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Message from the UMAA President and UMAA Executive Director

This proved to be another great year of innovative change and success for the University of Miami, and this also held true for your Alumni Association. As we grew in tandem with the University, we increased our base membership, expanded alumni programs, and worked to create more meaningful experiences and lasting memories for our alumni. It is our pleasure to share with you the accomplishments of your Alumni Association for 2007-2008, as detailed in this year's Annual Report.

With your help, we reached our highest number yet of University of Miami alumni, students, families, and friends through outreach activities, programs, and volunteer opportunities. This year our membership grew to 150,000 living alumni members, an increase of 4,000 alumni from last year, in a total of 50 states and 148 foreign countries.

Your University of Miami Alumni Association (UMAA) was busy on the road in 2007-2008, visiting a total of 28 different cities through national alumni events and Summer Send-Off receptions. Some of the signature events hosted by your UMAA included the 'Canes Film Showcase at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles; the Great American Treasure Chest in New York, featuring Dean Shelton Berg of the Frost School of Music; and the Women Executives Luncheon in Coral Gables, which connected alumnae business executives with Barbara Kahn, new dean of the School of Business Administration.

For the first time in Alumni Association history, we awarded two UMAA Legacy Scholarships to aid incoming legacy students with tuition expenses. The initiative serves as a means to nurture future alumni while supporting student scholarship funding.

One particularly memorable event was the groundbreaking of the Robert and Judi Prokop Newman Alumni Center. Your Alumni Association hosted a grand fete of more than 300 alumni family members and University friends to mark the official beginning of our future “home away from home” on campus.

And, of course, we will not forget the farewell to our beloved Orange Bowl stadium on Friday, November 9, 2007. The UMAA held its last official pregame at the Orange Bowl in a celebration that welcomed back more than 230 former Hurricane football players, hosted thousands of alumni fans, and honored some of UM's top sports legends, including Russell Maryland, A.B. '90, and Gino Torretta, B.B.A. '91. With the national anthem sung by Sony Music recording artist Jon Secada, B.M. '83, M.M. '86, and the official coin toss conducted by actor Dwayne Johnson, B.G.S. '95, and Board of Trustees member Dany Garcia, B.B.A. '92, the evening was the perfect culmination of a 70-year history with the Orange Bowl.

Undoubtedly 2007-2008 was an unforgettable year, and we look forward to 2008-2009! Thank you for all you continue to do for the U, and feel free to contact us (alumni@miami.edu) with recommendations on how we can make your alumni experience better. We are here to serve you.

For the University of Miami,

Jackie Nespral, A.B. ’89
President, UM Alumni Association

Donna A. Arbide, M.B.A. ’95
Executive Director, UM Alumni Association

With the groundbreaking of the Robert and Judi Prokop Newman Alumni Center on January 25, 2008, our new “home away from home” is officially under way. The unforgettable evening included a grand entrance by Sebastian the Ibis with UMAA President Jackie Nespral, A.B. ’89, and the UM marching band. Lead donors Robert, Honorary Alumnus ’08, and Judi, B.B.A. ’63, Prokop Newman recounted their personal love affair with UM in front of more than 300 alumni and friends and explained why the center will become a vital piece of history for the University and UMAA. The reception was a celebration of alumni and their achievements, as well as a tribute to those who have helped make the dream a reality, including the center’s major donors and the hundreds of alumni whose names will be permanently inscribed on alumni center bricks and pavers.

“The Newman Alumni Center will become a home away from home for our alumni, a place for visiting, working, celebrating, and remembering.”

—Donna E. Shalala, President, University of Miami

Held in conjunction with the Board of Trustees’ annual winter meeting and reception, the groundbreaking was the culmination of a dream nine years in the making. The Newman Alumni Center will be located at the corner of Brescia Avenue and Hurricane Drive, the former site of the University’s dance building, and will serve as a signature building on campus with a spectacular design created by the architectural team of Michael Dennis and Associates, and MGE Architects, which is led by alumnus Rolando Conesa Jr., B.Arch. ’82.

With completion slated for 2010, the building will boast a grand ballroom, Gumenick Family Lobby, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson Living Room, Randy Johnson Conference Room, Bruce E. Toll Alumni Library, Sebastian’s Café, Sloan and Genevieve McCrea Business Center, and an alumni donor wall. The Newman Alumni Center will celebrate UM’s alumni, traditions, and history on campus while serving as home for more than 150,000 living alumni.
Wall of Recognition

An integral part of the Newman Alumni Center is the alumni donor wall, which will recognize the achievements of our alumni leaders. Located in the Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson Living Room, the engraved stone wall will be 16-18 feet long by 10 feet tall and will be visible from the outside courtyard. The alumni donor wall grants alumni the opportunity to leave their legacy on this timeless building through a naming gift.

“From the name on the building to the bricks and pavers in the back patio, this center represents the one permanent constituency of UM, its alumni.”

—Donna A. Arbide, M.B.A. ’95,
Executive Director, UMAA

Generosity Builds Our Future Home

Many alumni have generously donated to the Alumni Center campaign since its inception, helping to bring our fundraising total to $20 million as of May 2008. Below are the individuals who have made a donation of $1 million or more to support the Robert and Judi Prokop Newman Alumni Center.

Dany Garcia, B.B.A. ’92
Jerome Gumenick, B.B.A. ’52 and family
Dwayne Johnson, B.G.S. ’95
Randall C. Johnson, A.B. ’71
Robert Newman, Honorary Alumnus ’08, and Judi Prokop Newman, B.B.A. ’63
Mack, B.S.E.S. ’49, and Betty Roper
Bruce Toll, B.B.A. ’65

Clockwise from top left, an artist’s rendering of the Newman Alumni Center’s alumni donor wall, which will carry the legacy of alumni leaders. Enjoying the groundbreaking celebration are UM Executive Vice President and Provost Thomas J. LeBlanc, Anne LeBlanc, Robert, Honorary Alumnus ’08, and Judi Prokop Newman, B.B.A. ’63, and Dany Garcia, B.B.A. ’92; Jackie Nespral, A.B. ’89, and the UM band; and Newman Alumni Center donors Mack, B.S.E.S. ’49, and Betty Roper.
This year the UMAA continued to connect ‘Canes to their alma mater by offering several new campus-based and national programs targeting alumni, current and prospective students, as well as University friends, partners, and community leaders. Through various programs and events, the UMAA strategically enhanced alumni involvement while maintaining the integral alumni spirit of volunteerism and leadership.

**Lifelong Learning**

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES**

This year’s Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series featured not one but two prominent alumni, who shared their hard-earned insights with more than 70 students in the classroom. In February, Matt Rubel, M.B.A. ’80, chairman, chief executive officer, and president, Collective Brands, Inc., returned to campus to speak with School of Business Administration students about his success in “democratizing fashion and design in footwear” by creating more appealing shoe stores and bringing contemporary styles to Payless ShoeSource. In March, School of Business Administration students welcomed T. Kendall “Ken” Hunt, B.B.A. ’65, who spoke about his “16-year overnight success” in a global market of business product innovation and assisted students in deconstructing the current job marketplace.

**ETHICS FILM SERIES**

The UMAA continued its partnership with the University’s Ethics Programs and the School of Communication, along with support from community leader, philanthropist, and Board of Trustee member Adrienne Arsht, to present the Ethics Film Series, which promotes ethical behavior through intellectual debate. This year’s series featured the movies *A League of Their Own*, *The Constant Gardener*, and *Maxed Out* and explored topics such as gender discrimination in sports and ethical issues regarding research, responsibility, and illness in Africa. A total of 150 guests attended the movie screenings and participated in panel discussions led by distinguished University of Miami faculty and staff members, including Jeffrey Brosco, from the Miller School of Medicine, and Warren Whisenant, from the School of Education. Aimed to stimulate critical thinking through the discussion of ethical issues in “reel-life,” the series proved to be a great forum for student expression in an academic arena.

**WOMEN EXECUTIVES LUNCHEON**

As the University welcomed Dean Barbara Kahn, the first woman ever to lead the School of Business Administration, the UMAA invited top female business leaders from South Florida’s corporate, public, and academic sectors to a private networking luncheon. More
than 85 women, including Sue Cobb, J.D. ’78, former Florida Secretary of State and former U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, attended the reception to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing women as business, community, and thought leaders. Many networking ties were formed and many personal stories were shared at the reception, including Dean Barbara Kahn’s professional journey in business.

A Grand Homecoming
Alumni Weekend and Homecoming, the UMAA’s largest on-campus signature program, saw more than 1,500 alumni return to their alma mater, including former Hurricanes football star and 2007 Pro Football Hall of Famer Michael Irvin, B.B.A. ’88, who served as the Alumni Weekend and Homecoming Grand Marshal. The Audrey R. Finkelstein UM Experience continued to serve as the highlight of alumni education during Alumni Weekend, bringing alumni and friends back to the classroom to hear from distinguished University faculty members. This year’s UM Experience drew more than 175 guests and featured five of the University’s schools and colleges with topics ranging from “$5 a Gallon for Gasoline—Myth or Reality” to “Copyright and Culture: Contending Perspectives.”

Beyond the Homecoming Weekend favorites—Old Timers Reunion (Supercanes!), 50th Class Reunion, Farewell Brunch, Audrey R. Finkelstein UM Experience, and Pregame Celebration—alumni also enjoyed Alumni Avenue, the UMAA’s newest and largest reunion program. Gaining popularity since its 2006 inception, Alumni Avenue brought more than 500 alumni back to campus for a giant reunion block party centered around Stanford Circle on the Coral Gables campus. Alumni Avenue expanded this year to feature the 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, and 40th Class Reunions, the Recent Grads Reunion, and reunions for 18 affiliate groups, including 13 affinity and six school and college reunions (up from three school and college reunions last year). Some of this year’s affiliate group participants included Iron Arrow, UM Cheerleaders, Band of the Hour, the College of Arts and Sciences, Miami Circle, the Miller School of Medicine, and Sigma Chi. Additionally, Alumni Weekend and Homecoming provided an opportunity for the UMAA to work with local businesses in raising more than $42,000 in cash and in-kind corporate sponsorships.

“I enjoy having the opportunity to help shape the future of an entity that in the past helped shape mine.”
—Dany Garcia, B.B.A. ’92, University trustee and Alumni Board member
'Canes Across America

NATIONAL ALUMNI CLUB PROGRAM

The National Alumni Club and Contact Program continues to give alumni opportunities to become engaged with the extended University community and to volunteer in a leadership capacity. With alumni leaders nationally and internationally, the UMAA has been able to reach a greater number of alumni than ever before. This year a total of 20 national alumni clubs were active in places such as Dallas, San Diego, New York, Washington, D.C., Boston, and Chicago. This is an increase from 18 the prior year. The total number of alumni contacts grew from 25 to 26, with a new contact in Germany. In all, these global alumni leaders held a total of 397 events throughout the year, 98 more events than during 2006-2007.

NATIONAL ALUMNI CLUB BANNER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Banner Recognition program continues to motivate and reward national alumni clubs throughout the country that plan and execute events or programs in each of the five PRIDE areas during one fiscal year. The PRIDE areas include:

- Professional and social networking
- Recruitment of students and scholarship fundraising
- Ibis sports-related programs
- Devotion to the community
- Education of alumni

Since the program’s inception four years ago, a total of 29 national alumni clubs—including eight clubs in 2007-2008—received a PRIDE Banner at the Annual Alumni Awards Reception. In addition to receiving a banner, for the first time this year the groups were awarded a $500 credit to be used toward club business expenses the following fiscal year.

NATIONAL ALUMNI TOUR FEATURING OUR NEW DEANS

In spring 2008, our New Deans Tour, “Welcoming Leaders of Distinction,” featured Shelton G. Berg, dean of the Frost School of Music, and Barbara E. Kahn, dean of the School of Business Administration. This tour gave alumni, parents, and friends across the country an opportunity to meet and interact with these two extraordinary educators and hear their vision for the future. In all, the UMAA introduced the deans to more than 700 alumni in five key markets—Chicago, Greater New York, Washington, D.C., Long Island, and Philadelphia.

Representatives of alumni clubs that received PRIDE banners showcase their honors at the Annual Alumni Awards Reception.

2007–2008 PRIDE Banner Recipients

Atlanta Hurricane and Alumni Club—President Larry Kunin, M.B.A. ’90
Alumni Club of Broward—President Robert Martin, B.G.S. ’74
Chicago Alumni Club—President Stan Papuga, B.B.A. ’67
Houston Alumni Club—President Dawn Rodak, B.S.Ed. ’84, M.S.Ed. ’86
Greater New York Alumni Club—President Paul McDonnough, B.B.A. ’89
San Diego Alumni Club—President Courtney Berg, B.B.A. ’04
Southwest Florida Alumni Club—President Randy Cash, B.S. ’81
Washington, D.C. Alumni Club—President Scott Myer, A.B. ’85, M.F.A. ’90
PREGAME S UNITE ‘CAN ES ON THE ROAD

Every year the UMAA hosts pregames at home and on the road to provide the ultimate game experience for alumni and fans. Pregames feature the official ‘Canes Pep Rally, giveaways, plenty of food and refreshments, and lots of Hurricane spirit. The 2007-2008 away pregames took us to Oklahoma and Tallahassee. The trip to the Midwest enabled us to capture a new audience of alumni from the surrounding states of Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, and Arkansas. By reaching out to these areas, the UMAA united alumni with their alma mater through an exciting tailgate experience that was reminiscent of their undergraduate days.

With approximately 55 percent of our alumni living in Florida, hosting the second away pregame in our home state was an obvious choice. The pre-game at Florida State University was a great success, with more than 450 alumni and friends in attendance and an exciting 37-29 win over our longtime Seminole rivals—on their home turf. Together, the away pregames in Oklahoma and Tallahassee successfully united close to 1,200 alumni, parents, friends, and fans, while the final home pregame at the Orange Bowl united more than 1,000 ‘Cane enthusiasts.

‘CANES FILM SHOWCASE

For the third consecutive year, the UMAA partnered with the School of Communication to screen award-winning student films through the ‘Canes Film Showcase at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles. A total of 550 alumni, parents, and friends of the University attended this year’s event, including alumni Juan Carlos Coto, B.S.C. ’88, co-executive producer of 24; Michael Robin, A.B. ’85, executive producer/director of Nip/Tuck and The Closer; Jeanne Wolf, A.B. ’61, M.A. ’66, West Coast editor of Parade magazine; David Nutter, ’83, director of Without a Trace, Entourage, Band of Brothers, and The Sarah Connor Chronicles; and David Isaacs, A.B. ’71, television writer for Cheers, Frasier, and M*A*S*H.

THE GREAT AMERICAN TREASURE CHEST

The UMAA partnered with the Frost School of Music for an unforgettable evening, “The Great American Treasure Chest,” in the Oak Room Cabaret at the Algonquin Hotel in New York. The evening featured Shelton G. Berg, dean of the Frost School of Music, Concord recording artist, and internationally acclaimed jazz pianist, along with multiple Grammy-nominated vocalist Tierney Sutton. The sold-out concert for 70 alumni and parents filled the world-renowned Oak Room Cabaret to capacity in a magical evening of jazz music and conversation. The event showcased the talents of our dean in an intimate setting in one of the most famous entertainment venues in New York.
Reaching Out to Future ‘Canes
THE UMAA BOOK AWARD PROGRAM

The UMAA Book Award Program continues to increase University awareness by honoring high school juniors who have excelled academically and demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. Approximately 152 high schools across the country participated in the program (a 12-school increase from the previous year), each one nominating an outstanding junior-year student to be presented with a personalized letter from the UMAA, along with a copy of the Concise Oxford American Dictionary. The program provided valuable volunteer opportunities for alumni who presented, and in many cases sponsored, the book for their hometown high school.

SUMMER SEND-OFF RECEPTIONS

Incoming freshmen and transfer students were introduced to the UMAA and initiated as “Alumni in Training” at the 2007 Summer Send-Off receptions hosted by alumni and parents nationwide. These receptions were held in 26 cities (up from 20 cities in 2006), including Chicago, New York, and a first-ever reception in Puerto Rico. The send-offs connected more than 940 students, alumni, and parents at intimate gatherings that allowed students and parents to learn more about the University before leaving their hometown.

LEGACY PROGRAM

The University welcomed 220 legacy students to campus in the fall. Legacy students carry on the family tradition of parents or grandparents who attended the University of Miami. In four short years, the UMAA has expanded the Legacy Program to include a total of 829 legacy students on campus. All legacy families were invited to the UMAA’s Second Annual Legacy Reception, held during New Student Orientation Week. During the reception, the UMAA presented the inaugural University of Miami Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship, awarding $5,000 each to two deserving incoming students.

Connecting Current Students: Alumni in Training

UM AMBASSADORS

The UMAA continued to raise the visibility of future-alumni involvement on campus this year through student advancement programming. The 41-member UM Ambassador student leadership group carried out the “Alumni in Training” theme at key events during the year, including Student Orientation’s ’Cane Kickoff session, the President’s Freshmen Welcome Picnic, the Canefest Involvement Fair, and the spring Alumni Awareness Day. In addition, the UM Ambassadors sponsored the Freshmen Welcome and Final Exam
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Care Package program, which allowed parents to send their son or daughter a special UMAA package of goodies with a personalized note. The program not only connected students and parents but helped spread the UMAA message to more than 1,000 students and raised in excess of $2,500 to support student advancement programming.

CLASS RING PROGRAM

On April 29, Linda Dunn Brown, B.Ed. ’73, M.Ed. ’77, a former UMAA Board of Director officer and granddaughter of the University’s first president, Bowman Foster Ashe, hosted the Fourth Annual Class Ring Ceremony, at which Provost Thomas LeBlanc presented more than 200 class rings to current University students and alumni. The ring program, designed to strengthen institutional pride and build alumni awareness among juniors and seniors, gathered close to 600 people at the BankUnited Center in Coral Gables to share in the celebration of UM pride, diversity, and commitment to excellence.

BLACK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through a continued partnership with the Woodson Williams Marshall Association (WWMA), the Black Alumni Society has provided leadership fundraising efforts for five consecutive years for the Black Alumni Scholarship Fund, and has worked to review scholarship applications and select individual award recipients annually. During 2007-2008, the two organizations proudly presented 11 scholarships with a combined value of $45,000 to current undergraduates.

CLASS OF 2008 LICENSE PLATE OFFER

For the second year, the UMAA offered graduating students a $25 credit toward the price of a UM license plate for new plate purchases in the State of Florida. The program helped increase the University’s visibility throughout the state and gave brand-new alums a clever way to showcase their Hurricane pride.

UMAA Achievement by the Numbers

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A Generous Community of 22,536 alumni—the largest number of alumni donors in the Annual Fund’s history—pulled together once again to deliver strong support for the needs of the University. Overall, alumni support continued to be a robust part of UM philanthropy this year, contributing more than $29 million—a 28 percent increase over last year—to support the growth of University academic programs and funding for student scholarships. The year was not without challenges, as most institutions around the United States continued to report a decrease in the number of alumni donors; but through the combined efforts of the Annual Fund and the various schools, colleges, and fundraising departments across campuses, this year’s Annual Fund proved there is strength in numbers!

More than 22,500 alumni gave back to their alma mater—the largest number of alumni donors in the University’s Annual Fund history.

With You, We Made a Difference!

Behind the Numbers
- Of the $29 million in alumni giving University-wide, the Annual Fund accounted for $6,363,621, an increase of 29 percent.
- The University’s alumni participation rate remained strong, at 19 percent.
- The Senior Class Gift program continued to educate students on the importance of giving back to the University. This year’s seniors raised an impressive $20,452 from approximately 1,500 donations.
- More than 225 students, Calling ’Canes, were hired and trained to solicit alumni, parents, seniors, and friends of the University. The Calling ’Canes telemarketing campaign secured more than $750,000 in gifts and pledge payments from constituents, including alumni, parents, and friends of the University.
- Calling ’Canes staff achieved a 13 percent increase in attempts over the previous year and a 17 percent increase in completed calls.
- Telemarketing fulfillment rose to 69 percent, an 8 percent increase attributed to improved confirmation and thank-you processes as well as a consistent reminder process.
- The direct-mail program informed alumni about the Annual Fund and promoted donor participation through more than 238,000 direct-mail pieces.
- The University of Miami secured $350,047 in matching gifts from companies that employ UM alumni, parents, and friends. This figure represents an increase of 8 percent over last year.

Innovative ‘Asks’
As more philanthropy in today’s world is being conducted online, the University’s Annual Fund created the first high-definition video e-solicitation campaign to bolster support from non-donors. The video, with shots of campus footage for alumni near and far, featured UMAA

Jackie Nespral, A.B. ’89, UMAA president, makes an e-plea for the Annual Fund with the aid of Sebastian the Ibis.
President Jackie Nespral, A.B. ’89, and two student scholarship recipients. The campaign, e-mailed to 39,533 alumni in the month of May, gave alumni a personal account of the importance of scholarship dollars and funding for University programs.

Building a Regional Pipeline of Donors
In its first full year of regional outreach, the Regional Development Team worked in tandem with existing UMAA programs to educate alumni on the importance of giving back to cultivate new leadership gifts across the country through personal solicitations.

- Gifts generated by the Regional Development Team totaled $330,425 from 319 donors.
- A total of 120 leadership gifts were successfully solicited, generating $285,043 in revenue, including 16 protégé-level gifts from young alumni.

- The Regional Development Team traveled to 25 geographic areas and visited 390 prospects.

Leadership Giving
The President’s Circle giving society hosted two successful receptions for leadership level donors ($1,000 and above): Tango Fusion in the fall and Jazz Picnic on the Green in the spring. The Tango Fusion event, part of Festival Miami, showcased the Cuartetango String Quartet’s original style of Argentine tango, while Jazz Picnic on the Green featured a performance by musicians from the Frost School of Music as guests enjoyed a picnic lunch on the shore of Lake Osceola. Both events welcomed a total of 300 alumni donors and their guests and served as a celebration of the efforts of our alumni benefactors.

“There are so many opportunities to explore. As a scholarship recipient, I wouldn’t be here without alumni support.”
—Gabe Trieger, junior liberal arts major and Calling ‘Cane

Sebastian lends a hand to the Calling ‘Canes while hundreds enjoy the Jazz Picnic on the Green.
Children of current Parents Program members extend their thanks and showcase their UM pride.

**Connecting Parents to UM**

Another means of extending the University’s family is through financial support from the Parents Program. Only in its second year, the Parents Program raised a total of $286,148 in unrestricted dollars to support the University. The second year showed a 20 percent increase in monies. The Parents Program continues to serve as a bridge between students and their families to encourage a strong community connection. Through leadership on the Parents Council, parents are active members in their student’s education, hosting parent lunches to strengthen parent programming, working to increase Parents Fund participation, and providing additional opportunities for parent involvement.

**Alumni Participation**

Alumni support for the Annual Fund in FY08 helped the University of Miami maintain a 19 percent participation rate.

**Total Alumni Annual Fund Dollars**

Alumni Annual Fund revenue reached $6,363,621, a gain of 29 percent from 2007.

**Total Alumni Donors**

A total of 22,536 alumni donors is the largest in the University’s history—caused, in part, by engaging and soliciting a greater number of UM alumni through innovative methods.
Online Community
Involved and Connected

The UMAA continues to improve its online services to keep alumni involved and connected with each other and their alma mater. This year the UMAA focused on creating Web pages to highlight new alumni programming and events, including the Young Alumni program; the Legacy Program; ’Canes baseball travel to Omaha; and UMAA international outreach in São Paulo, Brazil, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. The UMAA also used the Web in 2008 to promote its new limited-edition tie and scarf collection, which sold out in just three short months. Creating online photo galleries to spotlight programming events as well as members of the Alumni Board of Directors added a personal touch to the Web site.

Wide Web of ’Canes
In addition to improving the University of Miami Alumni Association home page, the UMAA worked on improving its online features and upgrading its online community.

- More than 1,590 alumni registered in the MiamiAlumni.net online community and conducted 16,846 searches for fellow ’Canes.
- A record-breaking 344 Class Notes were submitted online, triple the number submitted online last year.
- UM National Alumni Club leaders and contacts used the online Volunteer Connections tool to send more than 330 e-mail messages to their constituent base, a 41 percent increase in the number of e-mails sent.

Connecting Online
This year the UMAA Web site, www.miami.edu/alumni, provided Alumni Association program information, services, and much more.

- Average number of monthly visits increased 7.0 percent this year to total 12,847.
- Average number of monthly visitors increased 7.8 percent this year to total 8,623.
- Average monthly page views were 25,675—up 3 percent.
- Of the visitors to the UMAA Web site this year, 66 percent were first-timers.
- The percentage of those who visited from the U.S. was 92 percent; the remaining 8 percent were divided among 165 other countries, including Spain, Germany, Brazil, Estonia, Monaco, Iceland, and Bangladesh.

Electronic Publications
- Over 1.2 million e-mails were sent to more than 59,972 subscribers of @Miami, the UMAA’s monthly electronic newsletter.
- Over 628,000 e-mails were sent to more than 26,185 subscribers to e-Alumni Connections, the UMAA’s biweekly events bulletin.

Reaching Out

Membership
- Mailed more than 13,500 new UM Alumni Association membership cards.
- Launched a new program to reach out to alumni-owned businesses and provide fellow UM grads a discount in their establishment. Adding to the expanding list of alumni benefits, downtown Miami’s Tropical Smoothie Café gives a 10 percent alumni discount.

Visibility
- Continued to improve the UMAA’s program communication and marketing by recording selected on-hold messages on the Alumni Association main line, 305-284-2872.
- Increased the distribution of Miami magazine to include the following international destinations: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, the United Kingdom, the Bahamas, and Canada.
- Launched the 2008 UM Alumni Directory project to reach more than 150,000 living alumni, to update their UM alumni record, and enable them to purchase the limited-edition collectable directory.
THROUGH THE ANNUAL Alumni Awards Reception, the University of Miami Alumni Association honors those individuals who have served the University of Miami with pride and distinction.

EDWARD T. FOOTE II ALUMNUS OF DISTINCTION AWARD
Frank Angones, A.B. ’72, J.D. ’76
This award recognizes a distinguished alumnus who has brought honor and recognition to the University for outstanding personal or professional achievement.

HENRY KING STANFORD ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD
Robert Mann, A.B. ’70
This award is presented to a graduate who has rendered continuous exemplary service to the University.

WILLIAM R. BUTLER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Lauryn Williams, B.B.A. ’05
This award is named in honor of retired University Vice President William R. Butler to recognize distinguished University of Miami alumni who have demonstrated unparalleled commitment to volunteerism.

INSIDE OUT AWARD
Frank Haith, Head Coach, UM Men’s Basketball
The definition of the Inside Out Award reads somewhat like a riddle. It is presented to “a member of the University of Miami administration, faculty, or staff who is working on the inside helping to bring those on the outside who used to be inside but are now outside back inside.”


ORANGE: OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
Robert Denholtz, B.B.A. ’71
This award is presented to an alumnus who has participated in and supported the activities of the University of Miami and University of Miami Alumni Association in an outstanding manner.

GREEN: OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISER AWARD
Patricia, B.B.A. ’57, and Allan, B.B.A. ’55, M.B.A. ’58, Herbert
This award is presented to an alumnus or group who has shown superior leadership of and involvement with the Annual Fund and other development activities.

WHITE: OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE GROUP AWARD
Miami Circle
This award is presented to an affiliate group or group member for dedicated service in promotion of the welfare of the University of Miami.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD
Devang Desai, A.B. ’97, J.D. ’03, and Nilson Mejia, B.S.N. ’06, M.S.N. ’07
This award is presented to recent graduates (within the last ten years) who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the University of Miami through personal effort and enthusiastic participation.

STUDENT OF DISTINCTION AWARD
Joshua Morales
Undergraduate Student, School of Business Administration
Ryan Kairalla
Undergraduate Student, School of Business Administration
Student Model United Nations Team
In 2000, the University of Miami Alumni Association established this award for students who bring honor and recognition to the University of Miami through their outstanding personal achievements.
INVESTMENTS IN OUR ALUMNI, through the University of Miami Alumni Association, are investments in the future. With the recent graduating class of 2008, our alumni family has grown to include more than 150,000 living alumni of record. UMAA programming aims to reach out to all of our ‘Canes living in more than 50 states and 148 countries to create new relationships, reconnect with familiar faces, and garner financial support to ensure the future of the UMAA. Your Alumni Association reflects on the importance of its permanent constituency—our alumni—and values the various forms of continued funding, including personal gifts, matching gifts from companies, and corporate sponsorships—which brought in more than $21,000 for programming this year.

2007–2008 Program Expense Distribution*

10-Year Program Budget

Revenue from Affinity Partners

*Sponsorship dollars included
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