



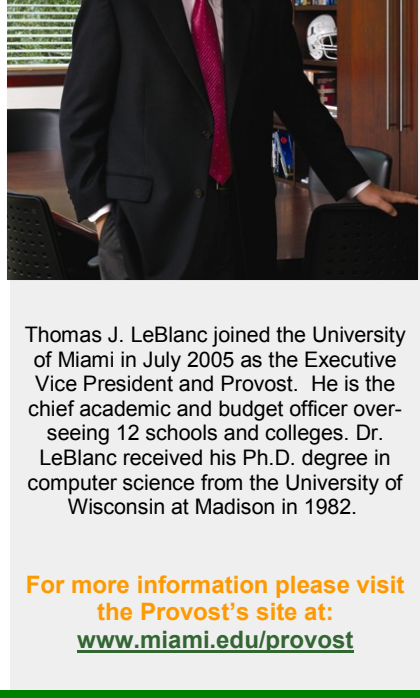
From the Desk of the Provost

Welcome to the University of Miami!

You are joining an intellectual community of unusual breadth and depth. Our University has 11 schools and colleges located on its three campuses. These academic units enroll 5,000 graduate students in over 150 graduate programs.

You have arrived on campus at a particularly exciting moment in our history. Building on two decades of dramatic improvement in the quality and reputation of the University, we have embarked on an aggressive strategy to become one of the preeminent research universities in the country. Fundamental to our strategy is a focused investment in graduate education with particular emphasis on PhD programs. We are committed to attracting the best students possible and to providing them with the resources and support needed to complete their programs and to develop distinguished careers.

You are an important element in the future of our University and we're delighted that you're here.



Thomas J. LeBlanc joined the University of Miami in July 2005 as the Executive Vice President and Provost. He is the chief academic and budget officer overseeing 12 schools and colleges. Dr. LeBlanc received his Ph.D. degree in computer science from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1982.

For more information please visit the Provost's site at: www.miami.edu/provost

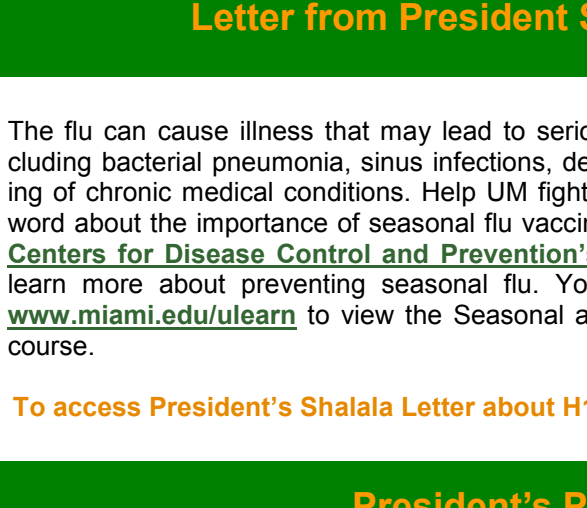
UM Cracks Top Tier of U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings



The University of Miami has been ranked No. 50 in U.S. News & World Report's 2010 edition of "America's Best Colleges," one of the most nationally known college ranking lists, moving up 17 slots in the past eight years and turning into of the fastest-rising institutions in the ranking of national universities. The rankings revealed, among other things, that the percentage of classes at UM with fewer than 20 students rose to 52 percent, a 5 percent increase over last year, while the University's student/faculty ratio also improved. The alumni giving rate is 19 percent, up from 12 percent in 2001.

For more information please visit the website: http://everitas.univmiami.net/2009/08/20/usnews/

Graduate Student Fall Orientation 2009



The new graduate student fall orientation took place at the Storer Auditorium on August 22, 2009. The program featured guest speakers who provided important information regarding resources for graduate students, including academic expectations, career planning, housing and many other campus services.

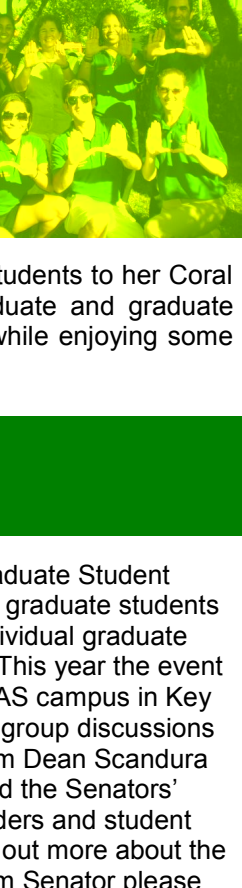
For further information on the topics discussed, refer to the following links:

- The Graduate Handbook
The Honor Code
Student Employment
Toppel Career Center
University Ombudsperson
Wellness Center
Health Services and Health Center
Off-Campus Housing



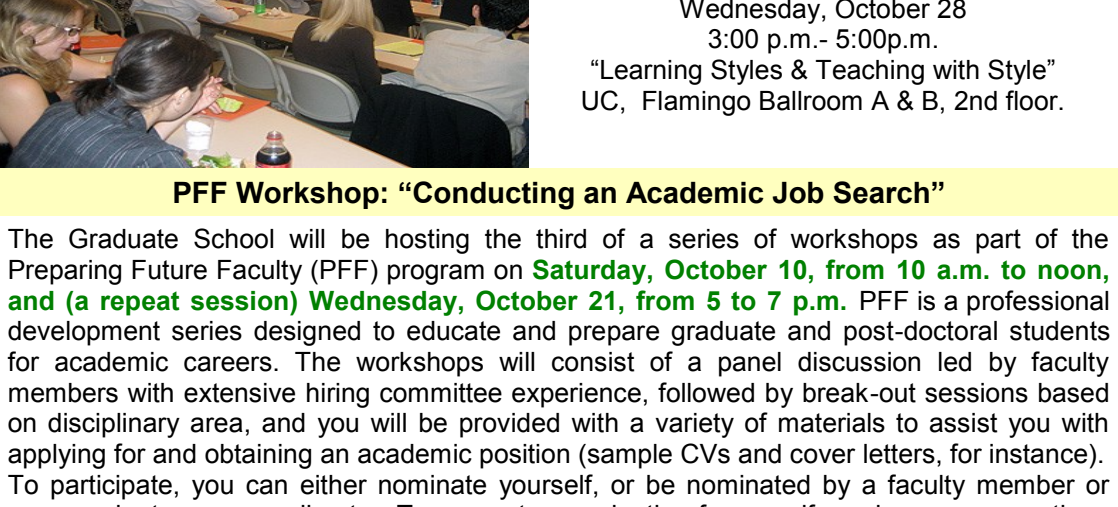
Letter from President Shalala about H1N1

The flu can cause illness that may lead to serious health problems including bacterial pneumonia, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions. Help UM fight the flu and spread the word about the importance of seasonal flu vaccinations. Please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site to help you learn more about preventing seasonal flu. You may also log on to www.miami.edu/ulearn to view the Seasonal and Pandemic Influenza course.



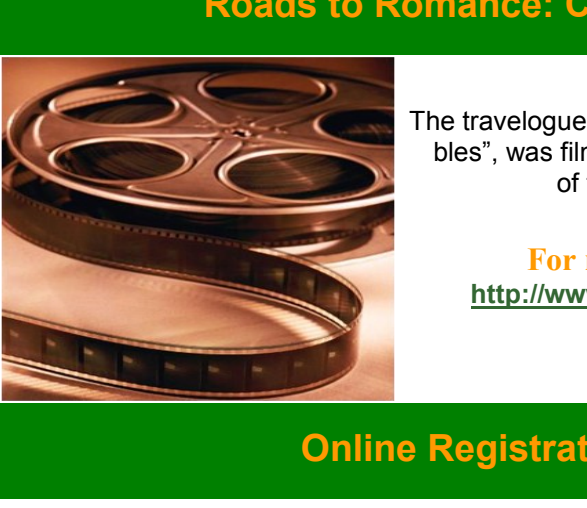
To access President's Shalala Letter about H1N1, please Click here

President's Picnic 2009



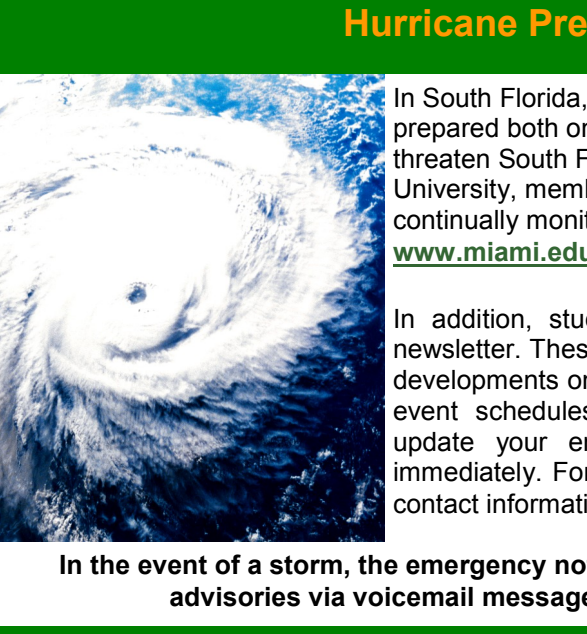
In the beginning of the Fall semester, President Shalala invited all new students to her Coral Gables home for a spirit-filled "meet and greet." This year, undergraduate and graduate students had a chance to meet the president and other administrators while enjoying some great food, music and tons of Cane Spirit!

GSA New Senator's Retreat



Every year, the Graduate Student Association invites new graduate students to represent their individual graduate programs as Senators. This year the event took place at the RSMAS campus in Key Biscayne and included group discussions and a presentation from Dean Scandura about leadership and the Senators' important role as leaders and student representatives. To find out more about the GSA and your program Senator please Click here.

PFF: Preparing Future Faculty Interested in Academic Career?



Save the Dates
TA Workshops in October:
Tuesday, October 27 &
Wednesday, October 28
3:00 p.m.- 5:00p.m.
"Learning Styles & Teaching with Style"
UC, Flamingo Ballroom A & B, 2nd floor.

PFF Workshop: "Conducting an Academic Job Search"

The Graduate School will be hosting the PFF program on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, and (a repeat session) Wednesday, October 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. PFF is a professional development series designed to educate and prepare graduate and post-doctoral students for academic careers. The workshops will consist of a panel discussion led by faculty members with extensive hiring committee experience, followed by break-out sessions based on disciplinary area, and you will be provided with a variety of materials to assist you with applying for and obtaining an academic position (sample CVs and cover letters, for instance). To participate, you can either nominate yourself, or be nominated by a faculty member or your graduate program director. To request a nomination form, or if you have any questions about PFF, please email Isis Artze-Vega, PFF Coordinator, at i.artze@umiami.edu.

Weekly TA Teaching Circle at the Graduate School Professional Development for TAs

The Graduate School invites you to join us for a weekly teaching circle for TAs, every Friday from 1-2 p.m., at the Graduate School. The TA Teaching Circle (TA-TC) is an informal discussion group where you can meet with fellow TAs to discuss teaching, give and receive advice, and work together to devise solutions and identify resources. Meetings will also include mini-workshops on such topics as "Teaching Millennial Students," "Teaching with Technology," "Promoting Critical Thinking," "Grading & Assessment," "Problem-based Learning" and "Writing-to-Learn Activities." If you have any questions about the TA-TC or need directions to the Graduate School, please email Isis Artze-Vega at i.artze@umiami.edu.

Roads to Romance: Coral Gables (1950)



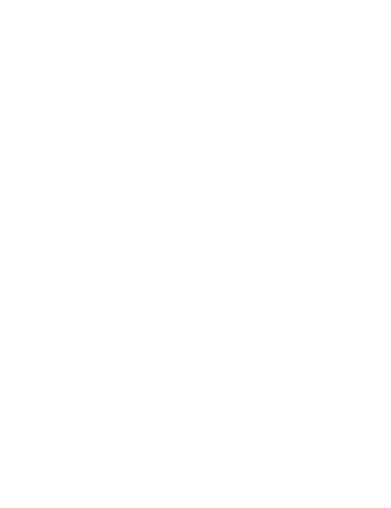
The travelogue movie titled "Roads to Romance: Coral Gables", was filmed in 1950 and includes archival footage of the University of Miami campus. For more information please visit: http://www.archive.org/details/RoadstoR1950

Online Registration Reminder

The online course registration for Spring 2010 will begin on November 9th. For more information, please Click here.



Hurricane Preparedness



In South Florida, the annual hurricane season is a time to be prepared both on campus and at our homes. Should a storm threaten South Florida or some other emergency affect the University, members of the UM community should continually monitor the Emergency Preparedness website www.miami.edu/prepare for updated information. In addition, students will receive the Storm Alert e-mail newsletter. These communications will keep you informed of developments on all campuses, such as class cancellations, event schedules, and closures. It is important that you update your emergency contact information on the MyUM immediately. For step-by-step instructions for updating your contact information please Click Here

In the event of a storm, the emergency notification network will send important advisories via voicemail messages, text messages and email.

Important Dates To Remember



- Last Day to Apply for Fall Graduation: October 9
Fall Recess: October 16
Registration for Spring 2010 Begins: November 9
Last Day to Defend Dissertation/Thesis for Fall 09 graduation: November 20
Deadline for Completion of Dissertation Thesis: December 13

The Graduate School Blog!

Have you visited the Graduate School Blog? The blog features information about the Graduate School, events, and topics that we feel are important and relevant to the graduate community at UM. We encourage comments and questions! Please visit us at: http://miamigrad.wordpress.com



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