



# April Newsletter

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Student Government Association



## Student Government Elections Results!!!!

By: Ariana Salmon,  
SGA Senator

As the results were tallied up, by Thursday April 15, 2010 the new SGA President and Vice-president elect were announced. Luisa Santos won the presidential position along with Camila Silva for Vice-president. Student life thanks all candidates for their participation. Ipsan Gonzalez and Francisco Martinez showed excellent sportsmanship and put maximum efforts toward their campaigns.

From  
April 12-14,

2010, The Student Government Association hosted a hot dog stand and facilitated computers outside of building two to the student body to encourage them to come out and vote. Senators took different shifts in helping out at the tables, making sure that the computers were set up and assisting stu-

dents who had any questions or needed help. The busiest day was Wednesday 14th the final day of elections, during activity hour. On this day all candidates had music and gave out their own pastries to campaign. In addition, there was a large amount of student's lining up to vote for their favorite candidates. It was noticeable that the students found the idea of receiving a hot dog, chips and water when they voted a great idea. The activity on all three days was a great success! Needless to say, the Kendall Campus broke its voting record!



"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them."  
-Walt Disney

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position."  
- John Maxwell

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## Sharky Day At Kendall Campus!

In an efforts to increase school spirit at the Kendall Campus, a couple of Student Government senators got together along with our school mascot "Sharky" and walked around campus raising spirits. Senators gave out MDC cow bells

and threw pictures of students with Sharky himself. The whole student body and faculty got meet the mascot and take pic-



tures with him. As the senators informed about a baseball game that day, many students got in the spirit and danced along with sharky as they rang theirs bells. They raised school spirit and showed the student body, MDC has school spirit too!

## Arts & Letters

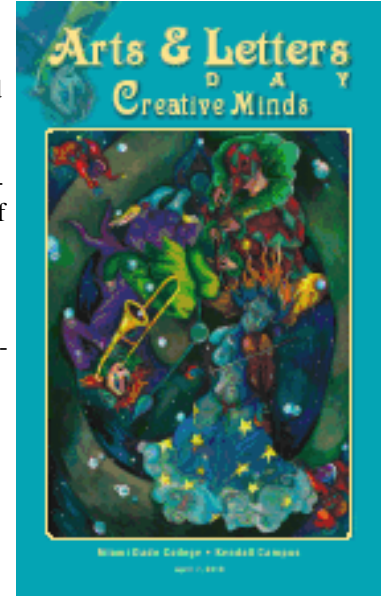


On April 6-7, Miami Dade College's (MDC) Kendall Campus once again celebrated its talented faculty and students at the campus' 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Letters Day, which took place April 6 – 7. Activities included music workshops, lectures, art exhibitions, spoken word and open-mic sessions, and much more.

*Arts and Letters Day* was created to foster artistic expression and to take learning beyond the classroom experience. This

year's theme, "Creative minds have always been known to survive any kind of bad training," was adopted from the writings of the late Ana Freud, psychoanalyst and daughter of Sigmund Freud.

All activities were held at MDC's Kendall Campus, and were free and open to the public.



"A sincere artist is not one who makes a faithful attempt to put on to canvas what is in front of him, but one who tries to create something which is, in itself, a living thing."  
-William Dobell

## PTK : PARTY ON DEMOCRACY!

By: Francisco Martinez – SGA Senator

The International Honors Society, Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Thau chapter is on its last rush for Executive Board Elections. The Democratic celebration took place in the Organization's office located in room KC123 on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> all the way to Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Although only about 40% of the PTK members casted their votes, this portion of the people that voted are anxiously expecting the results.

The highest E-board position is the President, followed by the Vice President and the different Vice Presidents or Section Directors. The Candidates for President are Benjamin Czichy and Nataly Valdes. On the Vice Presidential options, Michelle Azzi, Alyssa Perez and Yasemin Gurgan expect the position. The only disputed position for Section Director is the Fellowship Vice President with Lila Lundstedt and Christine Lozano as candidates. The E-Board is already formed by people that acquired the positions without competing, goes as follows:

- VP of Leadership : Francisco Martinez
- VP of Scholarship: Alan Guzman
- VP of Service: Yeneisleidy Simon
- VP of Communications: Carolina Del Busto
- VP of Finance: Christopher Silva
- VP of Membership: To Be Announced

Results for the rest of the E- board will be known in the morning of April the 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Speakers at Graduation

On April 19, 2010 - A distinguished group of high-profile speakers, from a former U.S. President to a current President from Latin America, will be among the speakers at Miami Dade College's (MDC) spring commencement ceremonies on May 1, 2010.

For years, the College has been known for having major national and international figures speak at its commencement ceremonies. This year's graduation is no exception.

More than 10,000 students will graduate in seven ceremonies across Miami-Dade

County, beginning with the first major speaker of the day, U.S. Senator George Lemieux of Florida who will speak at the Homestead Campus graduation; followed by Jaime Merisotis, president of the Lumina Foundation, who will speak at the



InterAmerican Campus and receive an honorary associate's

degree; and the 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States William Jefferson Clinton will also receive an honorary associate's degree and deliver the commencement address at North and West Campus' combined ceremony.

Within the last five years, MDC graduation speakers have included President George W. Bush, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, former U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, and U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis, among other prominent local and national leaders.



## Lady Sharks #1!

On April 12, 2010 , The Miami Dade College (MDC) women's softball team, Lady Sharks, was ranked first in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic Asso-

ciation (NJCAA). This is the first time in the program's history that they land the top national spot. The team also is ranked number one in Florida.



"The team has worked very hard to achieve this ranking," said head coach Carlos Caro.

The Lady Sharks' record is currently 26-3. They are regularly among the top teams in NJCAA polls and rankings. The team

recently participated in the Puerto Rico Cup tournament and went undefeated, winning 6 games and toppling the Puerto Rico National Team 5-1 in the championship game.

NJCAA is the governing body of intercollegiate athletics for two-year colleges. MDC's athletic programs, from baseball to women's volleyball, have all done well in national rankings over the college's five decade history.

**"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. "**

**~Albert Einstein**

## PTK's Ending & Beginning

By: Charles Bao, SGA Senator

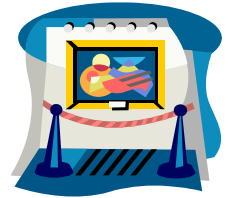
On April 30, 2010 PTK will be hosting a beach gathering to celebrate the graduates of 2010 and to welcome the new members into our chapter. PTK has worked hard in the 2009-2010 school year.

As the eboard com-

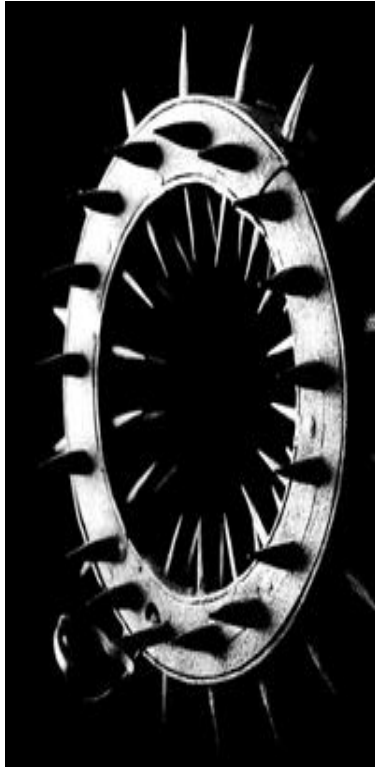
pletes their duties a new eboard shall take over. This coming week will be a time that the current eboard will meet with new eboard to share wisdom and knowledge for their upcoming year term for the omicron tau chapter of PTK.



At the end of this week then on Friday we will be having a great fellowship event to remember our achievements in academics, service, and leadership. All PTK members are invited to this event, an email will be sent informing members about the details.



## Instruments of Torture Exhibition at MDC's Freedom Tower



Just as there are works of art that radiate a message of love and peace, there are also objects that attest to the capacity of inhumanity in the world. This darker side of mankind is captured in *Instruments of Torture through the Ages*, an exhibition of nearly a hundred instruments designed for torturing and executing.

On loan from the Museo Toscana in Italy, the exhibition opened at Miami Dade College's (MDC) Freedom Tower on Friday, Apr. 2, marking its East Coast premiere and only the second showing in the U.S. There was an invitation-only reception on Monday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. Organizers hope the exhibition draws attention to contemporary human rights issues around the world.

"The iconic Freedom Tower, a National Historic Landmark, was chosen as the ideal setting because it is a symbol of freedom for many who have fled oppressive political and social systems abroad, including political prisoners," said Covadonga Talavera, U.S. representative for Museo Toscana.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the college hosted educational lectures, panels and workshops on the issues of freedom, human rights and torture. *Instruments of Torture throughout the Ages* first opened in Florence, Italy, in April 1983. Most of the collection consists of original pieces acquired from antiques shops throughout Europe, some dating to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. They include The Pendulum, The Garrotte, The Iron Maiden, Spiked Collar, The Guillotine, and Interrogation Chairs, among other items.

**Tickets** are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for seniors. Free admission for MDC students, faculty and staff.

## Movies out this Month!



El Secreto de sus Ojos  
(The Secret in Their Eyes)

The Tower Theater, Miami Dade College's cinema space dedicated exclusively to foreign films, was home to two recent international hits: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, **Friday, April 16, 2010** and *El Secreto de sus Ojos (The Secret in Their Eyes)* showing on **Friday, April 23, 2010**.

The arrival of these two films was the mark of the on-going efforts of the Tower and the College to bring South Florida audiences excellent entertainment from all over the world. Based on the widely popular millennium series by late author Steig Larsson, the Swedish blockbuster *Män som hatar kvinnor (The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo)* comes to the Tower after leaving millions

of European viewers entranced.

The plot revolves around the investigation of a decades-old murder that brings together a seasoned crime journalist and a troubled hacker of the eponymous marking.

The story is a gripping one of darkness and intrigue, and has been met by outstanding reviews from the likes of Roger Ebert from the Chicago Sun-Times, Rolling Stone, and the L.A. Times

Originating from the other side of the world, in Argentina, *El Secreto de sus Ojos (The Secret in their Eyes)*, this year's winner of the

Academy Award for Best Foreign

Film is a multi-layered thriller about a retired court investigator tormented by a violent case from his past that he can't manage to forget. But as his investigation deepens he will have to face unexpected demons before arriving at the truth. Critically-acclaimed in its home country and elsewhere in the world, *El Secreto de sus Ojos*, grips audiences and never lets them go.

Both works confront the viewer with the haunting power of memories from the distant past, and yet present points of view that are uniquely their own.



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