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## **Miami Dade College Volleyball Team Ranked No. 2 in the Nation for the 2011-12 Season**

**Miami, August 26, 2011** – The Miami Dade College volleyball team is ranked No. 2 according to the recently released NJCAA Division I preseason poll. Last season the Lady Sharks won the State and District Championships and had a team record of 33-1. MDC finished last season 5<sup>th</sup> in the Nation in their 40th appearance in National Tournament. In its history, the volleyball team has won 37 State Championships and 7 National Championships since 1969.

This year Miami Dade College will prepare for Nationals once again. The Lady Sharks will play with eight nationally ranked teams including College of Southern Idaho, Salt Lake Community College, Barton Community College, North Idaho College, Yavapai College, Hillsborough Community College and State College of Florida.

The volleyball team will start the season on September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with a home game vs. Indian River State, followed by a second game with Palm Beach State College in Lakeworth, FL. A third game back at home vs. Brevard Community College will take place on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Then, the Lady Sharks will travel to Twin Falls, Idaho, September 16-17, to take on #16 Barton College, #5 College of Southern Idaho, #7 Salt Lake Community College, #17 North Idaho College and #20 Yavapai College in their early season Tournament.

**REGULAR SEASON:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tue., Sept. 6	Indian River State	Miami, FL**	7:00 P.M.
Thur., Sept. 8	*Palm Beach State College	Lakeworth, FL	7:00 P.M.
Tue., Sept. 13	*Brevard Community College	Miami, FL**	6:00 P.M.
Fri., Sept. 17	Tourn. Starr Corp.: N. Idaho College	Twin Falls, ID	11:00 P.M.
Fri., Sept. 17	Tourn. Starr Corp.: N. Idaho College	Twin Falls, ID	1:00 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 18	Tourn. Starr Corp.: Salt Lake C.C.	Twin Falls, ID	11:00 A.M.
Sat., Sept. 18	Tourn. Starr Corp.: Salt Lake C.C.	Twin Falls, ID	11:00 A.M.
Tue., Sept. 20	*Broward College	Miami, FL**	7:00 P.M.
Tue., Sept. 27	*Indian River State College	Ft. Pierce, FL	7:00 P.M.
Tue., Oct. 4	*Palm Beach State College	Miami, FL**	7:00 P.M.
Fri., Oct. 7	Tourn. Manatee	Sarasota, FL	TBA
Sat., Oct. 8	Tourn. Manatee	Sarasota, FL	TBA
Tue., Oct. 11	*Brevard College	Titusville, FL	6:00 P.M.
Thur., Oct. 18	*Broward College	Davie, FL	7:00 P.M.
Fri., Oct. 14	Tourn. Jacksonville: Fl. State College	Jacksonville, FL	TBA
Sat., Oct. 15	Tourn. Jacksonville: Fl. State College	Jacksonville, FL	TBA
Thurs-Sat.	FCCAA State/NJCAA District Tourn.,	TBA, FL	TBA
Thurs-Sat.	NJCAA Tournament		TBA

\*Conference Games

\*\*Home Games @ Kendall Campus,  
Gibson Center Gym 11011 SW 104th St,  
Miami, FL 33176

Miami Dade College Department of Athletics prides itself in the sponsorship of academic development and promotion of sports. The teams have earned a total of 33 NJCAA titles, including 13 in women's sports.

Miami Dade College recognizes that intercollegiate athletics and athletic competition for talented students is an integral part of the overall educational process and mission of the college. The intercollegiate athletic program at Miami Dade College strives to enrich the lives of participants by providing quality coaching, facilities, and support services, with equal treatment and resources available to all participants, regardless of race, gender, religion, marital status, age, national origin, handicap or financial resources.

The intercollegiate athletic program will work in partnership with its dynamic, multi-cultural community to provide accessible and high quality guidance and direction by keeping the needs of the student-athlete at the center of decision-making. Only the highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct are expected of students, coaches, staff, and administrators associated with the intercollegiate athletic and club sports program at Miami Dade College.

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