

UM Headlines



DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

For the first time, UM will hold a December commencement for the more than 700 students graduating this month. Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, December 19 on the Coral Gables Campus. The School of Medicine held its ceremony for the graduate program in Physical Therapy at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, and the School of Law will hold its commencement at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 22, both at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Miami.



UM STUDENT NAMED RHODES SCHOLAR

Biology student Devi Sridhar has been named a Rhodes Scholar, one of only thirty two nationwide. At eighteen years old, Sridhar is the youngest Rhodes Scholar ever to be named. She is a student in the University's Medical Honors Program, which fast tracks students from undergraduate entrance to medical degree in six years. An accomplished violinist and ranked tennis player, she speaks five languages and has written a children's book on Indian myths, "*Puzzle Your Way Through Indian Mythology*." In high school, she tutored autistic children and started a multi-school organization to work with autism. Sridhar plans to study international relations at Oxford. Read the [news release](#) or see the pictures of Sridhar [meeting with President Shalala](#).

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UM MAKES ANOTHER "TOP" LIST

Your University of Miami made two more Top 10 lists. The Princeton Review's Best 345 Colleges Rankings placed UM fifth in the Schools in Great College Towns category and sixth in the Students from Different Backgrounds category. [Read more...](#)



LEARN MORE LECTURE TOUR IN ORLANDO

The University of Miami Alumni Association invites you to the **Learn More: University of Miami Alumni Lecture Tour** with **James H. Wyche, Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences**. Please join us and Learn More about the University's pursuit of excellence in research, academics, athletics, and diversity on January 14, 2003 in Orlando. Return to the classroom for this stimulating evening of learning, discussion, and camaraderie as you connect with your alma mater and explore some of UM's most innovative academic programs. For more information on guest speaker, topic, and directions for this event, please visit our website at <http://www.miami.edu/alumni>

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UM FIESTA BOWL TICKETS SOLD OUT

For the second straight year Miami sells out its bowl ticket allotment. The University of Miami has sold out of their ticket allotment for the 2003 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Donors to the athletic department purchased all tickets that were made for sale by the December 13th 5:00 p.m. deadline. There will be no further sales for this game. "We are pleased that for the second consecutive year we have sold out of our entire ticket allotment for

the bowl game," said Athletic Director Paul Dee. "While we are disappointed that we could not meet the demand for the all of the folks that wanted to join us in Tempe, we are encouraged by the great support that we have received." The sell-out continues a great trend for the Hurricanes. This season, Miami set all-time attendance records for average attendance, total season attendance and single game attendance this past season. Fans who are traveling to the game are encouraged to visit the University's website at www.hurricanesports.com for up to date Fiesta Bowl information and a schedule of events.



UM MEN'S BASKETBALL VS UF GATORS

The rivalry is back! The University of Miami Men's Basketball Team will take on the University of Florida Gators for a special match-up in the 2002 Wachovia Orange Bowl Basketball Classic on Saturday, December 21, 2002 at the American Airlines Arena. **Before the game, you're invited to join UM alumnus, Howard J. Spiegel, LLM '81, along with the Hurricane Club and the UM Alumni Association, for a special pregame gathering:

UM vs. UF ORANGE BOWL BASKETBALL CLASSIC PREGAME PARTY

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2002

Time: 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Tip-off is at 7 p.m.)

Location: Bongos Cuban Café at the American Airlines Arena: Downtown Miami

Featuring: Cuban-style hors d'oeuvres, hot dogs, drink specials, raffle prizes, spirit giveaways, and the UM cheerleaders.

Pregame Cost: \$10 Advance (Credit Card Only) or \$15 At-the-Door

Pre-Game Reservations: Call Howard Spiegel, LLM '81, at (305) 595-4885

Game Tickets: Call Orange Bowl Ticket Sales at (305) 371-4701

Alumni Features



THE MIAMI HURRICANES ARE OFFICIALLY BOUND FOR THE FIESTA BOWL

Grab a seat in the stands without the stress of making travel arrangements. Sign up for the official **University of Miami Fiesta Bowl Tour**. Visit the alumni web site at <http://www.miami.edu/alumni> to obtain the most up-to-date information about Fiesta Bowl events and tour packages as the 'Canes gear up for another championship victory. *Please note Tour Packages are limited to Land Only. All other packages are sold out.



FIESTA BOWL GAME WATCH PARTIES

For 'Canes fans who are unable to travel to the Fiesta Bowl, be sure to join your fellow alumni and friends at Bowl Game Watch Parties taking place across the country. Watch the 'Canes take on Ohio State in Tempe, Arizona as they try to defend their national championship title. Please visit our website at <http://www.miami.edu/alumni> for the most up-to-date information on Fiesta Bowl Game Watch Parties in your city.



OFFICIAL UMAA FIESTA BOWL PRE-GAME PARTY

All alumni, students, and fans who plan to attend the game are encouraged to join us for the **Official University of Miami Alumni Association Fiesta Bowl Pre-Game Celebration** to be held **from 3pm - 5:30pm (MST) (time subject to change) prior to** kick-off at **6pm**. Tickets for the pre-game are **\$65** for adults and **\$40** for full-time UM students (**full time student status will be verified**) and children under 12. The Pre-Game party will include: a fully catered lunch, drinks, The Official 'Canes Pep Rally with Sebastian the IBIS, The Cheerleaders and Band, and fellow Hurricane fans! For more information or to purchase tickets by phone, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 305-284-2872. **Order ONLINE!**



TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL, TEMPE, OR TRAVEL AND VISITOR INFORMATION

The Fiesta Bowl and your UMAA want you to enjoy your visit to the Valley of Sun as much as possible. We have developed a webpage with information that will be of use during your stay in Tempe. For more specific questions please visit our website at <http://www.miami.edu/alumni>



GIVING THANKS!

We begin each holiday season by giving thanks to all that is important in our lives. For many of us, the University of Miami is near the top of the list. When you receive your appeal in the mail

this holiday season, please show your appreciation for your alma mater by making your generous, tax-deductible gift. You may designate your support to the school, college or program of your choice. Giving back has never been more convenient, use our **secure web site**, <http://www.miami.edu/makeagift>



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The **UMAA** offers you the opportunity to support its programs while fulfilling the wishes of the most discriminating 'Cane. Our exclusive **UMAA BEADazzled "CANES"** bracelets, beautifully handmade, with **green** and **orange** beads and silver charms are available for order. The cost is \$80 for the "**CANES or UM**" charm bracelet, including shipping and handling with all proceeds benefiting the University of Miami Alumni Association. Order your **UMAA BEADazzled** bracelet today online at <http://www.miami.edu/alumni> or by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at **305-284-2872**.

Alumni Calendar



December 21

**Orange Bowl Classic Pregame Celebration -
UM vs. UF Mens Basketball Game**

December 21

**Fairygodmother Foundation
Volunteer Event**

December 22

Law School - Commencement 2002

January 9

Miami Golf Classic Committee Meeting

To view calendar items please visit us directly at:

http://www.miami.edu/UMH/CDA/Calendar/UMH_Calendar_Main/1,2572,2_1-9,00.html

ABOUT E-ALUMNI CONNECTIONS:

THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S E-ALUMNI CONNECTIONS IS A WEEKLY, ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, UM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES, HURRICANE SPORTS, AND OTHER CAMPUS NEWS. FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES, AND SHARE THE NEWS FROM YOUR ALMA MATER!

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