

MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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TO: All College Employees

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SUBJECT: **Progress in Grant and Foundation Funding**

There can be little doubt that the College's financial picture has improved over the past three years. We have built a new level of financial security, invested significant resources in our educational priorities, and cultivated increased legislature support.

A great deal of uncertainty, however, still confronts us. The world and regional economies, the legislature's resolve and the new requirements in technology and educational programs - all of these factors require us to actively develop alternative funding approaches if we are to ensure the growth of the College. Though we have just begun to make serious inroads in this area, I am happy to report significant progress in identifying and securing new revenues.

As each campus actively seeks to fulfill unique funding needs, increased communication will help to develop an overall strategy and synchronize our efforts. Cooperating and sharing knowledge in this endeavor will undoubtedly net an improved result across the College.

Already, our progress is substantial. We are showing more active grant accounts than at any time in recent years, and the range of public and private revenue sources is continually expanding. Presently across the College, we have approximately \$25 million in active grant funding, which is no small achievement. This level of funding is testimony to the quality and inventiveness of our programs and the respect in which the College is held. Some of the more notable contributors to the work of Miami-Dade Community College are listed below:

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| • U.S. Department of Education | • Florida Department of Education |
| • Carl Perkins Vocational Education Grant | • Ford Foundation |
| • Kellogg Foundation | • Coca Cola Foundation |
| • Kettering Family Foundation | • Rockefeller Foundation |
| • Miami-Dade/Monroe WAGE Coalition | • Enterprise Florida |
| • Fannie Mae Foundation | • FL Commission on Cmty Service |
| • Lila Wallace Readers Digest Fund | • National Endowment for the Arts |

The combination of creative programming and determined grant-making will ensure funding from the most respected sources nationwide; I remain confident that our funding base will continue to grow. I look forward to corresponding with you regarding the College's ongoing efforts to procure grant and foundation funding.

Thank you.