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Annual Report



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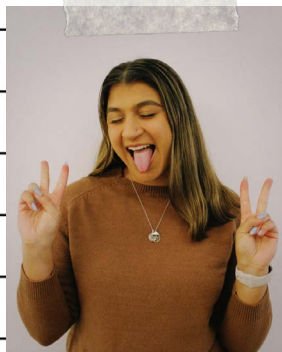
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Letter from the President

My Fellow 'Canes,

We did it. We have successfully completed another year of working alongside administrators, executing initiatives, and transforming our campus. I am extremely proud and overjoyed by the amount of work and dedication each of you has for this organization. From the beginning, starting a new era of transparency and refreshing the Student Government organization as a whole were core values of our Executive Board.

We have reenvisioned the way students interact and learn about Student Government through the Outreach Committee implementing "Get to 'Snow Us" and hosting the first "Champion of the U" Sporting event. The Campus Liaison Council advocated for new and inclusive dining options including Tacos & Tattoos and The Halal Shack, which will be opening in the Fall of 2023. The Academic Liaison Council took the lead in building a bridge between graduate programs and undergraduate students by developing the Model Mentorship Program. Outside of the classroom, Category 5, a nationally recognized student section, supported our Men's and Women's basketball teams from Coral Gables to Houston as we made history by advancing to the sweet sixteen and elite eight during March Madness! Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council established a new programming event, the "DEI Festival'', sponsored by The Office of The President that will become a pillar for our Diversity work across the University. The list of accomplishments goes on from ECO Agency's Resale Program to the installation of the Toppel Headshot Photo Booth, which was a campaign initiative.

I would like to give a special shout-out to the money woman, Tati Alvarado, who reevaluated Student Government finances and designed systems to streamline the process. Thank you to our amazing advisors Dr. Renee Callan and Dr. Heather Stevens, and Senior Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely, for their continuous support and unwavering dedication to improving student life.

I leave this organization filled with the utmost respect for all Student Government members and incredibly proud of the work we completed this academic year. I am excited to pass the baton to Niles Boyd and the 2023-2024 Executive Board! I know they will continue to do amazing things for this organization and the campus. Leading you all has been an honor and a privilege.

Jamie W.S. 5

A YEAR In REVIEW 2022-2023



Senate

September

The Senate passed a Constitutional amendment regarding the SG SAFAC delegate, Constitutional and Statutory amendments to remove the Hecht residential college seat, and a bill to allocate \$1,000 of co-sponsorship funding to the Homecoming Executive Committee.

October

The Senate passed a bill to create a First-Generation Student Senate seat, legislation to make changes to the UM Wellness Center App to display weight room attendance, legislation to notify students of the presence of strobe lights at all UM events, a bill to approve the Spring 2023 Elections Calendar, a bill to allocate \$500 co-sponsorship to the African Students Union for A Taste of Africa, and to allocate \$160 of co-sponsorship funding to Honor Council for Academic Integrity week.

Senate hosted a retreat to teach all new Senators Parliamentary Procedure and provide a "Senate Crash Course"

November

The Senate passed legislation to eliminate transcript fees for Veterans and their dependents, to ensure menstrual products are in all bathrooms on campus and filled regularly, to display a digital stock ticker in the Finker-Frenkel Promenade in the Miami Herbert Business School, and to finalize the Spring 2023 Elections Calendar. The Senate passed a bill to allocate \$250 of co-sponsorship funding to COISO for their International Dance Competition.

December

The Senate passed a bill to allocate \$500 of co-sponsorship money to Funday and passed a bill to allocate \$450 of co-sponsorship funding to UFuerza for their event Azucar, The Senate hosted a Meet Your Senator Event to engage with constituents on the last day of classes.

February

Senate Town Hall: 2/8 in Senate room

Senate applications opened: positions in school of nursing, school of education, eaton residential, commuter student, veteran student, first gen student, frat row

March

Collab with FLC on 3/9

Nominations for speaker of senate opened, closed 3/29



Supreme Court

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The Supreme Court is the judicial branch of the University of Miami's Student Government. It consists of 9 Justices: one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices. Also in the Supreme Court is a Clerk of the Court. The judicial branch addresses cases and appeals relating to Student Government and upholds the provisions and powers of the Student Government Constitution and Statutes. Its main purpose is to ensure ethical and unbiased conduct across Student Government.

The court also has the power of judicial review, the ability to invalidate a statute that violates the provisions of the constitution. The Court also updates the constitution after a bill or amendment has been passed by the Senate. This is all so that the Constitution and Statutes remain updated and relevant.



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Constitutional and statutory guides were compiled and distributed to fellow members of Student Government by members of the Supreme Court. These documents explained information pertaining to key positions, procedures, and bodies within Student Government to improve functionality.



Organizational seat hearings were conducted throughout the Fall semester, issuing 11 pieces of judicial review in the process. The Court recommended eight organizations for seat renewal, two for seat removal, and approved the creation of a new seat in the Senate for the Alliance of Latin American Students.



Election Code revisions that effectively overhauled the existing elections process were drafted by Justices and workshopped in a joint collaboration with the Elections Commission. The changes were passed by the Senate and implemented within the election cycle of Spring 2023.



A Candidate's Guide to Trial Court was created for those who may find themselves involved in trial proceedings for years to come. Justices worked to provide candidates a comprehensive overview of recommended methods of preparation, additional information and procedures relating to trial court.



Trial Court convened twice during the Spring Election cycle to try the breaking of election rules by candidates. The Justices published two trial opinions, finding both defendants liable of minor infractions and issuing subsequent sanctions.

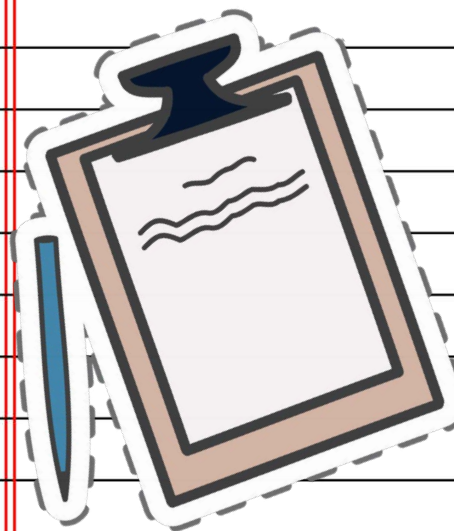
Academic Liaison Council

Academic Affairs was busy as ever with the creation of a Pre-Law mentorship program as well as a blackboard site. They spent the year working on revamping the Canes Central website, promoting Toppel post-undergrad education resources, An School Of Communication showcase for all clubs and organizations and launching surveys for academic advising! They also helped facilitate a College of Arts and Sciences takeover at the rat and an international student alumni panel!



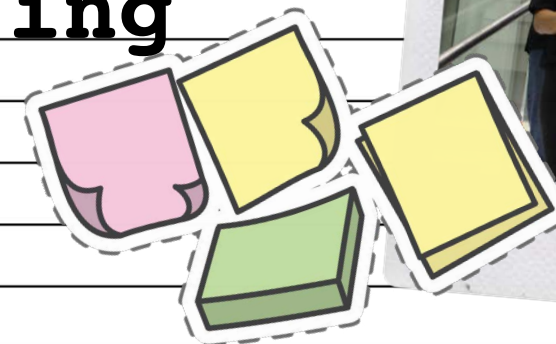
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Campus Liaison Council

This year marked an explosion in the capabilities and achievements of the Campus Liaison Council. With over 80 initiatives completed over the course of 2022-2023 academic year, it's hard to narrow down their achievements to a short list so here are some highlights.

dInIng & AUxILIARy

In Dining & Auxiliary Services, our team members participated in bringing a new, inclusive, high quality, and inexpensive restaurant to campus for the 2023-2024 academic year. Additionally, they were able to assist in the redesign of the infrastructure of our University's Dining Program for the coming years by implementing a takeout option using environmentally friendly containers that will be available in the coming semesters at our dining halls.

SECURItY & fAcILItIES

In Security & Facilities, the liaisons worked to ensure the upkeep in the quality of our school's buildings by getting elevators around the University inspected that had historically caused issues for students. On top of this, Security & Facilities lead the charge in ensuring certain parts of our University were ADA compliant or took into account the needs of any students with disabilities.

PARKInG & tRAnSPORtAtIon

In Parking & Transportation, our Students took the year to address the two biggest concerns brought to them by students regarding parking passes. Now, students are able to see their position in the waitlist for a parking pass. Also, as opposed to having parking passes drop at midnight when no staff is able to assist in the case of any trouble, parking passes will now be released at 8 AM.

LIbRARy & It

In Library & IT, the liaisons simplified students' academic planning experience permanently by implementing an Online degree planner, meaning students can create a road-map for their college career wherever and whenever they want with just a few clicks. In another move to improve the student experience, the Library & IT liaisons took part in the design of the upcoming multi-million dollar library remodel.

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Similarly to Library & IT, the Health & Wellness Liaisons worked diligently to learn about student concerns before taking part in designing the upcoming gym renovations which will see the addition of brand-new equipment, new flooring, and more, over the course of this coming summer. Finally, the Health & Wellness team was able to completely revolutionize STD testing on campus by assisting in the implementation of an incoming system that allows STD tests to have an anonymous protocol and a 30 minute turnaround time.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



Student Government's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Council kicked off the Fall semester with the first ever DEI Festival! The council had been working on this event since the end of the last semester and it was amazing seeing it come to life. At the DEI Festival, several student organizations attended and represented various aspects of diversity. The student organizations

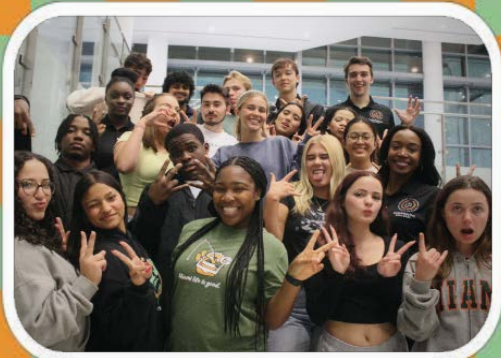
tabled to showcase their organizations and share their mission and vision. Student organizations were invited to perform throughout the event as well! Other activities for students also took place such as airbrushing t-shirts and hats, food catered by popular restaurants in the area, including Reggae Beats and Master Crepes; and a photobooth so everyone could capture the moment. In total, there were over 350 attendees! In addition to the Festival, the DEI Council has been working on long term projects to help make the campus a more inclusive environment and these projects should be completed



by the end of this semester!. If you, or anyone you know, has an issue or concern, please do not hesitate to reach out at sgdei@miami.edu. Their mission is to give a voice to the student body and cultivate spaces where we can all authentically be ourselves.



First Year Leadership Council



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Council*

FLC had 7 projects impacting various parts of student government and the campus at large. FLC Programming successfully planned and hosted FLC Friendsgiving and SG Holiday Party, executed a month long FLC assassin game, created the first FLC Lock-in night to build fellowship and planned catered for the final FLC meeting. And developed the FLC Commuter Resource Database group.

This year FLC interviewed OCSI, Dr. Whiteley, Camner Center, and other groups to gain knowledge about commuter students and resources. With that information they compiled a list of available resources and facilities that commuter students have access to and ensured current tools are available. The LAUNCH group hosted the second annual first year leadership summit. They incorporated student leader speakers and hands-on activities

that left participants with tangible professional development tools.



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Outreach

The goal of Outreach is to support students, collaborate with organizations, and reach out to the student body through campus-wide programs. Outreach frequently works with other agencies and organizations on campus such as ECO, Category 5, and COISO.

This year:

Outreach frequently hosts events created for students to de-stress or take a break from studying and school work, especially during finals week. Of those events this year, Outreach's (De)Stress Fest in December, which allowed students to take a break from studying to eat free food, pet therapy dogs, and receive a massage, had over 700 students in attendance.

Each Semester, Outreach leads #SGDidThat Week, a week of events centered around interacting with students and working with other organizations and agencies. Students are able to learn about Student Government's initiatives and how SG has played a role in bringing new things to campus.

Other Outreach events



include Get To S'Know Us, Champion of the U, Donut Forget to Vote, and Dudes4Dads.

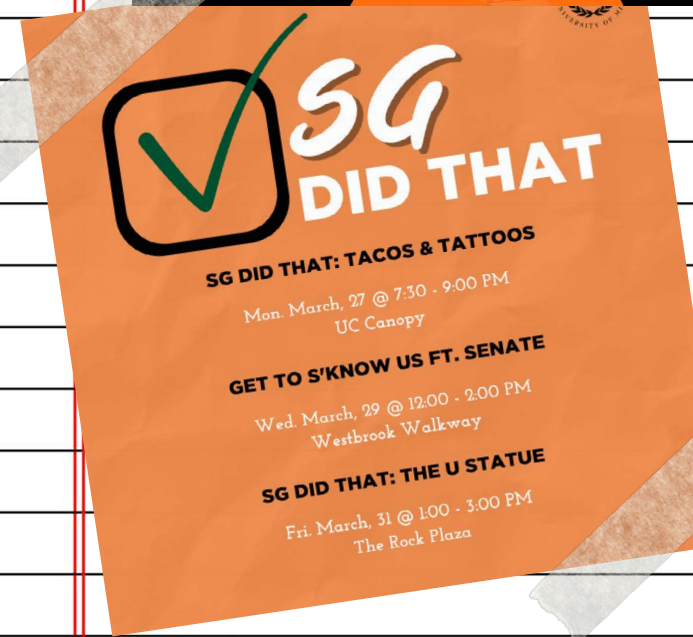
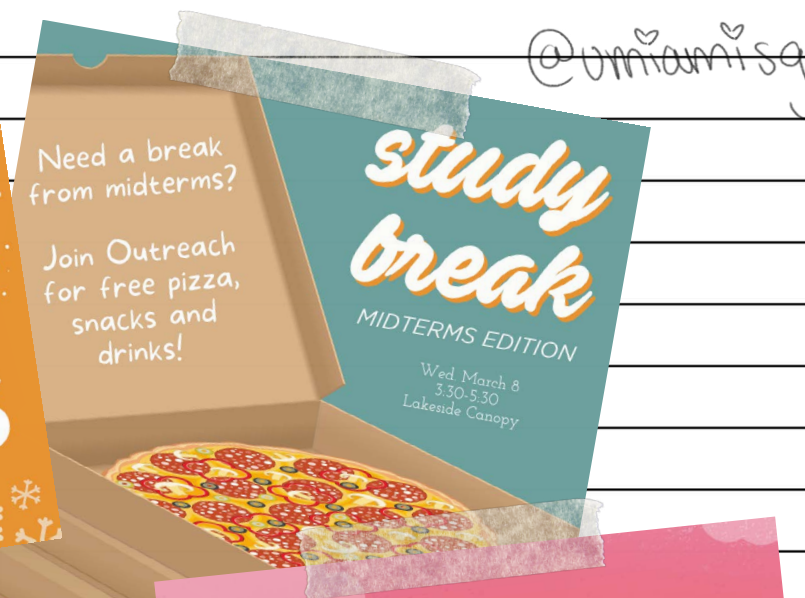
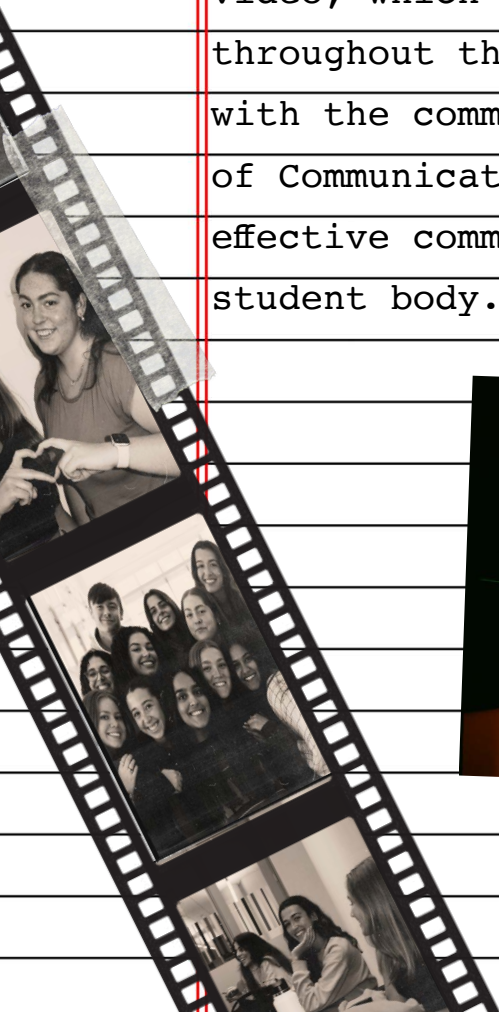
SG DID THAT!



Board of Communications

The 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 year the Board of Communications rebranded the image of Student Government. Our main projects entailed a new logo and brand guide that would establish the image of the organization. The board explored social media trends through design and video, which brought high engagement numbers throughout their platforms. In collaboration with the committees and agencies, the Board of Communications focused on relaunching effective communication network for the student body.



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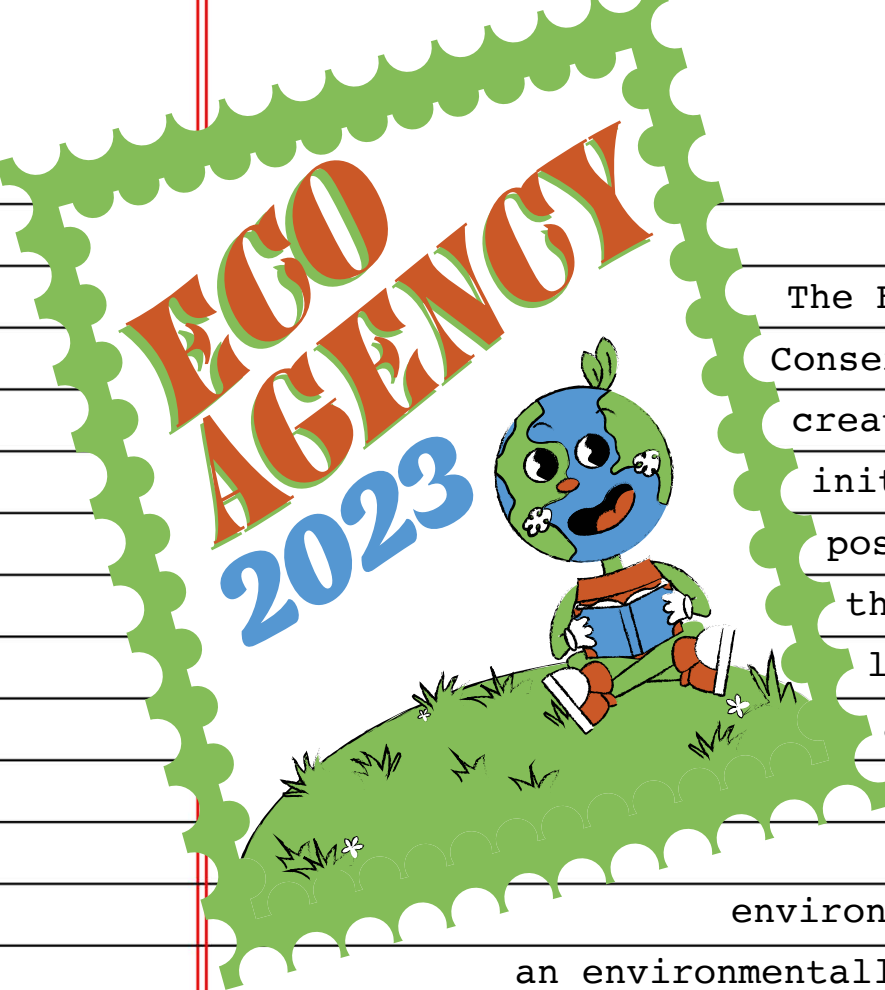


The Elections Commission is made up of a chair, 2 vice-chairs, and 10 wonderful commissioners.

In the Fall semester they held fall Senate elections and hosted collabs with Get Out The Vote and Student Government Outreach. One commuter student seat race resulted in a run-off election and the fall student voter turnout record was broken with 1,241 students casting a ballot.

In the spring, we hosted debates at the Rat for the executive candidates and a run-off election occurred for President.





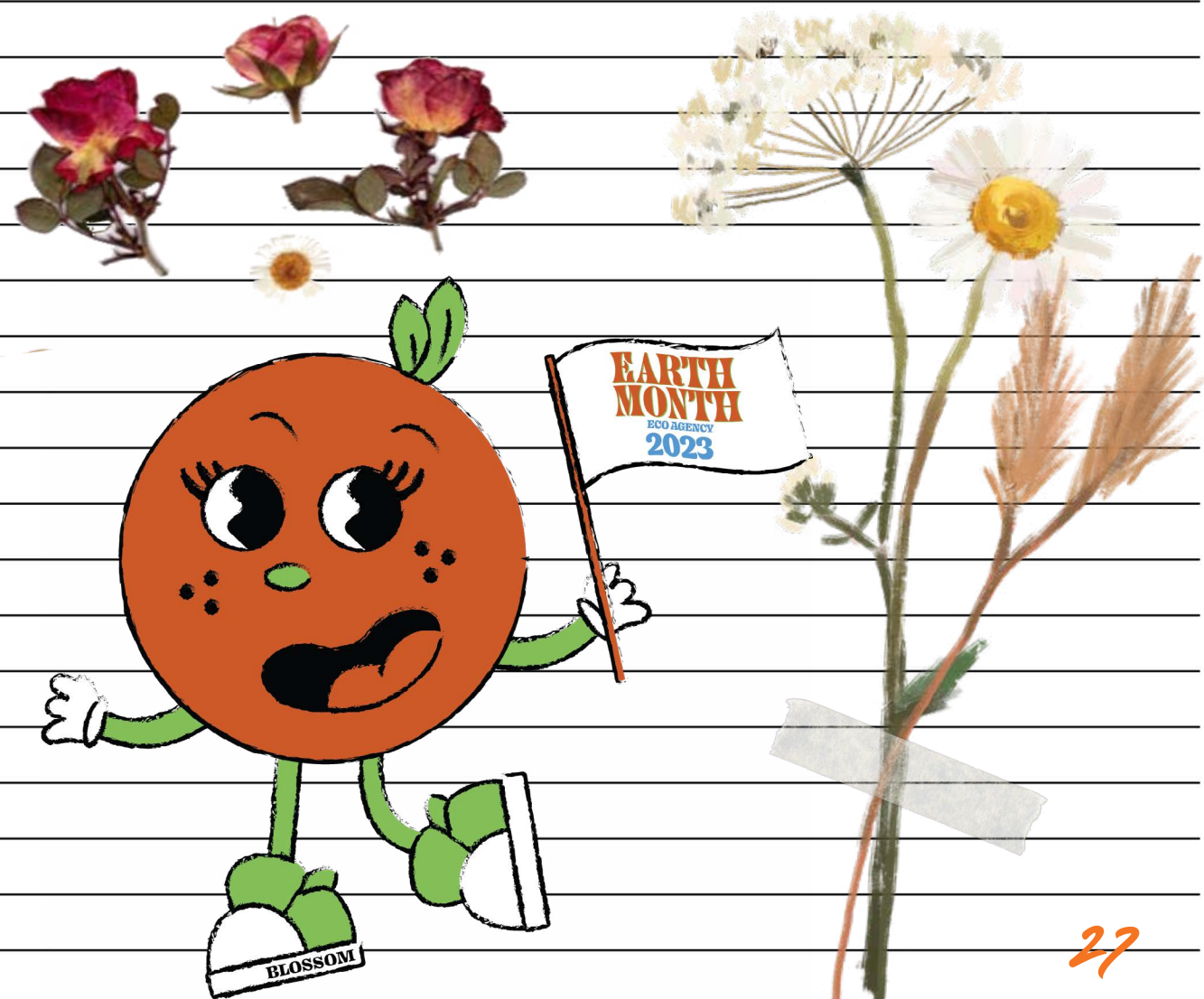
The Environment and Conservation Organization (ECO) creates and implements environmental initiatives on campus to create a positive change for the present and the future. ECO continues to be the leading force of environmentalism and sustainability on campus to better the University of Miami as a whole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

ECO opened the 'Canes Food Pantry' in collaboration with the UM Wesley Church. The pantry is meant to push for food equity and sustainability throughout UM and Miami. To further fight food insecurity, ECO hosted a bake sale on campus, where all proceeds went to Camillus House, a support system for homeless men and women.



ECO partnered with Green U and the Xavier Cortada Foundation to plant mangroves along the Miami Herbert Business School canal to help prevent erosion and to help absorb storm surge impacts from hurricanes.

ECO partnered with UThrift to host a sustainable jewelry making event, where materials, which ranged from bottle caps to magazines and sea shells, were donated by students. For Earth Month, ECO engaged in a month full of events, including recycling games on the Foote Green, a sustainability panel, and beach clean up.



CATEGORY 5



In the fall, Category 5 kicked football season off with the new StormSurge in Hardrock! Catering food and bringing amazing giveaways to students was a blast. Hurricane Prep Rallies were implemented which gave everyone a chance to come together to support the football team! The Volleyball and Soccer student sections got rowdy between the drums at soccer to massive stomping in the bleachers with volleyball. In the spring, Basketball broke multiple records for student attendance and helped in facilitating the Final Four watch party at Watsco as well as multiple other watch parties for March Madness at the Rat!

CATEGORY 5 NEWS

THE EYE MAKES HISTORY

News at the U





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

This year, What Matters to U hosted discussions on environmental consciousness, civic engagement, and storytelling with guest speakers Kal Penn, Marlee Matlin, and Chris Bosh.



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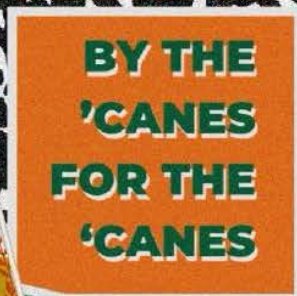
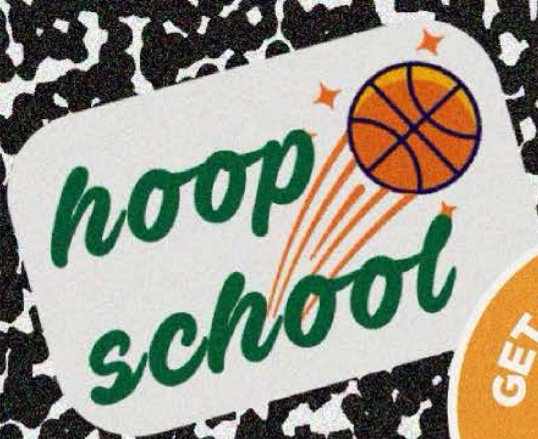
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