews Coach of the Year for the Southeast Region. Men’s basketball head coach Jim Larrañaga closed the season as ACC, Associated Press, Naismith, and Henry Iba Coach of the Year. He also led the team to its second Sweet 16 appearance in program history.

According to the NCAA’s Academic Progress Rate statistics, two teams—women’s golf and women’s cross country—earned perfect scores of 1,000. Every Hurricanes program registered an APR score of at least 945, and 38 student-athletes from 16 teams were selected for 2012-2013 All-ACC Academic teams.

Hurricane student-athletes recorded a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 92 percent, marking the ninth year the University of Miami has exceeded the NCAA average. Eight UM teams—men’s diving, golf, women’s tennis, baseball, women’s track and field/cross country, rowing, women’s swimming, and volleyball—recorded GSR marks of 100 percent.

Blake James was named director of athletics after serving as interim director since October 2012. Before joining the Hurricanes, James was director of athletics at the University of Maine.

Miami Hurricanes sophomore lefthander Chris Diaz earned one of 24 coveted roster spots on the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team. He is the 22nd Hurricane to earn this honor, the second-most of any program in history.