Founded in 1925, the University of Miami is the largest private research university in the southeastern United States with an enrollment of more than 15,200 students.

Students at UM may enroll in 150 undergraduate, 130 master’s, 60 doctoral, and two professional areas of study (medicine and law).

97% of full-time regular faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees; 77% are tenured.

Research and sponsored program expenditures totaled $243.8 million (FY03). The National Science Foundation has ranked UM as 52nd in the nation in federally funded research and development expenditures (FY01).

_U.S. News & World Report_’s 2002 “Best Hospitals” issue listed nine UM specialties among the nation's best: Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (2), kidney disease (21); orthopedics (38); rheumatology (37); hormonal disorders (34); ear, nose and throat (30); geriatrics (25); digestive disorders (32); and urology (36).

The Physical Therapy graduate program at the School of Medicine ranked third in the nation in _U.S. News & World Report_’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2004.”

The University of Miami received C/O magazine’s accolade as one of the top 100 organizations demonstrating the resourceful use of technology in a tough economic climate. The 16th annual awards from C/O (Chief Information Officer) recognize organizations around the world that excel in positive business performance through resourceful IT management and practices.

The Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music’s Festival Miami celebrated its 20th Anniversary Season.

The Princeton Review, the college and graduate test preparation service, ranked the University of Miami in three categories. UM ranked fifth best in both the “Great College Town” and “Most Beautiful Campus” and ninth in the “Diverse Student Population” list.
The School of Law and School of Business Administration MBA programs received top honors in the September 2003 issue of Hispanic Business magazine in their top 10 schools for Hispanics. The law school was ranked second and the business school’s graduate program was ranked fifth.

The Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies was dedicated in September 2003. First established in 1998, the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies is the first academic and research center in the United States to focus primarily on 20th and 21st Century Jewish studies, as well as trends affecting the future of the Jewish people.

The Society of Professional Journalism (SPJ) named News Vision, the student written and produced news program based at the School of Communication, Best Non-Daily College Newscast in the country.

The Pew Institute for Ocean Science partnered with the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. The Institute is a $3 million collaborative effort with The Pew Charitable Trusts. This new Institute consolidates much of the marine conservation work sponsored by the Trusts, which has become a leader in this growing field.

The Fred C. and Helen Donn Flipse Building was dedicated in October. The Flipse Building, with 40,000 square feet of office, laboratory and classroom space, is the home of the Department of Psychology.

On October 16, 2003, the University of Miami announced a billion-dollar comprehensive campaign, the most ambitious and wide reaching in its history. The goal of the campaign, $1 billion by mid-2007, makes Momentum: The Campaign for the University of Miami the largest campaign announced by any university in the state of Florida. UM is one of only 25 universities nationally seeking that amount.

The School of Music received a $33 million gift from philanthropists Dr. Phillip and Patricia Frost. The gift, which will name the School in their honor, is one of the largest gifts from an individual received by UM and is the largest ever made to a university-based music school in the United States. The School will be named the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music at the University of Miami.

The Diabetes Research Institute, an academic center of excellence at the School of Medicine, received a $50 million gift from the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. The money will be used to accelerate the DRI’s pioneering work in islet cell transplantation, a groundbreaking procedure that is considered the most promising method for curing diabetes.
The Commission on Presidential Debates announced that the University of Miami would be the site of the first presidential debate, to take place at the UM Convocation Center on September 30, 2004.

The Kosar/Epstein Faculty Building, a 12,000 square foot structure with 39 faculty offices and meeting room at the School of Business Administration was dedicated. The faculty building was made possible by a generous donation from former UM quarterback Bernie Kosar Jr. and his business partner David Epstein. Three departments, Marketing, Accounting and Management Science, are now housed in the new wing.

The University of Miami and the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research organization, announced the formation of a new partnership to restructure the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center based at the University. The focus of the North-South Center will be significantly broadened, but most of its initiatives will continue to focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. RAND has a 55-year history of analyzing international issues, and has offices in the Netherlands, Britain, Germany and Qatar, in addition to its U.S. headquarters in Santa Monica, Calif., and offices in Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

The School of Education formalized a partnership with the Latin American Basic Education Initiative (LABELI), established in 2001 by multinational and local companies operating in Latin America to help improve the quality of basic education throughout the region. The University of Miami will work with the business, education and government leaders of LABELI and other partners in a variety of educational initiatives focused on the urgent need to improve the quality of basic and secondary education for all Latin American children. The organization will be housed at the University of Miami.

The University of Miami sponsored events for the 21st Annual Miami International Film Festival including film industry panels, roundtable discussions, and educational seminars, as well as screening 16 of the acclaimed festival's 63 films from 34 countries, on its Coral Gables campus.

The School of Medicine broke ground on the new Clinical Research Building and Wellness Center. The building is the first of six new medical facilities the School plans in the next few years. The Clinical Research Building will be home to more than 300,000 square feet of clinical research space, in such areas as patient safety, pediatrics, and clinical pharmacology.

The University of Miami and the UM Neighbors Homeowners Association (UMNHOA) reached a mutual agreement on the 2004 development plans for University Village student apartments. The agreement includes housing for 800 upper class, law, graduate and medical students with parking for students and other university guests. It will be the first student housing to be built on the Coral Gables campus for more than 36 years.
The University of Miami was named the second best institution in the world by postdoctoral fellows taking part in an international survey conducted by The Scientist, a news magazine about the life sciences.

The Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science operates the world’s only advanced research catamaran, R/V F. G. Walton Smith, featuring state of the art onboard laboratories. The 96-foot vessel is uniquely designed to conduct both shallow and deep-water marine and atmospheric research.

The Rosenstiel School manages a high-tech atmospheric and oceanographic laboratory aboard Royal Caribbean International’s new cruise ship, Explorer of the Seas.