2016 Fulbright Gateway Orientation

Miami Dade College
August 15 – 19, 2016

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This activity is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE)
The Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program is a benefit made available to foreign Fulbright student grantees arriving in the U.S. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as part of its flagship Fulbright Program, and designed by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The Gateway Orientation is intended to address two main components: 1) the participants’ roles and responsibilities as Fulbrighters and 2) skill development for successful academic and professional lives in the U.S.

As Fulbrighters: The Gateway Orientation Program provides an overview of the Fulbright Program, administration of grants and students’ rights and responsibilities as exchange visitors. The Program also aims to provide professional development activities and leadership training to Fulbright students.

As foreign students: Participants should receive an introduction to the U.S. academic system and culture as part of the overall goal of promoting mutual understanding and to assist with their entry into their U.S. academic programs. Gateway Orientations are an opportunity for Fulbright grantees to experience and learn about regional culture and highlights.
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Monday, August 15, 2016

All Day - Airport Transfers

Students will travel to the Holiday Inn Port of Miami Downtown by taxi, Super Shuttle or Metro-rail.

3:00 pm - Hotel Check-In
Main Lobby

Holiday Inn Port of Miami-Downtown
340 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33132

The cost of the room and continental breakfast each morning at the hotel are covered. Participants are responsible for additional expenses (long distance phone calls, pay-per-view movies, room service, etc.).

7:00 pm - Optional Dinner at Hotel
Hotel Dining Room

There will be an optional evening meal and get-together for early arrivals in the dining room of the hotel. The meal will be at the participant’s own expense (approximately $10-$15).
Tuesday, August 16, 2016

All sessions will be held at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus in the Emerging Technologies Center of the Americas (ETCOTA), Building 7, at 500 N.E. Second Avenue, and Building 6, Room 6100.

6:30 am – 8:10 am - Continental Breakfast at Hotel
Marina Bistro Restaurant

8:15 am - Depart for Miami Dade College
Hotel Lobby

Please meet Student Ambassadors from Miami Dade College’s Honors College at 8:15 am in the hotel lobby who will escort you to the Emerging Technologies Center of the Americas (ETCOTA) Building 7, to pick up your welcome packet and Gateway program registration materials.

8:20 am – 9:00 am - Registration
Lobby ETCOTA, Building 7

Coffee will be available during the morning for students who may be suffering from jet lag.

9:00 am – 9:15 am - Group Photograph
Room 7128

9:15 am – 9:45 am - Welcome Remarks and Introductions
Room 7128

Dr. Lenore P. Rodicio
Provost for Operations
Miami Dade College

Dr. Richard A. Soria
President of Wolfson Campus
Miami Dade College

This session will welcome participants to Miami Dade College and will give a brief overview of the institution and region.

9:45 am – 10:15 am - Fulbright Remarks and Overview
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This session delivered by IIE will introduce participants to the Fulbright Program. The remarks will include the roles of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and its Fulbright cooperating agencies (IIE)
10:15 am – 10:30 am - Agenda Overview
Room 7128
Dr. Stephen Johnson
Professor of EAP, German and Honors College
Co-Director of Fulbright Gateway Orientation
Miami Dade College

This will be a brief overview of the orientation agenda for the Gateway to reflect the goals of the orientation and provide participants with an understanding of how the orientation sessions relate to the overall goals.

10:30 am – 11:30 am - Networking Activity
Room 7128
Dr. Stephen Johnson
Co-Director of Fulbright Gateway Orientation
Helen Roland
Co-Director of Fulbright Gateway
Miami Dade College

This will be a networking session to help participants meet other Fulbright students, help find students with similar majors and universities, and help facilitate interaction.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm - Historical Overview of the U.S. from Colonization to the Cold War
Room 7128
Dr. Paul George
Professor of Social Science
Miami Dade College

This lecture will give an overview of important historical events from the time of colonization, through the industrial revolution, and through wars and events up to the Cold War.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm - Lunch
Room 6100

Please sit at the table marked with the region of your U.S. university.

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm - U.S. Politics and People
Room 7128
Dr. Alejandro Gancedo
Professor of Social Science
Miami Dade College

This interactive session will introduce participants to the U.S. political system and provide them with an understanding of its historical background and structure. Participants will learn how U.S. political history and political culture can color their interactions with Americans. The session will begin with a brief overview of U.S. government structure and will highlight how the concepts of
individualism and equality are displayed in the U.S. federalist structure as well as in historical and modern political discourse.

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm  -  Break

Students will meet outside Room 7128 for a coffee break.

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm  -  Understanding U.S. Academic Culture
Room 7128
Dr. Geraldine Walker
Professor of ESL and World Languages
Miami Dade College

Participants will be presented with an overview of academic culture in the U.S. and will acquire resources and strategies to adjust to a potentially unfamiliar academic system. The session will be relevant to foreign students from a variety of different academic backgrounds and will address a wide range of disciplines and degree objectives (MA vs PhD, etc.). Two key areas will be addressed: U.S. higher education classroom culture and academic integrity.

The session will include a discussion of U.S. classroom culture in higher education, including the informality of U.S. classrooms, the differences between seminars and lectures and the expectations of independent study and classroom participation. The general U.S. grading system will be introduced, including the four point grading rubric and an introduction to group work assignments. Participants will be provided with an understanding of key relationships, for example, with academic advisors, administrative staff, instructors, fellow students and peers.

Participants will be able to understand the concept of academic integrity and what constitutes plagiarism. The session will include a discussion of the potential consequences for plagiarism and resources and strategies for preventing unintentional violations of academic integrity policies.

MDC will consider dividing the participants into MA and PhD students or into groups according to field of study.

4:15 pm – 6:30 pm  -  Free Time
Room 7164
Computers available for student access.

6:30 pm  -  Departure to Bayside for Dinner
Hotel Lobby

Meet in the hotel lobby of the Holiday Inn at 6:30 pm to walk as a group to Bayside for dinner.

6:45 pm – 9:00 pm  -  Dinner

The Knife Restaurant
401 Biscayne Blvd.
Bayside Marketplace

Dinner is at an Argentine restaurant famous for its grilled meats, vegetables and salad bar. Participants will have a chance to talk to MDC staff, faculty, students and invited guests. This is an opportunity to network with other Fulbright students, chat with Americans and ask questions about south Florida and American culture.
6:30 am – 8:45 am - Continental Breakfast at Hotel
Marina Bistro Restaurant

Students will walk on their own to MDC Wolfson Campus Building 7.

9:00 am – 10:30 am - Cross Cultural Understanding and Adjustment
Room 7128
Dr. Danixia Cuevas
Professor, Law Center: Paralegal Studies Department
Miami Dade College

This interactive presentation will help participants understand and adapt to U.S. culture and subcultures. U.S. diversity (especially as related to ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, religion and LGBTQ sexuality) will be addressed. Participants will learn about U.S. cultural norms and etiquette, including punctuality and the value of time; task orientation in contrast with relationship orientation; conversational etiquette with friends and strangers; and everyday cultural considerations such as personal space, body language, direct communication and tipping. It will address stages of culture shock, cultural factors in interpersonal relationships, stresses and benefits of the acculturation process, and mental health resources and strategies for managing culture shock.

10:30 am – 10:45 am - Break

Students will sign up for Thursday’s breakout sessions and have a coffee break.

10:45 am – 11:45 am - Appropriate Interpersonal Relationships
Room 7128
Cindy J. Lau Evans
Manager, Equal Opportunities Programs (EOP)
Office of Equal Opportunities Programs/ADA Coordinator
(EOP/ADA)
Miami Dade College

Participants will learn about expected and acceptable vs inappropriate interpersonal behavior in various social, academic and professional situations. The presenter will tailor the session to address issues relevant to both male and female participants and will maintain cultural sensitivity in presenting this material. The presenter will explain the seriousness and potential consequences of sexual harassment. The session will include examples of how participants’ behavior may be misconstrued as inappropriate or harassing, including behavior that is sexual in nature. An interactive workshop style, where participants are given the opportunity to ask questions, discuss the ways in which they would behave in particular situations, and receive feedback on how that behavior may differ from U.S. expectations, will be used.

11:45 am – 12:45 pm - Lunch
Room 6100
12:45 pm - Depart for History Miami Museum

Students will depart for the History Miami Museum from Room 6100 and take the free Miami metro-mover to the museum with Miami Dade College staff. Water and snack bars will be available for students to enjoy during the afternoon activities. The metro-mover is located next to Wolfson Campus and the stop is Government Center, a few stops from the College.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm - History Miami Museum

Students will take a tour of the History Miami Museum. This informative tour will help participants discover the rich history of 10,000 years of South Florida history and culture.

2:45 pm – 4:45 pm - Bus Tour of Miami

The open-top bus will pick up students at the History Miami Museum. This tour will show some of the highlights of Miami. It will provide informative and entertaining commentary so participants can get to know the history, geography and culture of south Florida and Miami. It will stop in South Beach for students who wish to disembark there near the end of the tour, and the last stop will be the Holiday Inn at Bayside. Students who disembark at South Beach can return to the hotel by local bus or taxi.

5:00 pm - Free Night

Dinner is covered by the provided stipend given out during registration. Refer to the list of suggested local restaurants in the Welcome Packet. Miami has many international restaurants and is especially famous for its seafood as well as food from South America, Cuba and other Caribbean countries.
Thursday, August 18, 2016

6:30 am – 8:45 am  -  Continental Breakfast at Hotel
Marina Bistro Restaurant

Students will walk on their own to MDC Wolfson Campus Building 7.

9:00 am – 10:30 am  -  Leadership Workshop
Room 7128
Dr. Mercedes Medina
Professor, Law Center
Miami Dade College

The orientation will highlight the Fulbright tradition of leadership and will include an interactive activity that will teach leadership skills to participants. Activities will include those that highlight communication style, decision-making skills and/or effective team skills. The workshop will allow participants an immediate opportunity to apply the skill discussed and also to discuss how they can employ particular strategies in their academic or professional lives. Activities will include a debrief to help participants understand the intended learning objectives.

Activities that promote leadership skills will be incorporated into delivery of other program components as well.

10:30 am – 10:45 am  -  Break

Students will meet outside Room 7128 for coffee break.

10:45 am – 12:15 pm  -  Fulbright Grant Benefits and Responsibilities
Room 7128

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This presentation will address the health benefit program and resources available to participants. It will also have information related to visa regulations and Fulbright student responsibilities.

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm  -  Lunch
Room 6100

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm  -  Fulbright Graduate Student Group Discussion
This session is a panel discussion with current Fulbright Foreign Students. It will include topics of being an ambassador for your culture; strategies for sharing your culture; getting involved with your host community; staying connected to your Fulbright network; taking advantage of Fulbright activities; working with academic advisors; managing family life and expectations; managing your budget; housing, phones, bank accounts, transportation; and striking a balance between academic and social life. Students will be grouped according to their graduate academic programs (masters or doctoral).acclimation and adjustment in American graduate school. MDC will identify facilitators for the group discussions following a “talk show host” model to ensure that the conversation progresses appropriately.

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm  -  Break

Students will meet outside Room 7128 for coffee break.

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm  -  Remarks

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Fulbright Goals and Identity Wrap-up

Room 7128

Dr. Franklyn Tan Te
Professor of Biology
Miami Dade College

This session will help participants reflect on the topics discussed during the orientation, identify their goals for their Fulbright experience, share their insights about this Fulbright Gateway Orientation program, and consider how the tools and strategies provided during the week will assist them as they begin their grant. This session will also allow participants to identify their personal and professional goals for their Fulbright experience while in the U.S. and for their return to their home country as well as express how their awareness of other cultures has been enhanced and how this experience can be used to foster mutual understanding.

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm  -  Program Evaluation

Rooms 7109 & 7111

Participants are required to complete a short survey on the effectiveness of all sessions and the quality of all logistical arrangements.

3:45 pm – 5:45 pm  -  Free Time

Room 7164

Computers available for student access.
5:45 pm - Departure for South Beach

Participants will meet at 5:45 pm in the lobby of the Holiday Inn to board the bus for the farewell dinner at Nikki Beach Club on South Beach.

6:15 pm – 9:15 pm - Closing Dinner: An American Barbecue

Nikki Beach Club on South Beach
One Ocean Drive, Miami Beach

The farewell dinner will be a typical American barbecue at world-famous Nikki Beach Club located directly on the ocean in South Beach.

9:30 pm - Departure from Nikki Beach

The bus will return to the Holiday Inn at Bayside. If participants wish to leave earlier or stay longer, they may take a taxi back to the hotel at their own expense.
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Checkout at the hotel must be completed by 11:00 a.m. Participants will be responsible for paying any incidental expenses. If their departure is later in the day, the hotel will hold luggage for them. Van transportation or taxis can be arranged with the concierge at the hotel.
Logistical Arrangements

Housing

Fulbright students will be housed at the bay-front Holiday Inn–Port of Miami–Downtown, within easy-walking distance of the Wolfson Campus, with direct access to Bayside Marketplace, the Miami-Dade metro-rail, bus/trolley stops, and downtown shopping. Housing will be double occupancy with participants of the same gender. All housing costs will be within allowable federal per diem rates, and a complimentary breakfast is included.

Meeting Facilities

The main sessions will be held in Building 7 at Miami Dade College’s Wolfson Campus. 7128 is a tiered (movie theatre) lecture room, with approximately 15 rows total. It is a state-of-the-art electronic classroom equipped with swivel chairs and tables that facilitate interaction among participants and collaborative sessions. The campus also offers wireless mics, fully electronic classrooms, Wi Fi and state-of-the-art technology. In addition, the rooms are supported by Campus Network Services which provides campus-wide instructional support, administrative support, project planning and management, and help desk management for technology support.

Transportation

MDC will not be responsible for arranging air travel to and from the Gateway Orientation airport. MDC will provide instructions for transportation to and from the local airport and will arrange local transportation for Gateway Orientation activities. MDC will also be responsible for assisting second-year Fulbright students who are invited to participate in the orientation as mentors arrange travel to the orientation site.

Tour buses will be used for the City of Miami Tour as well as to transport participants to and from South Beach and the Nikki Beach Club.

Fulbright students will be housed at the bay-front Holiday Inn–Port of Miami-Downtown, within easy-walking distance of the Wolfson Campus. Both Wolfson Campus and the Holiday Inn- Port of Miami – Downtown have easy access to public transportation, and many Miami landmarks are within walking distance. The Wolfson Campus extends participants a unique opportunity to enjoy the many cultural centers and exciting attractions that make Miami the “Magic City.”
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Prof. Dorothy Avondstondt
Professor of English for Academic Purposes
Consultant & Prior Director of Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program
Miami Dade College

Professor Avondstondt has been a professor at MDC since 2000 and both Director and Assistant Director of the Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program since 2005. She was awarded a 2010-2013 Endowed Teaching Chair for excellence in teaching and also a NISOD Excellence award for outstanding contributions to teaching, leadership and learning from the University of Texas. She has a Master’s degree in TESOL from Nova Southeastern University, a Specialist degree in TESOL from the University of Miami, and a certificate in French from IAU University in Aix-en-Provence, France. She has extensive ESL teaching experience at Miami Dade College, University of Miami Intensive English Program, Miami Dade County Public Schools, private language schools, and English for business programs. She has lectured at Fulbright Gateway Orientation programs; International TESOL in New York; International TESOL in Seattle; Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities in Washington D.C.; and Sunshine State TESOL in Miami and Fort Lauderdale on pedagogy and techniques of teaching a second/foreign language, integration of language skills, and accelerated content in English. She has written articles, done textbook editing, developed curriculum and materials, and she helped develop a Golden Apple grant project and a Title V grant on integrated language skills. She also has a background in aviation and has traveled extensively throughout the world.

Dr. John Q. Chin
Regional Cisco Networking Academy Coordinator
School of Computer and Engineering Technologies
Miami Dade College

Dr. Chin graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor’s degree in Science and from the University of Miami with a Juris Doctorate, and practiced law for 20 years in the areas of real estate, corporate and family law before coming to work for the College. He manages the Cisco Academy; trains other Cisco instructors; coordinates IT student activities, including CISnet, an organization for Cisco and Microsoft Networking students; contributes to the development and promotion of courses in the Computer Information Systems Department; manages a variety of CIS programs and labs; and maintains web sites supporting computer activities at the college.
Dr. Danixia Cuevas  
Professor - The Law Center  
Miami Dade College

Prof. Danixia Cuevas, J.D. received a bachelor’s degree from Rutgers University, Douglass College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and French. She attended Rutgers University Law School-Newark. She is presently a professor at Miami Dade College and teaches paralegal and law classes. Prof. Cuevas was a Fulbright scholar to India for 2013-2014 where she taught advanced contracts law at the National Law University in New Delhi, India. She has presented nationally and internationally at academic conferences. Her articles have been published in national and international journals. Prof. Cuevas received the 2007-2010 Wachovia Bank Endowed Chair for outstanding teaching excellence at MDC. Prof. Cuevas will return to India in July 2016, for her second Fulbright grant to train faculty in India about creating paralegal curriculum.

Dr. Alejandro Gancedo  
Professor of Social Science  
Miami Dade College

Dr. Gancedo was born in La Habana, Cuba, and immigrated to the United States at a very young age. He is a graduate of Miami-Dade College and Florida State University. He holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics and Political Science and a Juris Doctorate. He also attended St. Edmunds College, Oxford University, studying European Economic Law and Comparative Human Rights. As a Marshall Scholar, he lectured at Bonn University, the University of Munich, and Greifswald University, in Germany, on issues of the Cuban American Diaspora. He was Associate Dean for Natural and Social Sciences and is a Professor of Social Science at MDC and an authority on the American Federal Government. He is the recipient of two Endowed Teaching Chairs, The Peter Masiko Jr./Miami Jai Alai(2009) and The Honorable Jack Gordon (2013) Endowed Teaching Chair.

Dr. Paul S. George  
Professor of History  
Miami Dade College

Dr. George is a Professor of History at MDC, Wolfson Campus. He also serves as Historian to the Historical Association of Southern Florida. A native Miamian, Paul George is a graduate of the University of Miami and holds a Masters and Ph.D. degree in History from the Florida State University. Dr. George has taught at Florida State University, Florida A & M University, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of Miami. Dr. George has authored ten books, over one hundred articles and book reviews and numerous unpublished manuscripts, and edited two books. Two of his books have won awards. He has served as president of the Florida Historical Society, vice chairman of the City of Miami’s Heritage Conservation Board, director of the Historic Broward County
Preservation Board, and sits as a member of Metro Dade County’s Preservation Board. He is a recent past-president of the Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archive. Mr. George is editor of both Tequesta, the scholarly journal of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, and the same organization’s South Florida History magazine. Dr. George has twice been cited as Miami’s outstanding Historian by New Times, Miami. Miami Today featured him as a Newsmaker in December 1991. He was the narrator and a principal in a historical documentary on the Miami News/Freedom Tower created by WLRN Television. The documentary was selected as the top film in its category by the Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives in 2004. He was the recipient in 2003 of an award from Miami-Dade County School’s Social Science Division for Excellence in that field. The Notre Dame Club of South has feted Dr. George as its Person of the Year in 1997 through its Exemplar Award. He was recognized in 1995 as Teacher of the Year for Miami-Dade College, Wolfson and InterAmerican campuses. Between 1997 and 2000, he held the Arthur Hertz Endowed Chair at Miami-Dade College. Dr. George has curated several historical exhibits at the Historical Association of Southern Florida and at the Jewish Museum of Florida. He also conducts about thirty-five different history tours of Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties. His “Crime tour” and boat tour of the waters along Key Biscayne and Stiltsville were feted by New Times, Miami as the “Best Tours” in recent years.

Dr. Stephen Johnson  
Co-Director of Fulbright Orientation,  
Professor of English for Academic Purposes, German, and Honors College  
Miami Dade College

Dr. Stephen Johnson is Co-Director of the 2016 Fulbright Gateway Orientation. He earned his doctorate degree from Florida Atlantic University in 2015, with a research focus on U.S. immigrants' access to higher education in community colleges. His master's degrees are in German and TESOL at the University of Alabama. He has worked with adult ESL learners in higher education since 1995 in South Korea, Germany, Brazil, and the United States. Prof. Johnson was a Fulbright Teaching Assistant in Germany from 1997-1998. In addition to numerous years of teaching ESL, he also has experience with program administration, international student and exchange programs, technology, and curriculum development. Prof. Johnson has also worked as the co-director of the Summer 2013 Miami Dade College PDPI project, a grant which provided teacher training to Brazilian English teachers.

Cindy J. Lau-Evans  
Manager, Equal Opportunity Programs (EOP)  
Office of Equal Opportunity Programs/ADA Coordinator (EOP/ADA)  
Miami Dade College

Cindy J. Lau-Evans is the Manager, Equal Opportunity Programs in the Miami Dade College Office of Equal Opportunity Programs/ADA Coordinator (EOP/ADA). The Office of EOP/ADA is a department of the Human Resources Division and is located on the Kendall Campus. In her capacity of Manager, EOP, she supports the overall operation and
implementation of the College’s civil rights compliance responsibilities through investigation and resolution of civil rights complaints.

Ms. Lau Evans has 20+ years’ experience in HR management, leader development, diversity and inclusion, change management, conflict resolution and employee relations in small companies as well as large corporations and entities in the financial, physical security services and higher education sectors. She serves as the Diversity Director for the HR Florida State Council. As the Council’s Director of Diversity, she develops and presents Diversity Awareness as well as Inclusion Strategy workshops and events for HR chapters and organizations. Ms. Lau-Evans is active in the HR professional association community and has served as a past President of the Greater Miami chapter of the Society for HR Management, Board Member of the American Society for Training and Development and on several cross-cultural awareness committees.

A past-President of the Caribbean Students Association at the University of Miami in Florida, Cindy earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and her Masters of Science in Education, Organizational Training at the University of Miami.

**Dr. Mercedes Medina**  
**Professor - The Law Center**  
**Miami Dade College**

Professor Medina teaches Fundamentals of Law, Legal Research, Legal Writing, Business Law, Trial Preparation, and The Honors College Interdisciplinary Leadership Skills. Mercedes is a passionate advocate for social justice and education, and makes it a priority to encourage her students to think creatively while making a positive difference in their personal lives and communities. A few recent accomplishments include recognition by the several prestigious organizations for her work in developing innovative and challenging service learning and civic engagement projects, including: President's Volunteer Service Award - Bronze Award for over 100 hours of service to the community in a 12 month period; Wolfson Campus Faculty Facilitator - Institute for Civic Engagement & Democracy; presented at the national conference for the American Federation of Teachers–Topic: Engaging Students to Become Civic Leaders; nominated to be the U.S. Faculty of the year by President Eduardo Padron; Faculty of the Year by The Washington Center (Washington, D.C.) – Civic Engagement Leadership Project – developed curriculum and facilitated the project in Washington, D.C for three years; co-Vice President for Wolfson Campus of the United Faculty of Miami Dade College; and Appreciation Award by the students of the MDC- Paralegal Program and Wolfson Chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi. Also she developed a learning community and co-facilitated the development of the service project “Striving for Success,” focusing on at-risk youth. The students in the paralegal program organized a youth fair with the purpose of providing tools to prevent drug use, violence and school delinquency. Also she received a Faculty Appreciation Award by the students of Phi Theta Kappa, and National Honor Society. She developed curriculum and facilitated mentoring service learning projects where students mentored and tutored at-risk youth in foster care and in an after-care program. Dr. Medina is currently
the advisor to Lambda Epsilon Chi National Honor Society and Club, The National Honor Society for Leadership and Success, and Dream Defenders.

**Dr. Rolando Montoya**  
**Provost for Operations**  
**Miami Dade College**

Dr. Montoya is a native of Camagüey, Cuba. He grew up in Panamá, Costa Rica, and México, where he developed his appreciation for diversity and international perspectives. In 1987, Dr. Montoya initiated his successful academic and administrative tenure at MDC, which have included the positions of professor, department chairperson, Dean of Academic Affairs, President of the Wolfson Campus, and culminated with his appointment as Provost of Miami Dade College. His services to MDC were recognized with the Carlos Arboleya/NationsBank and the SunTrust Bank endowed teaching chairs. Before his employment at MDC, he had served as a business executive in the fields of finance and accounting and as Consul of Costa Rica in Miami. Dr. Montoya is a Certified Management Account and Certified Financial Manager. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in business administration from the Technological Institute of Monterrey, México, and a Master’s degree in finance and a doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration from Florida International University. Dr. Montoya is an active member of several academic, professional, and community organizations.

**Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón**  
**College President**  
**Miami Dade College**

An American by choice, Eduardo Padrón arrived in the United States as a refugee at the age of 15. Since 1995, he has served as President of Miami Dade College (MDC), the largest institution of higher education in America with more than 165,000 students. He is credited with elevating MDC into a position of national prominence among the best and most recognized U.S. colleges and universities. An economist by training, Dr. Padrón earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. In 2009, *TIME* magazine included him on the list of “The 10 Best College Presidents.” In 2010, *Florida Trend* magazine named him “Floridian of the Year.” In 2011, *The Washington Post* named him one of the eight most influential college presidents in the U.S. Also in 2011, he was awarded the prestigious 2011 Carnegie Corporation Centennial Academic Leadership Award. In 2012, he received the Citizen Service Award from Voices for National Service, the coveted TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence, and the Aspen Institute Ascend Fellowship. Dr. Padrón’s energetic leadership extends to many of the nation’s leading organizations. He is the immediate past chair of the board of directors of the American Council on Education (ACE) and is a past chair of the board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). He also serves on the American Academy of Arts & Sciences’ Commission on the Humanities & Social Sciences.
President Padrón is widely recognized as one of the top educational leaders in the world and is often invited to participate in educational policy forums in the United States and abroad. In 1993, President Bill Clinton recognized him as one of America’s foremost educators. President George W. Bush nominated him to the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board and the National Economic Summit. More recently, he represented the U.S. at UNESCO’s World Conference on Higher Education at the invitation of the Obama administration and President Obama appointed him Chairman of the White House Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. During his career he has been selected to serve on posts of national prominence by six American presidents.

Internationally, President Padrón’s accomplishments have been recognized by numerous nations and organizations including the Republic of France, which named him Commandeur in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques; the Republic of Argentina, which awarded him the Order of San Martin; and Spain’s King Juan Carlos II, who bestowed upon him the Order of Queen Isabella.

Dr. Padrón’s pace-setting work at Miami Dade College has been hailed as a model of innovation in higher education. He is credited with engineering a culture of success that has produced impressive results in student access, retention, graduation, and overall achievement. MDC enrolls and graduates more minorities than any other institution in the United States, including the largest numbers of Hispanics and African-Americans. He is nationally respected for his advocacy on behalf of underserved populations in higher education, and his in-depth research report, “A Deficit of Understanding,” highlights the funding crisis that threatens access for low-income and minority students. Dr. Padrón has also championed innovative teaching and learning strategies and developed support initiatives to ensure student success. He was a member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ (AAC&U) Greater Expectations national panel that re-examined baccalaureate education in the U.S. and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation’s Commission on the High School Senior Year. More recently he has been called upon to co-chair the Century Foundation’s Task Force on Preventing Community Colleges from Becoming Separate and Unequal. He also serves on the National Commission on Higher Education Attainment; CFR Task Force on U.S. Education Reform and National Security; National Governors Association's Advisory Group for College Completion Initiatives; and ACE Blue Ribbon Panel on Global Engagement.


He currently also serves on the boards of the Business/Higher Education Forum; the Council on Foreign Relations; League for Innovation in the Community College (past Chair); RC 2020; College Board Advocacy and Policy Center; White House Fellows Selection Panel (Chair); the International Association of University Presidents; the Federal Reserve Board of Atlanta, Miami Branch (Chair); and Achieving the Dream. Dr. Padrón
also serves as chairman of the White House Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. In past years he has held leadership positions on the boards of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (Chair); the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; the White House Commission on Educational Excellence; Campus Compact; Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute; The College Board; and others. Most recently, he has been appointed to the White House/Congressional Commission of the National Museum of the American Latino.

In Florida, Padrón has served on several gubernatorial commissions and has lent his talents to numerous organizations including the Florida Humanities Council; the Florida Council of Presidents (Chair); the Council of 100; Dade-Miami Criminal Justice Council (Chair); Miami Parking Authority (Chair); the Hispanic American League Against Discrimination (Chair); NAACP (Vice-President); and Greater Miami United (Co-Chair).

Under Dr. Padrón’s leadership, Miami Dade College has received national recognition for its longstanding involvement with its urban community, its catalytic effect for social and economic change, and the marked difference the College has made in student access and success through pace-setting initiatives. The most recent recognitions include: 2011 CHEA "Award for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes;" 2010 The Washington Center "Higher Education Civic Engagement Award;" 2010 The College Board "College Keys Compact for Learning Outcomes Initiative;" 2008 Association for General & Liberal Studies "Exemplary Award for Improving General Education;" 2008-11 "U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll;" and 2008 National Center for Digital Education "Fourth Best College for Digital Transformation."

He is the recipient of numerous honorary doctorates and prestigious awards. The recent list includes the 2012 Aspen Institute/Ascend Fellowship; 2012 University of Texas "John Roueche International Leadership Award;" 2012 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce "Sand In My Shoes" Award; “2008 Charles Kennedy Equity Award,” Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT); “2008 Reginald Wilson Diversity Leadership Award,” American Council on Education; “2008 Innovator of the Year,” League for Innovation in the Community College; Chair Academy for Leadership Development’s “2005 Paul A. Elsner Award for International Excellence;” Hispanic Magazine’s “2004 Hispanic Achievement Award in Education;” and the Association of Community College Trustee’s “2002 Chief Executive of the Year” award. He is a prolific writer with countless publications to his credit and serves on the editorial boards of The Presidency, University Business, and Campus Technology. He has been featured in People magazine as one of the world’s most influential Hispanics, in Hispanic magazine’s list of most powerful Latinos, and in PODER magazine’s report on “Movers and Shakers.”
Dr. Lenore P. Rodicio
Provost of Academic and Student Affairs
Miami Dade College

Dr. Lenore Rodicio is currently Provost of Academic and Student Affairs for Miami Dade College (MDC). Dr. Rodicio previously served as Vice Provost for Student Achievement at MDC, and led a nationally recognized planning and implementation process to redesign the student experience at MDC from early connections with potential students through degree completion. In collaboration with key partners such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Achieving the Dream, Lumina and Kresge, the planning process brought together faculty, staff and administrators across all campuses to analyze the current state of student success and completion at MDC and to implement comprehensive solutions to improve completion rates. A key component of this initiative was the development of program pathways that prepared students within their major program of study, while maintaining a strong commitment to general education in the curriculum.

Dr. Rodicio joined MDC in the fall of 2002 as an adjunct instructor of chemistry at the Kendall and InterAmerican Campuses. Since that time, she has held a number of positions at the college including Associate Professor, Chair of Natural and Social Sciences, and Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Rodicio has led a number of grant projects aimed at recruiting students to the sciences and improving the teaching/learning process in the STEM fields. She has served as project director for the mathematics modular redesign project funded through the National Center of Academic Transformation, and the Statway project funded by the Carnegie Foundation. As a faculty member, Dr. Rodicio served as a founding co-chair of the Learning Outcomes Project that facilitated a nationally recognized process to develop college-wide general education learning outcomes and related assessment tools.

Dr. Rodicio holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Barry University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in chemistry from Louisiana State University. She is a member of the American Chemical Society and the immediate past president of the Association for General and Liberal Studies.

Professor Helen Roland
Co-Director of Fulbright Orientation
Professor of EAP, SLS, and Virtual College
Miami Dade College

Professor Helen Roland taught at the Uruguayan American School in Montevideo, Uruguay and in a trilingual program at the Universidad Nacional de La Plata in the Facultad de Ciencias Economicas for the Master's in International Marketing program in La Plata, Argentina. Professor Roland has been full-time faculty at Miami-Dade in the Department of World Languages on Kendall Campus since 2002. She has a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Southern Illinois University, a Master's degree in TESOL and Bilingual Education from the University of Miami, and has completed 18 graduate hours in Instructional Technology and Instructional Design from Nova Southeastern University. She currently teaches EAP classes in the Department of World Languages as
well as SLS and EAP in the Virtual College. She was heavily involved in both authoring and developing part of two levels of eWriting which was developed under a FIPSE grant. She developed and managed two Golden Apple Grants. She was Instructional Coordinator and presenter for a PDPI grant at Kendall Campus in 2013 and was presenter for the BETUSA/PDPI grants held at Wolfson Campus in 2013 and 2014.

Dr. Richard A. Soria  
President of Wolfson College  
Miami Dade College

Dr. Richard A. Soria is the President of the Wolfson Campus at Miami Dade College, a bustling, comprehensive urban campus in the heart of Downtown Miami, offering innovative programs and unparalleled cultural events. This important campus is home to The Honors College, the Virtual College, the Miami Culinary Institute, the Miami Fashion Institute, the Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC), the Idea Center, the School of Engineering + Technology, and the New World School of the Arts, among other important schools and divisions. With regard to the cultural arts, it is the home of the Miami Book Fair, the Miami Film Festival, MDC Live Arts, Jazz at Wolfson Presents, and the National Historic Landmark Freedom Tower and Museum of Art + Design.

Dr. Soria has held numerous leadership positions in higher education of increasing responsibility that have set the foundation for his vast understanding of administration and instruction as well as curriculum and program development. Most recently, he served as the President of the Michigan City Campus of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana and previously held other key leadership positions at the institution, including Vice Chancellor, Dean of the School of Public & Social Services, and Chair of Mortuar y Sciences.

Dr. Soria is an alumnus of Valparaiso University, graduating in 2007 with a Juris Doctor. Previously, he graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in 1995. He earned his Bachelor’s in Business Management from Calumet College of St. Joseph in 1994.

Dr. Franklyn Tan Te  
President Wolfson Campus  
Miami Dade College

Dr. Te, Associate Professor Senior at MDC, has a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and received his Masters’ Degree in Marine Biology from the University of Guam. Dr. Te’s expertise includes taxonomy, ecology, and biology of coral reefs; habitat monitoring via environmental surveys and impact assessment; marine environmental toxicology via pesticide and pollution research; marine science education and training via experiential hands-on activities; and human anatomy, physiology, and nursing skills instruction via field-tested practical activities. Dr. Te is knowledgeable in four languages:
English, Chinese, Spanish, and Tagalog (Philippine national language) and has taught extensively in Third World developing nations and developed industrialized nations. Dr. Te’s motto for success is: “Find reasons to succeed and not excuses to fail.”

Dr. Geraldine Grace Walker  
Professor and Coordinator of ESL  
Miami Dade College

Dr. Walker is at the Homestead Campus of MDC. She received her doctorate in Higher Education-International/Intercultural Education Development from Florida State University in 2000. She received a Master’s degree in Education from Louisiana State University in 1979 and a Bachelor’s degree in Education from the University of Miami in 1977. In 2003, Dr. Walker worked for 6 months at La Universidad de Agraria-Centro de Idiomas, in Lima, Peru, as an International Rotary University Teacher. She has continued her relationship with the university and yearly takes materials for the ESL Department, where she conducts workshops for their ESL professors. Dr. Walker was selected by MDC as one of 12 faculty members that the College sent to Salzburg, Austria for a conference on Global Education, Sustainability, and Internationalizing College Curricula. Other international activities include an Early Childhood Centre in one of the deprived areas in Peru where she has built a wall to protect the young children from rock slides. She motivated her EAP students to aid Haiti in the earthquake that devastated the country. She supports two African children whose grandmother is their sole caretaker. She has been the recipient of two Endowed Teaching Chairs in 2002 and 2007 and she received the Outstanding Service Learning Faculty Award from MDC. The exposure and the advantages she has had since she left her native Jamaica have been the driving force behind her compassionate endeavors to create advantages for the underprivileged.

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Dr. M. Eugenia (Jenny) Verdaguer  
Branch Chief  
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M. Eugenia (Jenny) Verdaguer is Chief of the Western Hemisphere Fulbright Programs Branch in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. She oversees all academic exchange programs across the region, formulating, planning, managing, and executing Fulbright and other ECA-sponsored programs under guidelines established by the Department of State through the Bureau and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, in consultation with Public Affairs Sections at U.S. Embassies, regional bureaus, Fulbright Commissions, cooperating organizations and other relevant partners. Before
joining the Branch as Program Officer in July 2007, Dr. Verdaguer was Director of the Bachelor of Individualized Study at George Mason University. From 2000 to 2005, she was Visiting Research Fellow at The Catholic University of America. Prior to that, she was educational advisor at the Organization of American States and Director of International Fellowship Programs at the AAUW Educational Foundation. Born and raised in Buenos Aires, Dr. Verdaguer is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from American University. She has taught courses on the Sociology of Latin America at American and George Mason Universities and has published on Latino immigrant faith communities and entrepreneurship in the Washington metropolitan area.

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If you are unable to locate the group, please call Stephen Johnson at 305-781-0581 or Helen Roland at 305-546-7226. You can also contact the Holiday Inn (305-371-4400).