Joining Seven Decades of Alumni
University of Miami Alumni Association President Rudolph Moise, MBA '94, JD '97, and President-Elect Gregory Cesarano, JD '76, welcomed the newest members of the UMAA at the Winter Commencement ceremonies on Thursday, December 16, 2004. Nearly 1000 students received their degrees at the degree ceremonies, featuring graduate speakers Olympic Silver Medal winner Lauryn Williams and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. "Your lives and achievements will bring honor and recognition, both to you and to the university," said President-Elect Cesarano, "You are a part of the university's heritage and a cornerstone to our future." President Moise added in his remarks, "whether you travel to the far corners of the world or remain in South Florida, you will always be a 'Cane."

Peach Bowl Pregame Reservations Going Fast
The Party Of The Year...Before The Game Of The Year!
Start the New Year right...Join the University of Miami Alumni Association at the Party of the Year! The Official University of Miami New Year's Eve Pregame Celebration, sponsored by Coca-Cola, Unicco, Marsh, and MBNA, will take place on Friday, December 31, 2004 prior to the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The pregame will begin at 4:30 p.m. EST at the Georgia World Congress Center, across the street from the Georgia Dome. The party will be $65 for adults, $40 for UM students and children 3-12, and free for children under three. The event will feature a dinner buffet, two drink tickets for alcoholic beverages, a champagne toast, entertainment, souvenir ticket and giveaways for all guests, and the Official 'Canes Pep Rally with appearances by Sebastian the Ibis, the Band of the Hour, the UM cheerleaders, and President Donna Shalala. Your pregame ticket will also include access to the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl MVP Tailgate Party. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-866-UMALUMS or (305) 284-2872 or visit www.miami.edu/alumni.

School of Education Honors Florida First Lady
On Friday, December 17, the University of Miami Students and Tutors Achieving Reading Success program (UMSTARS), will honor Florida First Lady Columba Bush and donors for their continued support of "The Governor's Family Literacy Program." This innovative initiative is designed to encourage literacy and boost reading skills in urban neighborhoods. UMSTARS was created in 2002 at Poinciana Park Elementary School in Liberty City as a training program for graduate student teachers to service children struggling with reading in one of the neediest schools in the greater Miami community.
Rosenstiel School Recipient of FEMA Grant
The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science a grant to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program on Virginia Key. The program is designed to preempt the disruptions to teaching, public service, and monetary losses that universities face in the wake of natural disasters. The $226,500 grant is a portion of the $3.2 million that FEMA is distributing through its Disaster Resistant University initiative.

Sports News

Hite Named ACC Player of the Week
Hurricane Cagers on Four Game Winning Streak
Junior Robert Hite was named ACC Player of the Week after averaging 23.5 points and seven rebounds against Florida International University and the University of Massachusetts. Hite has been one of the leaders on the Hurricane squad (5-2) as the team has won their last four games and are looking toward their four-game home stand before the beginning of the ACC game schedule. Tickets for this Saturday's game against the Stetson Hatters at the UM Convocation Center (Dec. 18, 4:30 pm) are still available, and mini-plans and ACC single-game tickets are available by calling 1-800-GOCANES (or 305-284-CANES). THIS IS THE ACC. ARE YOU IN?

We need your news!!
The University of Miami Alumni Association is seeking news about our various alumni—jobs, families, news big and small. If you have any news about yourself or fellow alumni, please post a Class Note on www.miamialumni.net (not registered? Head there now—it only takes a moment). We can't wait to see and read about how our alumni are making news!

Happenings
Deanna Bayer, AB ’66, has joined Long and Foster Realty in Severna Park, MD.
Manuel A. Garcia-Linares, BBA ’90, has been elected to the Cuban-American Bar Association Board of Directors.
Donna Burns, MM ‘84, recently received the YWCA Salute to Women Achievers in Industry Award.
James Kunick, JD ’93, has become counsel in Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw’s offices in Frankfurt, Germany.
Kimberly Kolback, JD ’86, was a panel moderator at the 16th Annual Southern Regional Entertainment and Sports Law Seminar.
Gary Saltzman, BBA ’85, JD ’88, was named “Best of the Bar” for 2004 by the Orlando Business Journal.
James Moffett, Ph.D. ’87, recently was named the Mary Sears Chair for Excellence in Oceanography by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

Events
| December | January | February |
### December 1 - January 25
**Coming Home: Paintings from the Schoen Collection, 1930-1950**
Lowe Art Museum
Call 305-284-3535 for more details.

### December 18
**Central Kitchen 'Canes Care**
Washington DC Alumni
Contact: **Michael Holub**, AB ’90

### December 19
**3rd Annual Holiday Volunteer Event with the Fairygodmother Foundation**
10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Barnes & Noble - Schaumburg
Chicago Alumni Club
Contact: **Dan Spiegel**, BM ’92 or **David Panitch**, BS ’80

### January 15
**Infertility Seminar**
Sponsored by the University of Miami Infertility Center
11:30 am - 2:00 pm; Cedars Medical Center
Includes free consultation following

### January 17
**Alumni Club of Greater Miami Networking Expo**
5:00 - 8:00pm; Flamingo Ballrooms, Whitten University Center
RSVP: Richard Webster, AB ’94 at 305-519-3720

### January 19
**ALUMNITES - featuring Dr. Carl Eisdorfer of the UM Center on Aging**
6:00 - 8:00 pm; The Carlisle, Naples, FL
Contact: **Diane Doolan**, BBA ’91, 1-866-UMALUMS

### January 25
**International Roundtable on Competition and Trade Policy**
Sponsored by UM School of Law and the firm of Steel, Hector, & Davis
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables
Details

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