Lifetime of Service – Legacy of Leadership

A Tribute to Miami Dade College
President Eduardo J. Padrón

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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 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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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.
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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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.”
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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

Dedication of the Eig Watson School of Aviation in 1996

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

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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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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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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IN-STOCK CASUAL AND FORMAL WEAR TAILOR SHOP ON PREMISES OUTSIDE ALTERATIONS ARE WELCOME
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. Padron, 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 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 many 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.

MDC Out-Performs Other Schools, Success Grabs National Spotlight
"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 Chaou, Grove Bank & Trust; and Patrick O'Connell, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices EWM Realty
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Taking a look back at 1962


(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. Robert S. Butler and Anna Brenner Meyers serve as liaison members between the Committee and the College.

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.
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, 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, 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.

First Building Gets Underway Next Month

Will Cost $2.4 Million

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 105th 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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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.
College fights enrollment capping

By KATHY CRISCOLA
Times Editor

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.

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.

"That’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.

She puts show on air

By MARLENE REISS
Times Staff Writer

"Stand by camera One, stand by camera Two, and don’t forget to stand by camera Three," yelled the director.

Tally lights go on at the sound of the cue, and the daggers begin the show.

That kind of event belongs to Miami-Dade’s Channel 7.

Ms. Reiss said Channel 7 is the first female production assistant in the studio.

The job is to take the direction of the director, and then she can be a director herself.

"I can do just about everything that needs to be done around the studio," she said.

Ms. Reiss said Channel 7 recently hired Adeline Fries, the director of Miami Dade, as production assistant.

The duties of a production assistant involve staging, lighting and running camera for live and taped shows.

Production assistants are not confined to the daily and weekly scheduled shows.

"We’re looking for people to start the week, follow the week, and then the week," Ms. Reiss said.

At football games, Ms. Reiss said she was hired to help with the audio and television broadcasting and returned to Channel 7, where she enrolled in the broadcasting program.

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.

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

The greatest advantage of working in broadcasting is that it offers experience as well as theory," Ms. Reiss said.

Sightless aid

Blind student Toni Kegressia 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.

ROLLING CAMERAS IS NO LONGER A MAN’S JOB

Isabel Reiss, first female "cameraperson" at WCKT
Congratulations Dr. Eduardo Padrón for a job very well done! We honor your legacy as a Beacon in providing inspiration for design thinking and innovative action in community building, education and service. Thank you!

Noreen Timoney, Principal, Timoney Impact Solutions

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Year Up congratulates Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón on his retirement as President of Miami Dade College. Thank you for being a partner in this journey, with a commitment to close the Opportunity Divide and support of our students and mission. We could not do it without your leadership and shared belief that

**TALENT IS UNIVERSAL; OPPORTUNITY IS NOT.**
Taking a look back at the 1980s

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

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

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 Riitchie, Judith Green, Dean Charles Walker.
Miami-Dade selects new logo

DENISE DALEY

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 24th 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, thought 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 Milich, 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 Maciel, 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."

Phi Theta Kappa students award College president Robert McCabe with an honorary membership. From left: McCabe; Connie Butler, from Medical Center Honors; Chirlie from campus; Jenny Frenchman and Mark Sanders 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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THANK YOU DR. Padrón

“Many thanks to MDC for opening the doors of educational opportunity for me 50 years ago.

Thank you, Dr. Padrón, for your outstanding leadership. Congratulations on your retirement!”

–Gerardo M. González

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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 McCabe’s administrative 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, “and I’m very happy to be here.”

The reception was held at The Crown 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 also shown by Sen. Bob Graham, students, and a McCabe achievement video dating back to his first days as Miami-Dade’s president, McCabe, who will be a representative for community colleges around the nation, says, “I have mixed feelings about this, but there is a right time to do things and now is the time for me to retire.”

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.”

McCabe received many awards and recalled a certain moment when the father of a Cuban refugee spoke at graduation ceremonies and screamed, “Viva America!”

“Stronger than ever, I’ve found myself being at the forefront of this issue,” said McCabe, “and I’m hopeful that the young people who are in my generation will attend the future.”

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

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

Padron’s inauguration brings college hope

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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,” Hudson said, along with all the other corporations, underscored 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 is it that he could do,” President and CEO of American Association of Community Colleges Dr. David R. Pine 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 Feenberg, a Dade County Public Schools board member. “This was as important as a wedding, as a girl who celebrates her quinceañera, 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.

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 threw much attention on the budget cuts that the institution now faces.

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

Dade has no 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 unoccupied 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 timeline of 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 present with an award for voting against a bill that would have prohibited aliens 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 26 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’re not asking for more, just the same. We need to be treated equal, because we too are America’s future.
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Taking a look back at the 2000s
Obama visits Miami, thousands appear

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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 donated shirts, pins, hats, banners, bumper stickers, just to name a few that promoted Obama, as well as people promoting amendments two and eight.

By 4:40 pm, people were waiting in a line that extended from 58th St. to 90th St.

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

GO TO OBAMA, PAGE 2

More baccalaureate programs open doors for MDC students

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

According to Norma Gomera, the provost for academic and student affairs, the college has submitted a Bachelor 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 Electronic 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 hoopla 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 (SEDT) first began compiling 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 4,209 students in the school, with 1,560 of them declaring a major from SEDT.

"It's a workforce driven program, to create an applicants 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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Taking a look back at the last decade
The End Of An Era: The Final Days Of Eduardo J. Padrón’s Presidency

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.

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Amidst a sea of black cap and gowns, there’s an electric feel inside the Watsco 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, parting 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.

Taking 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.

Last month when discussing ways to honor Padrón, after discussing different methods and locations, Romeo Figueredo, InterAmerican Campus was the most symbolic location to honor Padrón’s legacy that campus due to its historic and educational impact. It’s also the change that marks the transition to the next phase.

“Dad’s always wanted to have a place to build his legacy,” Figueredo said. “It’s a very fitting project for the community.” According to Figueredo, the renovation will happen gradually, with MDC’s currentimaginings remaining in place until an official renaming ceremony happens. During the renovation, the building will remain open to the public, offering educational and cultural programs.

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

Related:
- MDC Renames InterAmerican Campus In Honor Of Eduardo J. Padrón
- InterAmerican Campus was officially incorporated as a campus on March 18, 1990. Before then, it was Watsco Campus Division of InterAmerican Center and then the InterAmerican Center. The new (InterAmerican Campus) serves 1,400 students.
- Padrón wants the campus to continue to be a beacon of opportunity for the community it serves.

“His building is located in a community that has been built by immigrants that have been provided with the door of opportunity to become responsible citizens engaged in the community,” Padrón said. “I hope the building will remain the building that it is, and that the community can feel proud of the new building being built.”

Turning the Page: Padrón was named the first president of the Community College of Broward County in 1990. He later became the president of Miami Dade College, where he has served for nearly 50 years.

The Miami Dade College’s Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion on March 18 to rename InterAmerican Campus to the Eduardo J. Padrón Campus. The move is effective immediately.

Padrón was a vocal advocate for education, and his legacy will continue to shape the college for years to come.

“Eduardo J. Padrón was a visionary leader who leaves a lasting impact on Miami Dade College,” said InterAmerican Campus Chancellor and President Edna O. Nieves-Gonzalez. “His dedication to education and commitment to community have inspired generations, and we are honored to carry on his legacy.”

Padrón was born in Havana, Cuba, and migrated to the United States with his parents when he was 10 years old. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Florida International University and a Master of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Miami.

Padrón served as a professor at Florida International University and Miami Dade Community College before becoming the president of Miami Dade College in 1990.

Throughout his tenure, Padrón has been a vocal advocate for access to higher education and has worked to increase diversity and inclusion on campus.

Padrón was appointed to the board of the Florida Board of Education in 1991 and served as its chairman from 1994 to 2000.

Padrón was recognized with numerous awards and honors during his tenure at Miami Dade College, including the National Medal of Honor in 2005.

Padrón’s legacy will continue to shape Miami Dade College for years to come, and his dedication to education and commitment to community will inspire generations for years to come.

INTERVIEW: Padrón’s vision for the new building

“I want to see a building that reflects the values of Miami Dade College,” Padrón said. “I want to see a building that is accessible to all students, regardless of their background. I want to see a building that is a symbol of our commitment to diversity and inclusion.”

“The building will be a symbol of the college’s commitment to excellence and innovation,” Padrón said. “It will be a place where students can come together to learn and grow.”

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INTERVIEW: Nieves-Gonzalez’s vision for the new building

“Eduardo J. Padrón leaves a lasting legacy on Miami Dade College,” Nieves-Gonzalez said. “His vision for the new building is one of innovation and excellence. We will work to ensure that the building is accessible to all students, regardless of their background. We will work to ensure that the building is a symbol of the college’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.”

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INTERVIEW: Student’s vision for the new building

“I want to see a building that reflects the values of Miami Dade College,” said Student Representative Maria Garcia. “I want to see a building that is accessible to all students, regardless of their background. I want to see a building that is a symbol of our commitment to diversity and inclusion.”

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INTERVIEW: Community’s vision for the new building

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By Julie Grimes and Mark Cole

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