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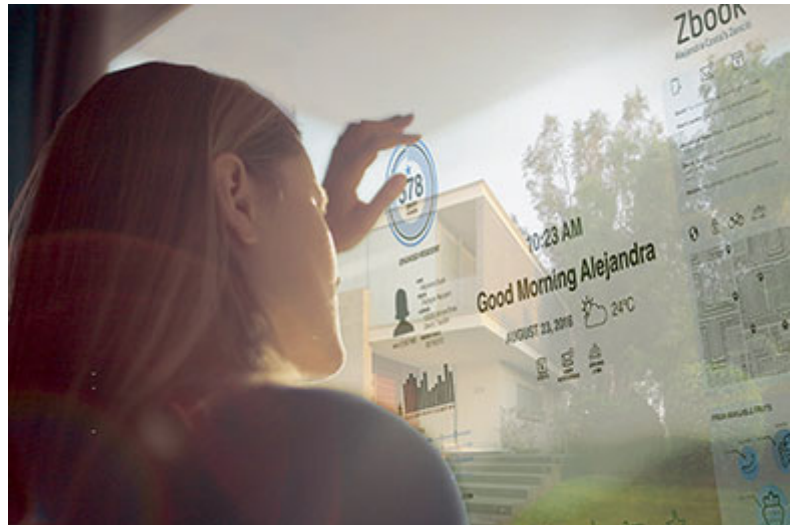


MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Miller School Continues Rise in NIH-Funded Research Rankings

Retaining its status as the highest NIH-funded medical school in Florida, the Miller School of Medicine rose two positions—from 41 to 39—in the national rankings of 139 medical schools based on the amount of research grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health during the 2016 federal fiscal year. | [more](#)

SPOTLIGHT



Visit the Future at the Inaugural Smart Cities Miami Conference

Imagine your smart blanket wakes you up each morning with a pulsating vibration, and upon touch, your kitchen counter shares your day's schedule. Now, imagine this "embedded technology" on the scale of a city, which is no longer a dream and will be the subject of the School of Architecture and the Center for Computational Science's inaugural Smart Cities Miami Conference **February 23-24**. Learn [more](#) and register now.



Alex Rodriguez's Gift to Enhance MBA Program for Pro Athletes

Former New York Yankees All-Star Alex Rodriguez donated \$500,000 to the School of Business Administration to support new programs for participants in the [Miami Executive MBA for Artists and Athletes](#) program and other MBA students. In recognition of his gift, a courtyard at the school was dedicated in his honor. | [more](#)



UNIVERSITY #BlackLivesMatter Co-Creator Alicia Garza to Speak at UM

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to a special lecture by Alicia Garza, who helped transform what was once a viral hashtag and social media force into a national grassroots organization and global human rights movement, on **Thursday, March 9** at 7 p.m. in the Shalala Student Center Grand Ballroom. | [more](#)



Scholarship Students Thank Donors for Making Magic Happen

Kristi Brownlee sometimes worried her difficult home life and lack of resources would prevent her from becoming the first person in her family to earn a four-year degree. But last week the UM senior, pictured above taking a pledge to "pay it forward," stood as living proof of the life-transforming power of philanthropy when she spoke for other grateful students at UM's annual Scholarship Donor Recognition Luncheon. | [more](#)

SNAPSHOT



School of Architecture and the Oldest Dutch Technology University Collaborate on Sea-Level Rise

Championed by the consulate general of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami, the University of Miami's School of Architecture and the School of Architecture at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands signed a memorandum of understanding last week to explore avenues of exchange and collaboration in the coastal resilience field. | [more](#)



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
**Chemistry Professor
Awarded Science
Fellowship in Japan**

Rajeev Prabhakar, a chemist in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been awarded a prestigious fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science to collaborate with Japanese scientists and advance his research aimed at developing artificial enzymes, biomaterials, antimicrobial peptides, and drugs for neurological disorders. | [more](#)



**The College of Arts and Sciences Earns an
'A+' for Art**

From plays at the Ring Theatre, to UM's Art Gallery in the 'zebra' building in Wynwood, and to student-curated and socially and politically centered exhibits at the Lowe Art Museum, the arts abound at the [College of Arts and Sciences](#). | [more](#)



FROST SCHOOL OF MUSIC
**Singing to Infants May Help
Depressed Moms**

A mother singing to her newborn may seem like nothing more than a parenting tradition around the world, but according to research by Shannon de l'Etoile, professor of music therapy and associate dean of graduate studies at the Frost School of Music, singing to infants can actually help mothers suffering from postpartum depression. | [more](#)



**First-of-Its-Kind Exhibition Examines Life
Behind Bars**

The graphic photos alone are powerful enough, but the stories put people there. Co-sponsored by the Office of Civic and Community Engagement, the "States of Incarceration" traveling exhibition and public dialogue on the history and future of mass incarceration in the U.S. included a story lab featuring former inmates who shared painful accounts of life behind bars. | [more](#)



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

E-Week Celebrates the Engineering Profession

Engineering Week, which is designed to create awareness of the profession and highlight the scholarship and expertise of the University of Miami's present and future engineers, kicked off on Friday with a Build-It event for high school students and continues through **February 25** with a variety of events. View the E-Week 2017 [schedule](#). | [more](#)



SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES

School Receives Grant to Train Ph.D. Nurses

The School of Nursing and Health Studies is one of 28 nursing schools across the nation to receive the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's [Future of Nursing Scholars](#) grant to support nurses who commit to earn their Ph.D.s in three years. | [more](#)



Go Green and Earn Gold, Silver, or Bronze

It's now easier to earn Green Office certification with Green U's new point system and tiered certification. Rather than completing an entire list of tasks, pick ones that work for your office. Depending on how much the tasks are worth, your office will earn bronze, silver, or gold certification. Easy, right? Just ask the Division of Facilities and Real Estate, which gave up its desk trash bins and earned a gold. Learn [more](#).

FOR YOUR BENEFIT



Register for the 2017 Corporate Run/Walk by February 27 to Save and Win

[Register](#) for Team UM at the 2017 Mercedes Benz Corporate Run/Walk by **Monday, February 27**, and receive \$15 off the registration fee and 300 Well 'Canes points. Those who register early will also have the chance to win free event registrations, four 4-day Disney Parks tickets, and an additional 500 Well 'Canes points. | [more](#)

Engagement Survey Results Released; Learn More and Take Action

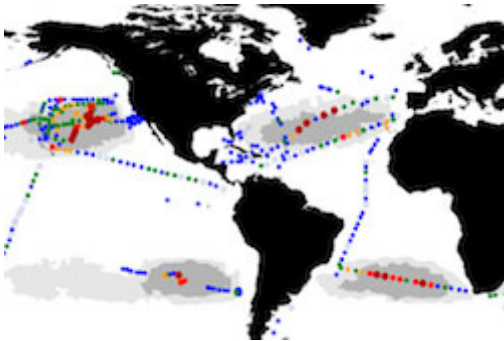
President Frenk released the 2016 faculty and staff engagement survey results last week, and encouraged all faculty and staff to choose **one action** to take to improve the work environment. View the [results](#). learn [more](#), and register for a webinar.

Meditation, Mindfulness, and U at the Herbert Wellness Center

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Real Estate Impact Conference Zeros in on Disruptive Forces

For the sixth year in a row, real estate industry experts converged in Miami for the University of Miami Real Estate Impact Conference, which kicked off with a panel on “Finding Opportunity in Disruption” moderated by Natalia Martinez-Kalinina, general manager of the Cambridge Innovation Center. | [more](#)



ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL OF MARINE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

Study Explains How Garbage Patches Form in the World's Oceans

A study that used a mathematical model to simulate how ocean currents transport floating marine debris is helping to explain how garbage patches form in the world's oceans. | [more](#)

IN MEMORIAM



Pianist Rosalina Sackstein Inspired Thousands

Rosalina Sackstein, a professor's professor who taught at the Frost School of Music for 50 years and performed as a soloist for orchestras in the U.S. and

Immerse yourself in a state of reflection, relaxation, and rumination at the Patti and Allan Herbert Wellness Center with free [meditation and mindfulness classes](#) open to members and non-members this spring, beginning on **Monday, February 27**. | [more](#)

Ready to Retire?

Considering retirement? The “Ready to Retire?” seminar, offered on all three campuses next week, will guide you through every step. | [more](#)

- **UMIT Offers Free Microsoft Office 365 Webinar on February 28** | [more](#)
- **Sign Up for Free Planner Training on March 2** | [more](#)

UM PRESENTS



Dandy Lion: What It Means to Be Black, Masculine, and Fashionable Today

Dandy Lion: (Re)Articulating Black Masculine Identity, seeks to distinguish the historical and contemporary expressions of the Black Dandy phenomenon in popular culture by highlighting young men who defy understandings of black masculinity. Opening at the Lowe Art Museum on **Thursday, February 23** and running **through Sunday, May 21**, the exhibit features works from emerging and renowned photographers, including Caroline Kaminju's *Mangafu*, above. | [more](#)

abroad, passed away at 93. Read her [obituary](#) in the *Miami Herald*. | [more](#)

ATHLETICS



Nine 'Canes to Showcase Their Skills at NFL Scouting Combine

Quarterback Brad Kaaya, the Hurricanes' all-time career leader in passing yards (9,968), completions (720), and attempts (1,188), heads a group of former 'Canes football players who will showcase their skills at the 2017 NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis **February 28 through March 6**. NFL Network will provide live coverage. | [more](#)



Cast Your Vote for Adrienne Motley as Senior CLASS Award Winner

Help senior guard Adrienne Motley win the prestigious Senior CLASS (Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School) Award by voting for her on the [Senior CLASS Award website](#) through **March 20**. The two-time First Team All-ACC selection is one of just 10 Division I women's basketball players named finalists for the honor. | [more](#)

- **Former UM Linebacker Jon Beason Makes Generous Gift Toward Indoor Practice Facility** | [more](#)
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Expanding Visions: Women in the Medieval and Early Modern World

University of Miami faculty, staff, and students may attend the biennial Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque Conference on **Thursday, March 2 through Saturday, March 4** at no cost but [registration](#) is required by **Wednesday, February 22**. The conference, which will explore women in the medieval and early modern world is hosted by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, among others. | [more](#)

MORE NEWS

- **Mariposa Court to Close at U.S. 1; Alternative Route to Gables One Tower Suggested** | [more](#)
- **Attend the 'It's on Us' Resource Fair at The Rock on February 20** | [more](#)
- **Watch Live on Facebook: The Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas Colloquium: Spanish Legacies: The Coming of Age of the Second Generation on February 21** | [more](#)
- **Next Faculty Senate Meeting on the Miller School Campus February 22** | [more](#)
- **Department of Geography Presents 'Conservation for Cities: How to Plan and Build Natural Infrastructure' on February 22** | [more](#)
- **Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas Research Lunch Series: 'Rusty Pipes and Broken Toilets; The Water Crisis in Cuba' on February 27** | [more](#)

EVENTS

For a comprehensive listing of the University of Miami's many events—including lectures, exhibitions, workshops, medical grand rounds, seminars, and more, [view the calendar](#).

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