



Lifetime of Service – Legacy of Leadership

A Tribute to Miami Dade College
President Eduardo J. Padrón



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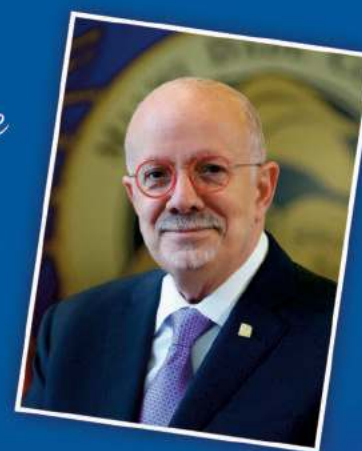


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Lifetime of Service, Legacy of Leadership: 'There is still so much work to be done'

By Adria Valdes Greenhauff

It is difficult to find a household in Miami that has not been touched by Miami Dade College. The largest institution of higher learning in the country, MDC has admitted more than 2 million students since first opening its doors in 1960. One of those alumni is College President Eduardo J. Padrón, who is stepping down after leading MDC for nearly 25 years.

A preeminent figure in American higher education, Padrón has dedicated his nearly 50-year career to changing lives through the opportunity of education. He became the face of MDC and an exemplary example of what happens when open access to education is combined with academic excellence.

"For almost half a century, I have had the honor of working at Miami Dade College and have witnessed countless lives being positively transformed by the power of education," Padrón said. "Next year we will be celebrating the College's 60th anniversary; I believe it is now the perfect time for new leadership to continue our commitment to student success and innovation."

Building Democracy's College

Padrón joined MDC as a faculty member in 1970 and quickly rose through the teaching and administration ranks. Today, he is acknowledged nationally



President Barack Obama awards Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padrón the Presidential Medal of Freedom during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., Nov. 22, 2016.

as a champion for inclusion and diversity and is highly respected for his bold commitment to academic freedom.

Padrón is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient. In

2009, he appeared on TIME magazine's list of "Top 10 College Presidents" and in 2011, Florida Trend magazine recognized him as "Floridian of the Year."

Over the last two decades, Padrón oversaw tremendous growth that

opened MDC's doors to thousands of minorities and helped shape the College into a national model for affordable education. In addition to spearheading a statewide effort to offer workforce-focused baccalaureate degrees at MDC, Padrón ushered in an era of expansion that included new campuses and state-of-the-art facilities. The creation of InterAmerican, Hialeah and West – the College's sixth, seventh and eighth campuses – all happened under his leadership.

In March, the MDC Board of Trustees voted to rename the InterAmerican Campus the Eduardo J. Padrón Campus in honor of the MDC president who helped catapult it into the special community asset it is today.

"My connections to this unique and special campus, which has always been on the front lines of the American dream, run so deep," he said.

Located in the heart of Little Havana, InterAmerican Campus originally opened as the Wolfson Campus' Division of Bilingual Studies in the 1970s. It was designated as an outreach center following the Mariel Boatlift. In 2001, InterAmerican Campus became MDC's sixth campus at the time.

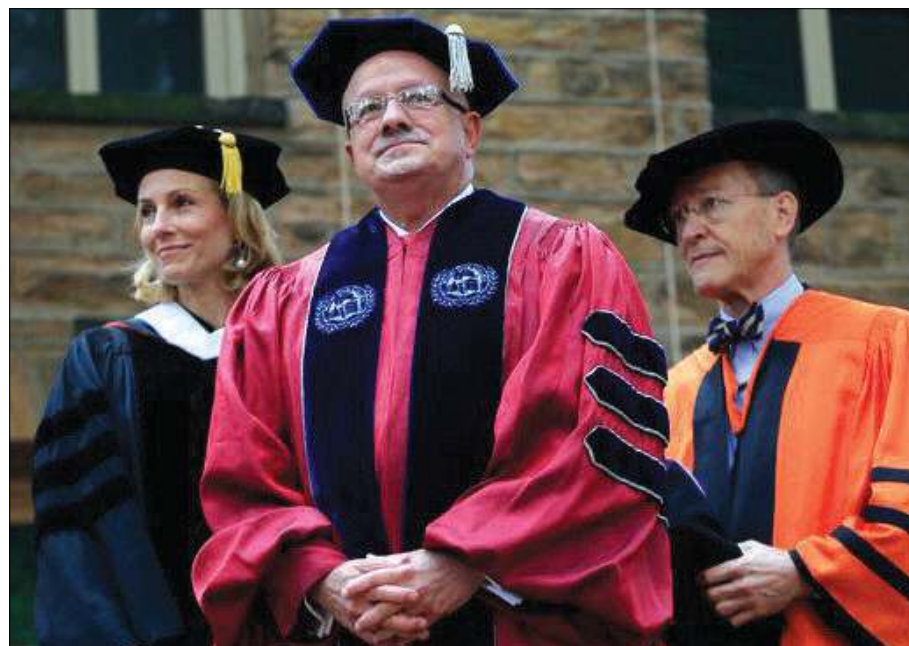
Driving the American Dream

When it comes to lifting people out of economic hardship, no other educa-

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MDC President Eduardo J. Padrón and Microsoft founder Bill Gates



President Padrón receives an honorary doctorate from Princeton University in 2012 for his 'extraordinary commitment to higher education.'

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President Padrón with MDC Phi Beta Lambda students who won first place in the Future Business Leaders of America 2018 National Leadership Competition.

tional institution compares to MDC. Under Padrón's leadership, the College has led the way in fostering upward mobility and helping launch students into higher economic classes.

Sixty-five percent of MDC students are considered low-income and 43%

live below the poverty line. Seventy percent of full-time, first-time students rely on a federal Pell Grant to help fund their education. But approximately 36% of its students move up two or more income quintiles after graduation, placing MDC among the top four-year public colleges

in the nation to facilitate income mobility.

MDC distinguishes itself not only by enrolling large numbers of low-income students, but by pushing them to finish their degrees. As a result, the College confers more associate degrees, and graduates more minorities, than any

other institution in the country.

One of the more gratifying moments of Padrón's career was to have opened the doors of MDC to undocumented students known as "Dreamers." He has been outspoken and empathetic to students who, despite being high achievers in high school, found themselves unable to enroll in college because of their legal status.

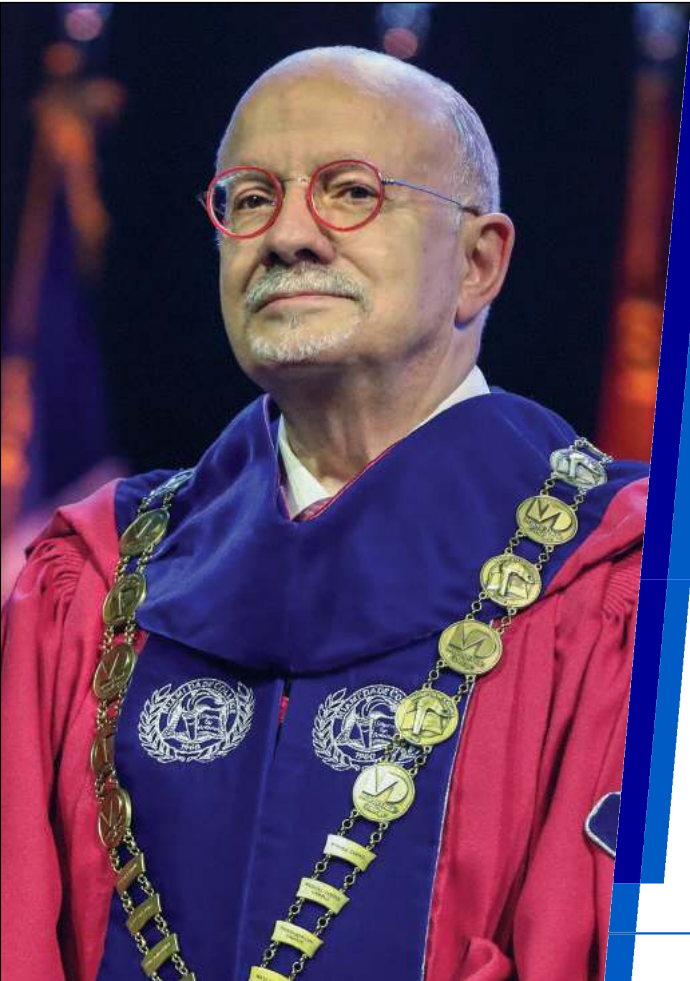
"They [undocumented students] have been some of our best students, the highest-achieving students, and the ones who made the best of the opportunity that was given to them," he said.

Padrón's unwavering commitment to access and inclusion stems from his own story. A child of Cuban exiles, he came to the United States as an unaccompanied minor with the responsibility of watching over his younger brother. He graduated from what was then Dade County Junior College after being rejected by every school he applied to, including some of the same Ivy League institutions that, years later, awarded him honorary doctorates. After graduating from MDC, Padrón went on to earn a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Florida. But fate led him back to MDC. In 1970 he became a full-time associate professor before ascending through the faculty and administration ranks.



President Padrón on campus with MDC students

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An Academic Leader With A Heart For The Community

Thanking Dr. Eduardo Padrón For Years Of Service

It is clear that few have matched the dynamic and lasting impact Dr. Padrón has made in our community. As President of Miami Dade College, he set the standard for higher education, receiving international acclaim for his pace-setting initiatives. His leadership and passion for student success have spurred MDC's lasting involvement with its urban community, fostering substantial social and economic enrichment.

On behalf of everyone at Jackson Health System, we thank Dr. Padrón for his dedicated years of service to the Miami-Dade community and beyond.

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Engineering a Culture for Success

While access and inclusion have certainly been an integral part of Padrón's mission as MDC president, innovative and relevant student-centered education has been the other piece of the puzzle. Padrón has always been a solutions-based, entrepreneurial president who is highly respected for his transformational leadership and ability to inspire excellence in others.

Padrón brought cutting-edge programs to the college that typically are considered inaccessible or cost prohibitive to students. These include the Miami Fashion Institute, Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC), Miami Culinary Institute, Cybersecurity Center of the Americas, and The Idea Center, one of the region's top entrepreneurial training hubs.

"Our ultimate goal at MDC is both simple and ambitious: to cultivate learning, to cultivate learners," Padrón said. "To learn and to grow is intrinsically human. And Miami Dade College has made a conscious choice to be responsive to that need."

Thanks to the many groundbreaking partnerships forged by Padrón, students at MDC have had the opportunity to experience a variety of educational programs and internships with some of the most important companies in the world. MDC's many corporate partners have included Facebook, Amazon, Google, Viacom, Disney, Tesla, Nickelodeon, Pan Am, Sony, Cyberbit, Goldman Sachs and Coca-Cola.

In our own backyard, Padrón has developed MDC into one of Greater Miami's most important cultural anchors. He co-founded and grew Miami Book Fair into one of the nation's largest and most respected literary gatherings. He

acquired and expanded Miami Film Festival. The College's acclaimed cultural programs, under Padrón's watch, were catalysts for Downtown Miami revitalization.

After August, Padrón will continue

serving MDC as president emeritus and plans to stay active in national and community causes. "There is still so much work to be done," he said. "I look forward to serving the college and especially Greater Miami in new capacities."



The Miami Book Fair was founded in 1984 as Books by the Bay by President Padrón and partners, including Mitchell Kaplan, owner of Books & Books. The Fair is now the largest and most comprehensive community-rooted literary event in the country.



Miami Dade College renames the InterAmerican Campus the Eduardo J. Padrón Campus in honor of MDC's president, who steps down in August after 50 years at the college, nearly 25 as president.



The Miami Book Fair at Miami Dade College will celebrate its 36th edition Nov. 17-24, 2019, bringing more than 500 top authors and book sellers to Downtown Miami. Each year, hundreds of thousands of book lovers attend the Fair's literary events and author meet-and-greets and peruse the Street Fair.

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Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón through the years



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the opening of the InterAmerican Center in 1986



Martin Fine, prominent lawyer and civic leader Alvah Chapman and his wife Betty, and Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón at the 1993 groundbreaking ceremony for Building 3 at Wolfson Campus



Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón becomes president of Miami Dade College in 1995.



Dedication of the Eig Watson School of Aviation in 1996



President Padrón introduces MDC's first four-year degree in 2003.



In 2004, MDC takes over operations of the acclaimed Miami Film Festival.

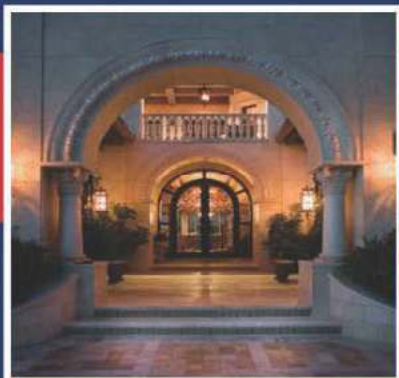
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Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón through the years



MDC becomes the proud steward of Miami's signature building in 2005. The historic Freedom Tower, the Ellis Island of the South, received the many immigrants who flocked to South Florida in the 1960s and '70s. The building also housed the Miami Daily News and Metropolis newspapers.



Inauguration ceremony for the new three-story, 90,000-square-foot Science Complex at the North Campus in 2010



Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado and President Padrón open the new Miami Culinary Institute (MCI) at MDC in 2011.



In 2014, President Padrón celebrates the opening of The Idea Center at MDC.



President Padrón and Frank Azor, vice president and general manager of Alienware, Gaming and XPS at Dell, commemorate the opening in 2015 of MDC's Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC).



MDC signs a lease agreement with the U.S. General Services Administration for long-term use of the historic David W. Dyer Building in Downtown Miami.

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Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón through the years



Above: President Padrón at the 2016 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Gibson Education Center at Gibson Plaza in West Coconut Grove



Above: MDC's new state-of-the-art Cybersecurity Center of the Americas opens in 2018. The Center is unlike any other in the area, with the most advanced technology paving the way for a new generation of cybersecurity experts. Featuring a state-of-the-art Cyber Range, the first of its kind in the region, the hyper-realistic training platform provides hands-on cybersecurity training to create the advanced security experts needed to fill the ever-increasing number of open cybersecurity positions.



Left: President Padrón at the opening of the Miami Fashion Institute (MFI) in 2016



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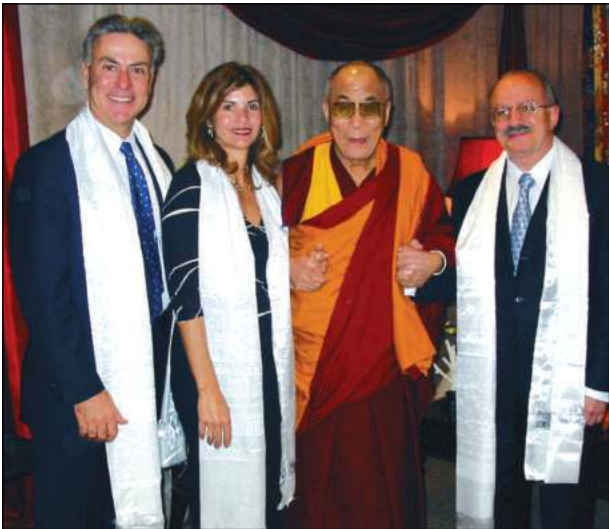
Leaders and Luminaries



Former president of the USSR Mikhail Gorbachev and MDC President Padrón



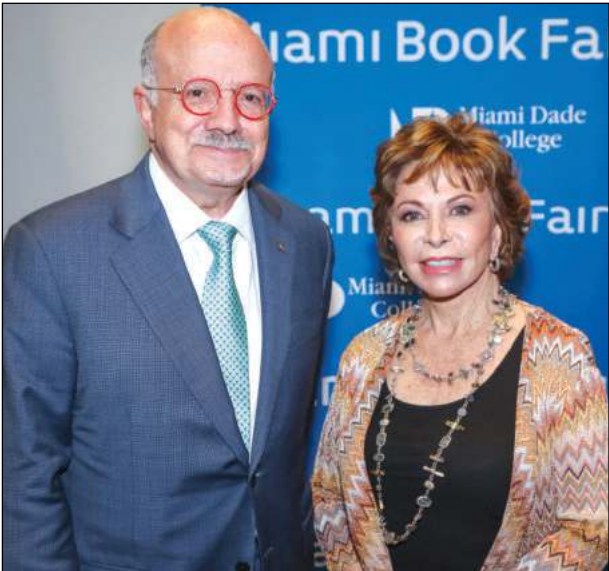
President Padrón and former president of Poland Lech Wałęsa



Roberto Martínez, Dr. Suzel Vazquez, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and President Padrón



Former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and President Padrón



President Padrón and Chilean-American novelist Isabel Allende



Five-time NBA Finals Champion Magic Johnson and President Padrón



President George W. Bush and President Padrón



President Padrón and actress Demi Moore



President Padrón and the “Queen of Soul” Aretha Franklin



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MDC Out-Performs Other Schools, Success Grabs National Spotlight

By Brenna Cuba

By every important measure in higher education, Miami Dade College and its students are out-performing other schools and posting impressive advances in post-graduation employment, earnings and education – all the benchmarks of excellence long associated with America's largest college.

"Our numbers speak for themselves; what we're seeing is a steady increase in student retention, in student completion, in graduation rates – and it's again launched us onto the national scene as a leader in student success," said MDC's Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Lenore Rodicio, who helped spearhead many of the College's recent efforts.

MDC's strategies received the highest validation recently: The College was awarded two prestigious national prizes for its student success initiatives and its students were recognized with scholarships for academic excellence in record form.

MDC received the 2019 Aspen Prize for College Excellence, the nation's highest recognition of achievement and performance among state colleges across America. The 2019 Lumina Foundation Education Innovation Prize lauded MDC programs that help adult learners earn and learn while completing credentials that lead to further education and employment. And, the Jack Kent Cook Foundation awarded a record number of scholarships to MDC students to help in their transition to upper division studies, most ever to one institution at one time, seven.

The Aspen Institute, in particular, praised MDC for its graduation rates, which beat the national average overall with no attainment gap for students of color. Such success is evidence that the College provides students with a "clear path to economic and social mobility," Aspen said.

MDC awarded more than 13,000 degrees within the last year – 37% more than a decade ago. That growth is credited, in part, to improved academic support, redesigned courses and other innovations that at the core is keeping students in school.

Consider this: The College logged a 70% fall-to-fall retention rate for 2018-2019. For Hispanic students, it was 72%, and for Black students it was 60%. All of those percentages are significantly

higher than the national average retention rate of 55.4% for all students.

"These are numbers that are showing that we are serving the underserved," Dr. Rodicio added. "We are serving students who are being denied admission to other institutions. They just need the right support and opportunity in order to help them achieve."

MDC's five-year plan continues to improve student success with an enhanced educational experience that includes well-defined program pathways and enhanced support.

Some examples include an automated advisement system that sends reminders and notices to students to keep them on track to graduate; stackable credentials, from certificates on up to bachelor's degrees, that allow working students to advance their education in stages; and entry-level course support.

Algebra, for instance, a gateway mathematics course, was a roadblock for many students. By redesigning the course, providing support and creating non-algebra pathways for majors that don't need the course, the pass rate jumped to 62% from 49%.

The College also leads the state and is fourth nationally in improving economic mobility for its students. Thirty-six percent of all students move up two or more income quintiles. At MDC, 80% of all associate in arts completers continue their education, and 59% of MDC graduates complete a bachelor's degree within six years, compared to 41% nationally.

By laying out clear pathways that guide students to be workforce ready, MDC ensures high job placement rates as well – 87% for associate in science degree completers and 83% for bachelor's degree completers. Those graduates earn an average annual salary of \$47,824 and \$55,596, respectively.

"This Aspen award is an affirmation of what we've been aspiring to for so many years at MDC, mainly to ensure that open access and academic excellence can go hand-in-hand," said Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón, MDC's president.

But for the typical MDC student, a fruitful classroom experience is often not enough. The reality is that even the most determined students face life challenges that can become barriers to education. Eight-nine percent of students come from underserved populations. Forty-eight percent are

first-generation college students. Sixty-nine percent are low income, 43% live below the poverty line, and more than 70% work while attending college.

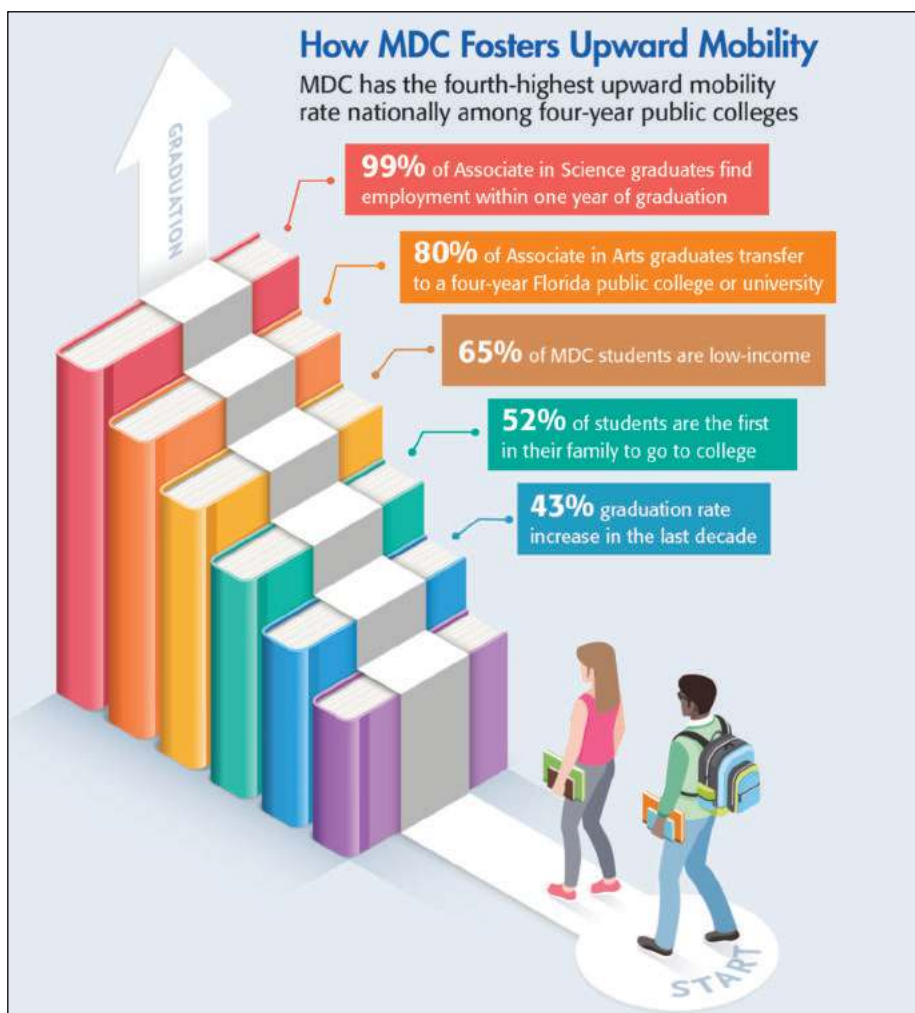
So, in studying its demographics and surveying students to better identify their needs, MDC discovered more ways to proactively support them with services that address non-academic needs including housing, transportation and food insecurity. Regularly removing the challenges that stand in the way of graduation is a hallmark of MDC's mission to provide educational opportunities for all.

"MDC demonstrates that it is possible to achieve high and improving levels of student success in every measure Aspen weighs, dispelling the myth that community colleges must choose between high levels of student learning and degree completion, or between excellent workforce development and transfer preparation, or between open access and equitable outcomes," said Joshua Wyner, executive director of the

Aspen Institute College Excellence Program.

At the Lumina Foundation, judges recognized the College's "earn-and-learn" partnership with Tesla Corp. Because of MDC's reputation for excellence in the tech sector, Tesla chose MDC as its first partner in the state of Florida and will train students to become Tesla automotive technicians at a new state-of-the-art facility being constructed at the College's West Campus. It is the only such partnership in the Southeastern U.S.

Finally, seven MDC students won the Jack Kent Cooke scholarships, representing the first time in the program's history that so many scholarships were granted to students from one institution in the same year. The scholarship is worth up to \$40,000 annually while the students complete their bachelor's degrees. Only 61 winners were selected nationwide out of 1,500 applicants in 2019.





"Today I close the door to my past, open the door to my future, take a deep breath and step through to a new life."

- Unknown Author

Dr. Padrón, we wish you a new journey of success and great happiness in the next chapter of your life. May you be showered with abundant opportunities and joy as you do what your heart desires. We thank you for your legacy of service.

Happy Retirement, Dr. Padrón!

Your Friends at the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

Pictured Above: Mark A. Trowbridge, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; Eddie Dominguez, City National Bank; Dr. Eduardo Padrón, Miami Dade College; Ana Chaoui, Grove Bank & Trust; and Patrick O'Connell, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices EWM Realty



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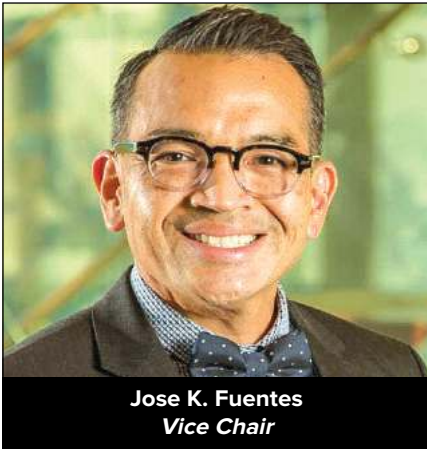


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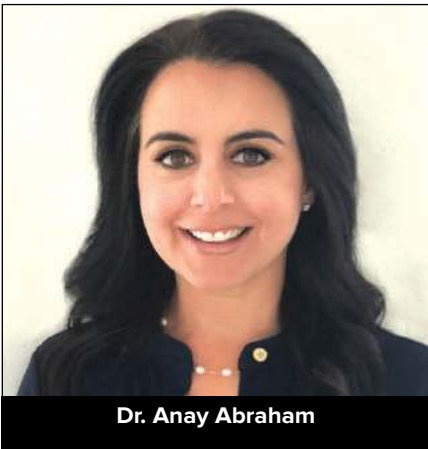
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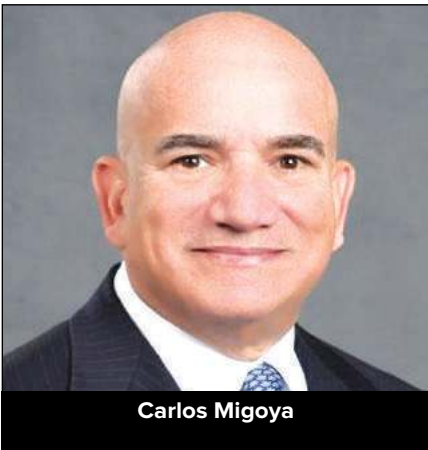
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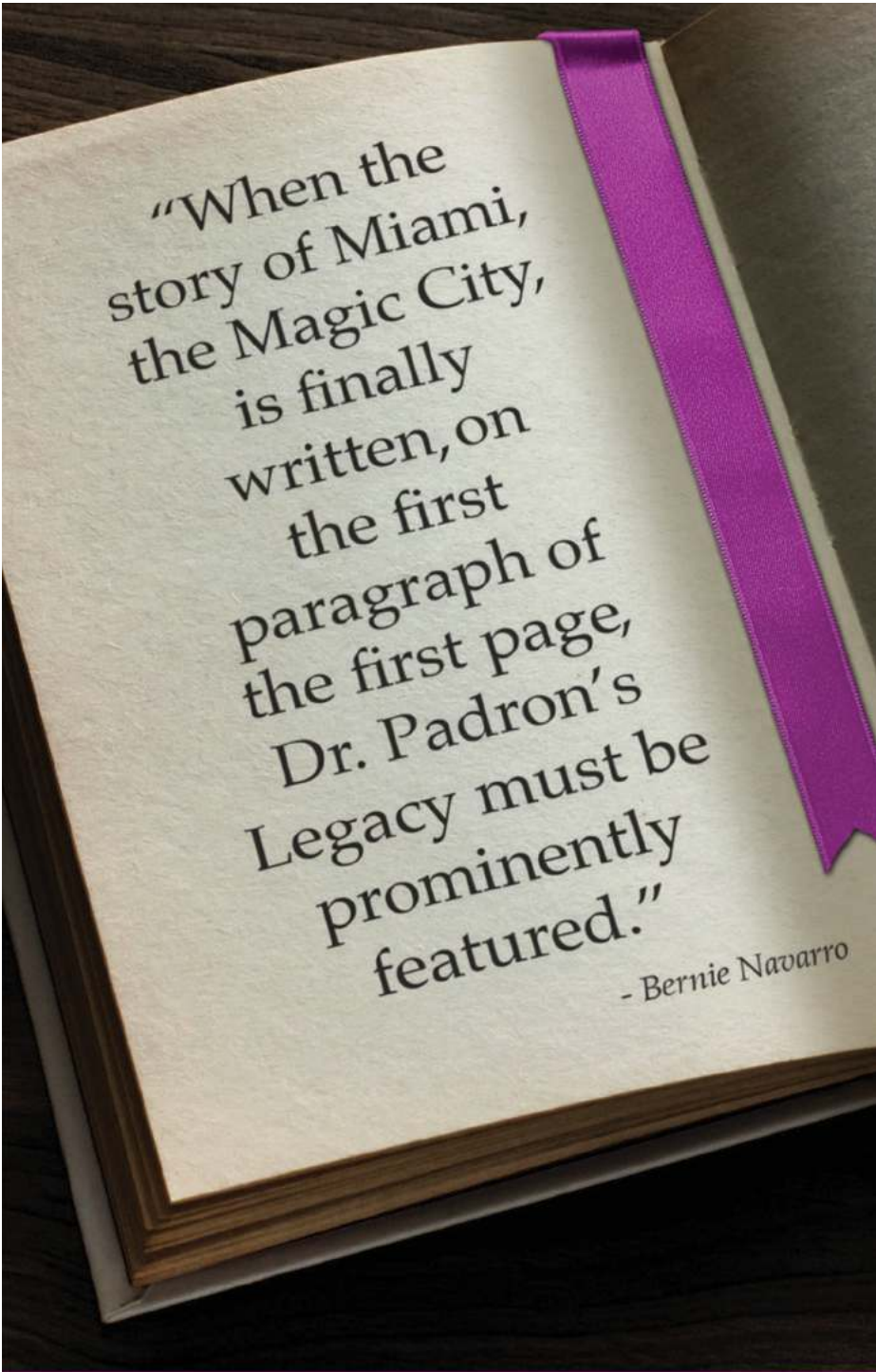
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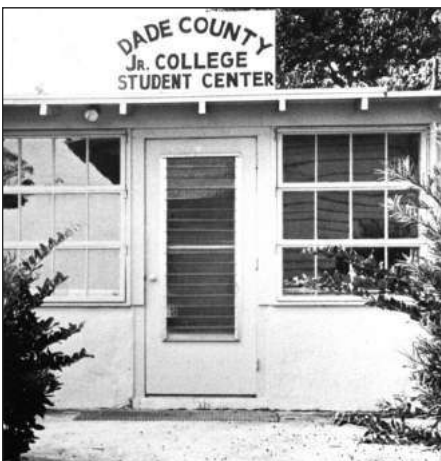


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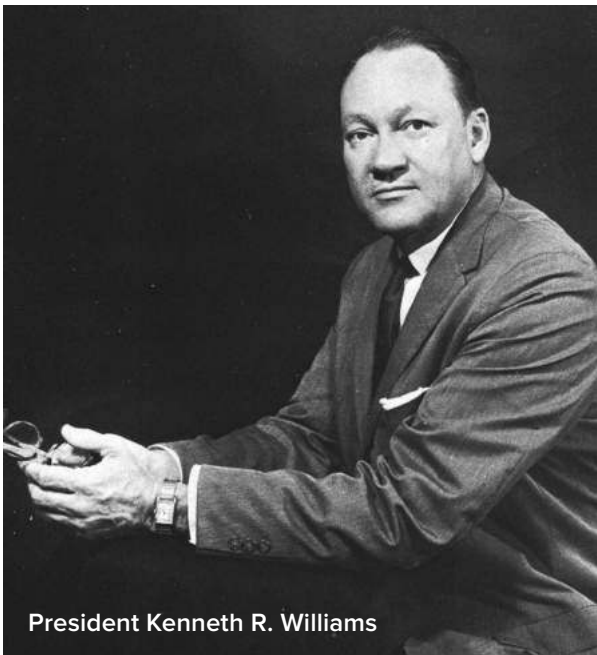


(On the left) The College is an integral part of the Dade County School System and operates under the policies of the Board of Public Instruction and the authority of the Dade County Superintendent of Public Istruction. *Row One:* C. T. McCrimmon, Eunice Anderson, Jack Gordon, Helene Vosloh. *Row Two:* Jane Roberts, chairman, Robert Butler, Anna Brenner Meyers, Joe Hall, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(Below) The Advisory Committee is composed of five outstanding civic, professional and insutrial leaders of Dade County. They originate ideas leading to actions which advance the prestige and expansion of the College. Chairman of the Committee is Paul R. Scott. Robery S. Butler and Anna Brenner Meyers serve as liaison members between the Committee and the College.



Robert Butler, Mitchell Wolfson, J. N. McArthur, Joe Hall, Chairman Paul Scott, President Williams, Leonard Usina, Anne Brenner Meyers.



President Kenneth R. Williams

Administration

Coming to Dade County Junior College as president in 1960, Dr. Kenneth Rast Williams brought with him valuable experience and an outstanding reputation as an educator. He is responsible for the total program of the College, including college credit courses, vocational, technical and adult services, and maintains a proper balance among the various types of programs. He serves as Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee. With all these burdens, he still maintains an always open door policy with a warm welcome for the students and faculty.



Betsy Ann Little
Staff Assistant to the President

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DADE COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE, MIAMI, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 14, 1961

Grant Sets Up Degree In Nursing

An Associate Degree Program in Nursing will begin at Dade County Junior College in September, 1962.

This nursing program, financed by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, will meet in the three-story, air-conditioned main building which will be ready by next fall.

Requirements for admission will include a high school diploma, with 16 Carnegie Units which must include chemistry and biology; satisfactory achievement in the testing as required for admission; evidence of emotional and physical fitness; and an interview with the Division Chairman, Mrs. Chloe Keith Trammell, prior to admission.

Mrs. Trammell reports that the current year will be spent in planning and organizing the nursing program. Current arrangements are being made with local hospitals to use the clinical facilities for the students' laboratory experience.

Students will pay the regular matriculation fee plus the cost of uniforms and laboratory fees. A graduate of this program will receive an Associate Degree in Nursing, will be eligible for the Florida State Board of Nursing examination, and will be qualified to practice as a professional registered nurse.

Currently, students who plan to complete a four-year program in nursing may enroll in the Dade County Junior College for the first two years and complete the last two years in a senior institution. A graduate of this program will have earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and will be eligible for the Florida State Board Examination in Nursing.

Dade Offers TV Classes For Credit

Persons who have always had a desire to go to college but who have never been able to do so because of lack of time are finding an answer to their problem watching the TV classes Dade County Junior College began offering this week.

Each of three courses, Reading Improvement, Typewriting II, and Stenograph Shorthand, offers TV students two semester hours of credit.

Video scholars are expected to attend five class sessions on the college campus during evening hours. Two sessions will be devoted to mid-term and final examinations and the other three to student-teacher conferences.

Individuals who do not wish credit may enroll as auditors.

First Building Gets Underway Next Month

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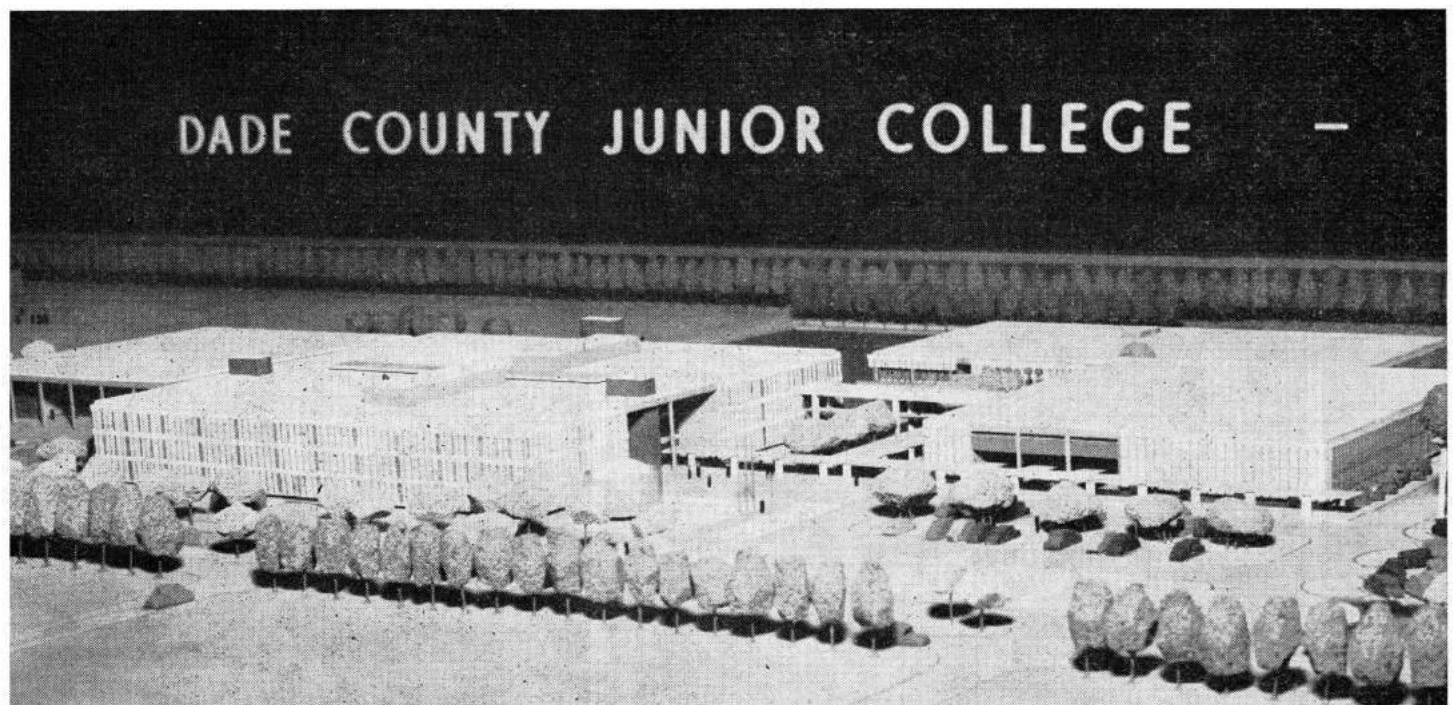
By ANDRES ALONSO

Students pioneering on a portable campus can look for ground-breaking on the first of four new buildings early in October.

A grant of \$1.4 million from the State would have built just half of the 2.4 million-dollar building. It was the extra million dollars voted by Dade County School Board that got the building off the drawing board.

The building, called building A, will be ready by September, 1962. Completely air-conditioned, it will contain the library with facilities for 70,000 volumes, classrooms, laboratories, and administration offices.

Later plans for the 50-acre campus between 95th and 103rd Streets call for a 46-seat planetarium to be constructed in front of the main building where students can grow starry-eyed with thoughts of improvements to come.



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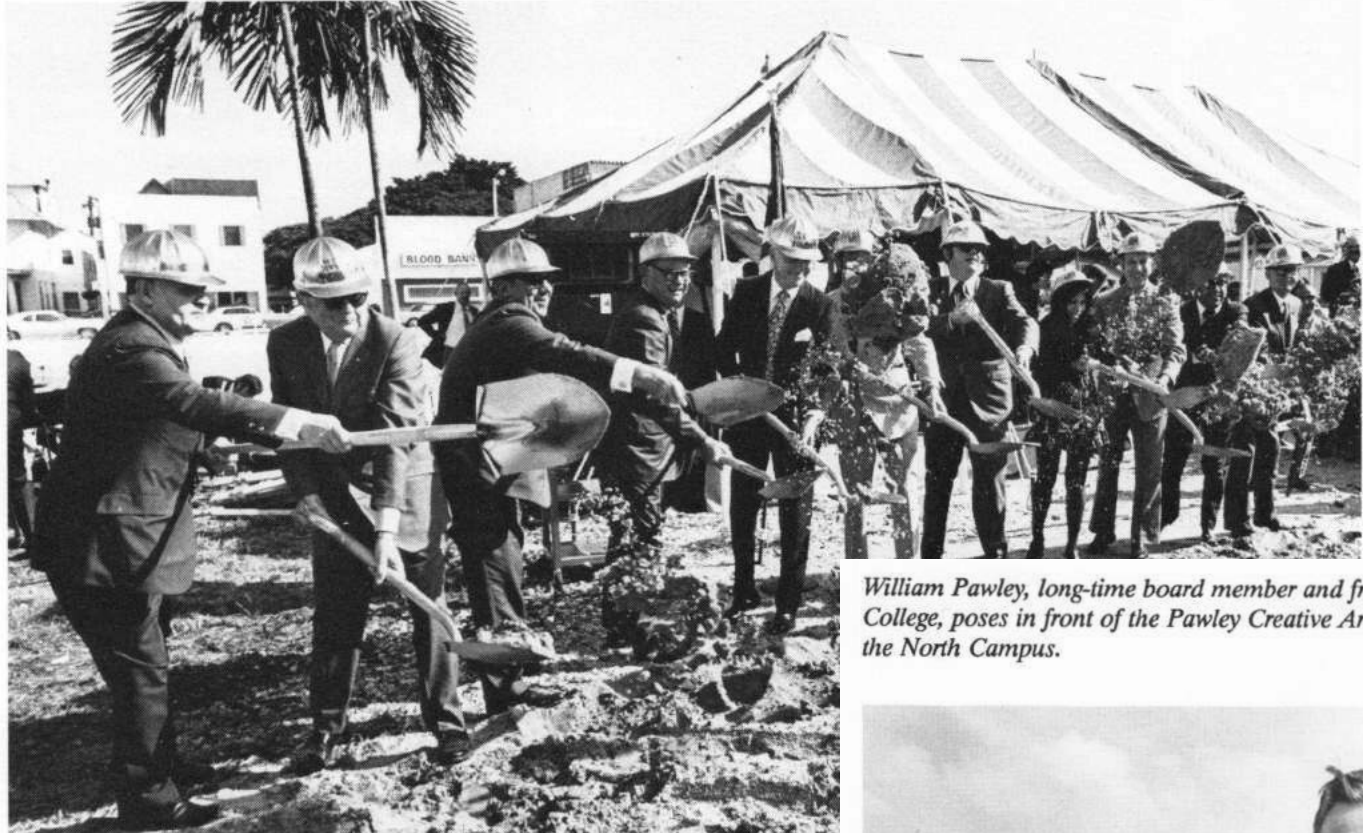
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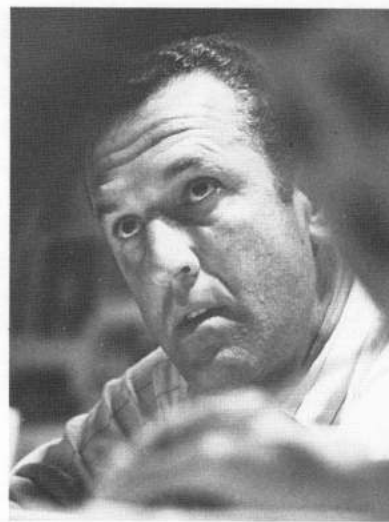
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Taking a look back at the 1970s

Officials don hardhats for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Downtown Campus September 1971. Left to right: Peter Masiko Jr., president; Mitchell Wolfson, chairman, board of trustees; John G. McKay Jr.; Bill Southern; Alfred McCarthy; Norman Watson; Thomas Fryer Jr., vice president, Downtown Campus; Maria Sire; Melvin J. Adams; Hilario Candela; William D. Pawley.



William Pawley, long-time board member and friend of the College, poses in front of the Pawley Creative Arts Center on the North Campus.



The development of a full-service campus in the heart of downtown was considered visionary by some and foolhardy by others, but Miami-Dade officials were used to the crossfire and forged ahead. Planning for a Downtown Campus was not an easy task, but members of the planning commission took it to heart.



The Pacific Building goes down to make way for a new Downtown Campus. Classes and offices for faculty were held in an assortment of buildings, wherever space could be found.

Graduation deadline Feb. 24

Students who plan to graduate at the end of Winter Term must complete an application for graduation and pay the \$6 graduation fee by Feb. 24. Students who will graduate at the end of Spring or Summer Term and want to participate in the graduation ceremony in May must also apply by Feb. 24. Graduation applications may be obtained in Academic Advisement, Room 1112.

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College fights enrollment capping

By KATHY CRISCOLA
Times Editor

See editorial, page 4

Although the presidents of Florida's 28 community colleges are considering placing limits on enrollment, Miami-Dade officials say they will fight against any change in their open-door policy.

"Miami-Dade will consistently take the position against capping enrollment," said Robert McCabe, executive vice president of the college. "We want the option of working it out the best we can, keeping the same staff and all the programs we can," he said at a faculty meeting on North Campus Monday.

MIAMI-DADE is known for the number of non-credit enrichment courses and special services it offers. A decision to limit enrollment would particularly effect courses offered to the elderly and programs at the jails.

"An enrollment cap is not in keeping with our philosophy. The last thing we want to do is limit the services we consider most important," said Betty Garnet, director of information services.

The Council of Presidents also voted to recom-

mend to the state Board of Education that tuition be raised to \$12 per credit hour.

"I BELIEVE the recommendation will pass the state board and go into effect," McCabe said. "But the decision is up to the Board of Trustees at each college. We would investigate the fee change before presenting it to our Board of Trustees."

The council also proposed:

- Cuts in academic and remedial courses.
- Freezing enrollment in non-credit courses.
- Limiting out-of-state and part-time students.
- Excluding graduated students who return for more credits.

"The only two decisions made at that meeting were to change the free structure and cap enrollment if our budget is \$130.2 million," McCabe said.

MCCABE SAID the presidents plan to recommend these policies to the State Board of Education only if junior college funding is cut to \$130.2 million, the lowest figure under consideration.

Both McCabe and Ms. Garnet indicated that funding would probably be as high as \$148 million.

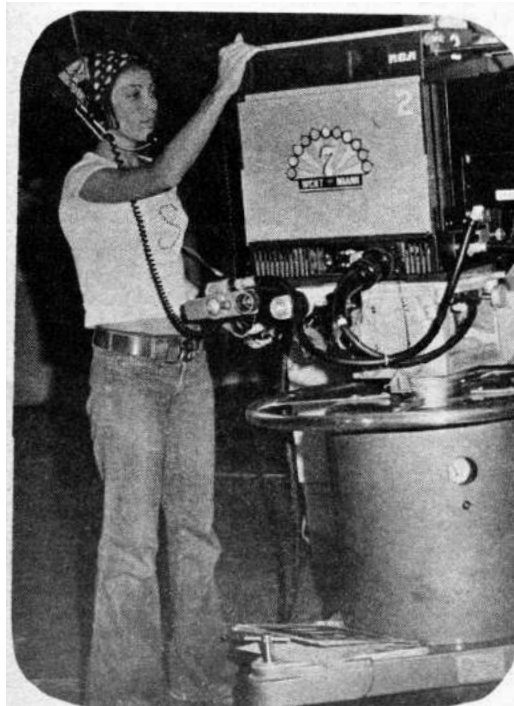
"There's little we can do until we have numbers we can work with," he said. "Now we're building from the absolute minimum," McCabe said.



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Sightless aid

Blind student Toni Engressia, uses Braille labels which have been placed on doors on the third floor of Scott Hall. The labeling was done by members of Project Insight, an organization to aid handicapped students on campus and Alpha Phi Omega, a campus fraternity.



ALBERT LOFTON/Times staff photo

ROLLING CAMERAS IS NO LONGER A MAN'S JOB
... Isabel Reiss, first female 'cameraperson' at WCKT

She puts show on air

By MARLENE REISS
Times Staff Writer

"Stand by Camera One, stand by mike, take one, open mike, cue'm." Tally lights go on, a slim, manicured hand gives the cue and the Big News is on the air.

That hand belongs to Miami-Dade North graduate Isabel Reiss, 22, the first female production assistant at Channel 7.

She joined a crew of eight men. "The guys were really great. There wasn't even any period of getting used to working with a girl. One of the men had been there for 15 years; it must have been unusual for him to suddenly be working with a girl," Ms. Reiss said.

SHE is 5'5" and a slight 105 pounds. "I can do just about everything that needs to be done around the studio. But I don't try doing things that I know I can't do, like carry carpets or drag out a rise (platform) by myself."

"I was glad to get the job and now it will open the doors for other girls to work in broadcasting. Now they know that girls are capable in the production part of television," Ms. Reiss said.

Channel 7 recently hired Adeline Freed, 20, also a graduate of Miami Dade, as production assistant.

THE DUTIES of a production as-

sistant involve staging, lighting and running camera for live and taped shows.

Production assistants are not confined to the daily and weekly scheduled shows. Ms. Reiss staged "The Phil Donahue Show" the past three times the show was filmed in Miami. She worked at the Miami-Buffalo and Notre-Dame Alabama football games from the Orange Bowl.

At the football games, Ms. Reiss lugged a two foot, five pound parabolic microphone, up and down the field, following plays. After watching her kneel at the sideline for an hour and a half, a sympathetic Dolphin trainer supplied her with a pair of elbow pads for her knees.

MS. REISS was a sociology major at the University of Florida for one year before she changed to radio and television broadcasting and returned to Miami, where she enrolled in the broadcasting program here.

While a student here, she interned at Channel 7 and was permanently hired after graduating in May 1973.

"The greatest advantage of Dade's broadcasting program is that it offers experience as well as theory," Ms. Reiss said.

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Taking a look back at the 1980s



Castell Bryant, dean of students, Wolfson Campus, congratulates new graduate Ethel Katz. Katz was 86 years old.



Two new faces were added to the board — Ileana Piña, in November 1983, and Martin Fine in January 1985.



The Alumni Association chose its new officers in April 1984. Left to right: Rey del Santos, Thomas H. Boyd, Jerry Clay, Paul George, Kelsey Dorsett, Helen Erstling (president); Robert Healy Jr. (president elect), Ozzie Ritchie, Judith Green, Dean Charles Walker.

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Miami-Dade selects new logo

DENISE DALEY

Times staff writer

The change will be widely apparent when Miami-Dade casts away its 20-year old logo.

The M-DCC block-style logo was incorporated in 1965 after the College changed its name from Miami-Dade Junior College to its current name. Plans to improve the logo came about after the 25th anniversary logo was completed.

College President Robert McCabe said the change was necessary because the logo was not easily identified.

"It looks like a block if it is not closely observed," McCabe said.

"**THE NEW LOGO** is abstract," McCabe said. "It is progressive — like the movement toward excellence here at Miami-Dade."

Jacques Auger Design Associates of Coral Gables had the best logo out of the three companies selected to present one, and it was McCabe's final decision to choose the new one.

Jan Herman, associate director of Marketing at the New World Center, is responsible, along with her department, for making sure that the new logo is used properly. Either the horizontal or vertical style is appropriate, she said.

"The new logo is refreshing, clean and simple. It's a new, upbeat design that speaks well of our 25 years," Herman said.

IT WILL TAKE at least two years to phase out the old logo. Pamphlets, leaflets and brochures that are produced periodically will contain the old logo until they are updated, McCabe said.

Students will soon see the logo. It will be posted in classrooms and on bulletin boards throughout the College.

Michael Robinson, a 20-year-old Broadcasting major,



though indifferent with the change, asked, "Why wait 20 years to change the logo?"

Andrea Jefferson, a 17-year-old Business Administration major, said it will take time for the students to catch on to the logo.

"**IT'S EASIER FOR** people to recognize the old one and relate it to Miami-Dade," she said.

Michael Milchan, 23, majoring in Travel Management, said they are both good, but he likes the old one better.

"It's more qualified to represent Miami-Dade," he said.

Kent Kerr, a 19-year-old Business Administration major, said the new one is not as confusing as the old one.

"I can't easily tell what all the letters are, the new logo is much better," he said.

Arlene Macko, a 20-year-old Computer Science major, is used to the old logo, and said it will take time to get familiar with the new one.

"I guess the change is a sign of progress," she said.

Talent Search clerk typist Pamela Johnson said she still likes the old one, but the new one is "odd but nice."



PTK honors prez

Phi Theta Kappa students award College president Robert McCabe with an honorary membership. From left: McCabe; Connie Butler, from Medical Center; Hanadi Chatila, from campus; Jenny Frenchman and Mark Spector, from North Campus.



The Jazz group, The Company, entertains room 5209 as part of the Afternoon Concert Series featured every Friday at noon.

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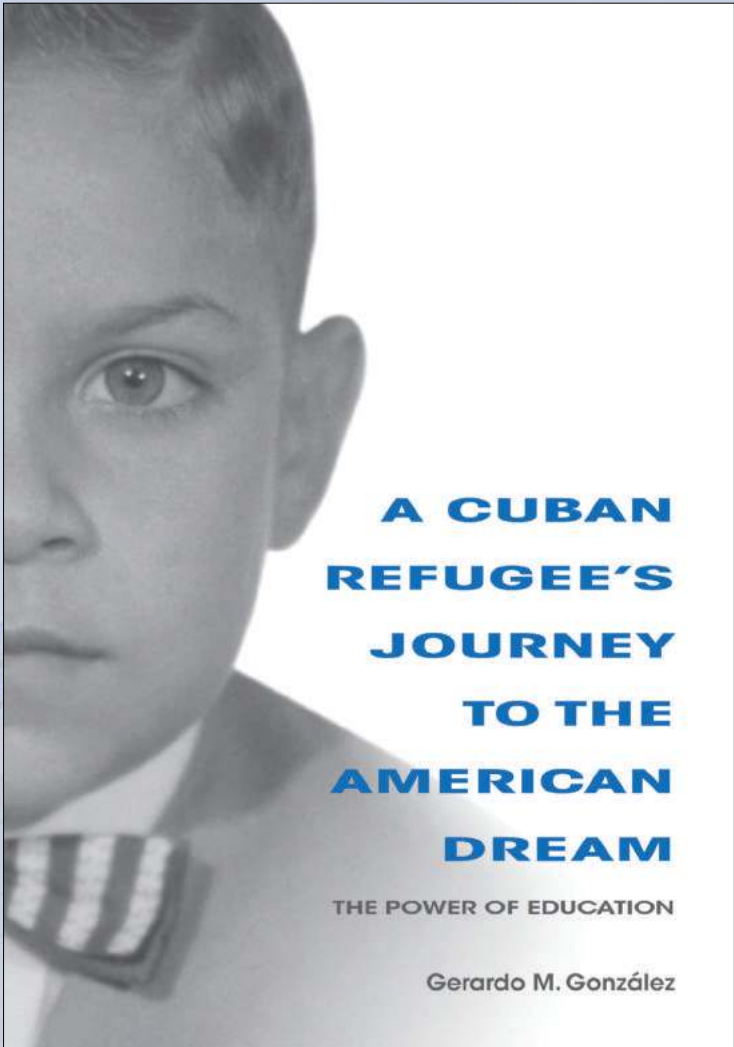
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Emotional farewell for McCabe

REBECA CABALLERO
TIMES EDITOR

Miami-Dade Community College celebrated the achievements of its most important leader as Dr. Robert H. McCabe joined family and friends in a dinner given in his honor.

Most of Dad's administrators and other leaders of the community and state paid a special tribute to the former president of Miami-Dade. "Tonight we are here to honor an all-time great of American higher education whose achievements have been felt all across the nation, Dr. McCabe," Dr. J. Terence Kelly, Dade-North president, said.

The reception was held at The Crowne Plaza Hotel Sept. 14 where music was provided by the New World School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble and the Opera Theatre Ensemble. Video presentations were presented by Sen. Bob Graham, students, and a McCabe achievements video dating back to his first days at Miami-Dade.

McCabe, who will be a representative for community colleges around the nation, said, "I have mixed feelings

about this, but there is a right time to do things and now is the time for me to retire. I have other things to take care of."

Under his leadership, McCabe provided Miami-Dade with recognition around the nation, including the No. 1 ranking.

Congresswoman Carrie Meek said, "Bob created the true essence of community colleges by putting students as the center of this institution. I hope he continues his leadership."

A teary-eyed McCabe received many awards and recalled a certain moment when the father of a Cuban refugee stood up during graduation ceremonies and screamed, *Viva America!*

"As long as everyone believes and wants to help, this institution will be of great importance," said McCabe. "America is all about caring and giving everyone a chance."

Although McCabe is leaving, his work will touch everyone who has, is, and will attend Dade in the future.

Viva McCabe.

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TIMES PHOTO EDITOR



SAD WITH JOY: Overwhelmed with feelings, Dr. Robert McCabe and his wife, Arva Moore Parks McCabe, enjoy a night of celebration.



RECOGNITION: Margaret Massey presents a Florida Association of Community Colleges award to Dr. Robert McCabe.



VIVA AMERICA: Dr. Robert McCabe made his famous speech on the pride parents feel during graduation.

Tall task ahead for new president

The March 1 inauguration not only introduced Dr. Eduardo J. Padron as Miami-Dade's new chief, but also drew much attention on the budget cuts that the institution now faces.

From cutting its staff, shutting down valuable programs, and having several buildings unopened, Miami-Dade is not at its best. Although it is America's No. 1 community college, nothing is being done to keeping it open and running smoothly.

Dade has two new buildings at the Homestead Campus that remain closed due to insufficient funds. There is a hiring freeze in effect. And the Wolfson Campus has a building also unopened due to the lack of funds needed to keep it running.



BIG CROWD: Dr. Eduardo Padron is surrounded by a crowd of well-wishers at a reception that followed the March 1 inauguration ceremony. Approximately 3,000 people witnessed as Padron received the oath of office.

Besides buildings that remain closed, president Padron has decided to cut the curriculum at the Medical Center Campus. Thus, Medical students will no longer have access to core classes at the same campus as their major. They will have to attend either North, Kendall or Wolfson Campus to take preliminary courses needed for an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science. Medical Center will strictly be for courses such as nursing, emergency medical training, and other medical programs which the campus offers.

At the inauguration luncheon, companies that helped sponsor the event showed their support for Padron and the college. Congressman E. Clay Shaw Jr. was presented with an award for voting against a bill that would have prohibited alien residents from receiving financial aid. But as to community colleges lacking funds compared to universities and high schools, Shaw said, "I was not aware of that. I don't know what you are talking about."

Well, we do. According to school records, Dade County Public Schools get 25 percent more funding per student than Miami-Dade or any other community college. And state universities receive about 50 percent more per full-time student than Miami-Dade.

We need to be funded as much as state universities. In fact, the reason why many students attend community colleges is because they do not have enough money. So actually, we might need more funding than state universities. But we are not asking for more, just the same. We need to be treated equal, because we too are America's future.

Padron's inauguration brings college hope

REBECA CABALLERO
TIMES EDITOR

■ See editorial page 4

One of the biggest celebrations Miami-Dade Community College has ever celebrated occurred March 1 as it honored its fourth district president, Dr. Eduardo J. Padron.

The presidential inauguration appointed Padron into office (he began last October) as Dr. Robert H. McCabe, president of Miami-Dade for 15 years, retired. The inauguration started with a luncheon provided by several South Florida corporations and Miami-Dade Community College supporters. Among the 36 sponsors were AT&T, Knight Ridder, Citibank, Barnett Bank, Port of Miami, Total Food Service, and the Metro-Dade Aviation Department.

"Our company has always been a supporter of education, and education helps people build their American dream," said Bob Hudson, executive vice president/general manager of AVMed Health Plan. "We have a responsibility to support Miami-Dade Community College."

AVMed, along with all the other corporations, underwrote tables for \$200 per person. Although Dade did not pay for the occasion, more than \$70,000 was spent organizing and finalizing the inauguration.

Lunch was served at the James L. Knight International Center/Riverfront Hall. Tables were adorned with a bouquet of roses and fine china. Cardinal Edward McCarthy blessed the food and wished a prosperous success for

Padron and Miami-Dade.

Government officers and presidents from corporations and other institutions around the nation attended the festive celebration to honor Padron.

"A new president is not only to take pride in the past, but also in the future; under Padron's leadership in Wolfson, we've had the opportunity to see what it is that he could do," President and CEO of American Association of Community Colleges Dr. David R. Pierce said. "It is my special hope and expectation that Padron will contribute to Miami-Dade and its excellence."

During the luncheon, Miami-Dade's chairperson for the district student governing board, Lino R. Carreras Jr., awarded congressman E. Clay Shaw a plaque for his continued support to Miami-Dade. Shaw voted no on a bill in the Senate to stop financial aid for non-resident aliens.

After the luncheon, attention shifted to the second level of the Knight Center for the inauguration. The hall was full of Padron and Miami-Dade Community College supporters, from faculty and staff to students who wanted to get involved in the inauguration event of the new president.

"There are stages and transitions in life that are important to make to keep organizations focused on one common goal and vision: the future," said Dr. Rosa Castro Feinberg, a Dade County Public Schools board member. "This was as important as a wedding, as a girl who celebrates her quince, or a christening. The inauguration marks an important stage in this institution. It is done as much as to celebrate Padron's presidency as to draw Miami-Dade together to contemplate its future."

SHINING MOMENT



Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, inaugurated as Miami-Dade Community College's fourth district president, in academic regalia and official college symbol.

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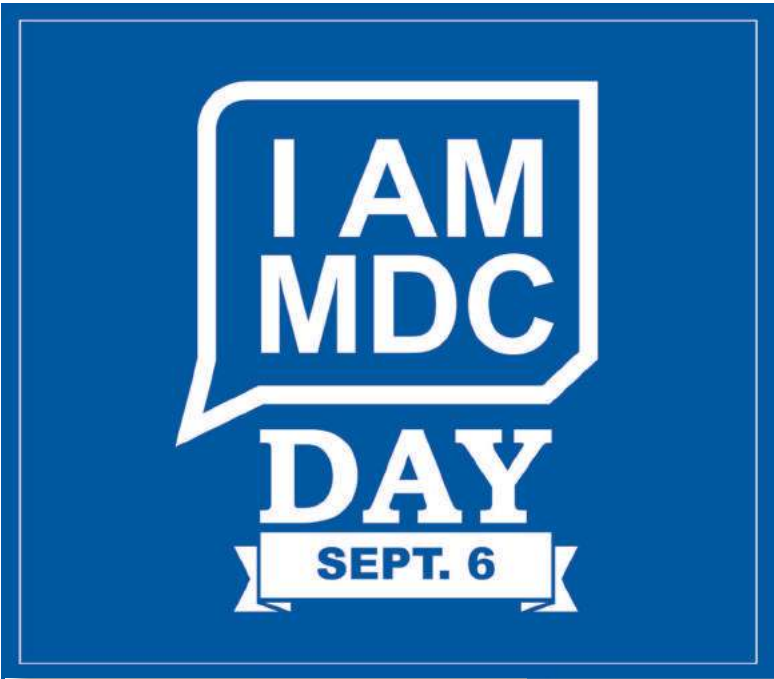
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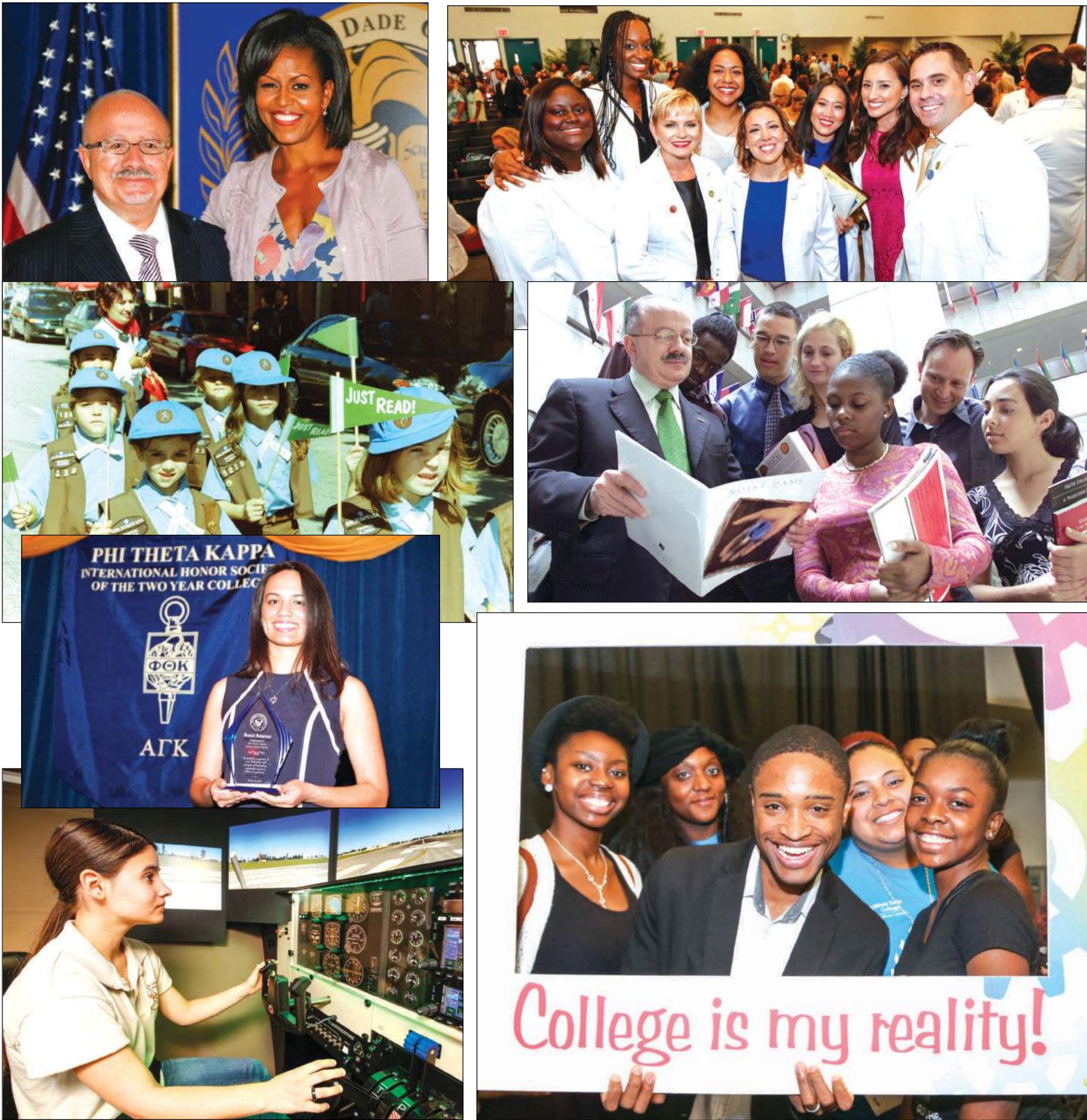


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Obama visits Miami, thousands appear

Yamel Lora
Staff Writer

As the presidential election approaches, nearly 30,000 Miami residents gathered at Bicentennial Park to support Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama in his efforts to win South Florida.

The downtown rally was programmed to start at 5:45pm Oct. 21, but people began to arrive at noon. Not only Democrats, but Republicans, Independents, and even children waited for hours under the sun and with a temperature of nearly 85 degrees.

Surrounding the outside of the park, people donned shirts, pins, hats, banners, bumper stickers, just to name a few, that promoted Obama, as well as people promoting amendments two and eight.

By 4:30 pm, people were waiting in a line that extended from NE 11th St. to 9th St.

By the time the Illinois Senator started his speech, the park was already packed, causing hundreds to be held outside until an overflow area was prepared.

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NOV. 4 IS APPROACHING: (Left) Thousands of Obama supporters attended the Barack Obama rally Oct. 21. (Right) Obama gives his speech.

More baccalaureate programs open doors for MDC students

Michael Finch
Staff Writer

This semester, Miami Dade College has proposed four new Baccalaureate degree programs to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).

According to Norma Goonen, the provost for academic and student affairs, the college has submitted a Bachelor's of Applied Science (BAS) for Film, Television, and Digital Production at the North Campus, a BAS for Supervision and Management at the Kendall Campus, a BAS for Health Science and Physician's Assistant at the Medical Campus, and a BAS for Electronics Engineering Technology at the Wolfson Campus.

At a time when budget cuts are the main topic of conversation for any state funded school, the cost can be a matter of concern.

"We can throw around some base figures, but it's hard to say a solid number [because] the program is not finalized," said dean of academic affairs Harry Hoffman. "Some programs are heavy in equipment and some are heavier in staff."

The School of Entertainment and Design

Technology (SED) first began composing its proposal, which is comprised by the faculty, administrators, and professional industry personnel of that discipline in October 2007.

It was then presented to the District Board of Trustees to make suggestions and to approve. It was later sent to the FLDOE where it currently remains, at which point they will make recommendations. SEDT will make the recommended changes.

"The program is slated to start January 2010, if everything goes as planned," said SEDT Director Barry Gordon.

SEDT, which functions out of four MDC campuses, has undergone a \$3.2 million renovation at the North Campus in the recent past. There are 2,200 students in the school, with 1,500 of them declaring a major from SEDT.

"It's a workforce driven program, to create an applicant pool of employees," said Gordon. "It will encompass subjects from technology and business to project conception and distribution."

Gordon said that technology is important because it is the basis of many things.

"Nobody just does one thing anymore it's skills and technology convergence," he said.

Francisco Goya exhibit

Exhibit in MDC's newly donated freedom tower



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From Left to Right: MDC President Eduardo Padron, City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, and Julio Fernández Gayoso.



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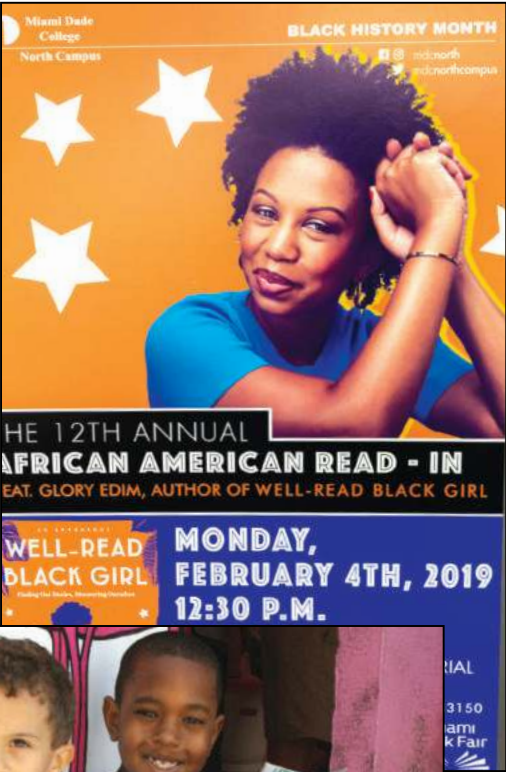
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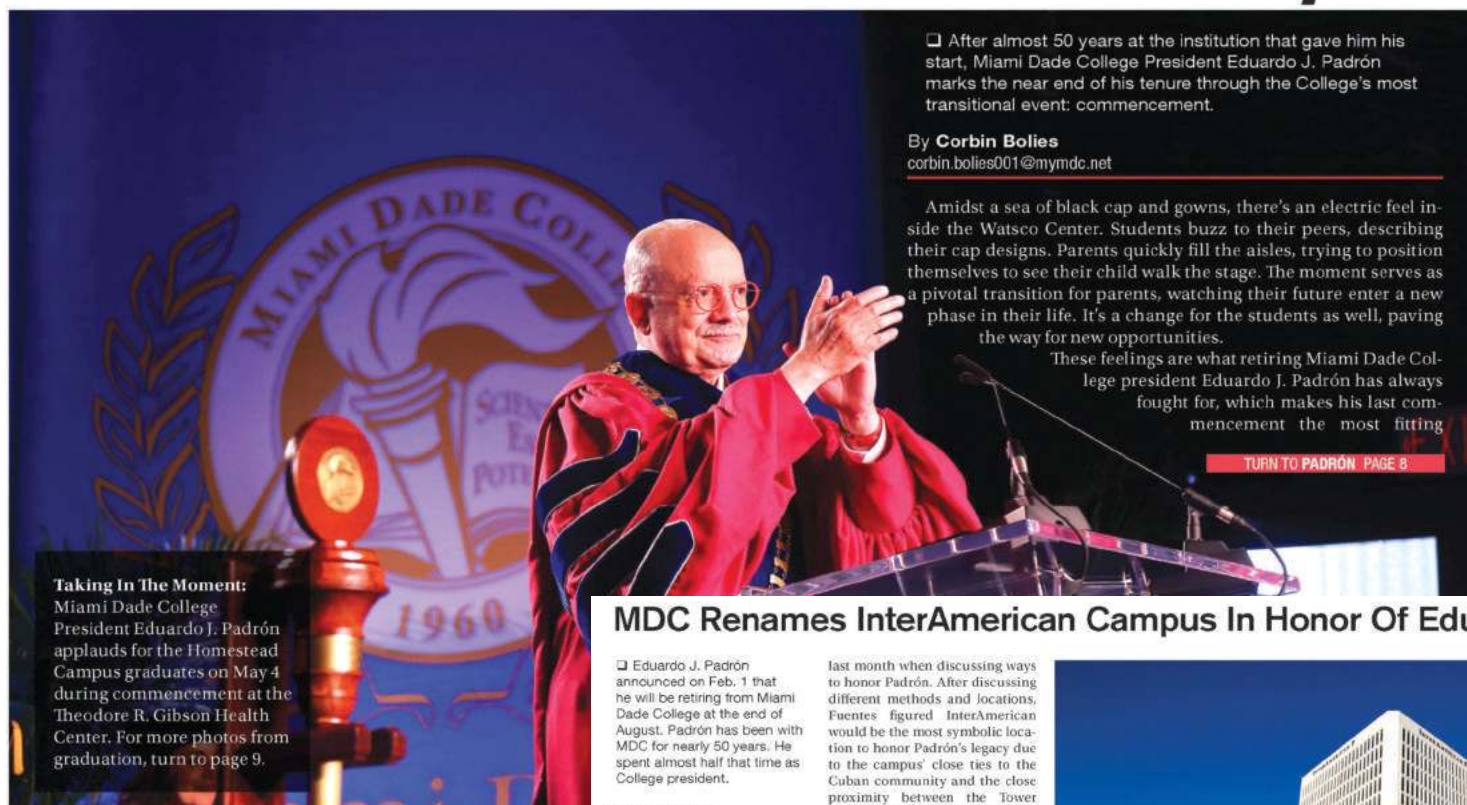
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The End Of An Era: The Final Days Of Eduardo J. Padrón's Presidency



Taking In The Moment: Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padrón applauds for the Homestead Campus graduates on May 4 during commencement at the Theodore R. Gibson Health Center. For more photos from graduation, turn to page 9.

□ After almost 50 years at the institution that gave him his start, Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padrón marks the near end of his tenure through the College's most transitional event: commencement.

By **Corbin Bolies**
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Amidst a sea of black cap and gowns, there's an electric feel inside the Watson Center. Students buzz to their peers, describing their cap designs. Parents quickly fill the aisles, trying to position themselves to see their child walk the stage. The moment serves as a pivotal transition for parents, watching their future enter a new phase in their life. It's a change for the students as well, paving the way for new opportunities.

These feelings are what retiring Miami Dade College president Eduardo J. Padrón has always fought for, which makes his last commencement the most fitting

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MDC Renames InterAmerican Campus In Honor Of Eduardo J. Padrón

□ Eduardo J. Padrón announced on Feb. 1 that he will be retiring from Miami Dade College at the end of August. Padrón has been with MDC for nearly 50 years. He spent almost half that time as College president.

By **Corbin Bolies**
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The Miami Dade College's Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion on March 19 to rename InterAmerican Campus to the Eduardo J. Padrón Campus. The move is effective immediately. Vice chair Jose K. Fuentes proposed the surprise motion to honor the outgoing president, who announced on Feb. 1 that he will retire from MDC at the end of August after nearly 50 years at the College—almost 25 of them as president. Bernie Navarro, chairman of the board, called for the entire board to second the motion together rather than individually. The motion was passed unanimously.

Padrón, emotional and taken aback, was heartened by the move. "I am very grateful, especially for naming a place that has so many memories for me," Padrón said during the meeting. "My hope is to build my legacy in a way that will honor this decision and will always reflect well on this institution."

Fuentes first floated the idea to former vice chair Hank Klein late

last month when discussing ways to honor Padrón. After discussing different methods and locations, Fuentes figured InterAmerican would be the most symbolic location to honor Padrón's legacy due to the campus' close ties to the Cuban community and the close proximity between the Tower Theater and downtown's Freedom Tower, two MDC locations.

"It's very reflective of Eduardo," Fuentes said. "It just has such symbolism that it was the right place to memorialize a person like Eduardo Padrón."

The transition will happen gradually, with IAC's current signage remaining in place until an official renaming ceremony happens before the end of this year, according to communications director Juan Mendieta. Internally, however, the change will take effect immediately.

Malou C. Harrison, president of North and the Padrón campus, understands the nature of shepherding the campus under its new name.

"[It's] a very tall order," Harrison said. "But I've always held Miami Dade College in such high esteem that this is actually going to be a joy to continue that legacy of striving for that tall order in the name of Eduardo Padrón."

In an interview, Navarro noted that legacy, believing the newly-named campus will firmly cement Padrón's name in Miami's history.

"Dr. Padrón espoused the beacon of hope," Navarro said. "This



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New Name: The InterAmerican Campus has been renamed in honor of long-time Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padrón.

institution sits at the table with the most major institutions in this country—Dr. Padrón is the one that brought that."

"I'm quoted as saying many times, 'when the story of Miami is finally written, on the first page we have to talk about Dr. Padrón' because of everything he represented to this community," he continued. "That's what I hope this building will represent."

InterAmerican Campus was officially incorporated as a campus on March 27, 2001. Before then, it was Wolfson Campus' Division of Bilingual Studies and then the InterAmerican Center before being petitioned to the state for campus status by the then-Board of Trustees. The now-Eduardo J. Padrón Campus serves 14,244 students. Padrón wants the campus to continue to be a beacon of

opportunity for the community it serves.

"That building is located in a community that has been built by immigrants that have been provided the door of opportunity to become responsible citizens engaged in the community," Padrón said. "I hope the building will represent hope in capital letters, because that's what this institution is about."

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By Julie Grimes and Mark Cole

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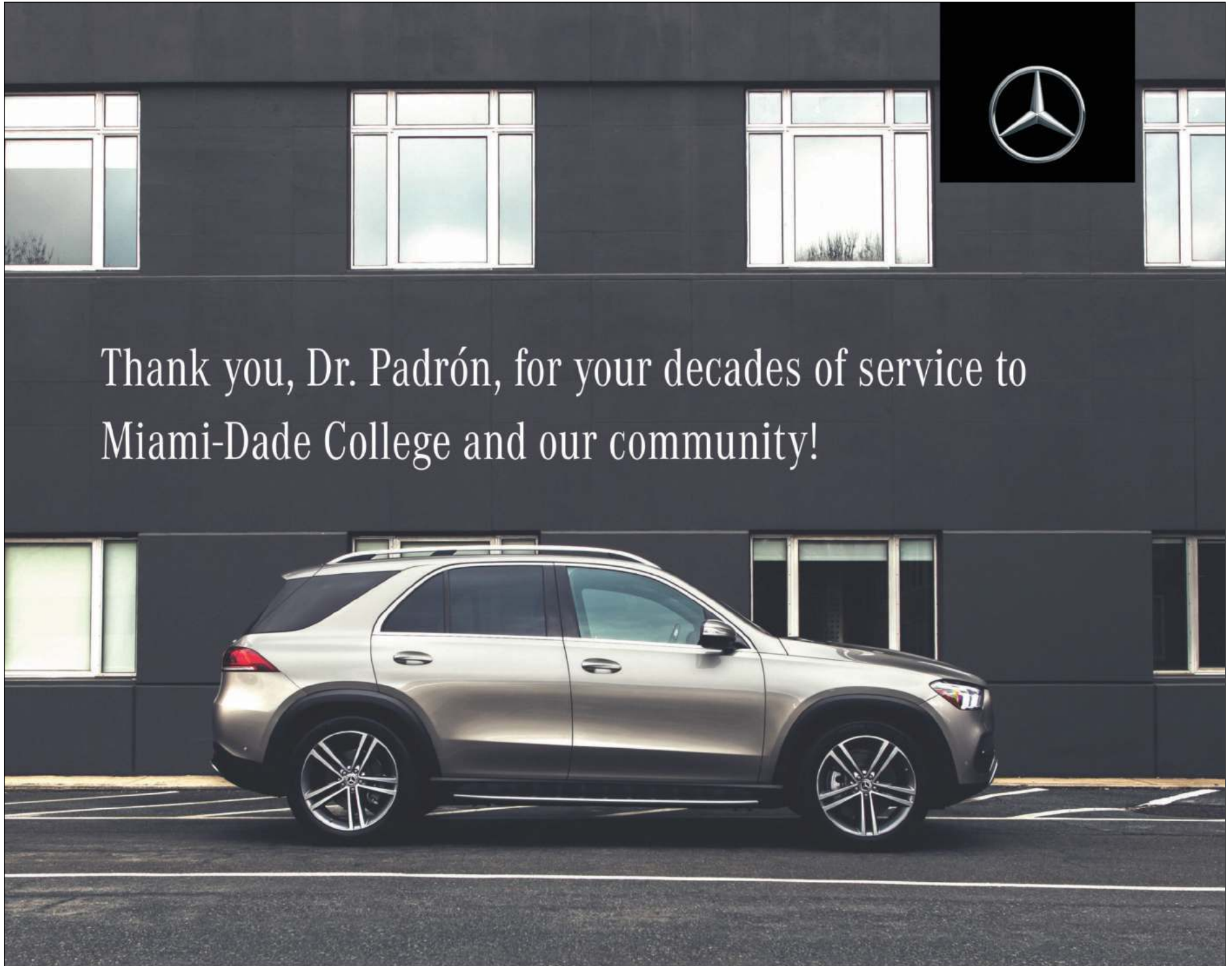


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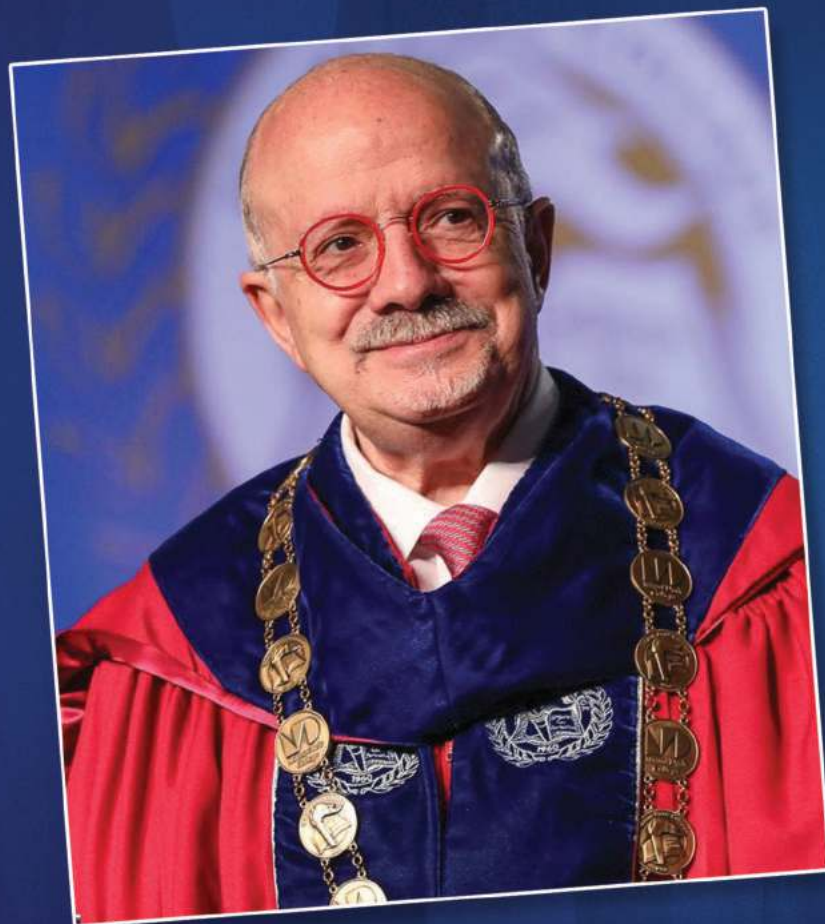
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