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University Parent Media works closely with institutions around the country to bring together the most relevant, timely information into one all-inclusive resource.

We have published this guide with the mission of helping you easily navigate the university and its surrounding community. Ultimately, we hope these resources help nurture your connection and involvement in your student's college years!

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- Hang on to your Guide! Inside you'll find information that's useful all-year long, including important phone numbers, web sites and calendars.
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Welcome to the FIU Panther Family!

Welcome to the FIU Panther Family! We are excited to have you and your student become a part of our community. We look forward to partnering with you in the upcoming years.

FIU is committed to keeping the parents and families of our students informed and involved. I hope that this guide will provide information that will be helpful to you and your student as members of the Panther family. In addition to a vast array of educational resources



and support services for students, Florida International University has a comprehensive parent program with a variety of resources and services focused on students' families. We recognize that the involvement of parents and family members in the college process plays an important role in student success. Therefore, we encourage you to make the most of the following resources:

- Our Orientation staff is committed to being a resource for you. You can reach us by phone at 305-348-6414 or by email (parent@fiu.edu) to address questions,

concerns, provide advice and helpful information.

- Visit our continually developing online parent resource at: orientation.fiu.edu/parents.html
- Register your email with the FIU Parent Listserv, to receive monthly updates with helpful information, campus resources, and important deadlines
- Join the Panther Parents Association, and receive membership benefits and special parent resources.
- Participate in exciting programming for parents and families during Orientation, and at Homecoming and Parent & Family Weekend.

We look forward to partnering with you for student success!

Sincerely,

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Week of Welcome

The 2011 Week of Welcome (WOW) will take place August 21-28, 2011. Encourage your student to take part in all of the events. Past years' events include:

- Residence Hall Move In
- Freshman Convocation
- Trail of the Torch
- Comedy Shows
- Movies
- Miami City Tour
- Concerts
- Bayside Dance Cruise
- Ask Me Tables
- and MUCH more!

All events are free for FIU students with a valid Panther ID.

Choosing a Major at FIU!

By Bianny Fernandez, Senior Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Education

Most students in college experience indecision when selecting a major. In fact, most students are either exploratory as a freshmen or change their majors before beginning their senior year. It is typical for students to be nervous about the decision-making process that comes with choosing a major; however, it is crucial that students be proactive and that steps be taken to ease this overwhelming process.

Before proceeding to seek help, it is often recommended that students take some time for self-assessment. Self-assessment is a vital part of career planning as it leads to evaluating individual values, interests, skills, personality, and desired lifestyle.

Additionally, this helps identify potential strengths which will be ideally aligned to specific careers. After students learn more about themselves, they can begin an elimination process by crossing off majors that are not a good fit. Often times, eliminating those majors that are not appealing is an effective way to concentrate on those majors that are better aligned to one's goals and



priorities. A list of majors can be found on the academic advising website or can be obtained from meeting with an academic advisor. Those majors that are being considered are the ones that will require a closer look utilizing all the resources available at FIU! Florida International University diligently designs programs to assist students in deciding on a major. Encourage your student to make use of the following resources: ►



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Academic Advising Center
In the Academic Advising Center students will find trained advisors, available to ease this exploratory process. Encourage them to:

- Consult with an advisor about the classes to take for the major your student is considering and for guidance on her or his options, according to her or his interests, values, priorities and strengths. Moreover, our office administers a career-oriented assessment that students can take to get ideas of majors and fields they should consider.
- Learn about the service-learning project, designed for exploratory students to get exposed to a field while volunteering abroad. This year, the Academic Advising Center developed a project in collaboration with the Center for Leadership & Service that took exploratory students to the Dominican Republic to volunteer. While on site, students worked with disadvantaged children. Students interested in the areas of international relations, education, psychology, and social work were able to gain some first-hand exposure to the field while making connections and validating their interest.
- Visit our website for more information on frequently asked questions related to exploratory students and a copy of our Exploratory Students E-newsletter, where updates on workshops and programs

designed for undecided students, are shared: <http://undergrad.fiu.edu>.

Career Services
Professionals in Career Services are available to assist students who are exploring majors and career options. Encourage your student to:

- Visit the office for information on workshops and assessments that will help your student narrow down her or his options.
- Visit a career specialist for more information on career options with specific degrees.
- Inquire about internships available to expose your student to a field of interest.
- Seek help on developing an impressive and representative resume.

At FIU, it is our goal that students feel connected to the campus and take full advantage of our resources. A big part of that involves assisting students with identifying a field of study and working with them to develop an academic plan that will enable them to be successful. Being exploratory is a reality for many college students. It is important for those students to know, however, that there are a number of resources available to guide them through that decision-making process! ■

Off-Campus Housing Service

For students choosing to live off-campus, all they need to find their perfect place is just a click away!

The Office of Orientation & Commuter Student Services is pleased share the off-campus housing website to simplify the off-campus housing search for students, parents, faculty, and area property owners/managers. The site includes properties for rent and sale, as well as message boards to find roommates, buy/sell furniture, and more. The site is accessible at <http://classifieds.fiu.edu>. If you have a property for rent or sale that you'd like to list on the new site, please contact Emmaline Smith at (877) 895-1234 or emmaline@offcampuspartners.com.



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One site for:

- Off-Campus Housing Listings
- Easy search & comparison
- Pictures & floorplans
- Maps/directions
- Links to email, website, applications
- Roommate Listings
- Furniture to buy/sell
- Sublet section to search/post ■



SAVE THE DATE

2011 Homecoming and Parent & Family Weekend Homecoming Events

Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, 2011

Parent & Family Weekend Events: September 30-October 1, 2011
Come experience the excitement and tradition of Florida International University! Look for registration information at: <http://orientation.fiu.edu>

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- Award-winning FIU Magazine published quarterly
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- Enhance your involvement in your student's collegiate experience!
- Build community among current students and parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the University.
- Promote the active involvement of parents in the University's growth and development.
- Increase awareness about FIU to the larger community.

To join The Panther Parents Association, stop by the Office of Orientation and Commuter Student Services today, or enroll online at: https://web.fiu.edu/alumni/jointoday_form.htm

The Panther Parents Association is a joint venture between the Office of Orientation and Commuter Student Services, and the Office of Alumni Relations. For more information, email us at parent@fiu.edu, or visit our website at: <http://orientation.fiu.edu/parents.html> ■

Join the Panther Parents Association Today!

The Panther Parents Association is an organization that provides information and support to parents and family members of current Florida International University students. The Panther Parents Association allows for FIU parents to enhance their interactions with and feel connected to the FIU family.



Membership in The Panther Parents Association includes:

- Membership within the FIU Alumni Association
- Discounted rates for Parent & Family Weekend

www.universityparent.com/fiu

Now that Orientation is Over . . .

Thank you for attending the Parent Orientation Program at Florida International University! The following are recommended checklists for you and your student to consider in the upcoming days before classes begin.

Parent/Family Member Checklist

- Discuss with your student what your expectations are for his or her college experience, and what this means for your relationship over the next few years. Consider the following topics: academics, transportation, finances, communication, and family responsibilities.
- Chat with your student about the differences between high school and college. Encourage your student to familiarize his or herself with the various resources on campus.
- Encourage your student to register for Panther Camp.
- Join the Panther Parents Association. (www.orientation.fiu.edu/parents.html)
- Sign up to receive monthly email updates through the FIU Parent Email Listserv. (www.orientation.fiu.edu/parents.html)
- Familiarize yourself with the Academic Calendar, available online at: <http://registrar.fiu.edu>. Save the Date for the following events:
 - **August 21-28, 2011**
Week of Welcome
 - **Friday/Saturday, August 19-20, 2011**
Housing Move-In
 - **Sunday, August 21, 2011**
Freshman Convocation
 - **September 26-October 1, 2011**
Homecoming Week
 - **September 30-October 1, 2011**
Parent & Family Weekend

Student Checklist

- Register to attend Panther Camp through the Office of Orientation and Commuter Student Services.
- 24 hours after your student has registered for classes, they can register online for the student parking pass through: <http://parking.fiu.edu>
- 24 hours after your student has registered for classes, they can obtain email access information through: <http://panthermail.fiu.edu>
- Pay all tuition and fees by the deadline found on the Academic Calendar. (<http://registrar.fiu.edu>)
- Purchase textbooks for the semester.
- Familiarize her/himself with the Academic Calendar, available online at: <http://registrar.fiu.edu>
- Familiarize him/herself with the campus and with classroom locations before classes begin.
- Get Excited! ■



SAVE THE DATE

Freshman Convocation

Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011

What Is Freshman Convocation?

Freshman Convocation is a wonderful tradition at FIU. It is the official welcoming ceremony of freshmen to the University Community by the President, Provost and faculty and staff. It is designed as an opportunity to convey to students the significance of their educational endeavor and the commitment of the university to support them in the achievement of this goal - within the classroom and without! It is also a celebration of university life and the traditions of Florida International University.

Who Should attend?

All freshmen, students admitted either Summer or Fall, are required to attend the Freshman Convocation. It is an opportunity for students to develop a true connection to the university and an opportunity to connect to their future graduation class. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend with their students, and take part in this great university tradition.

Visit orientation.fiu.edu for more information.

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What is Panther Camp?

Panther Camp is a great way for incoming students to meet other new students before they start their FIU college experience. This year we will have three sessions for your student to choose from: July 22-24, 2011, August 10-12, 2011 or August 17-19, 2011. Panther Camp is a unique opportunity that is only available to students as they are entering their first year at FIU. The Panther Camp experience focuses on assisting first year students in building relationships with other FIU students, fostering school spirit, cultivating future student leaders, helping students learn about FIU's traditions and unique culture, and supports students in their transition into the university.

What can students expect at camp?

- Interact with 120 other freshman in large and small group setting
- Network with FIU faculty, staff, and students who are passionate about working with students
- Participate in fun activities & team builders
- Learn tips and tricks on how to navigate FIU and be a successful, engaged student
- Learn about FIU traditions and opportunities to get involved
- Learn about themselves and how to find their fit at FIU
- Learn how to become a leader & the various leadership opportunities FIU has to offer
- Have fun!
- Become a part of something bigger than themselves and be a part of FIU newest and fastest-growing tradition!

When and where is Panther Camp?

Due to popular demand, Panther Camp is pleased to offer three sessions this year! The first session will be held on July 22-24 for Summer B students, August 10-12 for Fall students and the third session will be held from August 17-19th for all students. All sessions are the same in content. Registration is on a first-come, first-served

Fast facts after Panther Camp

- 100 percent of students who attended Panther Camp 2010 got involved in at least one club or activity at FIU!
- Many of the 2011 Peer Advisor Staff attended Panther Camp
- The 2010-2011 SGA President is a past Panther Camp participant, facilitator and executive board member
- Many Sorority and Fraternity members at FIU went to Panther Camp
- Panther Camp participants hold leadership positions in the university's largest organizations, councils, and leadership societies.
- Panther Camp has won the Student Life Award for Outstanding Student Organization Spirit in 2008, 2009 & 2011!
- Other organizations and clubs which Panther Camp participants are involved in include: The Honors College, Resident Assistants, Student Alumni Association, Panther Rage/Panther Power, Greek Orientation Team (GO Team), Residence Hall Association, Student Programming Council, Homecoming Council, Week of Welcome Committee, Relay for Life, Campus Leaders Orientation Team (CLOT), Alternative Breaks, Honor Societies, Dance Marathon, Academy of Leaders, First Year Experience Peer Mentors, and many more...

basis through the Office of Orientation and Commuter Student Services. However, your students do not need to wait until his or her orientation session to sign up! Panther Camp takes place in Central Florida at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center. Their air-conditioned facilities provide the perfect location for our program. ■

What campers say about Panther Camp

"Panther Camp is more than three days of fun, it's three days of interaction, diversity, soul-searching, enjoyment. It ties together academics and all the other perils in life into one, to help freshman transition into college. It's simply magnificent!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"I didn't know anyone here and I didn't know how comfortable I would be with making new friends. And I also didn't know how I would handle going through my college experience without having people I knew and trusted to go with me through it and help me out when I need it. But, after Panther Camp, I have a strong bond with my Bravo family members and I know if I ever needed anything, I can call on them. Panther Camp also taught me what I would need to know about starting college at FIU, and gave me people and resources to go to whenever I need help. It also gave me opportunities and the confidence to put myself out there to become involved with organizations here at FIU. I know that now, and in the future, I will always look back at Panther Camp as something that really kick-started my freshman year and allowed me to really enjoy my time here at FIU."

"It's Made FIU my Dream School!"

"It has made me actually enjoy my FIU experience - this school was not my first choice and I was disappointed in myself to be here. But after camp I realized how blessed I am to be here, there is so much opportunity and I can't wait to really get involved."

"Panther Camp has made a tremendous impact on my FIU experience. The first day of school I wasn't nervous at all because I already had a bunch of Panther Camp friends to rely on and hang out with. It even gave me so much confidence to go out to almost all the campus events that have been offered so far. It made me into a better person and created a confidence in me that I've never had my whole life. I left Panther Camp with a family that I could trust and turn to more than people I've known my whole life, and that's saying something. I no longer am afraid of being a freshman at FIU because I know that I'll carry the P.R.I.D.E with me always."

"I LOVE THE COLORS BLUE AND GOLD."



Welcome to Greater Miami and the Beaches

Miami — home to The University of Miami — is a dazzling tropical cosmopolitan destination and one of the most exciting cities in the world.

Year-round sunny weather, pristine white beaches, elegant hotels, designer shopping, gourmet dining and a year-round calendar of exciting festivals and events attract visitors from around the world. Known as the Cruise Capital of the World, our vibrant community offers a dynamic cultural scene. Miami's large Latin American and international population add flair to the city's food, fashion and music.

The arts are alive in Miami. Art Basel Miami Beach, Art Miami and Arteaméricas welcome galleries and collectors from around the world. Opera, ballet, symphony concerts and Broadway shows have a fabulous new home at the Adrienne Arsht Center



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for the Performing Arts. Beautifully restored venues like Olympia Theater at Gusman Center for the Performing Arts, and the Lincoln and Colony theaters on Miami Beach offer cutting-edge dance, music and performance pieces. Distinctive gallery districts, world-class museums and an array of annual dance, film and music festivals make Miami a one-of-a-kind tropical metropolis.

Sports fans will appreciate Miami's major league teams, which include

football, baseball and basketball. And of course, year-round sunny weather makes Miami a terrific place for outdoor activities, such as water sports, golf, tennis, and our many outdoor sporting events and festivals.

Miami boasts two national parks: Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park. Fishing, camping, boating and nature walks are popular activities for park visitors. We hope you will find time to explore and enjoy the spectacular natural beauty Miami

offers. From a variety of wildlife such as dolphins, alligators and rare birds to the extraordinary Everglades' River of Grass, Miami's "wild side" is a nature-lover's paradise. ►

For more information on Miami's many attractions, accommodations, shopping, dining, arts and culture and year-round calendar of events, visit www.MiamiandBeaches.com.

Miami Attractions

Coconut Grove

Originally settled in the 1800s, Coconut Grove remains a charming, bayside village within the urban dynamic of Miami, known for its international sailing regattas, lush canopy, wandering peacocks and circling parrots. The pedestrian and cycle friendly village center is filled with sidewalk cafes, galleries and boutiques, all within walking distance of eight area hotels. Coconut Grove is home to the famed Coconut Grove Arts Festival, the Taste of the Grove Food & Jazz Festival, King Mango Strut and the Goombay Festival.

Coral Gables

Tree-lined boulevards, winding roadways and green spaces give Coral Gables, Florida its identity as "The City Beautiful." Shoppers flock to fine boutiques and specialty stores along Coral Gables' Miracle Mile to find the hottest new styles. Coral Gables restaurants appear on the culinary map for a variety of cuisines. Their elegant ambience and exacting service are taken for granted in Coral Gables, Florida - a city dedicated to fine living.

Downtown Miami

Downtown Miami pulsates with activity as commercial, cultural and leisure pursuits come together. Innovative Downtown Miami skyscrapers compete for your attention, while historic shopping arcades and storefronts packed with merchandise evoke Miami's origins as a trading



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town. Downtown Miami department stores and emporiums offer big city shopping with a cosmopolitan flair, while Downtown Miami's diversity inspires dining delights in a variety of culinary styles.

Key Biscayne

The secluded island of Key Biscayne, Florida can be reached via the scenic Rickenbacker Causeway, which spans beautiful Biscayne Bay. Located south of Downtown Miami and north of Coconut Grove, Key Biscayne touts miles of golden sand beaches and quaint, quiet neighborhoods. At Key Biscayne, Florida, you can play tennis at the Crandon Park Tennis Center, home to the Sony Ericsson tournament every March, while Crandon Park Golf Course's intriguing terrain puts it among the top 50



public courses in Florida. Tropical foliage lines the Key Biscayne road to Bill Baggs Cape Florida State

Recreation Area, where the beach invites swimming or kayaking.

Little Havana

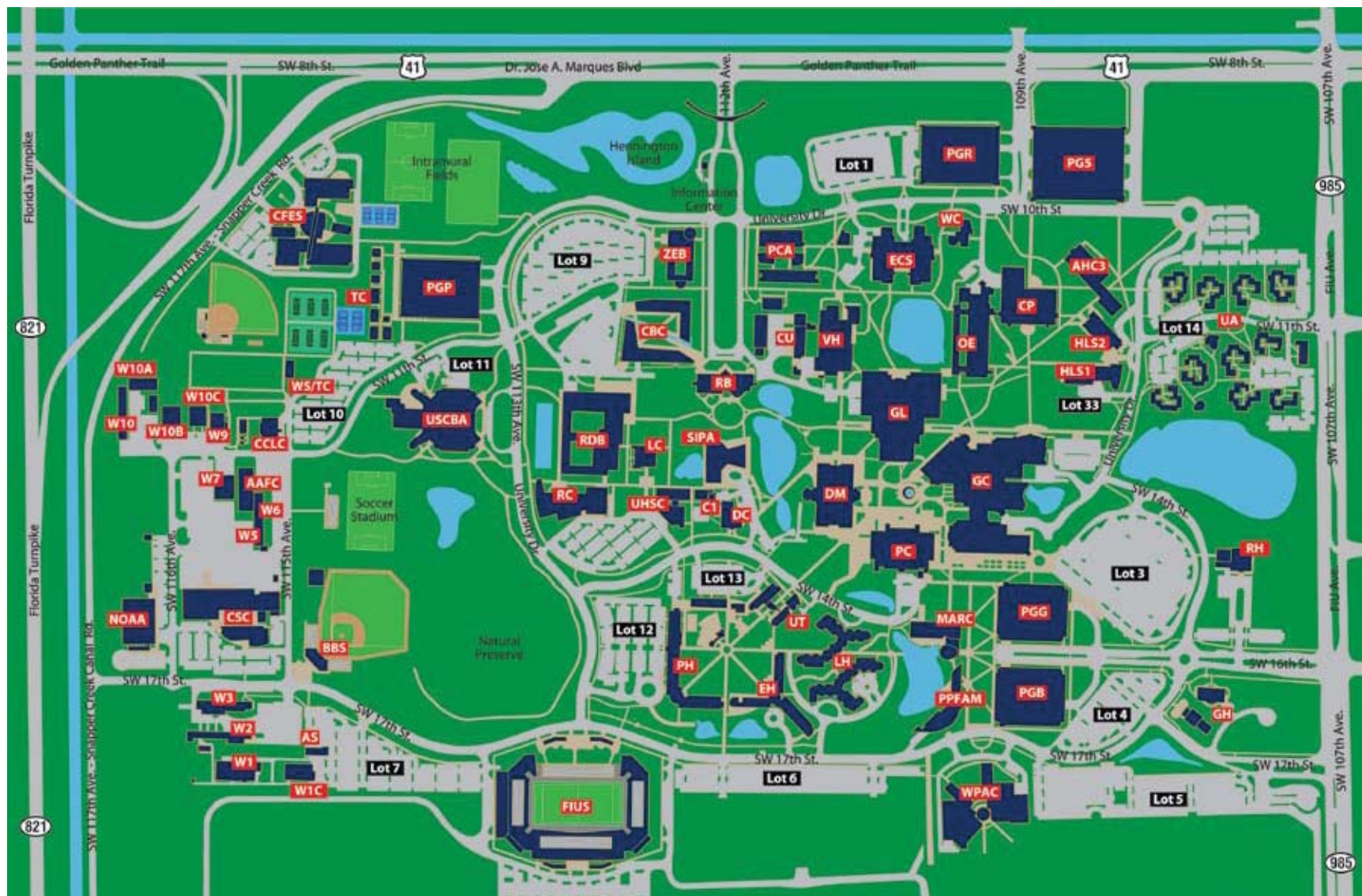
A vibrant Hispanic culture permeates everything in Little Havana, Miami — colorful murals, monuments to heroes past and present, elderly men playing dominoes as they discuss politics, and cigar rollers deeply at work amidst Little Havana's ever-present aroma of Cuban coffee. These scenes of daily Little Havana, Miami life play out amidst a backdrop of Little Havana's pulsating music, vibrant storefronts, unique art galleries and quaint restaurants.

Miami Beach

Miami Beach, Florida's picture-postcard winter playground has blossomed into a sophisticated community that welcomes visitors at any time of year. Miami Beach offers more than fantasy Art Deco buildings; it is blessed with diverse cultural institutions, public beaches and boutiques that put a designer spin on Miami Beach shopping. Miami Beach, Florida's trendy charms revolve around its cuisine, sizzling nightspots and cultural scene.

Miami Beach - Art Deco District/South Beach

South Beach, Florida has been called the American Riviera and an Art Deco Playground. Yet there's more than fine white sand to South Beach's fantasyland of exuberant architecture. South Beach, Florida offers an eclectic mix of world-class boutiques, galleries and stores, and South Beach rates as a culinary hot spot for gourmet to casual cuisine. At night, South Beach comes alive with crowds dressed in party-casual chic. ■



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HLS1 Health and Life Sciences 1	DM Deuxieme Maison	OE Owa Ehan	RH Ronald W. Reagan Presidential House	W10A ROTC Reserve Officer Training Corps
HLS2 Health and Life Sciences 2	ECS Engineering & Computer Science	PC Charles Perry Bldg. (Primera Casa)	SIPA School of International and Public Affairs	W1 - 10C Support
AHC3 Academic Health Center 3	EH Everglades Residence Hall	PCA Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture	TC Trailer Complexes	WC Wertheim Conservatory
AS Artist Studio	FIUS FIU Community Stadium	PG5 Parking Garage 5	UA University Apartments	WPAC Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center
BBS Baseball Stadium	GC Ernest R. Graham Center	PGB Blue Parking Garage	UHSC University Health Services Complex	WS/TC Women's Softball/Tennis Center
C1 Public Safety Tower	GH Greek Housing	PGG Gold Parking Garage	USCBA U.S. Century Bank Arena	ZEB Sanford and Dolores Ziff Education Building
CBC College of Business Complex	GL Steve and Dorothea Green Library	PGP Panther Parking Garage	UT University Towers	
CCLC Children's Creative Learning Center	LC Labor Center	PGR Panther Parking Garage	VH Vertes Haus	
CFES Carlos Finlay Elementary School	LH Lakeview Residence Housing	PH Panther Residence Hall	W1C Ceramics	
CP Chemistry & Physics	MARC Management & Advanced Research Center	PPFAM Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum	W3 Key Control	
CSC Campus Support Complex		RB Ryder Business Building		
CU Central Utilities		RDB Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall		





- AC1 Academic One
- AC2 Academic Two
- AQ Aquatic Center
- BH1 Bay Vista Housing
- CU Central Utilities
- EL Ecology Lab

- HM Hospitality Management
- KCC Roz & Cal Kovens Conference Center
- LIB Library
- M01N NM Trailer 1
- M03N NM Trailer 3
- M05N NM Trailer 5
- M07N NM Trailer 7
- M21N NM Trailer 21
- MS Marine Science
- OR Outdoor Recreation
- P04 PDC - Administration
- P09 Wellness Center
- S01 Central Receiving
- S02 Public Safety
- S03 Physical Plant
- S03A Plant Support
- S04 Grounds
- SHC Student Health Clinic
- WUC Wolfe University Center

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FIU Lingo

Around FIU, we have a few words or phrases that you'll hear quite often. You might even hear your student repeating many of them to you. Here are a few used commonly around the campus and brief definitions of each.

Vocabulary	Definition
Academic Advisor	A faculty or professional staff member assigned to advise students individually in exploring academic options, selecting courses, setting goals, and preparing academically for the semester.
The Beacon	The student-run newspaper, distributed three times each week on campus and accessible online at fiumsm.com .
BBC	Acronym for the Biscayne Bay Campus – often called the South Campus - and located at 3000 N.E. 151st Street North Miami, Florida 33181..
Bright Futures	Florida state scholarships given to Florida residents who qualify for the award.
Broward Pines Center	One of the four FIU campuses located in Broward.
The Cage	The nickname for the football stadium.
Campus Life	Campus Life houses much of the information about how students can get involved in a variety of extracurricular activities and organizations, designed to enhance a student's college experience. Campus Life provides a wide array of services and features of interest, including Academics, Athletics, Entertainment, Student Services, and Clubs & Organizations.
CLAS	Acronym for the College-Level Academic Skills - is part of Florida's system of education accountability that satisfies the mandates of Section 229.551 Florida Statutes. The CLAS is an achievement test that measures students' attainment of the college-level communication and mathematics skills that were identified by the faculties of community colleges and state universities. Students can find information about how to satisfy the CLAS through the Center for Academic Success.
CLEP	Acronym for the College-Level Examination Program® - provides students of any age with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement through a program of exams in undergraduate college courses. Students may choose to take exams in a variety of subjects through CLEP that would satisfy academic requirements in a number of classes. There are 2,900 colleges, including FIU, that grant credit and/or advanced standing for CLEP exams. More information is available through the Center for Academic Success.
Commencement	Official Florida International University graduation ceremony.
Engineering Center	College of Engineering and Computing campus located at 10555 West Flagler Street Miami, Florida 33174.
Fall Semester	The semester of classes beginning in August and continuing through December.



Freshmen Convocation	Freshmen Convocation is the traditional official welcoming ceremony of freshmen to the University Community by the President, Provost and faculty and staff. It is designed as an opportunity to convey to students the significance of their educational endeavor and the commitment of the university to support them in the achievement of this goal - within the classroom and without! It is also a celebration of university life and the traditions of Florida International University.
GA	Acronym for Graduate Assistant - is a graduate student at FIU who is working part-time as a professional staff member in a variety of campus offices as a part of their academic program.
GC	Acronym for The Graham Center – the hub of student life and activity, located at the Modesto Maidique Campus.
Golden Panthers Pledge of Honor	The FIU athletics fan code of conduct, created by the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution to encourage students to promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators.
Grade Point Average (GPA)	A grading system used to determine a student's status, based on the grades the students receive in individual courses and calculated with the number of college credits for each individual course. Each letter grade a student can receive is given a preset number of quality points, which are multiplied by the number of credits in each individual course. All of these points are added together and divided by the number of total credits a student has accumulated during a student's academic progress throughout their time of study, giving them their Cumulative (overall) GPA.
GreenRide	Florida International University's web-based carpool program, designed to link students, faculty, and staff members with others who might be interested in carpooling to and from campus. FIU's GreenRide Carpool Program is a part of FIU's Go Green initiatives. It also benefits members of the FIU community by providing close proximity parking for carpoolers. In order to use this privileged parking, a GreenRide decal must be obtained and properly displayed. For more information on Florida International University's GreenRide Carpool Program, please visit: https://www.fiu.greenride.com
ISSS	Acronym for International Student and Scholar Services. The office is located in GC 355, they assist international students with their needs such as insurance, financial aid, etc.

Kissing Bridge	The bridge by the turtle lakes at MMC. It is said that when couples kiss on the bridge, they will stay together forever.
MMC	Modesto Maidique Campus- often called the South Campus - is the main campus of FIU, located at 11200 S.W. 8th Street Miami, Florida 33199.
MyFIU	Also called PantherSoft, students use this web site to register for classes, access their financial aid, request for transcripts, apply for graduation, etc., found at: http://my.fiu.edu
Panther Camp	A three-day leadership, involvement, and traditions camp for incoming first-year students.
Panther Parent	Nickname for a member of the Panther Parents Association – a dues-based organization designed to provide parents and family members with specific resources, and all of the membership benefits of the Alumni Association.
Panther Square	The open area by the bookstore in the Wolfe University Center at the BBC campus where activities, events, and campus traditions are often held.
Panthersoft	See MyFIU
PA/Peer Advisors	A group of students specially selected to help incoming new students adjust to college during Orientation.
PID	Acronym for Panther ID number – a seven-digit number assigned to each student that they use to access their records online, register for classes, etc.
The Pit	The Pit area by the food court in the Graham Center at the UP campus where activities, events, and campus traditions are often held.
Resource Guide/ Panther Preview	The guide distributed at Orientation to students, parents, and guests providing great information about the university.
RA	Acronym for Resident Assistant – a student who has had special training and lives on a residence hall floor to assist students with anything they may need while also planning events and educational activities for the students on the floor.
Roary	FIU's official mascot, a Golden Panther.
The Seal	Official FIU landmark – it is rumored that if students walk across the seal, they will not make it to graduation!
Semester GPA	A student's Grade Point Average of the current semester.
SGA	Acronym for Student Government Association – the governing body of the student body at Florida International University.
SLS	Common term for SLS 1501: the First-Year Experience – a one-credit First Year Experience course required for incoming freshmen. This course serves as an extension to Orientation. "SLS 1501 introduces students to the university and promotes and supports academic, intellectual, personal, and social growth and success."
Spring Semester	The term of classes beginning in January and continuing through April.
Summer A Semester	A shortened version of the Summer C Semester, taking place during the first six weeks of the summer term.
Summer B Semester	A shortened version of the Summer C Semester, taking place during the last six weeks of the summer term.

Summer C Semester	The entire summer term of classes beginning in May and continuing through August.
Student Handbook	Free academic agendas with calendar, information regarding policies, student conducts, phone numbers, etc., distributed to new students at Orientation, and to returning students at the Ask Me tables during the first two days of classes in the Fall and Spring semesters.
TA	Acronym for Teacher's Assistant – a student who assists a faculty member with classroom responsibilities.
Trail of the Torch	The annual FIU tradition where students gather at the FIU football stadium and walk together to the center of campus to light the Torch of Knowledge, Service and Understanding.
Transfer Student	A student transferring from another university or college to FIU to continue their studies.
UCC	Acronym for University Core Curriculum. The UCC encompasses FIU's general education program. The UCC provides the broad, well-defined curriculum that helps graduates to think, organize, and make decisions.
Week of Welcome	The first week of the fall and spring semesters where events and activities are planned to help connect students to the university community.
WUC	Acronym for the Wolfe University Center – the hub of student life and activity, located at the Biscayne Bay Campus.
305	The famous area code number of Miami.



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developed parent resources specifically for you! Please visit our Web site for Parent Resources, and make use of our Parent Email address and phone number if you have any questions, or can't find the information you are looking for. The phone number and email address listed take you directly to Justin Brady, the Coordinator for Parent Programs – our staff member dedicated to providing quality parent and family resources.

Parent Resources

<http://orientation.fiu.edu/parents.html>
(305) 348.6414, parent@fiu.edu

COMMON CONTACTS — COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

College of Architecture and the Arts
MMC (305) 348-7500
<http://carta.fiu.edu/>

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MMC (305) 348-0570
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BBC (305) 919-4421
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The Honors College
MMC (305) 348-4100
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BBC (305) 919-4500
<http://hospitality.fiu.edu>

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BBC (305) 919-5625
<http://journalism.fiu.edu/>

University Graduate School
(305) 348-7442
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/>

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Academic Advising Center
<http://undergrad.fiu.edu/advising>
MMC (305) 348-2892
BBC (305) 919-5754

Admissions
<http://admissions.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-2363
BBC (305) 919-5760
Pines (954) 438-8600

Art Museum (Frost)
<http://thefrost.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-2890

Athletics
<http://www.fiusports.com>
MMC (305) 348-2756

Bookstore
<http://fiu.bkstore.com/>
MMC (305) 348-2691
BBC (305) 919-5580

Bursar/Cashiers
<http://www.fiu.edu/~cashiers/>
MMC (305) 348-2126
BBC (305) 919-5540

Campus Life
<http://www.fiu.edu/~camplife/>
MMC (305) 348-2138
<http://wuc.fiu.edu/>
BBC (305) 919-5804

Campus Recreation
<http://www.fiu.edu/~camprec/>
MMC (305) 348-2951
BBC (305) 919-5678

Career Services
<http://www.fiu.edu/~career>
MMC (305) 348-2423
BBC (305) 919-5770

Center for Academic Success
• University Learning Center
<http://undergrad.fiu.edu/learning/>
MMC (305) 348-2180
BBC (305) 919-5927

Center for Academic Success
• University Testing Center
<http://undergrad.fiu.edu/testing/>
MMC (305) 348-2840
BBC (305) 919-5927

Center for Leadership and Service
<http://www.fiu.edu/~cls/>
MMC (305) 348-6995
BBC (305) 919-5360

Counseling & Psychological Services Center
<http://www.fiu.edu/~psychser/>
MMC (305) 348-2434
BBC (305) 919-5305
Disability Resource Center
<http://drc.fiu.edu/>
MMC (305) 348-3532
TTY: (305) 348-3852
BBC (305) 919-5345
TTY: (305) 919-5390

Financial Aid
<http://www.finaid.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-7272
BBC (305) 919-5750

Housing
<http://www.housing.fiu.edu/>
MMC (305) 348-4190
BBC (305) 919-5587

International Student & Scholar Services
<http://iss.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-2421
BBC (305) 919-5813

Library
<http://library.fiu.edu/>
MMC (305) 348-2454
BBC (305) 919-5726

Multicultural Programs and Services
<http://www.fiu.edu/~mpas/>
MMC (305) 348-6425
BBC (305) 919-5817

University Ombudsman
(305) 348-2797

Orientation and Commuter Student Services
<http://orientation.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-6414
BBC (305) 919-5804

Parking & Traffic
<http://parking.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-3615
BBC (305) 919-5558

Public Safety
<http://police.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-2623
BBC (305) 919-5559

Registrar
<http://registrar.fiu.edu>
MMC (305) 348-2320
BBC (305) 919-5750
Pines (954) 438-8600

Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution
<http://www.fiu.edu/~sccr>
MMC (305) 348-3939

Student Financials
<http://www.fiu.edu/~cashiers/>
MMC (305) 348-2126
BBC (305) 919-5540

University Health Services
<http://www.fiu.edu/~health/>
MMC (305) 348-2401
BBC (919) 919-5620

Victim Advocacy Center
<http://vac.fiu.edu>
MMC & BBC (305) 348-1215
24-hour Crisis Line:
(305) 348-3000

Wolfsonian Museum - FIU
<http://www.wolfsonian.org>
1001 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
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