

~ GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION ~
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HAPPY GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK!

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**GSA Annual Spring Bar-B-Que!**

**Free food!**

When? Wednesday, April 8 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm  
Where? Whitten University Center (UC) Patio

GSA will celebrate Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (April 6-10) with the Annual Spring Bar-B-Que. All graduate students from all UM campuses, excluding law and medical students, are invited for free food and beverages provided by Dixie Catering. A Miami-Dade County proclamation celebrating the contributions of graduate and professional students will also be presented at the bar-b-que.

For more information about the bar-b-que and Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week, e-mail [gsa@miami.edu](mailto:gsa@miami.edu).

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GSA President Julia's Doctoral Recital!

Come to Gusman Concert Hall on Sunday, April 12th at 2pm to support our GSA president Julia Mortyakova during her doctoral piano recital!

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**Cat 5 Music Publishing Presents Folk U, a night of original music!**

The first graduate student-run music publishing company, Cat 5 Music Publishing, brings to you a night of original music written by UM songwriters. Come support your fellow graduate students and UM songwriters by making it out to Books & Books to hear the chart-toppers of tomorrow.

What: FOLK U

When: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 7-10pm.

Where: Books and Books, 265 Aragon Avenue in Coral Gables

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Bike for MS!

Help raise money to fight multiple sclerosis! Take part in the Zimmerman MS Bike Ride "Breakaway to Key Largo"! The bike ride takes place on Saturday and Sunday (May 2nd & 3rd) and riders will take off between 7am and 8:20am at BankUnited Center. The last day to register is Sunday, April 26th by 11:55pm. There is a registration fee of \$50 and riders must raise a minimum of \$300 to participate. For more information visit www.msbikeflorida.org.

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**Become the GSA Webmaster!**

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is still looking to elect the executive board position of Webmaster. The election for the position will be held on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the UC room B. If interested in running for this position, please e-mail a 250 word statement about why you would be a good candidate for the position to Mechelle at [tmfrancis@miami.edu](mailto:tmfrancis@miami.edu) by 5pm on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Webmaster:** As GSA's Webmaster, Janet maintains the GSA website,

adding/updating content as well as enhancing the web layout constantly to provide the web visitors with a rich viewing experience. She also acts as a technology officer bringing new technologies to the E-Board table and applying them (which includes but is not limited to drafting, designing, developing and deploying software packages) in creative ways that facilitate GSA's activities. She is the "Go-to person" for any computer technology related question. If you are interested in running for Webmaster, but have questions regarding the position, please talk to Janet...or email her at [jgenz@rsmas.miami.edu](mailto:jgenz@rsmas.miami.edu) with any questions.

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Are you a GMAT Wiz? Did you score in the 99th percentile on your GMAT?

ManhattanGMAT, the fastest growing educational services company in the country, is seeking qualified part-time GMAT Instructors in the Miami area. ManhattanGMAT is designed to attract expert teachers. We offer the best compensation in the industry, with a \$100 per hour pay rate and a \$4000 signing bonus.

For more information, go to www.manhattangmat.com. To apply, please go to <http://www.manhattangmat.com/instructor-jobs.cfm> to learn more about the position and to submit an application.

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**Join RSMAS in Cleaning Our Local Beaches**

When? Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,

FREE PIZZA AFTER THE EVENT

Where? Starts at RSMAS campus and Virginia Key

Want to help clean up our local beaches? The Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS) will be organizing a beach cleanup as part of Miami-Dade County's Baynanza event, a countywide beach cleanup. Graduate students are welcomed to join the RSMAS team in keeping our beaches beautiful. After the cleanup, enjoy free pizza at Virginia Key Beach Park across the Rickenbacker Causeway from RSMAS.

If you're going to participate, be sure to bring sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, and work gloves. Closed-toed shoes are suggested.

For location information and to sign up for the event, please e-mail Ian Zink at [izink@rsmas.miami.edu](mailto:izink@rsmas.miami.edu). (When e-mailing Ian, please include your t-shirt

size. The free t-shirt for the event is required for having free pizza after the event.)

This event is part of UM Earth Week's series of events.

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GAFAC Has Your Back!

The Graduate Activity Fee Allocation Committee (GAFAC) is helping graduate students get conference funding even more in response to the economic crisis. GAFAC increased the maximum funding allocations from \$300 to \$400. To make funds more accessible to graduate students, GAFAC eliminated its provision of being the funding of last resort, making applying for funds easier. Finally, GAFAC streamlined the funding notification process, notifying students of all funding allocation decisions within two days of presenting to GAFAC. For more information on how you could get GAFAC funding, visit www.miami.edu/gafac.

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**Directed Independent Language Study Program (DILS)**

Directed Independent Language Study Program (DILS) is beginning to accept applications for fall 09 language study!

The purpose of DILS is to allow students at UM to study languages not offered in the curriculum. The Program is demand driven; students have the opportunity to request languages they need for their academic work, for research, for study or internships abroad. DILS is not a credit bearing program, but a notation will be made on their transcripts as evidence of language study in DILS. I would like to point out that although DILS is primarily an oral communicative program, graduate students whose primary interest is to acquire reading and writing skills, should also apply.

Students have to apply the semester that proceeds the semester when they intend to study a language. For the current semester, we received applications for the following languages: Colloquial Arabic (Levantine and Moroccan), Haitian Creole, Hindi, Russian and Swedish. Students can request additional languages as long as they have some bearing on their studies and research.

Application deadline for fall 2009 study is May 1. Application forms are available on the DILS website.

For detailed information about DILS students should consult the DILS website about Program objectives, policies and structure ([www.as.miami.edu/dils/](http://www.as.miami.edu/dils/)).

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If you have any announcements for the Weekly, please send them to gsa@miami.edu. GSA Weekly submissions are due by 5pm on Sundays.