



ANNUAL REPORT

— 2021-2022 —

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EXECUTIVE TEAM

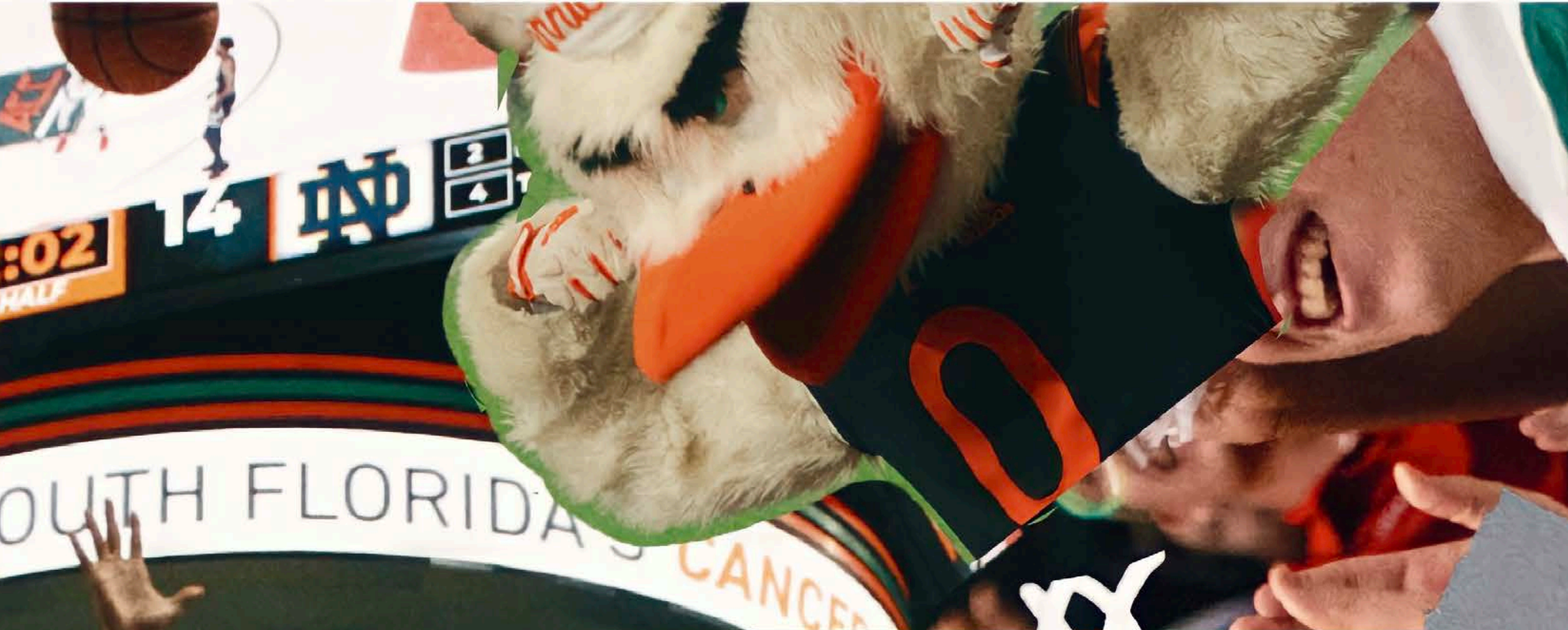


Paul *Don McLesner* *Lyndee*
Caring Landry *Ashton* *Damon* *Ally Haddy*
Drew Green *Garden Cole* *Paul Chisholm*
Hunter *Camron Helm* *Mera Potts*
Chris Potts *Paul R. Doull* *Grace Luke* *Jaden Jewell* *Chiper Nwosu*

Letter from the President

“Not a moment, a movement” - this mantra reflective of the ideals of creating a lasting, sustained, and positive legacy for the student leaders who will succeed us. The 2021-2022 Student Government Administration, or “The UPROAR” Administration, redefined the bounds of what can be accomplished by an administration. We began our tenure crafting among the most diverse Student Government administrations in Student Government history. Our priorities were intertwined with our identities - to create a Student Government and broader University environment where the ideals of justice, equity, and inclusion are commonplace so that every student feels endowed to succeed - and we did just that. Our academic priorities oversaw the quick expansion of pre-law and pre-medical resources in our libraries and our advocacy initiated a greater investment in the Office of Disability Services to expand staff and programming opportunities to cater to students with special abilities. Our First-Year Leadership Council established a new first-year student summit that will become a pillar of the first-year experience and on the justice front, we helped to advise the renovation of the second floor of our University Center that will become the new home for several diverse student communities; and, our tenure concluded with the naming of Student Services Building in honor of Black alumni for the first time in University history. The list of accomplishments from record breaking athletic events’ attendance led by Category 5 to environmental justice initiatives led by our ECO Agency is long; however, this administration advocated not for attention, but with pure intention. At every turn, we have done the thankless work of seeking to improve our organization’s culture and University community not just for a moment, but for the long term to inspire a movement. As the 2021-2022 Student Government President and Student Trustee, I am proud and gladly pass the baton off to President-Elect Jamie Williams-Smith and her team who will run farther and carry our alma mater higher.







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A YEAR IN REVIEW

2021-2022

Executive Team Inauguration



Bonding Events and Mentorship



Initiatives and bills passed



SG Retreat and DEL Training



Speaker Series and Outreach Events



Collaborations and co-sponsorships



Athletic attendance records



Earth Month Celebrations



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



The Senate is our legislative branch of governance, which is made up of students from various areas of campus. There are over 50 senators representing students by their areas of study, class, residency, and much more. Through the leadership of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore and the Council of Chairs, the Legislative branch uses different methods such as bill writing, advocacy to administration, and tabling to give voice to the concerns of students. The Senate's mission is to explore the initiatives that best address student needs so that senators can more effectively do their jobs as student representatives. Senate strives to make UM the kind of hospitable and success-inducing environment that each and every student both desires and deserves.

Passed legislation to create designated study spaces on campus for Stanford residents

Passed legislation raising the flat credit rate from 20 to 21 credits

Hosted first ever Senate Town Hall to engage with constituents

Prompted the Office of the University President to issue a statement in support of Cuba and the Cuban community

Changed the Constitution and Statutes to include gender-neutral language

Passed a recommendation for the Office of the President & UM IG to release a statement for Black Awareness Month for years to come

Surveyed the student body to get their opinions on on-campus dining, COVID-19 safety measures, and limits on the amount of mid-term examinations within a 24-hr period

JUDICIAL BRANCH



The Supreme Court is the judicial branch of the University of Miami Student Government. It consists of one Chief Justice, eight Associate Justices and a Clerk of the Court. It addresses cases and appeals pertaining to the Student Government and upholds the provisions and powers of the Student Government Constitution and Statutes. Its main focus is ensuring ethical and unbiased conduct between all.

Focused heavily on internal culture in order to build a better Supreme Court for the future

Filled the Court absences with a wonderful group of Associate Justices

The Court also has the power of judicial review, which is the ability to invalidate a statute that violates a provision of the constitution. In addition, the Court updates the constitution after a bill or amendment has been passed by the Senate. With the guidance of the Student Government advisors, the Court works on maintaining and upholding the Constitution and Statutes so that they remain updated and relevant.

Conducted and presented recommendations during Organizational Senate Seat Reviews

Amended the Statutes in order to restore the power of judicial review

ELECTIONS COMMISSION



The purpose of the Student Government Elections Commission (EC) is to organize and coordinate all aspects of Student Government Elections in the fall and spring.

EC reviews and approves all SG applications, enforces election codes, and presents violations to the Supreme Court for hearings. EC organizes election events to get students excited to run and vote including presidential debates and our favorite Do-nut Forget to Vote!

1,088 students voted in our Fall Senate election for **33** open senate seats. This was a 58% increase from last year.

136 students filed for candidacy. A new record in SG elections!



1,757 students voted in the Spring Senate and Executive election

ACADEMIC LIAISON COUNCIL



The Academic Liaison Council (ALC) is comprised of 11 students from all of the undergraduate schools, colleges, and other departments at the University of Miami. The liaisons serve as points of contact between different academic areas and Student Government. They work to facilitate and coordinate an overall understanding of all the current academic projects and initiatives within SG.

**After launch of LSAT
Resource Library,
Director of AA have
collaborated with CLC to
provide MCAT/DAT/GRE
& more pre-professional
test preparation books
for all UM students
for free**

**Liasion, Onelia Mendive,
is working with ODS in
launching 'Bridge
Program', a mentoring
program hosted by the
Office of Disability
Services**

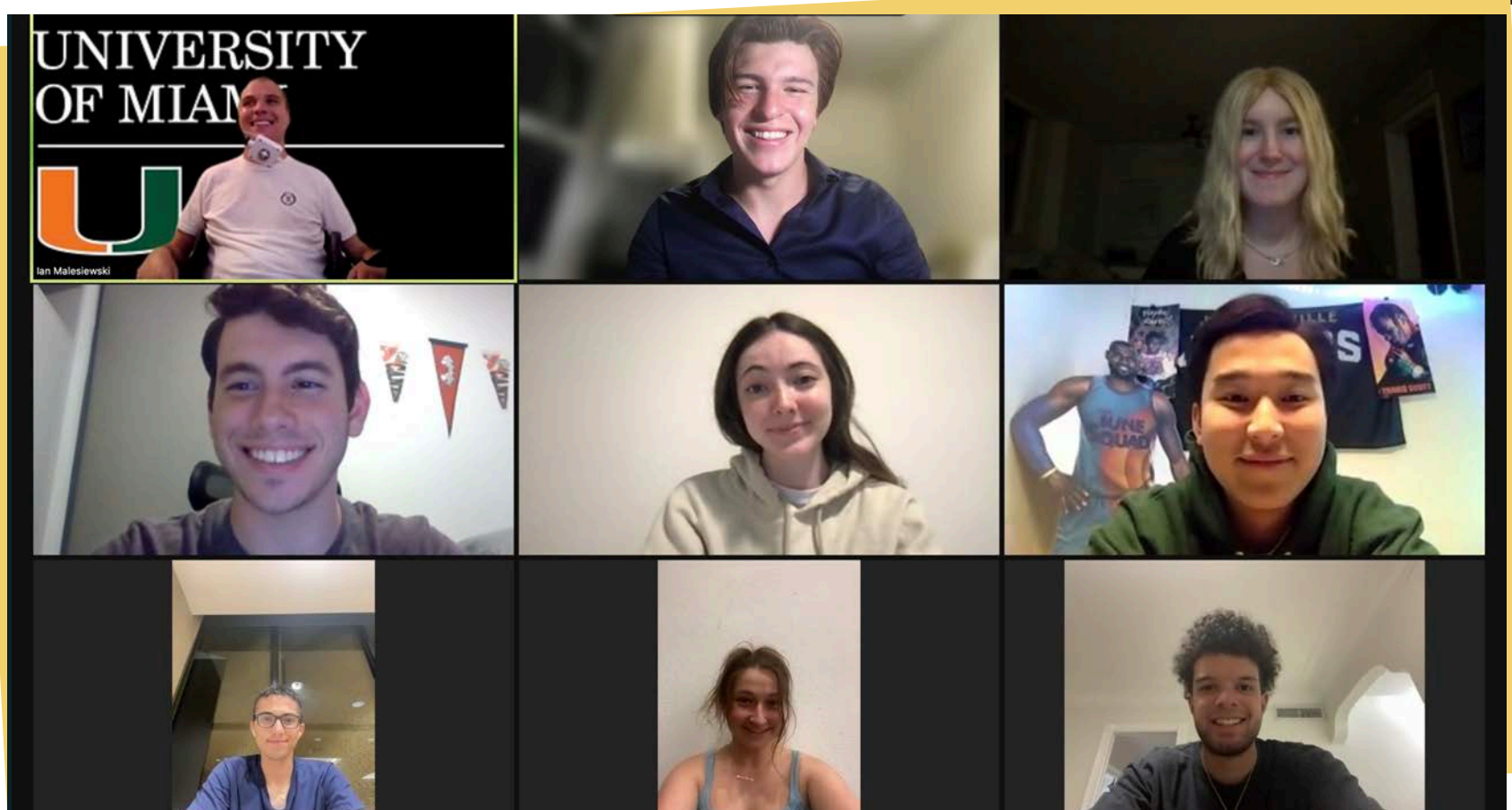
**Liasion, Drew Peter-
son, helped increase
mask
accessibility with-
in the Miami Herbert
Business School**

**Liasion, Peyton Hodges,
worked one-on-one with
Dr.Gaines to revamp the
pre-med 101 sessions af-
ter the recent
changes in medical
school admissions
following COVID-19**

**Liasion, Molly
Balsamides, worked with
School of Education and
Human Development to
provide a
private study space for
SHED students in
Merrick**

**After years of
advocating,
syllabi review will be
available to students
signing up for courses
starting Fall 2022**

CAMPUS LIAISON COUNCIL



The Campus Liaison Council fosters communication between various areas of campus and SG. Student liaisons regularly communicate relevant SG projects and initiatives to their respective administrative departments and serve as the student body representative to those departments. The areas that the Council works with are: Auxiliary and Dining Services, Campus Facilities and Security, Health and Wellness, Library and Information Technology, and Parking and Transportation.



Extended Safe Ride hours by one hour and made safe ride available 7 days a week during finals week

Installed QR codes in the dining hall that show macronutrient values, micronutrient values, allergens, and more information about each food item and portion in all the dining halls



Helped in increasing student employment opportunities in dining and auxiliary services to never before seen levels, so much so that the portal had to be closed

Increased student employment opportunities to the highest ever seen levels



Developed and Distributed Test Preparation Materials - Library Survey to assist library administrators in purchase of physical and online study material for students taking the MCAT, DAT, GMAT, GRE, NCLEX-RN, CPA

Repaired updated broken water fountains across campus

Successfully got mask dispensers in residential lobbies

DIVERSITY INCLUSION & EQUITY

- Met with dozens of students organizations and fielded student concerns relating to DEI
- Presented cultural competency and implicit bias presentations at LAUNCH
- Programmed a DEI centered Student Government Retreat
- Programmed the Student Government Banquet & Inauguration
- Working with NPHC Eboard to integrate Divine 9 organizations and increase their visibility among greek organizations
- Launching DEI certification course students can put on their resume with Toppel titled “inclusive excellence”
- Advocating for more inclusive hiring, especially of deaf and hard of hearing dining staff
- Proposing senate bill requiring DEI Director go through IBIS allyship training with LGBTQ+ center and Spectrum eboard
- Expanding international flags in the business school atrium to be more representative of student body



The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Council was an initiative rooted in the intention to better foster a climate of empathy and belonging for the undergraduate Student Government of the University of Miami. Through innovative programming, diversity trainings, collaborative initiatives and cultural barometer surveys, the DEI Council will create infrastructure to better enrich the experiences of all students, particularly those of underserved and marginalized communities.



FIRST-YEAR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Led by the Vice President and four Project Coordinators, members of the First-Year Leadership Council (FLC) gain hands-on experience in completing projects and initiatives to enhance student life on campus. Members of FLC are paired up to work on various projects throughout the year. They also learn a lot about leadership through various activities as well as from guest speakers from across campus. FLC is a great first step in getting involved on campus!

Action for Athletes

Feb 27th: Encouraging freshman to show up to the last home women’s basketball game

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion RICE FEST

March 3rd: 8 different cultural organizations showcasing what RICE looks like in their country

LAUNCH

March Feb 20th, Feb 27th, March 6th: 7 student leadership workshops consisting of 22 participants and 5 student speakers

Academic Feedback Channels Ongoing:

Feedback channel survery coming out Feb 21st- Mar 11th. Learn about students input on their academic experience

Student Government Gives Back

October: Food can drive

November: Letters to Veterans Hospital

UBazaar

March 22nd: 6 various vendors, live music, and providing space for local Miami businesses and vendors

ECO Project Beach Clean Up

March 26th

Student and Minority Owned Businesses

Ongoing: Making the diverse supplies list more accessible. Promoting the use of minority owned businesses for students

SG Apparel

Designed and created 1/4 zips for all SG members

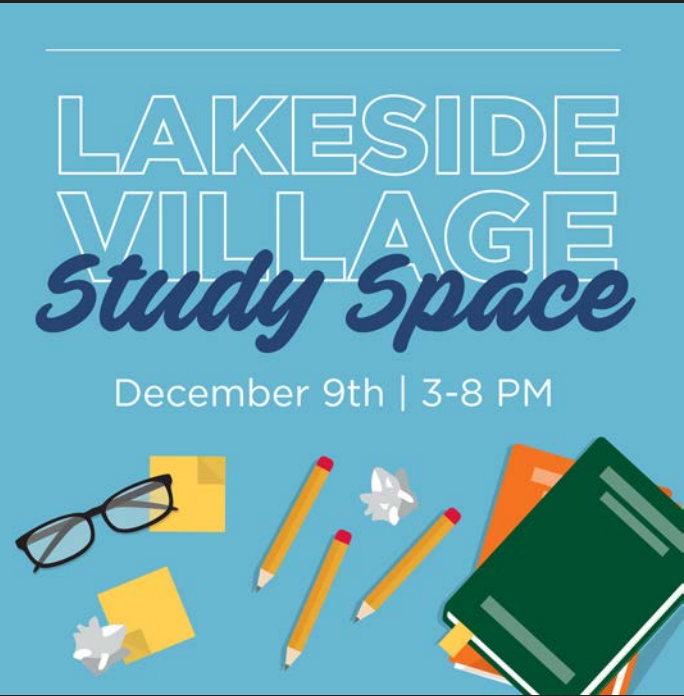
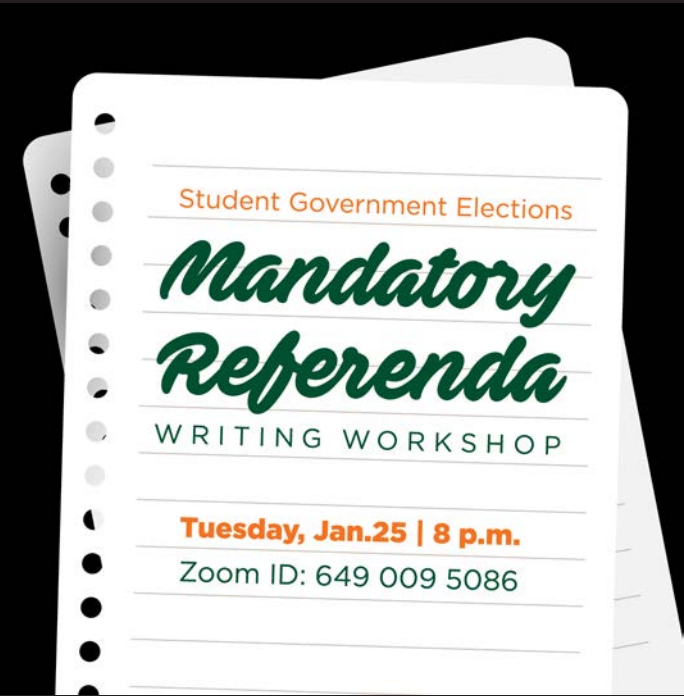
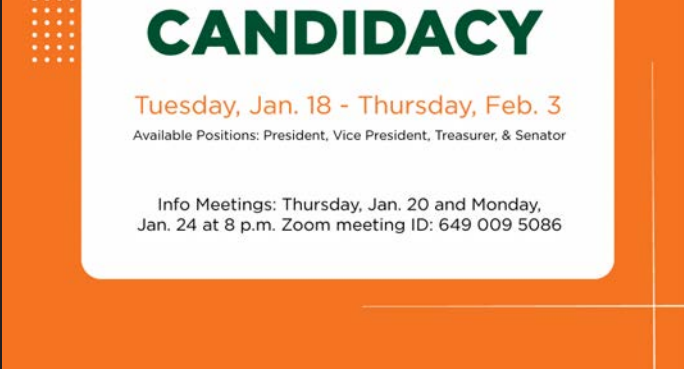
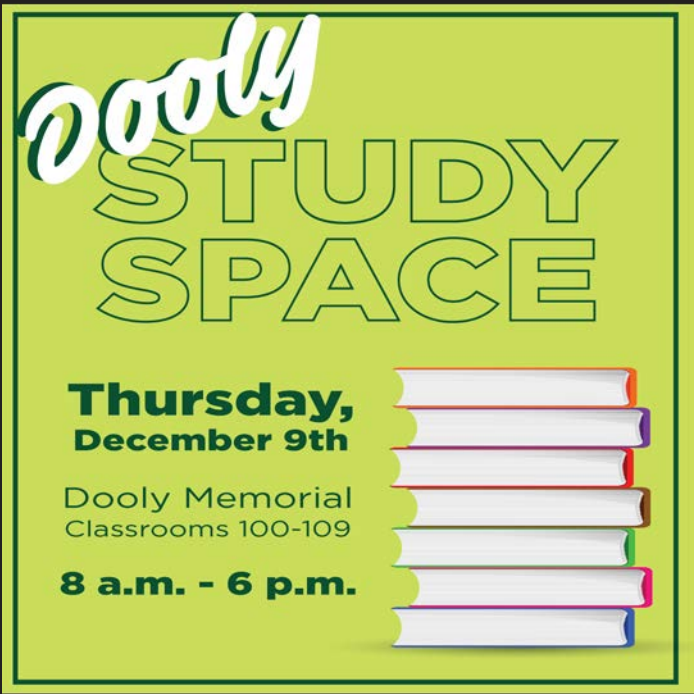
OUTREACH



The goal of Outreach is to support students, collaborate with organizations, and reach out to the student body through campus-wide programs. Each semester Outreach leads #SGDidThat Week, a week of events centered around interacting with students and working with other agencies and organizations such as ECO, Category 5, and COISO. Other Outreach events include Stickers for Suggestions, Donut Forget To Vote, and Study Space at the Lakeside Village.



BORARD COMMUNICATIONS



Board of Communications coordinates all external communications for Student Government. The goal of the board is to inform students of ongoing SG and administrative initiatives that impact the campus community. This board works to directly connect the student body to administration through strategic use of communication channels.



CATEGORY 5

Category 5 is the spirit programming board focused on preserving and implementing spirit and traditions relating to our Division 1 athletics teams at the University of Miami. It represents the student body by acting as the link between the athletic department and the students. Category 5 focuses on enhancing in-game experiences for students to promote love of alma mater and cultivate memorable student interactions.

- Efforts were focused on football, volleyball, soccer, and the beginning of men's and women's basketball seasons
- Strived to establish new traditions and carry on old ones since a large portion of our student body had not seen Hurricane sports
- During football season brought back FanZone and our Category 5 student section traditions including the hurricane flags and first quarter smoke
- The Volleyball season was a huge success and we were able to break the student attendance record and support the team through a successful season
- Our basketball committee started working on rebranding the student section and transformed it into The Eye
- Created a twitter account (@um_theeye)
- Category 5 has also worked closely with the athletics department this semester to grow and strengthen our relationship





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EVENT
MS11
SECTION
ROW
GEN
SEAT
ADM

Hurricanes Men's Basketball
vs.
North Carolina
STUDENT SECTION
TUESDAY 01/18/2022
Watsco Center

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EVENT
MS11
SECTION
ROW
GEN
SEAT
ADM



NO REFUNDS | NO EXCHANGES

1,986

Men's Basketball Student
Attendance Record
UM vs Notre Dame

BASKETBALL

BASEBALL

- Branded the student section and implementing new traditions like the strikeout Ks
- 8 giveaways throughout the whole season with numerous collabs (ex. Eco, IFC, OCSI, Pat Whitely for milkshakes with Pat)
- Over 400 students in the student section!



OLYMPIC SPORTS



ECO AGENCY

The Environment & Conservation Organization (ECO) creates and implements environmental initiatives on campus to create positive change for the present and the future. ECO continues to be the leading force of environmentalism and sustainability on campus to better the University of Miami as a whole and our environment. ECO's vision is to build an environmentally friendly campus, promote green habits, educate, and further awareness of environmentally friendly practices, and to have fun, live big and be green.





COLLABORATIONS

This year was a big year for ECO as we had many collaborations from big to small - we ran the gamut. Some notable collaborations include partnering with the Homecoming Executive Committee for the infamous Spirit Tree competition, beach cleanups with Rho Rho Rho and for Gandhi Day, and helping start up a community garden in the historically black neighborhood of Liberty City with the Black Awareness Month committee.

HISTORIC EVENTS

With the help of the Senate, ECO passed ACTION #22039
A RECOMMENDATION TO PROMULGATE A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY

This prompted a reaction within Student Government to add a Land Acknowledgment to our own website landing page.

“We acknowledge that the University of Miami sits on the homelands of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal Peoples, and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida as well as the Tequesta Tribe.”

With the efforts of past ECO members, we were able to install solar panels to the Watsco Fieldhouse

This year we introduced the first of hopefully many, Earth Month celebrations and we kicked off Earth Month with a panel discussion on ‘Indigenous Voices in Climate Action’



WHAT MATTERS TO U



What Matters to U (WMTU) is designed for students to explore and engage in topics not necessarily discussed in the classroom. Through bringing leaders, change-makers and disrupters to speak to students, WMTU hopes to inspire conversation and action among students here at the U.



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ADVISORS



APPOINTMENTS

Library & Information Resource Committee

Angel Aguilar

Student Affairs Committee

Zoe Fundora

University Curriculum Committee

Andres Concha

Student Government Representatives

David Rubin & Ishaan Chatterjee

Academic Affairs Committee

Jordan Farrell

Student Affairs Committee

Shadae Nicholas

WVUM Advisory Board

Damaris Zamudio-Galvan & Ally Gaddy

Graduate Student Association

Jamie Williams-Smith

Standing Committee on Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Kristophe Smith-Walker

Sophomore Student Experience

Ajiri Uzere

Trial Initiative Program Allocation

Drew Goheen

Student Center Complex Advisory Council

Noah Ferber

Health and Wellness Recreation Advisory Board

Felix Nguyen & Ryan Grant

Student Coalition on Disabilities

Ian Malesiewski, Carina Landgraf, Landon Coles, Austin Lent

Board of Publications

Ally Gaddy



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