MIAMI 2014 POINTS OF PRIDE
FROM ACADEMICS TO ATHLETICS, INNOVATION TO OUTREACH, THERE ARE MANY POINTS TO OUR PRIDE IN THE U.

No. 36 on The Active Times’ 2014 list of the 50 Fittest Colleges—schools that offer healthy dining options, great fitness facilities, and robust recreation programs.

Selected as one of 10 Lead Consulting Institutions by NASPA—Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and named a 2014 Engaged Campus of the Year for the Independent Sector by Florida Campus Compact. Both honors recognize the University’s focus on civic learning and democratic engagement, led by its Office of Civic and Community Engagement and Butler Center for Volunteer Service and Leadership Development.

U.S. News ranks two UM graduate programs among the top 10 in its 2015 edition of Best Graduate Schools: the Miller School’s Physical Therapy program (No. 9) and the School of Law’s Tax Law program (No. 5).
Other UM graduate programs in the top 50 U.S. News rankings: College of Arts and Sciences’ clinical psychology (No. 32) and earth sciences (No. 42) programs; School of Nursing and Health Studies’ midwifery program (No. 34); Miller School of Medicine (No. 46); and School of Business Administration’s health care management program (No. 46).

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute is ranked the nation’s No. 1 ophthalmology program for the 11th consecutive year in U.S. News’ 2014-15 Best Hospitals list.

Holtz Children’s Hospital at UM/Jackson is ranked in seven pediatric specialties on U.S. News’ 2014-15 Best Children’s Hospitals list: diabetes and endocrinology (No. 20), gastroenterology and GI surgery (No. 25), nephrology (No. 33), cardiology and heart surgery (No. 44), urology (No. 45), pulmonology (No. 47), and neonatology (No. 48).

In its Guide to Music Schools, Musical America includes the Frost School of Music among its “Top 50 (or so) Music Schools,” selected from 1,278 schools around the world.

In its 2014 Annual Diversity Report, HispanicBusiness magazine ranks the Miller School of Medicine as No. 2, the School of Law as No. 3, and the School of Business Administration’s M.B.A. program as No. 8 in the nation for Hispanics. The M.B.A. program also is ranked by América Economia magazine as the nation’s 15th best M.B.A. program for Latin Americans.
The University of Miami’s student magazine, *Distraction*, wins a 2014 *Adams Apple Award* from the College Media Association in the Best Magazine Spread category. *The Miami Hurricane* wins an Adams Apple honorable mention for Best Newspaper and is selected by the *Society of Professional Journalists* as a best all-around newspaper regional winner.

RoboCanes, a team of autonomous, soccer-playing robots programmed by computer science students, takes second place at the 2014 RoboCup, the world’s largest artificial intelligence and robotics event, held in Brazil after the FIFA World Cup.

Seven UM students receive Fulbright Scholarships to teach and learn in places around the globe, including France, the Netherlands, Zambia, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Brazil.

Frost School of Music student ensembles, soloists, arrangers, composers, and engineers win 17 *DownBeat* Student Music Awards.
BY THE END OF 2014, THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI RAISED $1.5 BILLION FROM MORE THAN 134,600 DONORS TOWARD THE $1.6 BILLION MOMENTUM2 GOAL.

To date, Momentum2 has funded 64 endowed scholarships; 27 endowed chairs, directorships, and professorships; and 20 new or renovated facilities under way.

UM ranks No. 37 in total private support among 851 private and public universities reporting to the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), from which the University also received an Educational Fundraising Award.

CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM
Ranked No. 40 nationally in NIH funding, the Miller School of Medicine is the highest federally funded medical school in Florida. The School of Nursing and Health Studies is ranked No. 18 in the nation and No. 1 in Florida for NIH funding among nursing schools.

A study led by a national team that includes Michael Alessandri, executive director of the UM-NSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, is chosen from more than 2,000 studies for inclusion in the federal government’s annual summary of progress in autism research.

Researchers at the Miller School of Medicine HIV Program develop a vaccine that triggers an immune system response strong enough to kill a model AIDS virus in mice. Their study is published in Journal of Virology.

Researchers at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science are awarded more than $29 million in two Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI) grants to lead the Consortium for Advanced Research on the Transport of Hydrocarbons in the Environment (CARTHE) and to study the toxic effects of crude oil on fish that reside in the Gulf of Mexico. Leading the studies are Rosenstiel School professors Tamay Özgökmen and Martin Grosell.
Maxim Kontsevich, distinguished professor in the Department of Mathematics, is among the five recipients of the inaugural Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics; last year he took home the Breakthrough Prize in Applied Physics.

An international leader in counseling psychology, Isaac Prilleltensky, dean and professor at the University of Miami’s School of Education and Human Development, is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Prevention by the Society of Counseling Psychology. Division 17 of the American Psychological Association (APA).

To meet the needs of working professionals, the University launches several online graduate degree programs, including a Master of Science in finance from the School of Business Administration, a Master of Science in sport administration from the School of Education and Human Development, and two Frost School of Music degrees: a Master of Music in music business and entertainment industries and a Master of Arts in arts presenting and live entertainment.

The College of Engineering’s chapter of the Society of Women Engineers wins a National Professional Development Award, recognizing its series of guest lectures by female industry leaders. This is the chapter’s eighth national award in the past three years.

Three School of Law students travel in March to Geneva, Switzerland, with Professor Caroline Bettinger-Lopez, director of the school’s Human Rights Clinic, to present recommendations on U.S. gun violence, domestic violence, “Stand Your Ground” laws, and other topics to the UN Human Rights Committee.

The School of Nursing and Health Studies graduates its inaugural class of the Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree, the first B.S.P.H. program in southeastern Florida. The school also launches the first B.S.N.-D.N.P. nurse anesthesia track in Florida.

School of Architecture students design a new two-story home for residents of the Golden Glades Baby House, a group home for children and adults with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and other disorders. Efforts are under way to raise the $1.2 million needed for construction.
Former secretary of state, **U.S. senator, and first lady**
**Hillary Rodham Clinton** speaks at the UM BankUnited Center in February on several topics, including the importance of equal participation of women in economic, social, and cultural endeavors.

During his August 25 visit to the Coral Gables campus, **Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy** challenges Miami Law’s new students to be “trustees” of the legal system.

In April, **Arianna Huffington**, chair, president, and editor in chief of one of the world’s most widely read news and blog sites, discusses with University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala the need to unplug and recharge in order to be successful.

At the 43rd annual UM Women’s Commission Breakfast in March, **Miami Law alumna Patricia Ireland**, former president of the National Organization for Women, recounts the “incredible progress” women have made while urging them to find their passion and help change the world.

At UM’s New Student Convocation in August, three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and **bestselling author Thomas Friedman** gives freshmen a look at the world today—a place where “average is now over” and jobs must be invented and reinvented.
Construction is under way for The Lennar Foundation Medical Center, which will provide access to UHealth—University of Miami Health System’s leading physicians and services on the University’s Coral Gables campus. Made possible by a $50 million lead gift from the Lennar Foundation, the 200,000-square-foot outpatient center is scheduled for completion in fall 2016.
The Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science’s Marine Technology and Life Sciences Seawater Complex has its grand opening in October. The complex, devoted to research on the air-sea interface, includes the Alfred C. Glassell Jr. SUSTAIN Building, a wind-wave-storm surge simulator capable of generating Category 5 hurricane-force winds.

The Patricia Louise Frost Music Studios at the Frost School of Music is nearly complete. When it opens in early 2015, it will provide much-needed classroom, teaching, and practice space plus a grand new entrance to the Frost School.

The Braman Miller Center for Jewish Student Life is also under construction, adding a kosher café, dining room, new prayer sanctuary, and more to the UM Hillel building.

The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and the city have bestowed City Beautiful Awards on the newly built Student Activities Center and the Toppel Career Center, celebrating their addition to the “aesthetic beauty and singular charm” found only in the Gables.
Nine UM Athletics programs qualify for postseason play, and 11 student-athletes are recognized as All-Americans.

Jim Morris’ baseball team wins its second ACC Regular Season Championship in program history and posts a nation-leading 42nd consecutive NCAA postseason appearance.

The Miami Hurricanes’ baseball recruiting class for the 2014-15 season ranks among the top 20 in the nation, according to Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. Both Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America rate the team’s recruiting class in its top 10 for the last two seasons.

Under Head Coach Paige Yaroshuk-Tews, women’s tennis wins its first regular-season ACC title and advances to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the ninth consecutive year.

Bolstered by perfect marks from seven teams, the athletics program posts a score of 92 percent in the latest NCAA’s Graduation Success Rates, continuing a trend of academic achievement among its student-athletes. Miami’s score ranks eighth among all Football Bowl Subdivision institutions.

Five Miami Hurricanes teams are among the top 10 percent in NCAA Academic Progress Rates—men’s basketball, men’s diving, women’s swimming, and men’s and women’s cross country. All 18 programs score 960 or better out of 1,000 possible points. Academic Progress Rate is a measure of athlete eligibility and retention on Division I teams.

Other 2014 ACC student honors. Sprinter Shakima Wimbley is the ACC Freshman of the Year for both outdoor and indoor women’s track and field; volleyball’s outside hitter Savanah Leaf is ACC Player of the Year, while freshman setter Haley Templeton is ACC Freshman of the Year; and baseball’s Zack Collins is ACC Freshman of the Year. Collins also is named National Freshman of the Year by Baseball America and 2014 Freshman Hitter of the Year by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers’ Association.