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GSA Weekly – October 26, 2009

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Homecoming 2009: October 30th – November 7th



This week's events:::

Opening Ceremonies: I Wanna Rock
When: Friday, October 30th at 6pm
Where: University Center Rock

Masquerade Ball
When: Friday, October 30th at 10pm – 2pm
Where: The Rat

Save the Date for the Most Anticipated Event: Hurricane Howl
(Pep rally, Boat Burning/Fireworks, Concert featuring Common with special guests The Wailers)
When: Friday, November 6th at 8:15pm
Where: Lake Osceola, Showmobile, and the University Center Green & Patio

For a complete list of Homecoming 2009 events, visit www.miami.edu/homecoming.

RAD Women's Self Defense Class

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) is an in-depth nationally recognized women's self-defense program that teaches the basic principles of safety awareness, risk reduction and practical

physical defense techniques. The Basic Physical Defense Program consists of 12 hours of instruction, broken up over 3 evenings. By registering, you commit to attend all three classes.

Dates: October 26, October 28, & November 4

Time: 5:30-9:30

Where: Coral Gables Campus (exact location given once registered)

For more information, visit www.miami.edu/police/selfdefense

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

CHCI is recruiting Hispanic American students - undergraduate and graduate - for its nationally recognized leadership development programs.

These programs can offer University of Miami students a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience in Washington, DC or to gain scholarship money for your academic degree program at UM.

Applications for CHCI's 2010 Congressional Internship, Public Policy Fellowship, Graduate & Young Professional Fellowship, and Scholarship Programs are now available online at <http://www.chci.org/>.

TA Workshop

TA Workshop Next Week:

The topic is "Learning Styles & Teaching with Style," and participants will be introduced to the varied ways students learn and how to adjust one's pedagogy accordingly, and they will also reflect on their own teaching style and consider alternative pedagogical approaches.

New, veteran, and even non-TAs are welcome!

If you have any questions about the workshop, please email Isis Artze-Vega at i.artze@umiami.edu.

When: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 & a repeat session on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, both from 3pm-5pm.

Where: Flamingo Ballroom A & B, 2nd floor, University Center

Halloween Horror Nights



Get a group of 20 or more and receive a discount ticket price for Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights.

Select nights only, September 25th – October 31st

Check out their website for more info.

http://www.halloweenhorror nights.com/orlando/group_sales.html

The SPEAK Test

What: Required to demonstrate ability in spoken English

Who: For prospective international Teaching Assistants

When: Test will be given on Thursday, November 12th at 4pm

Where: Allen Hall – Room 102

A Photo I.D. (Cane Card or passport) is required. Please call Vanessa from the Intensive Language Institute office at (305) [284-4727](tel:3052844727) to reserve a place or email us at alc.cstudies@miami.edu . Students must be registered by 5:00, Wednesday, November 11th.

2010 Competition for the UNCF/Merck Science Initiative Research Scholarships and Fellowships

Applications must be submitted online no later than December 1, 2009 at www.uncf.org.

For further information, please contact Jerry L. Bryant, Ph.D. at 703/205-3503.

Weekly TA Teaching Circle at The Graduate School

Whether you want ideas for leading class discussions or need to gripe about the students you're TA-ing, the Graduate School invites you to a weekly teaching circle for TAs, every Friday from 1 p.m. to 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, and to give and receive advice. 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@miami.edu.

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If you are interested in advertising an event open to all graduate students, please e-mail the GSA at [gsa@miami.edu](mailto:gsa@miami.edu) by 5pm on Sundays.