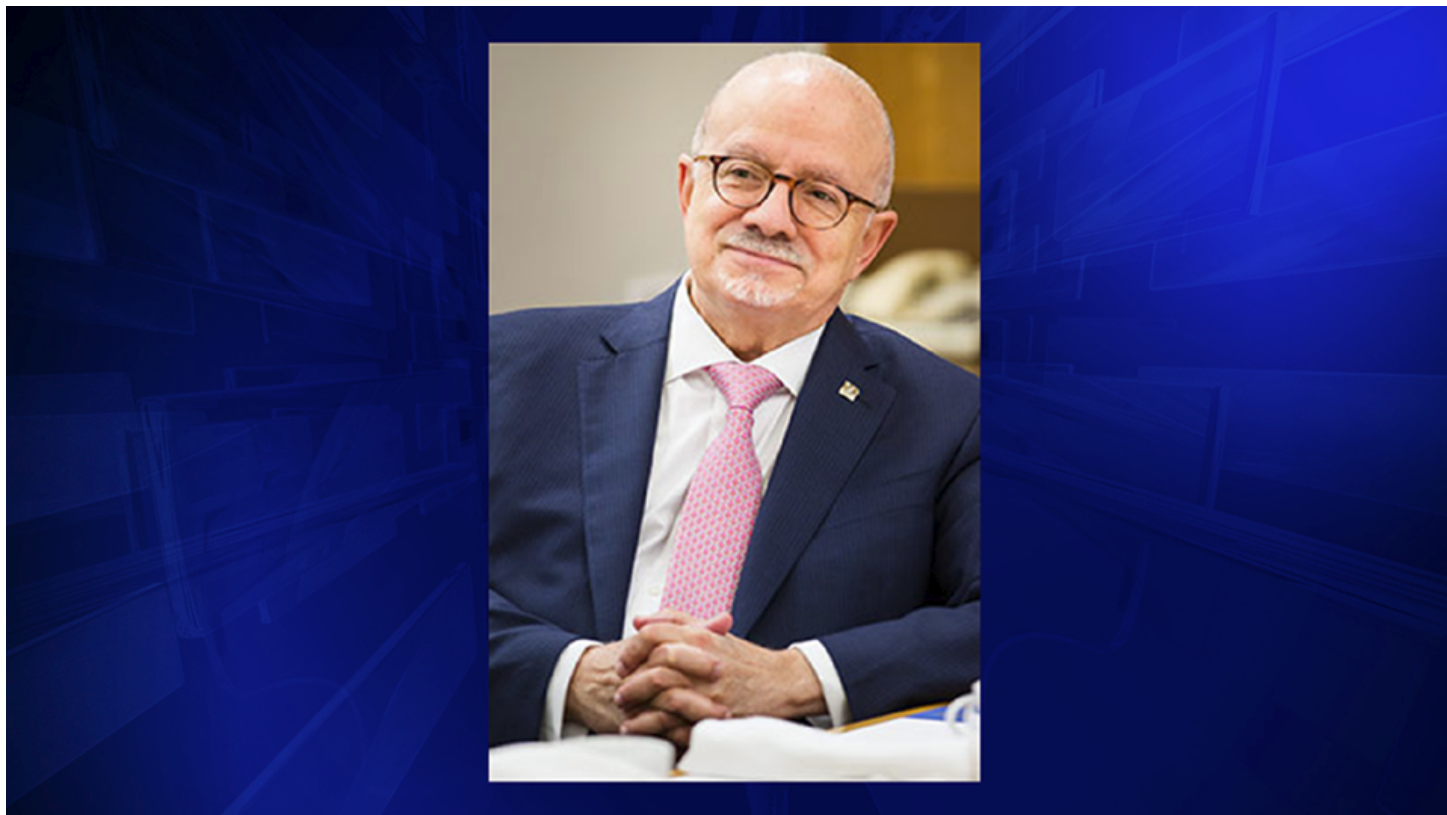


Miami Dade College president to receive Presidential Medal of Freedom



Dr. Eduardo Padrón (Photo courtesy: Miami Dade College)

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MIAMI (WSVN) - Miami Dade College President Dr. Eduardo Padrón will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the White House announced Wednesday.

Padrón is one of 21 people to receive the nation's highest civilian honor. Recipients of the medal are selected by the president for their contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

“During his more than four decade career, President Padrón has been a national voice for access and inclusion,” the White House press office said in a statement. “He has worked to ensure all students have access to high quality, affordable education. He has championed innovative teaching and learning strategies making MDC a national model of excellence.”

The recipients will attend a presentation ceremony at the White House on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Other honorees this year include Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Ellen DeGeneres, Robert De Niro, Tom Hanks, Michael Jordan, Bruce Springsteen, and Bill and Melinda Gates.

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