ALUMNI NEWS AND EVENTS

Black Alumni Weekend February 20-22, 2004
February marks Black History Month, and the University of Miami Black Alumni Society joins members of the University community on inviting you to participate in an exciting new line-up of events during Black Alumni Weekend. Events include a Black History Month Celebration at the home of President Donna E. Shalala with special presentations and a guest appearance by UM alumna Dawnn Lewis, BM ‘82, a day-long Africa Summit on U.S. Africa Relations, a Student-Alumni Farewell Brunch, Jazz Concert on the Green. Catch up with classmates and revisit the University. The weekend registration fee is just $30 for adults and $15 for children 3-12. For more information or to register, you may download the weekend brochure and reservation form at www.miami.edu/alumni/blackalumni, or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 305.284.2872.

Attention all Orlando Area Alumni
The UMAA and Orlando Area Alumni are hosting a Strategic Planning Meeting to recruit volunteers who are interested in leadership opportunities. This meeting will give alumni the opportunity to assist the UMAA in determining the most effective ways to serve the needs and common interests of UM alumni, friends, and parents in the local Orlando area. The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2004, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Grey Harris: 301 East Pine Street, Orlando, Florida 32801. To confirm your attendance, please contact Cristina Equi, JD ’98, Orlando Area Alumni President at equirocket@aol.com or for additional information, please contact Diane Doolan, BBA ’92, in the Office of Alumni Relations at ddoolan@miami.edu.

Alumni Club of Greater Miami Plays Ball!
The Alumni Club of Greater Miami takes the field against arch rival, the local Gator Club, in their annual softball challenge rescheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2004. The first pitch will be thrown at 1:00 pm at Tropical Park on Field #3. Members of all skill levels are welcome for a day of fun in the sun. Refreshments will be served. Tropical Park is located at 7900 S.W. 40th Street in Miami. To reserve your place in the batting order contact Jose Alcaraz, BBA ’80, at 305.460.8005 or email josealcarazcpa@aol.com.

’Canes Alumni Golf Tour – Sixth Annual Miami Golf Classic
Join fellow alumni and friends at the Sixth Annual Miami Golf Classic, Friday, March 19, 2004 at the Miccosukee Country Club (formerly the Kendale Lakes Country Club) in Kendale Lakes for a great day of fun while helping to raise scholarships for University of Miami students from the South Florida area. For more information or to register please contact Aleshia Bonilla, MBA ’01, in the Office of Alumni Relations at 305.284.2872 or send an email to abonilla@miami.edu.

Attention Delta Phi Epsilon Alumni - Stay Connected!
The Omega Chapter of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority at University of Miami is looking for alumni. If you are a graduate of the Omega chapter or keep in contact with someone who is, please email a.pinder@umiami.edu, and visit the DphiE website at www.dphiemiami.com. We have an upcoming alumni event this spring semester to invite our alumni to. We also have a Yahoo group that is a great way to keep in contact with our alumni across the nation. Help us stay connected and contact us today!
Attention all Alumni and Recent Graduates: Add to Your Skills with Continued Education at UM

The UM Division of Continuing Studies has recently made an exclusive one-time offer from January through May 2004 for the UM Office Specialist (UMOS) certificate of computer skills that trains, tests, and certifies the core skills in Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Outlook. This exclusive offer has now been expanded to include UM Alumni. Simply register prior to May 31st (you may take the class later in the year if you prefer) and you will qualify for the 75% discount. In today’s workplace, whatever your job, you need these skills. If you already have these skills – why not test yourself and get a certificate to prove it? For more information about the program, visit the UMOS website or you may call the Division of Continuing Studies at 305.284.5800.

**Dragon Tales Live comes to the Convocation Center**

On March 18-21, **Dragon Tales Live**, a 90-minute stage show based on the hit PBS kids’ television series, is coming to the Convocation Center! Join Emmy, Max, and their dragon friends as they try to solve **“The Riddle of Rainbow River.”** With alongs and dancing, the show is sure to be an exciting adventure for the entire family! Performances are Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm; Friday, March 19 at 10:30 am (School Show) & 7:00 pm; Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 am & 2:00 pm; and Sunday, March 21 at 1:00 pm & 4:30 pm. Tickets are on sale now and start at only $10. For more information, visit www.umconvocationcenter.com.

**Learn the ABCs of Meditation**

The Wellness Center is offering a free meditation class from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Monday, February 16. Participants will learn the fundamentals of meditation from Lunthita Duthely, who has been studying meditation for nearly 14 years. The class is open to the general public, but participants are asked to pre-register by calling the Wellness Suite at 305.284.5433.

**“Rethinking Israel’s National Security in the New Regional and Global Environment”**

The Middle East Studies Institute presents the ninth annual Taffy Gould lecture by Uzi Arad, Ph.D., founder of the annual Her Conference on Israel’s National Security, director of the Institute of Policy and Strategy at the Lauder School of Government, former director of Intelligence of the Mossad, from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at The Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contempmc Judaic Studies. The lecture is free, and refreshments will be served. R.S.V.P. via e-mail, or call 305.284.6882.

**European Union: Legal Developments Seminar**

The European Union: Legal Developments Seminar is set for February 21-22, 2004, in the Faculty Conference Room, UM Library, 4th Floor. Seminar begins with buffet lunch and guest speakers at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb.21, and runs Saturday, February 22, until noon. Registration rate is $150 for practicing attorneys and $100 for judges and government lawyers. This includes lunch and parking. The seminar sponsored by the European Union Commission, UM Law School, and FIU College of Law. **YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND**! For more information or to register, please contact the UM Law CLE Office at 305.284.6276.

**International Conference on Productivity and Quality Research**

The College of Engineering is cosponsoring this conference at the Hyatt Regency Miami. President Shalala will deliver the opening remarks on Monday, February 16, and Lewis Temares, vice president of information technology and dean of the College Engineering, will welcome the delegates at that evening’s reception. For more information, visit the Web site or contact Dev Sumanth, Ph.D., at 305-284-2366.

**Join Larry Coker and Key University of Miami Players for A Gift of Hope**

Larry Coker, Ron Zook, and Bobby Bowden along with other Florida University coaches and players, and other professional national celebrities are teaming up with **A Gift of Hope** for medically fragile and cancer children, also known as **Kids Beating Cancer**. Imagine in one room, at one gala event, more than fifty giants of the athletic world, including legendary stars of the as well as active professional and college athletes, and the head football coaches of Florida’s great Universities. This June 2004, at the four-star Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center, you can have the opportunity to share an evening with largest group of professional athletes, Florida university coaches, and other national celebrities, ever gathered in one place for **Sports & Jazz Extravaganza Celebrity Gala** to benefit medically fragile & cancer children. For more information or to purc tickets for this event, visit the website at www.kidsbeatingcancer.com or call 407.513.3277 (toll free 1.866.800.HOPE). these celebrities for a magnificent evening while supporting Central Florida’s critically and chronically fragile children, and all children with cancer, leukemia, and other life-threatening illnesses.

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Visit the Alumni Calendar for More Events!

**HURRICANE SPORTS UPDATES**

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Hurricanes host 2003 National Champion Syracuse Orangemen  
Don't miss the Hurricane Men's Basketball team as they host the 2003 National Champion Syracuse Orangemen at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 14 at the UM Convocation Center. Tickets start at only $15 and are available by calling 305.284.CANES or by visiting [www.hurricanesports.com](http://www.hurricanesports.com).

Baseball opens regular season against the Gators  
Be on hand tomorrow, Friday, February 13, as your No. 1 preseason ranked Hurricanes open up their regular season against the No. 20 University of Florida Gators at Mark Light Stadium. Game time is 7:00 pm, with gates opening for advanced ticket holders at 5:30 pm. Prior to the game, the University of Miami will retire jersey No. 11, made famous by former player Pat Burrell. Burrell, now with the Philadelphia Phillies, was the first player chosen in the 1998 baseball amateur draft and had one of the most impressive single seasons in UM history. Burrell went on to hit .484 as a freshman in 1996, setting the UM record for the highest single season batting average. In addition to this record-setting performance in 1996, he also hit 23 home runs and earned the title as National Freshman of the Year. Tickets are just $8 for adults and $6 for youth/seniors. To order your tickets, or for additional information, call 305.284.CANES. To purchase your tickets online, visit the [www.hurricanesports.com](http://www.hurricanesports.com).

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