

# 2011

H U R R I C A N E

# POINTS OF PRIDE

UNIVERSITY  
OF MIAMI



The image features two hands held up, palms facing forward, against a light green background. The hands are positioned symmetrically, with fingers slightly spread. Overlaid on the hands is a block of text in a bold, sans-serif font. The text is color-coded: the words 'THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY', 'HERE ARE SOME NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS', and 'RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES.' are in orange, while 'HURRICANE PRIDE IS STRONGER THAN EVER.', 'DRIVING THE UNIVERSITY'S RAPID RISE', and 'IN THE TOP TIER OF NATIONAL' are in dark green.

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# NATIONAL

*U.S. News & World  
Report's 2012*

*"America's Best Colleges"*

# RANKINGS

*U.S. News & World Report's* 2012 "America's Best Colleges" rankings placed UM at No. 38 in the National Universities category. Up nine spots from last year and a remarkable 29 spots in ten years, UM is the highest-ranked Florida school and one of the fastest-rising nationwide.

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The University of Miami placed high in the 2012 edition of "**America's Best Graduate Schools,**" published by *U.S. News & World Report*.

UM's Miller School of Medicine ranked No. 45 in research, and the School of Law's graduate program in tax law is ranked fifth nationwide. Several health-related graduate programs also are in the top tier, including physical therapy (No. 7) and clinical psychology (No. 25).

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In 2011 The Princeton Review named the University of Miami one of the Best Southeast Colleges and rated the University **No. 3 in the country for "Race/Class Interaction."** The School of Business Administration also was listed among The Princeton Review's Best Business Schools in the Southeast region.

## CONT'D NATIONAL RANKINGS

*Hispanic Business* magazine's 2011 Diversity Report ranked the **Miller School of Medicine** No. 1 and the **School of Business Administration** No. 5 on its lists of top medical and business schools in the country for Hispanic students.

For the eighth year in a row, UM's **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute** was ranked the No. 1 hospital in the country for ophthalmology in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011-12 "Best Hospitals" annual survey. Several other specialties at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center were also ranked: ear, nose, and throat (No. 34); neurology and neurosurgery (No. 33); pediatrics: nephrology (No. 26); pediatrics: diabetes and endocrinology (No. 24); and pediatrics: neonatology (No. 25). *U.S. News* also listed UM/Jackson Holtz Children's Hospital among its Best Children's Hospitals.

The **Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science** is listed among the ranks of Harvard and Princeton as one of the top five "heavy hitters" in the recent Essential Science Indicators list published by Thomson Reuters. UM is also listed 13th in the world for geosciences.

The University of Miami ranks 21st among **top Peace Corps volunteer-producing schools** in the medium-size category for 2011, with 23 alumni presently serving around the globe.

The University of Miami is No. 8 on the inaugural list of the **Top 100 Social Media Colleges** released by StudentAdvisor.com.

**WVUM**, the University's student-run radio station, won the 2011 mtvU College Radio Woodie award for best college radio station in the country. ■

# BRIGHT NEW

UM received more than **28,000** applicants for only 2,150 spots.

Nearly **75%** of new freshmen graduated in the top 10% of their class.

The average GPA was **4.2** and the average SAT score was 1319.

# STUDENTS





# ACCELERATING ACADEMICS

The School of Communication welcomed as its new dean, **Gregory Shepherd**, former dean of the Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University and an accomplished scholar in communication theory and American pragmatism.

**Eugene Anderson**, former senior associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, joined the UM School of Business Administration as dean, bringing vast experience in creating cross-disciplinary initiatives and action-based learning programs.

**The Launch Pad**, adopted by the White House as the model for an initiative to help revitalize distressed regions, offers guidance and resources to students and alumni who are entrepreneurs.

Six UM students were selected by a national committee as grantees in the 2011-12

**Fulbright Program**. Five of the six are using their grants this year to conduct research and promote cultural exchange in foreign countries.

**Kenny Broad**, professor in the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science and director of UM's Leonard and Jayne Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, was named a National Geographic Explorer of the Year for his achievements in exploring and documenting the blue holes of the Bahamas. ■

The University's second **Global Business Forum**, hosted in 2011 by the School of Business Administration and focusing on **The Business of Health Care**, was a vibrant success. The forum drew hundreds of attendees and distinguished business leaders from around the world, including U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and General Electric CEO Jeffrey R. Immelt.

# EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

**Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice** delivered the Charles E. Cobb Lecture at UM's BankUnited Center Fieldhouse, speaking about the most consequential political, diplomatic, and security issues of the George W. Bush administration and offering keen insight into how history actually proceeds.

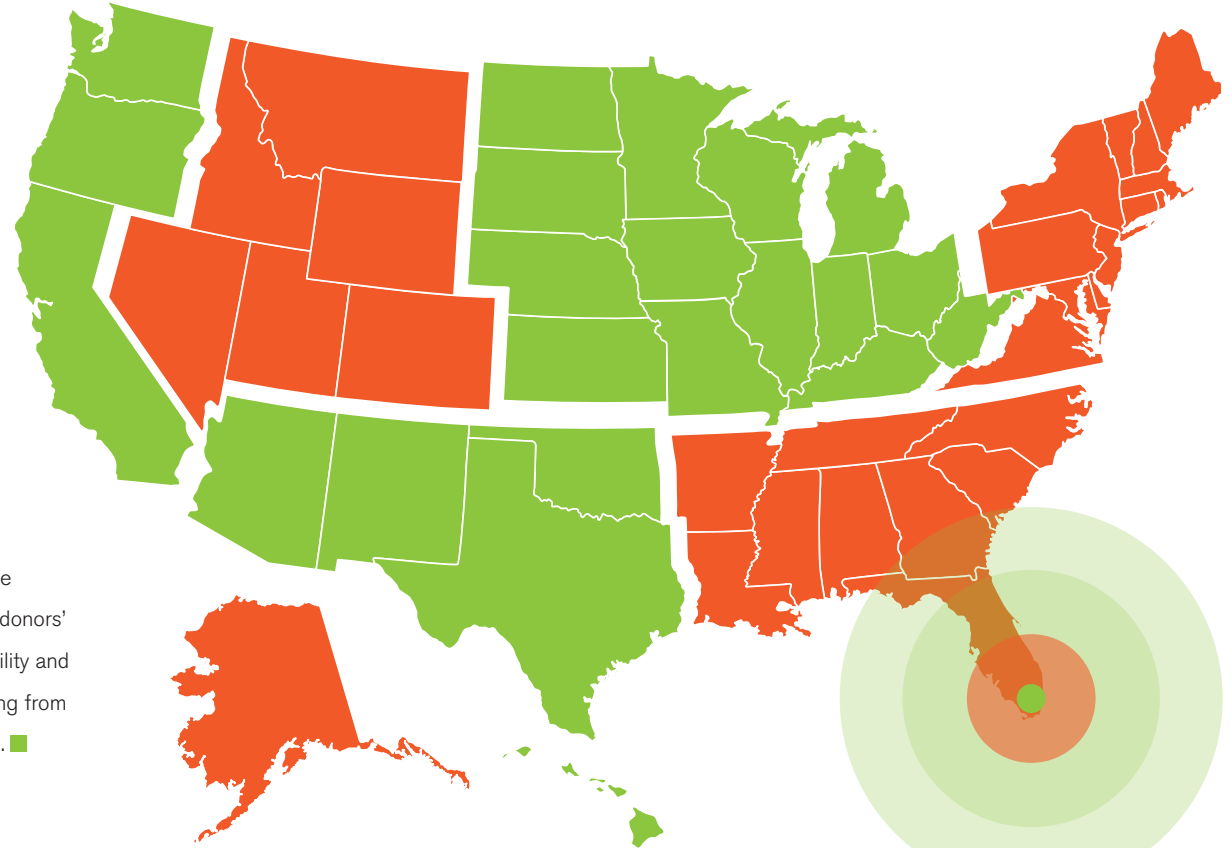
**Other international figures** who spoke on the Coral Gables campus include Carl J. Schramm, president and CEO of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation; CNN anchor Soledad O'Brien; and former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen. ■



# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

**UM's fundraising cash total for fiscal year 2011 reached \$172 million**, up nearly 8 percent from the previous year. The year was also marked by new multi-year commitments totaling more than \$218 million in gifts of \$100,000 or more.

*Worth* magazine, in collaboration with nonprofit watchdog Charity Navigator, has ranked the **University of Miami the nation's No. 1 fiscally responsible nonprofit organization**. The rankings consider who makes the most of donors' dollars as well as organizational accountability and transparency. UM has earned a 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator for 11 consecutive years. ■



# FOR FUNDRAISING



# NEW BUILDINGS



# ON CAMPUS



In 2011 the **Patti and Allan Herbert Wellness Center** on the Coral Gables campus unveiled an 18,000-square-foot expansion and renovation.

From aerobics to Pilates, swimming, massage, cooking classes, and more, the 138,000-square-foot facility offers activities that nourish whole-body health.

The 2011 grand opening of the 252,000-square-foot **R+D Building One** ushered in the first phase of the University of Miami Life Science & Technology Park and was a giant step toward making South Florida a biomedical research powerhouse. Located in the Miami Heath District near the Miller School of Medicine, the building features wet and dry lab space, offices, and shared facilities to be leased by both established and spinoff companies, as well as employment opportunities for the local community.

The University has broken ground on a new 119,000-square-foot **Student Activities Center**, supported by a \$20 million lead gift from the Fairholme Foundation. Slated for completion in 2013, this dynamic facility on the Coral Gables campus will include programming space, a student organizations suite, retail outlets, and a new Rathskeller.

With help from a leadership gift, the University has broken ground on the **Theodore G. Schwartz and Todd G. Schwartz Center for Athletic Excellence**. The center will encompass an expansion and renovation of the Hecht Athletic Center to include a new academic area, football locker room and lounge, state-of-the-art sports medicine facility, and a Gallery of Champions to celebrate the legacy of Hurricane athletics. ■



# BREAKTHROUGH

**Research and sponsored program expenditures totaled more than \$361 million**

in FY 2011, an increase of more than 75 percent in the last ten years. We surpassed \$150 million in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding, which supports projects to find solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems. The Miller School of Medicine is the top NIH-funded medical school in Florida.

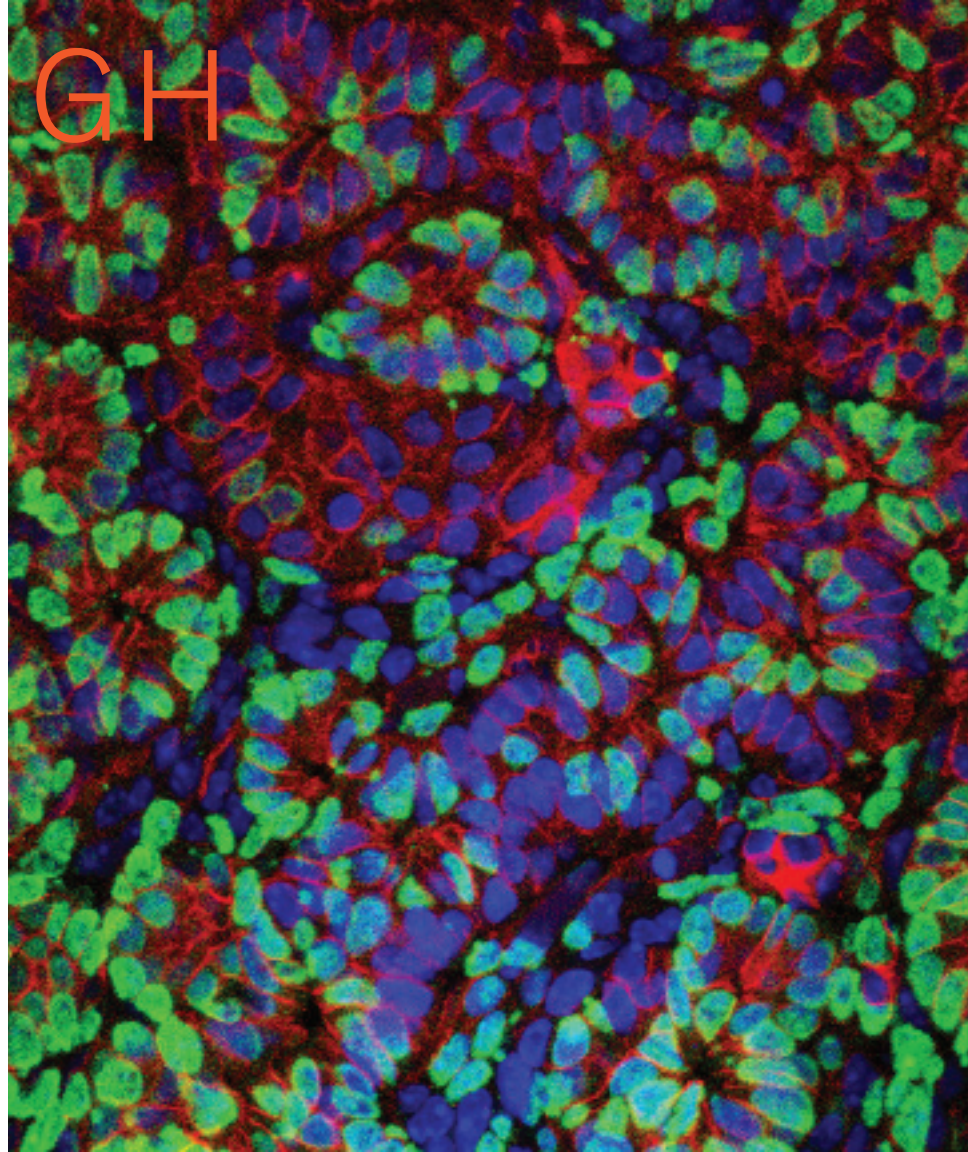
The University was named the lead institution of a research consortium given \$112 million to study the impact of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill. UM's **Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science** and its Center for Southeastern Tropical Advanced Remote Sensing played a key role in mitigating spill

damage by providing high-resolution satellite images to disaster relief personnel.

Researchers at the Miller School of Medicine's **Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute** are conducting clinical trials that demonstrate the ability of stem cells to repair damaged organs. Trials in the institute's cardiovascular division represent the largest cohort of patients injected with stem cells in the United States.

**Margaret Pericak-Vance**, director of the John P. Hussman Institute for Human Genomics at the Miller School of Medicine and recipient of the 2011 lifetime achievement award from the Alzheimer's Association, is co-leader of a national research consortium that this year identified four new genes linked to Alzheimer's disease. ■

# RESEARCH



# ATHLETIC

UM student-athletes achieved an **all-time high Graduation Success Rate of 89 percent**, up from the previous year's record-breaking 86 percent—the seventh consecutive year the University has exceeded the NCAA average.

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Four Hurricanes teams—baseball, football, men's tennis, and women's golf—received **Public Recognition Awards** from the NCAA for high scores in the Academic Progress Rate.

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Completing its most successful season ever, the **women's basketball team** netted an ACC championship and No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament. Head coach Katie Meier was named the 2011 Associated Press Coach of the Year and the ACC Coach of the Year. Guard Shenise Johnson was named the ACC Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

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Ten former **UM football players were selected to the 2011 Pro Bowl**, marking the fifth consecutive year UM contributed more former players than any other school. Eight 'Canes were selected in the 2011 NFL Draft, the second most of any school.

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Women's tennis player **Bianca Eichkorn**, ranked No. 6 nationally for singles and No. 5 in doubles with teammate **Anna Bartenstein**, reached a new University record with 133 career singles wins. Eichkorn was named 2011 ACC Player of the Year.



Diver **Brittany Viola** won her second NCAA Championship title for platform diving.

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**Shawn M. Eichorst**, who helped lead intercollegiate athletic programs in two of the nation's premier conferences, became UM's 12th director of athletics.

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Two teams, football and men's basketball, welcomed new coaches this year. **Al Golden** took the helm of Hurricanes football after taking Temple's football program to unprecedented heights over five seasons. **Jim Larranaga** was named men's basketball head coach following a 14-season career at George Mason University that included five NCAA appearances and a spot in the 2006 Final Four.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

