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Many important Floridians going to Israel with DeSantis, but details still sketchy

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There are some perception concerns. Ron Book, a prominent Tallahassee lobbyist who is also the father of Sen. Lauren Book, said he is flying to Israel separately on the last day of the state mission, along with the senator's husband and children for an extended visit on "personal time."

"I try not to mix my stuff with her stuff," he said. "I'm not going to the mission."

Fried, who is also listed as bringing her boyfriend Jake Bergmann, a former CEO of medical marijuana company Surterra, has said she would be embarking to Israel ahead of the rest of the group. While most attendees will be leaving Saturday, she promised to complete her own trade mission first with meetings related to medical marijuana and blue-green algae research, for example, and join with the rest of the group later.

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The entourage includes several leaders of Zionist groups, like Morton Klein of the Zionist Organization of America, which advocate for Israel as a Jewish homeland and have taken hard lines against Palestinian groups. While in Congress, DeSantis was a staunch backer of Israel and a leader in the successful push to move the American embassy to Jerusalem, a move criticized by some for further stoking conflict.

The issues of supporting Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have become more contentious in American politics as of late than any period in recent memory. A 2018 Pew Research Center report found that the partisan divide over sympathies for Israel versus Palestine is now wider than any point since 1978.

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Another aspect of the trip that remains murky is the cost. State leaders' offices either did not respond to questions asking for an estimate of the trip's expenses for the state, or said they could not provide a number at this time.

Many of the non-elected officials will be responsible for paying their own way, while Geller said his portion, which he estimated will be \$3,000 to \$4,000, was being covered by the Legislature's travel funds. A spokesman for Fried said her portion was being paid for out of agricultural marketing dollars.

Lauren Schenone, spokeswoman for the attorney general, said Moody's flight is being paid for out of private funds through Enterprise Florida, the state's job creation organization which counts many of the state's largest corporations as investors.

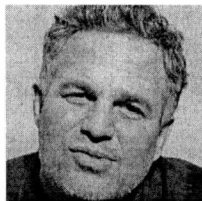
Former Gov. Rick Scott took three official trips to Israel during his eight-year tenure.

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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, center, speaks during a bill signing ceremony on May 9 at the William J. Kirlow Junior Academy, in Miami Gardens. LYNNE SLADKY AP

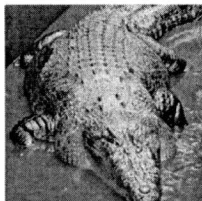
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Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks at an April news conference. Also pictured is First Lady Casey DeSantis.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is bringing a delegation of more than 90 people with him on his business mission to Israel this weekend.



Among those that will be traveling with the governor will be a delegation from the University of North Florida.

"Our delegation includes professionals and experts from a wide range of policy and business areas, representing every corner of our state. During this trip, we will affirm Florida as the most pro-Israel state in the nation and strengthen the bond between Florida and Israel for decades to come," DeSantis said in an email to WJCT News on Wednesday.

Organized in conjunction with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the trip's mission will be to

strengthen the economic, academic and cultural bonds between Florida and Israel.

Called the Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel, the trip runs from Saturday, May 25 through Friday, May 31.

Representing the University of North Florida will be:

- **Heather Duncan**, Vice President of Government Affairs
- **Samia Abdel-Malek**, Chair, Construction Management, College of Engineering, Computing and Construction
- **Dan Moon**, Associate Provost and Professor of Biology
- **Jamie Moon**, Associate Lecturer

A long list of Florida cabinet members, academia and business leaders will also be joining the governor.

From travel, lodging and meals to security, no cost estimates have been released for the trip. But it could be hundreds of thousands of dollars, based on an analysis using travel sites such as Kayak.com and Expedia.com.

The traveling party will include an undisclosed number of state law-enforcement officers providing security for the governor and Cabinet members.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement noted that, according to state laws, the governor can request security services for people other than himself where "failure to provide security or transportation could result in a clear and present danger to the personal safety of such persons."

State law also says security services can be granted to people at the request of the governor if not doing so "could result in public embarrassment to the state."

Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried's office said it understood that the FDLE was continuing to review the trip for security purposes.

Florida's tourism-marketing agency, Visit Florida, is scheduled to host a networking reception in Tel Aviv with Israeli companies.

Also, DeSantis has indicated that he will sign a bill (HB 741) to combat anti-Semitism during the trip. Under the bill, the state's education system would add religion as a protected class regarding discrimination against students and employees. Currently, people are protected from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, marital status or disability.

The state has not posted an agenda for the Cabinet meeting, which is expected to be held May 29. But during the Cabinet meeting, DeSantis may name winners of grants from Space Florida, the state's aerospace arm, for Florida-based companies working with Israeli companies.

The Space Florida Board of Directors last week approved a list of 12 finalists for "Innovation Partnership Grant Awards." Among the finalists are proposals involving companies such as Harris Corp. and Lockheed Martin Space Systems.

"The trip is an opportunity to strengthen the Florida-Israel relationship, and to bring home to Florida ideas and innovations from one of the world's leading nations on technology and research," Fried spokesman Franco Ripple said in a statement.

The Florida Channel, the state-funded public affairs network, intends to have a crew in Israel to cover DeSantis and state Cabinet members as they meet overseas. The Florida Channel airs on WJCT Channel 7.4 (<https://www.wjct.org/tv-schedule/>).

The attendees announced as of Wednesday morning, May 22 are:

Co-Chairs

Ellyn Bogdanoff, Shareholder and member of the Government Practice Group at the Becker Law Firm.

Simon and Jana Falic, Simon Falic is the CEO and Chairman of Duty Free Americas, Inc. and Jana Falic is the Co-President of the Women's International Zionist Organization.

Barbara Feingold, Speech and language pathologist and philanthropist.

Jeffrey Feingold, a Florida-licensed periodontist. He established MCNA Dental Plans in 1992.

Marc Goldman, the former owner of Farmland Dairies. He is on the advisory board of the Jerusalem based Aish HaTorah and is a board member of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

Carlyn and Lothar Mayer, philanthropists. Carlyn has been on the American Israel Public Affairs National Board (AIPAC) while Lothar is on the AIEF (American Israel Foundation).

Delegation Members

Florida Cabinet and Elected Officials

- **Governor Ron DeSantis**
- **Attorney General Ashley Moody**
- **Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis**
- **Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried** (Jake Bergmann)
- **Senator Wilton Simpson** (Kathryn Simpson)
- **Representative Chris Sprowls**
- **Senator Lauren Book**
- **Representative Randy Fine**
- **Representative Chip LaMarca**
- **Representative Joseph Geller**
- **Broward County Mayor Marc Bogen**
- **Bal Harbour Mayor Gabriel Groisman**

Florida Department and Agency Personnel

- **Pamela Añez**, Senior Executive Assistant, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- **Justin Caporale**, Director of External Affairs, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Frank DiBello**, President and CEO, Space Florida
- **Selma Fates**, Director, International Strategic Initiatives, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- **Helen Ferre**, Communications Director, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Tony Gannon**, Vice President, Research and Innovation, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- **Fred Glickman**, Senior Consultant, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- **Richard Martin**, General Counsel, Florida Office of the Attorney General
- **Manny Mencia**, Senior Vice President, International Trade and Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- **Robert Mons**, Special Assistant to the Governor, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Jared Moskowitz**, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management
- **Christopher Munoz**, Manager, International Trade and Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

- **Judith Rebollar**, Manager, Administration and Export Compliance, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- **Jared Rosenstein**, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management
- **Derek Silver**, Deputy Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation
- **Jamal Sowell**, President and CEO, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- **Shane Strum**, Chief of Staff, Governor Ron DeSantis
- **Noah Valenstein**, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
- **Ryan West**, Chief of Staff, CFO Jimmy Patronis
- **Dana Young**, President and CEO, VISIT FLORIDA

Business

- **Susan Amat**, Executive Director, Global Entrepreneurship Network
- **Alan Becker**, Founding Shareholder, Becker & Poliakoff, P.A.
- **Philip Brown**, CEO, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
- **Bob Diener**, President, getaroom.com (<http://getaroom.com/>)
- **Rachel Feinman**, Executive Director, Florida-Israel Business Accelerator
- **Howard Goldstein**, Senior Partner, Director of Business and Entrepreneurial Services, Appelrouth Farah and Co.
- **Marcy Goldstein**, President, Marcy E. Goldstein, CPA PA
- **Margy Grant**, CEO, Florida Realtors
- **Robert Grossman**, Chair, Israel Practice, Greenberg Traurig, P.A.
- **Fred Karlinsky**, Shareholder, Co-Chair, Insurance Regulatory & Transactions Practice, Greenberg Traurig, P.A.
- **Eytan Laor**, Chairman, Electoral Strategies
- **Vicki Rabenou**, President and CEO, StartUp Nation Ventures
- **Marc Reicher**, Senior Vice President, Rida Associates, LP.
- **Aaron Ripin**, COO, StartUp Nation Ventures
- **Ashley Ross**, Senior Advisor, Rubin, Turnbull & Associates
- **Scott Ross**, Consultant, Capital City Consulting
- **Mark Ruben**, Executive Director, Palm Beach, Israel Bonds
- **Eric Sain**, President, Florida Realtors
- **Domingo Sanchez** (Thomas Sanchez), Chairman, Aviation Authority Board, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
- **Danielle Scoggins**, Vice President of Public Policy, Florida Realtors
- **John Sholar**, Florida Realtors

- **Eric Silagy**, President and CEO, Florida Power & Light Co.
- **Sri Sridharan**, Director, Cyber Florida
- **Jason Unger**, Attorney, Tallahassee Managing Director, GrayRobinson PA
- **Melanie Weinstein**, Interim Executive Director, Miami-Dade/Broward/West & Central Florida, Israel Bonds
- **Jonathan Weiss**, Director of Strategic Innovation, INSIGHTEC, Inc.
- **Mark Wilson**, President, Florida Chamber of Commerce

Academia

- **Dr. Charles Adams**, Dean, Honors College, University of South Florida
- **Christina Bonarrigo Villamil**, Project Manager, Full Sail University
- **Heather Duncan**, Vice President of Government Affairs, University of North Florida
- **Dr. Brent Edington**, Director, Office of Commercialization, Florida State University
- **Dr. Daniel Flynn**, Vice President of Research, Florida Atlantic University
- **Dr. Melissa Friedman-Levine**, Adjunct Professor of Medicine, Florida Atlantic University
- **Dr. Enrique Ginzburg**, Professor of Surgery, University of Miami
- **Morgan Holmes**, Director of Corporate Partnerships, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Max Hooper**, Strategic Advisor – Business & Financial Modeling, University of Central Florida
- **Mimi Jankovits**, Executive Director, Teach Florida
- **Dr. Jeff Jones**, Vice Provost, UCF Connect and UCF Global, University of Central Florida
- **Dr. Sandra Kauanui**, Director, Institute for Entrepreneurship, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Dr. John Kelly**, President, Florida Atlantic University
- **Brad Levine**, Trustee, Florida Atlantic University
- **Dr. Mag Malek** (Samia Abdel-Malek), Chair, Construction Management, College of Engineering, Computing and Construction, University of North Florida
- **Dr. T. Dwayne McCay**, President and CEO, Florida Institute of Technology
- **Dr. David Metcalf**, Director, Mixed Emerging Technologies Integration Lab, University of Central Florida
- **Dr. Dan Moon**, Associate Provost and Professor of Biology, University of North Florida
- **Jamie Moon**, Associate Lecturer, University of North Florida
- **Dr. Larry Robinson** (Sharon Robinson), President, Florida A&M University
- **Dr. Lenore Rodicio**, Executive Vice President and Provost, Miami Dade College
- **Dr. Mark Rosenberg**, President, Florida International University

- **Dr. Jeffrey Senese**, President, Saint Leo University
- **Dr. James Sullivan**, Executive Director, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University

Religious Leaders

- **Rabbi Howard Needleman**, Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El
- **Rabbi Schneur Oirechman**, Chabad of Tallahassee & FSU
- **Dvir Weiss**, Executive Director, Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El

Other

- **Matthew Bogdanoff**, State Director, Republican Jewish Coalition
- **Lior Haiat**, Consul General, Consulate General of Israel in Miami
- **Morton Klein**, National President, Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)
- **Lisa McClaskey**, Director of Political Affairs, Consulate General of Israel in Miami

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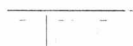
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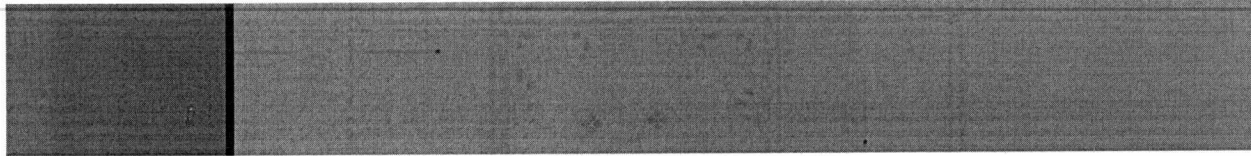
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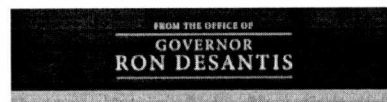
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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Leadership and Delegation for Historic Business Development Mission to Israel

POSTED ON MAY 22, 2019



Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the leadership and delegation for the Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel, which takes place Saturday, May 25th through Friday, May 31st.

Organized in conjunction with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the mission includes more than 90 delegation members and serves to strengthen the economic, academic and cultural bonds between Florida and Israel.

"This group of diverse Florida leaders will represent our state and nation proudly on this historic business development mission to Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East," said Governor DeSantis. "Our delegation includes professionals and experts from a wide range of policy and business areas, representing every corner of our state. During this trip, we will affirm Florida as the most pro-Israel state in the nation and strengthen the bond between Florida and Israel for decades to come."

Business Development Mission Leadership and Delegation

Co-Chairs

Ellyn Bogdanoff

Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff is a Shareholder and member of the Government Practice Group at the Becker Law Firm. She began her career over 30 years ago, owning her first insurance business by the age of 21. In 2003, Senator Bogdanoff began her legal career as a litigator and was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2004, serving 9 sessions in both the Florida House and Senate. She retired from the Senate in 2012 as the only Jewish Republican member of the legislature.

Simon and Jana Falic

Simon Falic is the CEO and Chairman of Duty Free Americas, Inc. and Jana Falic is the Co-President of the Women's International Zionist Organization. The Falics reside in South Florida.

Barbara Feingold

Mrs. Barbara Feingold has engaged in a lifelong pursuit of quality education for children, starting with her professional career as a speech and language pathologist and has served on the Florida State Board of Education. As a leader and philanthropist in the Jewish community, Mrs. Feingold and her husband dedicated The Dr. Jeffrey and Barbara Feingold Family Synagogue and Sefer Torah on the Mishmar Henegev Army Base in the Negev, Israel. She is currently on the Foundation Board of B'nai Torah Congregation where she and her husband recently established a STEM and Computer Coding Educational Center for the preschool, and sponsored the Feingold Family Inaugural Kids Concert Series.

The Honorable Dr. Jeffrey Feingold

The Honorable Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, a Florida-licensed periodontist, established MCNA Dental Plans in 1992, which has become the largest privately held dental managed care insurance company in America. Recently, the Hon. Dr. Feingold has been appointed to the United States

Holocaust Memorial Council Board of Trustees by President Donald J. Trump. He also serves on the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees and is the Florida Chair and a national board member for the Republican Jewish Coalition. The Hon. Dr. Feingold attended the opening of the United States Embassy in Jerusalem, as a representative of the U.S. State Department along with then-Congressman Ron DeSantis.

Marc Goldman

As owner until 1999 of New Jersey's Farmland Dairies, Marc was responsible for numerous industry developments. By opening the New York milk market to competition, he saved New York's milk consumers hundreds of millions annually. Since 1999, Marc has studied with and is on the advisory board of the Jerusalem based Aish HaTorah and is a board member of the Republican Jewish Coalition. He was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Holocaust Museum Council and is a recipient of the First Annual Crains New York Business All Stars, Who's Who in Sales and Marketing, Who's Who in the East 1989-90, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the 2016 King David Award by The Jewish Heritage Commission.

Carlyn and Lothar Mayer

Both born in South Africa, Carlyn and Lothar Mayer emigrated to the USA in 1977 and bought a company called Liberty Hardware Mfg. Corp. which they ran together until it was acquired by Masco, a stock exchange company in 1997. The Mayers are very involved in philanthropic endeavors and many projects. Carlyn has been on the American Israel Public Affairs National Board (AIPAC) while Lothar is on the AIEF (American Israel Foundation).

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As part of the fourth annual fashion week, Dominican Republic will be the guest country featuring an exclusive runway show with acclaimed designers Giannina Azar, Jenny Polanco, Arcadio Díaz, Jacqueline Then and Monica Varela.

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About Dominican Republic Well known for off-the-beaten-path excursions, rich culture, endless amenities and year-round perfect climate, Dominican Republic is a place like no other. Easily accessible via a direct flight from most major airports, it is an ideal oasis for celebrities, couples and families alike. From hiking trails to undiscovered beaches and world-class golf courses, here you can renew in our luxurious and diverse accommodations, explore ancient relics of centuries past, revel in Dominican fare, or enjoy ecotourism adventures in our magnificent national parks, mountain ranges and rivers.

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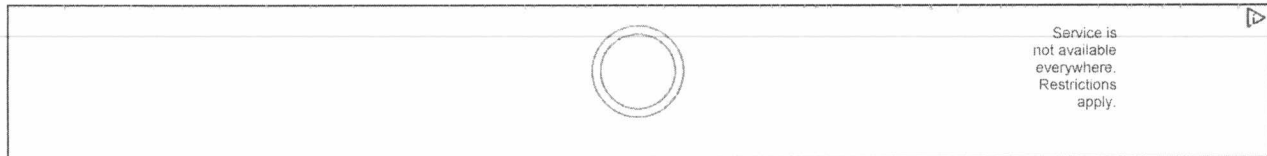
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Miami, FL, May 22, 2019 --(PR.com)-- Today, Miami Fashion Week® (MIAFW), recognized as the second largest fashion event in the United States, is proud to announce PORCELANOSA, a world benchmark in interior design and construction materials as a sponsor for MIAFW 2019.

This year, the 4th Annual MIAFW is kicking off on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 through Sunday, June 2, 2019, with dates officially recognized by the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) alongside New York, London, Paris and Milan, to an audience of A-list celebrities, global influencers and fashion leaders.

"It is a great honor to have this remarkable company as sponsor of our 2019 Miami Fashion Week," said Antonio Banderas, Honorary President of MIAFW. "In addition to sponsoring, they will contribute their exquisite design and innovation to the creation of this year's Miami Fashion Week."

PORCELANOSA is number one in the use of innovative materials like KRION®, used in the interior design and building industry. The brand is highly committed to environmental issues and uses a sustainable approach within their creation of new materials, always looking for an eco-friendly approach to design.

"PORCELANOSA is proud to participate in this world-class event and to be a part of the entire design and décor of this iconic fashion event," said a spokesperson for PORCELANOSA. "Design is the core of our company and we are excited to mark our footprint on the world of American fashion."

PORCELANOSA has a strong presence of more than 30 retail shops in the US, including its flagship store on New York's Fifth Avenue, and more than 1,000 points of sale worldwide. In addition to being an official sponsor of Miami Fashion Week 2019, PORCELANOSA will be celebrating the re-opening of its Doral store on May 30, 2019.

In excitement of this 2019 sponsorship, Miami Fashion Week runway shows will return to Ice Palace Studios with never-before-seen Resort/Cruise collections by acclaimed designers from around the globe, while the second annual Miami Fashion Week Summit will take place at Miami Dade College. This year's summit will welcome top rated keynote speakers who will focus their discussions on the ethical and sustainable issues facing the fashion industry. Additional events during the week will include several parties including Miami Fashion Week's Benefit Gala hosted by Antonio Banderas benefiting Nicklaus Children's Hospital as well as Mr. Banderas' own foundation Lágrimas y

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Students visit Food Pantry at Miami Dade College's North Campus.

The Batchelor Foundation is supporting the Miami Dade College (MDC) Student Food Pantries, expanding its inventory to help more students in need, thanks to a \$40,000 donation. The funds will help replenish supplies at all locations across the college.

The MDC Student Food Pantries, which stock nonperishable foods, toiletries and, when available, fresh produce, provide a means for college students to stay focused on their studies despite financial hardships. The program began at MDC's North Campus in 2013, and today, about 8,000 low-income students are regularly utilizing eight food pantries across the college's campuses. With approximately 100,000 low-income students attending MDC each year, the need far outweighs what pantries are currently able to provide.

"This funding will help us sustain our MDC student food pantries and, in turn, ensure that students do not just start college but complete degrees," said Sarah Garman, a faculty member who started the first student food pantry at North Campus in 2013.



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Mark Cole, vice president of advancement and executive director of MDC Foundation, added, “This will have an immediate impact on students facing food insecurity. We are grateful for The Batchelor Foundation’s gift because it provides essential support and sustainability to students who need it most.”

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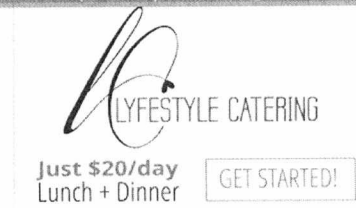
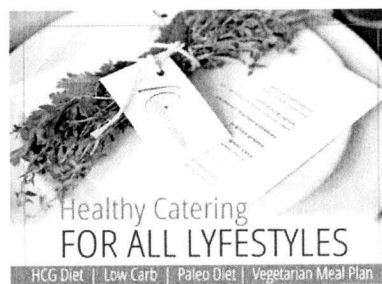
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By Ed Pierce | on May 23, 2019

BOSTON, Mass. — On Sunday, May 12, Emerson College awarded more than 970 undergraduate degrees and on May 11, awarded nearly 300 graduate degrees during the College's Commencement ceremonies.

Award-winning journalist, speaker, and author Soledad O'Brien received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and delivered the undergraduate commencement address. Award-winning scholar and writer Nell Irvin Painter, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker and theatrical producer Jose Antonio Vargas, and of Miami Dade College Eduardo J. Padron also received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

Among local students receiving degrees from Emerson College were:

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- Samantha Ackerley of York who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing Communications
- James Macolini of Kennebunk who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Arts Production

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The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 80 student organizations and performance groups.

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The college has an active network of 32,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts.

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Grad Round-Up: Local students graduate, pick up accolades from CCRI, UVM, Gettysburg, Curry, Emerson, and more

By **Ryan Belmore** - May 22, 2019



What'sUpNewp has received notice that the following Aquidneck Island and Newport County residents have graduated, or picked up accolades from the following universities and colleges. Congrats to all!

Have news to share? Email Ryan@whatsupnewp.com.

Aquidneck Island Residents Graduate From CCRI

President Meghan Hughes conferred more than 2,300 degrees and certificates to Community College of Rhode Island's (CCRI's) Class of 2019 last Thursday– the largest graduating class in more than 20 years – including the first cohort to complete the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship program.

Included in those 2,300 degrees, were 105 Aquidneck Island residents! Congratulations to the following students, as well as all those who graduated recently!

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Aquidneck Island Students Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

- Nicolas Drennon of Portsmouth
- Colleen Hayes of Portsmouth
- Emma Radeka of Middletown

Portsmouth Resident Graduates from Gettysburg College

Charles Baetjer of Portsmouth graduated from Gettysburg College on May 19, 2019, with a BA degree

Three from Newport County Graduate from Curry College

Curry College announced that the following students received degrees on Sunday May 19, 2019 at Commencement Exercises that took place at the Xfinity Center in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

- Stefanie Chappell of Portsmouth
- Melissa Darmody of Tiverton
- Sydney Mello of Middletown

Mello also received the Politics & History Award at Curry College's 50th Annual Awards Recognition Ceremony. This special event honors Curry College students who have achieved excellence in academics, student life, the arts, and athletics, as well as recognizes Curry staff and faculty for their efforts. In all, more than 70 awards were presented to deserving students, faculty, and staff. Sydney Mello has been named to the Dean's List for all four years at Curry College.

Business, civic, and philanthropic leader John Fish, Hon. '19 served as Commencement speaker. Fish, the chairman and CEO of Suffolk, one of the nation's leading construction management companies, received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.

Tiverton Resident Named To Southern New Hampshire University's President's List

Meagan Duclos of Tiverton has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's winter 2019 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Tiverton Resident Named to Alma College Winter 2019 Dean's List

Alma College has released the Dean's List for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2019 Winter Term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Named to the Dean's List is Cosette Coston of Tiverton.

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- Westley Shearman of Portsmouth graduated from Emerson College, with a BA degree in Media Arts Production. Shearman was also named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester.
- Chace Little of Portsmouth graduated from Emerson College, with a BA degree in Media Arts Production.
- Margeaux Sippell from Portsmouth graduated from Emerson College, receiving a BA in Writing, Lit and Publishing. Sippell completed the degree in December 2018 and was honored on Sunday, May 12, during commencement.

Tiverton Resident Achieves Spring 2019 Dean's List at Belmont University

Carrie Loughlin, from Tiverton, RI, qualified for the Spring 2019 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 32 percent of Belmont's 8,318 students qualified for the Spring 2019 Dean's List. Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the fall semester indicates that these students have placed a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies. It is our strong belief that consistent application in this manner will reap great benefits, which will equip them for a lifetime of learning and growing."

Portsmouth Resident participates in Commencement from the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences!

The University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences will recognize more than 925 candidates in the May 2019 Commencement Ceremony on May 5, 2019, at 10 a.m.

Olivia Wright of Portsmouth, RI, is set to participate in Commencement with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology .

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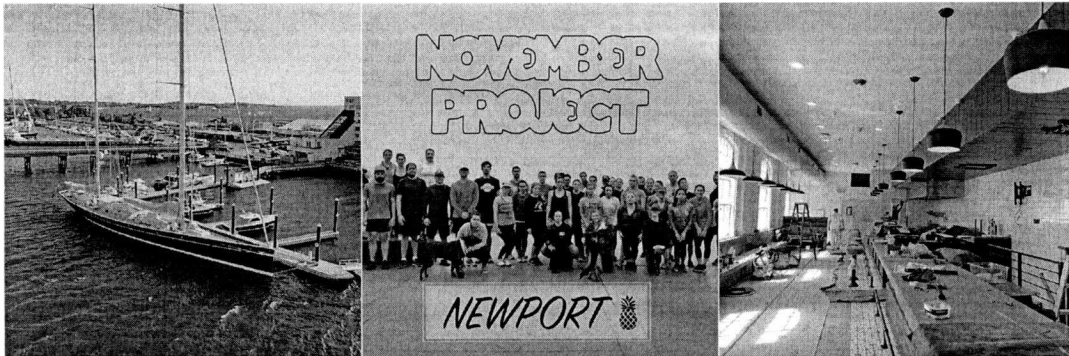
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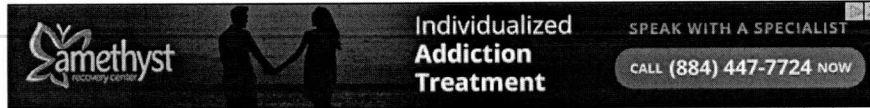
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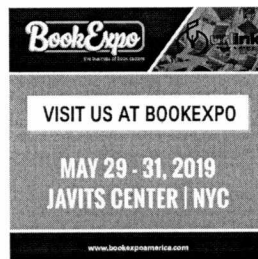
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Graywulf: Book one of the Dragonspawn

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Moreover, Graywulf left his readers too many questions as to how the 2nd book will progress. Is it worth waiting? And will the plots be more defined on the next chapters. Will there be more characters that are cringe worthy? Relating to how this book showed ruling and power, we can't deny the fact that the author somehow portrayed that men are drawn to control and power; one says; "men are born with no natural inclination to share". We know very well, that hunger for power often leads to selfishness and destruction. This is particularly the reason why this book will entice more audiences in the near future. Let Rottinghaus's masterpiece be a reminder to everyone that no one can stop you from growing and the need to sow power inside, but let this eagerness be a tool in making the world better.

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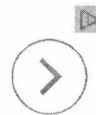
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Ben seemed to be trapped in his own weakness and lies – a prisoner of his own conscience. As haunting as it can be, so as Ben's tragedy of keeping his dreadful secrets and a tragedy he's trying to keep from Cello's family, a cello player who was shot for desertion. This is Ben's journey in finding his courage to finally tell what really happened to Cello while he was playing his Cello. The Cellist's friend showcases the beauty of destruction from World War One and finding one's peace by the aid of undying friendship between two surviving soldiers.

"Invictus" — a word that seems to haunt Ben along with flashbacks that keep pushing Ben to finally claim his redemption and speak the truth to Cello's family. The story revolves between hate and love, war and peace, cowardice against courage and finally finding one's peace amidst

chaos. Surely, this book will quench every reader's starving palate till its last drop. How do we keep our most sinful secret? Do we escape from it? Or do we simply live with it? Robert Fanshawe carefully sewed rich histories of World War One and wonderfully incorporated an ordinary story of two brave soldiers who fought for their chance to live. He leaves us with one important quote; "they said that there are two types of secret in this world. The ones we keep and those ones that are kept from us".

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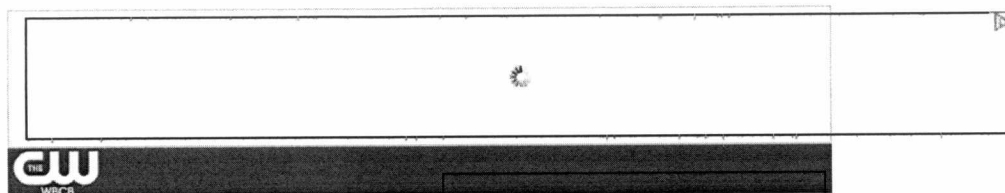
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'If You're Reading These Words, We've Succeeded': Prison Poetry Program Help Inmates Break Stereotypes

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MIAMI (CBSMiami) – Every day, people are sentenced to prison for a variety of crimes. They're all different from race, age and even the crimes they committed. But once they're locked behind those bars, society's view of them changes and they become the violent stereotypes seen in movies, television and more.

One prison program looks to change that narrative by using writing and poetry to make a difference while allowing inmates to prove to outsiders that they are more than the cold-blooded criminals people make them out to be.

That includes Eduardo 'Echo' Martinez who is used to being judged because of the tattoos all over his body.

"They ask me what gang I'm affiliated with," said Martinez. "I'm not in any gang."

On his eyes, the words 'No Evil' are tattooed.



Eduardo 'Echo' Martinez has 'No Evil' tattooed on his eyelids. (CBS4Miami)

"When my eyes are closed, I see no evil," said Martinez.

From his lips, words pour out from his heart.

Martinez is the poet laureate of the Exchange for Change Program at the Dade Correctional

Institution in Homestead.

Through the program, inmates exchange letters with volunteers outside of prison. The goal is to get the outside world ready for when the inmates are released and return to society. It's also to get the inmates ready for the outside world.

The program also currently offers 15 classes for inmates to take legal writing, film review, song writing, spoken word, trauma, memoir, Spanish poetry and more.

On May 17, nearly 100 inmates took prepared for their graduation from the program.

They performed their pieces to a live audience, giving them a chance to share their innermost thoughts with the outside world.

Martinez, the master of ceremonies for the graduation, wrote his own poem and read it to CBS4's Frances Wang.



Eduardo Martinez is the poet laureate for the Exchange for Change program at Dade Correctional Institution. (CBS4Miami)

"You would be surprised how deep incarcerated minds dive and the treasures they find when they're buried alive," Martinez read. "Everyone's gifted, they just need help unwrapping themselves. It's sad that most men in here feel that society would rather see a monkey with a diamond ring, than one of us shine and succeed. Misconceptions fall both ways like tears fall from both eyes."

The crowd attending this ceremony included volunteers with organizations that partner up with the prison as part of the program, including the University of Miami, Florida Atlantic University, FIU, Miami-Dade College, and O, Miami.





The audience at the Exchange for Change graduation included prisoners and volunteers of the program. (CBS4Miami)

Martinez addressed the audience before the prisoners went up to perform. He reminded them how much it meant to him and his fellow inmates to have them in attendance.

"Perception, we're perceived in a lot of many ways in society," said Martinez to the crowd. "These labels that we wear daily. And we take that. We sit back and we take these words that are thrown about, about us and we accept them without wanting to accept them. But today we have you guys coming over here to break that perception that you have of us."

"It's an honor to have you guys here, it's an honor for us to get behind this microphone and share this piece of our experience with you," Martinez added.

Martinez realizes society and the audience may fear the prisoners, but he admitted the inmates are even more terrified.

"As you guys sit back and watch the show, you're going to see a lot of guys come up here and I want you to know that this is their first 'fist fight' with stage fright," Martinez said to the audience. "I'm hoping we give out a few black eyes to stage fright."

And that they did.

"If you truly want people to forgive you, then you must first truly forgive yourself," said one inmate as he read his poem to the audience. "So, I stand up and I shake myself like a soda can and I pop this top and release this pressure called unforgiveness. And so now, the healing process begins, I forgive me, can you?"





Several inmates pose for an applause. (CBS4Miami)

The inmates' performances were received by a standing ovation from the audience. Many of them fought to hold back tears. They were given a moment to share their own thoughts on what the inmates shared with them.

But for the prisoners, this only lasts a moment.

As soon as the ceremony ends, the audience leaves and it's back to their cells.

Martinez will turn 40 this year and he has spent half of his life in prison.

On July 4, 2000, when Martinez was barely 20-years-old, he tried to rob a man at gunpoint. A scuffle ensued, the gun went off and the man died.

"Every day, I feel bad for it. I feel bad for the hurt I've caused people," Martinez said.

Martinez was given a life sentence for second-degree murder and attempted robbery because he did not take a plea deal.

He doesn't say he is serving a life sentence, but rather he was given one.

"At the end of the day, I feel like I can give it right back," said Martinez. "I feel like I can give it right back, if it's through a poem, through a piece of writing, persevering and being a good person."

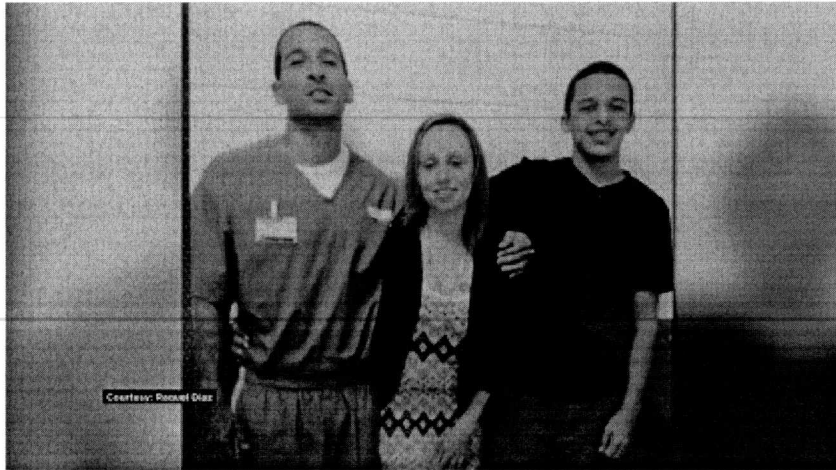
Martinez embodies the hope of the Exchange for Change program, according to organizers.

The hope is for rehabilitation and redemption, a hope Martinez holds on to even though most would tell him otherwise.

"We hold onto hope," said Martinez. "Hope in here is like, I argue with hope all the time."

That's because most of the inmates who sign up for the program will be released at some point.

Martinez, while serving a life sentence, said he has to hold onto hope for his son Eddie, who is now almost 20-years-old, the same age as Martinez when he was locked up.



Eduardo Martinez and his family. (Courtesy of Raquel Diaz via CBS4Miami)

"Eddie, I'm proud of you. You're graduating this year, going to prom, doing good man. You're a success in basketball, you passed high school," said Martinez. "You beat the odds, you beat the statistics, and you're part of my motivation. You inspire me."

Martinez still hopes one day, somehow, he'll be free.

"You're what keeps the hope alive that one day, I'm going to get out and help you succeed in life."

Until then, Martinez keeps writing, because the only thing he knows can find freedom for sure are his words.

"Because if you're reading these words, we've succeeded. My words are breathing freedom and that's my reason to keep pushing this pen again," reads Martinez. "Believing that somebody out there is listening and might just care in humanity enough to help us make a change."

The Exchange for Change program started in August 2014 with 17 inmates. By the end of 2019, more than 900 inmates will have graduated from the program. It is only being offered in two prisons right now, but they are starting a pilot program at the Federal Bureau of Prisons.



Frances Wang anchors the weekend evening newscasts and reports weeknights. She joined the CBS4 team in December of 2018. [More from **Frances Wang**](#)

Massive Digitization Effort Is The Latest Plot Twist For Cuban Radio Soap Operas

By EDITOR • MAY 18, 2019

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The Latin American Library at Tulane University is digitizing and archiving a selection of Spanish language soap operas from the 1960s. The illustration above appeared in a brochure titled "What Is and How to Produce a Radionovela,"

(<https://digitallibrary.tulane.edu/islandora/object/tulane%3A52677/datastream/PDF/view>) published by America's Productions, Inc.

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Binge-worthy podcasts may be a 21st century phenomenon, but addictive, serialized storytelling is nothing new. From the 1930s through the 1950s, Cuba exported more daytime and nighttime radio serials than any nation in the Spanish-speaking world — even Fidel Castro was a fan.

After the Revolution, Cuban emigrés in Miami began making original Spanish-language radio soap operas — better known as radionovelas — that reportedly ran on more than 200 stations worldwide. The Latin American Library at Tulane University is now digitizing (<https://digitallibrary.tulane.edu/islandora/object/tulane:radionovelas>) a whopping collection of those 1960s-era programs and encouraging academic study of Cold War soaps.

Library director Hortensia Calvo, who acquired the collection for Tulane, says the stories and the manner in which they were promoted to radio stations throughout Latin America reveal a nascent middle class searching for a new way to live. Many of the programs were aimed at housewives and the frequent breaks in the action allowed advertisers to pitch all manner of household and luxury items.

The plot twists in these radionovelas kept audiences tuning in for more. Ida Schooler knows that better than anyone: Her job is to binge more than 1,000 hours of this 1960s-era must-hear entertainment.

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- Associate archivist Ida Schooler

Schooler is an associate archivist at the library who grew up speaking Spanish in Mexico. She's been listening to these soaps for about a year, and she says some hold up better than others. "Sometimes it's really dated and you kind of groan, and you have to just accept that it is of its time," Schooler says. "But then sometimes it's really timeless and feels really modern."

The Latin American Library is paying Schooler to help catalogue its collection with support from the Council on Library and Information Resources and the Mellon Foundation. "We're trying to find scholars to research them," Schooler says. "But my first thought is these would be great to listen to on a car ride — if I'm going on a road trip — or if I'm learning Spanish."

From 1963 to 1970, America's Productions Incorporated made more than 130 Spanish-language serials. Located in the historic Freedom Tower in Miami, the company hired displaced Cuban writers, directors, actors, musicians and engineers. Schooler is piecing together their names and resumé's. It takes a lot of detective work.

"All we have is based on listening to things over, and over, and over, and sort of observing what are logical conclusions we can draw," she says.

Perhaps the best-known actor in the radionovelas was Minín Bujones — the Lucille Ball of Cuba. Tulane's massive collection of radionovelas — more than 9,000 reel-to-reel tapes — is named after Bujones and her husband, Louis Boeri, an Italian-born American businessman who founded America's Productions Incorporated.

Boeri is a bit of a mystery. Before the early 1960s, Boeri had never made a radionovela. He was a magazine publisher in Florida. In the final years of the Batista regime, he took a job with the Cuban government to promote U.S. investment and tourism there. But when Fidel Castro rose to power and partnered with the Soviet Union, Boeri left his home and fortune in Havana and relocated to Miami. Schooler says Cuban actors had cultivated a rare skill — the ability to speak "Continental Spanish."

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Boeri's family suspects he worked for a U.S. intelligence agency. A daughter — Zenia Robertson — says she remembers him taking a lot of flights to Washington, D.C. That may be why Cold War politics seem so evident in these radionovelas. The protagonists openly embrace democratic and capitalist ideals. But no one says exactly who, or what they are fighting against.

"They don't want to say 'Communists', so the big sub-in is always 'The Existentialists,' " Schooler says. "So in multiple series you'll have like, 'It was the kind of bar where Bohemians and students and Existentialists hang out.' And they'll talk about Sartre and his philosophy."

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Christine Hernández, who oversees special collections at the library, is particularly drawn to the action-adventures, which often mirror world affairs in the 1960s. But then, who doesn't like a good espionage story, set against the backdrop of exotic world capitals and state-of-the-art gadgetry? Hernández says the radionovela producers made the Cold War fun and profitable, featuring entertaining heroes, "chasing down some evil doer who's going to destroy the world."

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SCOTT SIMON, HOST:

Before television, before the Internet, there were radio soap operas. From the 1930s to the 1950s, Cuba exported more radio serials than any other nation in the Spanish-speaking world. Even Fidel Castro was a fan. After his revolution, Cuban emigres in Miami began to make their own original Spanish-language radio soap operas, better known as radionovelas. Now Tulane University is digitizing a large collection of those programs. Our Gwen Thompkins has more on these Cold War soaps.

SIMON: The Latin American Library at Tulane has some of the earliest written materials ever circulated in the Western Hemisphere. They've got a letter dated 1521 and signed by the Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortes. But some of the oldest stories in the world are here on reel-to-reel tapes. Take, for instance, "Casa Del Dolor," aka the "House Of Pain." In this episode, a politician is trying to seduce his secretary.

(SOUNDBITE OF RADIO SHOW, "CASA DEL DOLOR")

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #1: (As character, through interpreter) You don't know how grateful I am to you.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #2: (As character, through interpreter) Really? Are you saying that from the heart?

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #1: (As character, through interpreter) I swear, Mr. Senator, on my parents' memory.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #2: (As character, through interpreter) All right. For the time being, I'll settle for your appreciation, Consuelito. But I aspire to have much more.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #1: (As character, through interpreter) Much more?

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #2: (As character, through interpreter) I want your affection. You're very valuable to me.

GWEN THOMPCKINS, BYLINE: Turns out, Senator Castroviejo is not only trying to bed Consuelito, the sweet secretary with absolutely no common sense. He's got his hands in other wrongdoing, as well. That's the genius of radionovelas - everything's complicated. The sleazebag senator's comeuppance may not happen for weeks, sometimes longer, which keeps audiences tuning in for more. Ask Ida Schooler. She's been listening to "House Of Pain" for a year.

IDA SCHOOLER: Friends, you know, they're crazy about podcasts. And so they'll tell me, you have to listen to, you know, this podcast, or, you have to listen to this. And they're telling the story. And I think that's kind of like what my job is.

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UNIDENTIFIED PERSON #1: (Speaking Spanish).

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(SOUNDBITE OF ARCHIVED RECORDING)

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(SOUNDBITE OF RADIO SHOW, "EL AGENTE SECRETO")

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #3: (As character, speaking Spanish).

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #4: (As character, speaking Spanish).

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #5: (As character, speaking Spanish).

THOMPCKINS: The secret agent is a lot like James Bond. He also works for MI6, but his name is Pond, Richard Pond, agent 009. Schooler knows more.

SCHOOLER: We're in Paris. Carmen, played by Bertha Sandoval (ph), who is the primary love interest for Richard Pond in this storyline - she's been kidnapped. She was taken to a mental institution. A French policeman broke into the institution, and he gets into this very bloody confrontation with the mad scientist who's about to lobotomize Carmen.

THOMPCKINS: The good news is Carmen is not lobotomized. The bad news is she gets amnesia.

SCHOOLER: And she's come to Chez Carlo, which is a nightclub in which Carlo is looking for a lounge singer.

(SOUNDBITE OF RADIO SHOW, "EL AGENTE SECRETO")

BERTHA SANDOVAL: (As Carmen, through interpreter) I do not know how I got to the door of your establishment or why I opened it and entered this place. That is all, Carlo.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #6: (As Carlo, through interpreter) Cherie. Cherie, you are the angel I've been asking heaven for.

(SOUNDBITE OF SONG, "AUTUMN LEAVES")

SANDOVAL: (As Carmen, singing in Spanish).

THOMPCKINS: As Carmen, Bertha Sandoval sings "Autumn Leaves."

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THOMPCKINS: But the library has yet to identify the actor playing Carlo. Company owner Louis Boeri is another mystery. Before the early 1960s, Boeri had never made a radionovela. He was a magazine publisher in Florida. In the final years of the Batista Regime, he took a job with the Cuban government to promote U.S. investment and tourism there. But when Fidel Castro rose to power and partnered with the Soviet Union, Boeri left his home and fortune in Havana and relocated to Miami.

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THOMPCKINS: Picture Jean-Paul Sartre in a fabulous evening dress, and that could be Soledad. In the "House Of Pain," she looks like a fashion model and gets good results.

(SOUNDBITE OF RADIO SHOW, "CASA DEL DOLOR")

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #7: (As Antonio Miguel) Soledad.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #8: (As Soledad, through interpreter) What is it, Antonio Miguel?

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR #7: (As Antonio Miguel, through interpreter) May I ask you to dance?

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For NPR News, I'm Gwen Thompkins in New Orleans.

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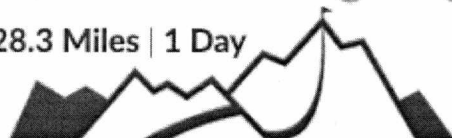
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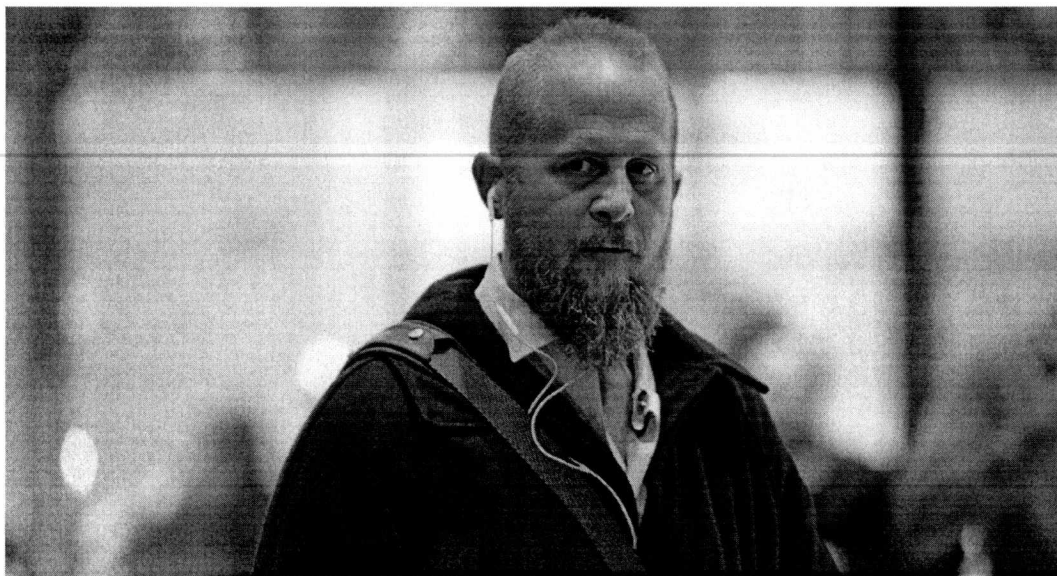
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Brad Parscale, Donald Trump's point man on his re-election effort, says the 2020 campaign will be 'bigger, better, and better.'

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By **Ryan Nicol** on May 22, 2019

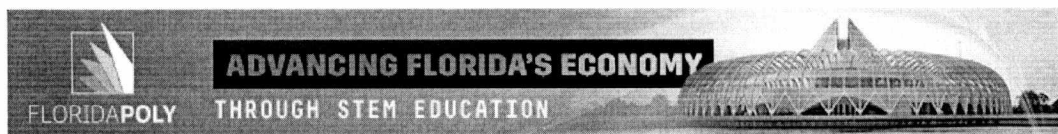
Brad Parscale, who is serving as the campaign manager for President **Donald Trump**'s 2020 campaign, is set to host a May 30 reception of the **Miami Young Republicans**.

That event is featured on the organization's website.

The group describes the event as kicking off its efforts on the 2020 election. The competition for the Democratic nomination is well underway, with **more than 20 individuals** throwing their hat in the ring for the chance to take on Trump.

"We're honored to host Brad Parscale during his only visit to Miami and present one of the most important political events of this election cycle in South Florida," said **Armando Ibarra**, President of the Miami Young Republicans.

"We thank Mr. Parscale for recognizing our organization's impact and look forward to him joining us to mark the launch of historic efforts that will unite the Miami Hispanic community behind President Trump's re-election to continue strengthening our economy, defend the working class, and fight against growing socialism and radicalism in the Democratic Party."



Florida will, as is usual, play a big role in the 2020 race. However, Democrats also have work to do in the rust belt, after Trump edged **Hillary Clinton** in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin on the way to his 2016 victory.

The Young Republicans' reception on Thursday, May 30 will take place at the **Miami Dade College Koubek Memorial Center** in the Little Havana area of Miami.

The group touted the event in an email blast, stating, "GOP leaders, activists, and young professionals will come together to mark the Kickoff to 2020 and participate in a strategy briefing from the campaign's top official."



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KICKOFF TO 2020 RECEPTION WITH BRAD PARSCALE

by Miami Young Republicans

\$50 – \$500

TICKETS

DATE AND TIME

Thu, May 30, 2019

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM EDT

LOCATION

Miami Dade College Koubek Memorial Center

2705 Southwest 3rd Street

Miami, FL 33135

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DESCRIPTION

The Miami Young Republicans are pleased to invite you to join us in the heart of Little Havana for our special reception featuring **Brad Parscale, the national**

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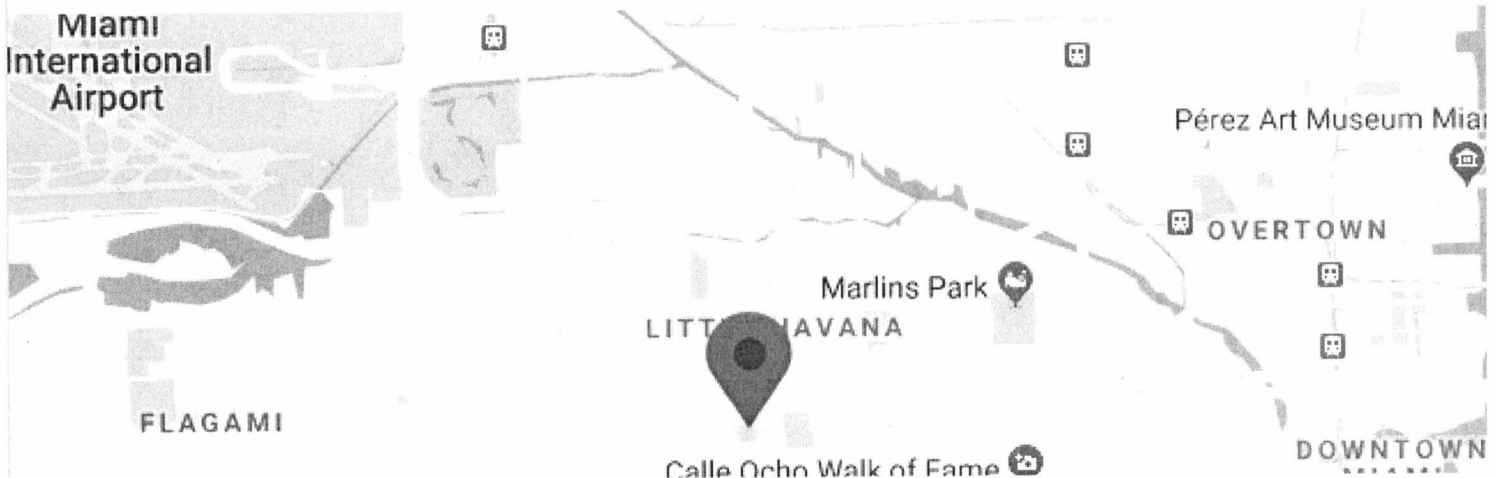
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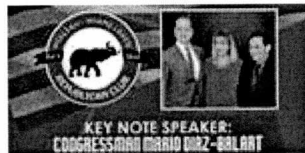
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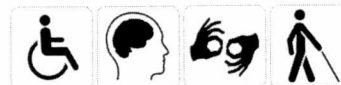
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THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM

The Biggest Little Farm [Official Trailer]



One of the Most Inspiring and Joyful Documentaries You Will Ever See Comes to Tower!

THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM

A film by: John Chester

Cast: John Chester, Molly Chester

USA / 2019 / 91 min / Documentary / Not Rated

In English

Winner of Countless Film Festival Audience Awards from AFI to Hamptons to Palm Springs!



100% Rating on Rotten Tomatoes (April 2019)

Filmmaker John Chester and his wife, Molly, a culinary writer, trade city life to start their own farm on a stretch of depleted soil outside Los Angeles. Part of their inspiration is to offer a better, outdoor life for their rescue dog, Todd. Moreover, they want to live in better harmony with nature. Many of us hold similar dreams, but John and Molly put them into action.

John chronicles their efforts for more than eight years in this sweeping epic of twists and turns related to the creation of Apricot Lane Farms. Teeming with stunningly beautiful images of flora and fauna—and a pregnant hog that will melt your heart—The Biggest Little Farm is a testament to idealism. For urban viewers, it's a necessary confrontation with how our food is grown. It's also a family adventure – like a modern-day Little House on the Prairie – full of suspense and emotion that will leave a lump in your throat.

Written by: Mark Monroe, John Chester

Produced by: Sandra Keats, John Chester

Cinematography: John Chester, with Mallory Cunningham, Benji Lanpher, Chris Martin, Kyle Romanek

Editing: Amy Overbeck

Music: Jeff Beal

"Genuinely involving and heartening." – The Hollywood Reporter / Full Review
(<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/review/biggest-little-farm-review-1141275>)

"Audiences are invited to connect with the material ... forging a kind of familiarity that includes them in problem-solving each challenge, with the result that viewers share in the triumph of each tiny success." – Variety (<https://variety.com/2018/film/reviews/the-biggest-little-farm-review-1202922977/>)

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FAUST (ROYAL OPERA HOUSE)

Faust trailer (The Royal Opera)



Gounod's Most Beloved Work Comes to Tower, featuring some of opera's most recognizable numbers, virtuoso leading roles, sensational sets, and grand theatrical spectacle!

FAUST (ROYAL OPERA HOUSE)

Music: Charles-François Gounod

Cast: Michael Fabiano, Diana Damrau, Erwin Schrott

England / 2019 / 225 min Including One Interval / An Opera in Five Acts

In French with English Subtitles

Part of the 2019 World Stages Spring Season!

There are many versions of the story of Faust, who trades his soul with the Devil for youth and power, but Gounod's opera remains one of the most constantly enthralling. Michael Fabiano stars as Faust, with Diana Damrau as his beloved Marguerite and Erwin Schrott as the diabolical Méphistophélès. Virtuoso leading roles, a large chorus, sensational sets, ballet and an ecstatic finale make this the epitome of theatrical spectacle – the lavish scale of French grand opera is wonderfully in evidence in this production by David McVicar, set in 1870s Paris. Above all, the music includes several of popular opera's most recognizable numbers, performed by a cast of great international singers and the Royal Opera Chorus. Note: Faust contains brief sexual violence, and drug misuse.

Director: David McVicar
Conductor: Dan Ettinger

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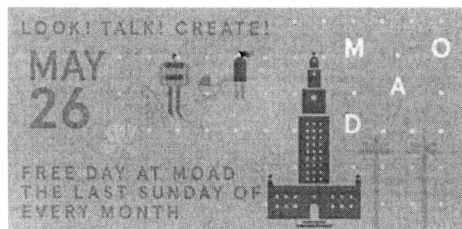
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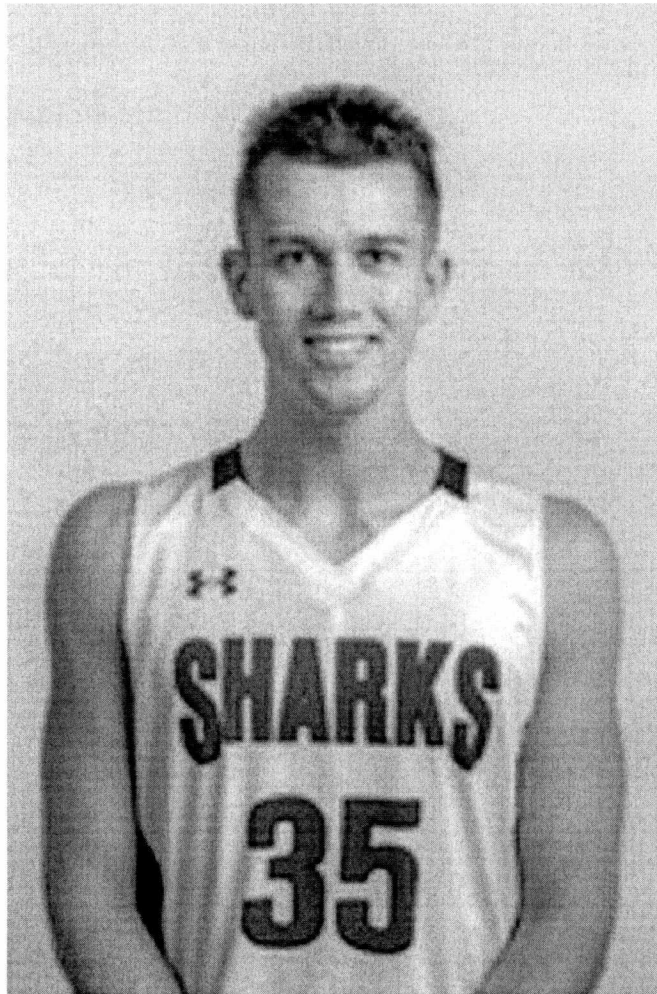
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Niagara lands big man Kratholm

NU NOTEBOOK: Brash named MAAC's top pitcher.

By Mike Meiler mike.meiler@gnnewspaper.com May 21, 2019



Nicholas Kratholm

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Nicholas Kratholm knew exactly what he was looking for in a college, both academically

and athletically.

Niagara University checked both boxes in a big way.

Kratholm, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound forward from Louisville, Kentucky, verbally committed to join the Purple Eagles on Sunday, close to two weeks after taking an official visit to Monteagle Ridge.

Kratholm averaged 10.2 points and 6.5 rebounds as a sophomore last season at Miami Dade College, a NJCAA Division I junior college in Florida. He picked Niagara over UMBC, Cal Poly, Sony Brook, Robert Morris and Morehead State.

Niagara's academics were the biggest draw, said Kratholm, who was valedictorian of Waggener High School's Class of 2016. He said he plans to major in math or science with hopes of pursuing a master's degree in a biotechnology field to work in developing prosthetics.

"It came down to Niagara being the option that I was really pursuing at the end of the season," Kratholm said. "I took an official visit there, met with some academic people. ...

"It was the best visit. It was relaxed. I had a good workout with the coaches, an open gym with the team, and (was) able to see campus and really experience what it's going to be like to be there. My mom was with me, and she was very excited about it."

On the court, Kratholm is very familiar with new NU coach Patrick Beilein's system. After graduating high school, Kratholm decided to prep a year at the prestigious IMG Academy in Florida, which calls itself "the world's largest and most advanced multi-sport training and educational institution."

IMG's coach, John Mahoney, was director of basketball operations at West Virginia and an assistant coach at Michigan under John Beilein and runs the two-guard system that's propelled the eldest Beilein to the NBA.

"I kind of envision myself having a leadership role," Kratholm said. "Once everyone kind of buys in and is on the same page, it's very effective, and anyone who watches Michigan basketball knows that because it's the same thing they do."

After IMG, Kratholm landed in the Atlantic 10 at Duquesne, where he made only nine appearances as a freshman.

Kratholm said he was "basically forced to leave" as the coaching staff pulled his scholarship.

"It was a tough situation," he said. "... They didn't feel like I brought to the table what they wanted. They didn't want me anymore. I actually found out through an email that my athletic scholarship was not going to be renewed.

"I never imagined myself as a junior college player, and it really humbled (me). ... Basketball-wise, I got a whole lot better. I like to say I'm a much tougher player now, having played in the junior college circuit."

Kratholm is the only player over 6-8 on Niagara's roster and will likely have a shot at starting as a junior. The Purple Eagles have two scholarships remaining.

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Niagara received another verbal commitment from Trey Syroka, a high school point guard who is expected to walk-on, per recruiting website VerbalCommits.

The 5-10 Syroka earned second team all-district honors playing for Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio. He confirmed his commitment on Sunday.

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Purple Eagles pitcher Matthew Brash was named the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's Pitcher of the Year on Tuesday.

Brash was also named first team All-MAAC, while freshman shortstop Max Giordano

made the All-Rookie team.

Brash went 4-5 as a junior, setting the Niagara single-season strikeout record with 121, which led the MAAC and was 10th in the country. He finished with a MAAC-best 2.43 ERA, the second-lowest mark in NU history. He also led the conference in batting average against (.194).

Giordano started 45 games and finished the season with 42 hits and a .261 batting average. He was second on the Purple Eagles in RBI (29), doubles (nine), triples (two) and home runs (five). He scored 21 runs and had three stolen bases.

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Former NU hockey player Johnny Curran ('19) reached a deal to play professionally in England, the athletic department announced Tuesday.

Curran will join the Coventry Blaze of the Elite Ice Hockey League. He totaled 26 goals and 29 assists in 131 games over a four-year career with Niagara.

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La herencia inolvidable que deja el Dr. Eduardo Padrón para la gran historia del MDC

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Por Germán Acero E.

Una de las huellas más imborrables en la historia del Miami Dade College la dejó el pasado viernes el Dr. Eduardo Padrón al recibir el extraordinario homenaje de que ahora una de las más importantes sedes de esta institución educativa llevará su nombre para siempre y escrita en letras de molde.

“Como éste College no hay ningún otro en los Estados Unidos”, dijo el Dr. Eduardo Padrón, durante la ceremonia en que fue erigida la sede de la avenida 27 con la calle 8 (El InterAmerican Campus) con su nombre tras ser exaltado por los alcaldes del Condado y de la Ciudad de Miami.

Tanto Carlos Giménez como Francis Suárez, respectivamente, tuvieron palabras de supremo elogio para con la personalidad recia e intelectual del Dr. Padrón, quien hizo del Miami Dade College una de las instituciones educativas más prestantes de los Estados Unidos en la última década.



El alcalde Carlos Giménez exaltó la vida y obra del Dr. Eduardo Padrón y le entregó una placa. Aparece también la comisionada condal Eileen Higgins.

Importantes personalidades como el alcalde Francis Suárez y los comisionados Eileen Higgins y Joe Carollo asistieron al acto en honor del Dr. Eduardo Padrón en el MDC el viernes pasado.



El alcalde de la ciudad de Miami Francis Suárez hizo honor de la importancia y el legado del Dr. Eduardo Padrón en el MDC.



El Dr. Eduardo Padrón
con el músico Ed Calle.



Están Alfred Sánchez (presidente de la Cámara
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tante estatal y José Fuentes, vocero del
Chairman del MDC.



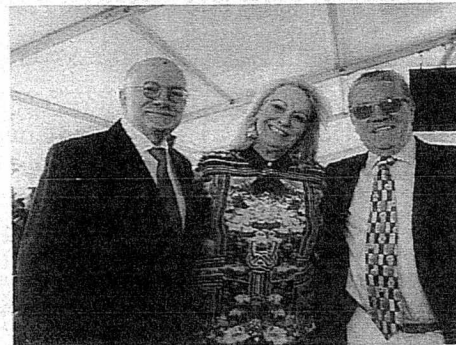
El Interamerican Campus de la avenida 27
y la calle 8 del MDC ahora tomará el nombre
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Aparecen, entre otros, Bernie Navarro, Gilberto
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y Claudia Navarro.



La comisionada condal Eileen Higgins
con Jorge A. Plasencia.



Con el Dr. Eduardo Padrón están Mikki
y Pablo Cantón.



Aparecen Bernie Fernández, Aida Levitán
y el Dr. Eduardo Padrón.



El Dr. Eduardo Padrón hablando con la
comisionada escolar María T. Rojas.