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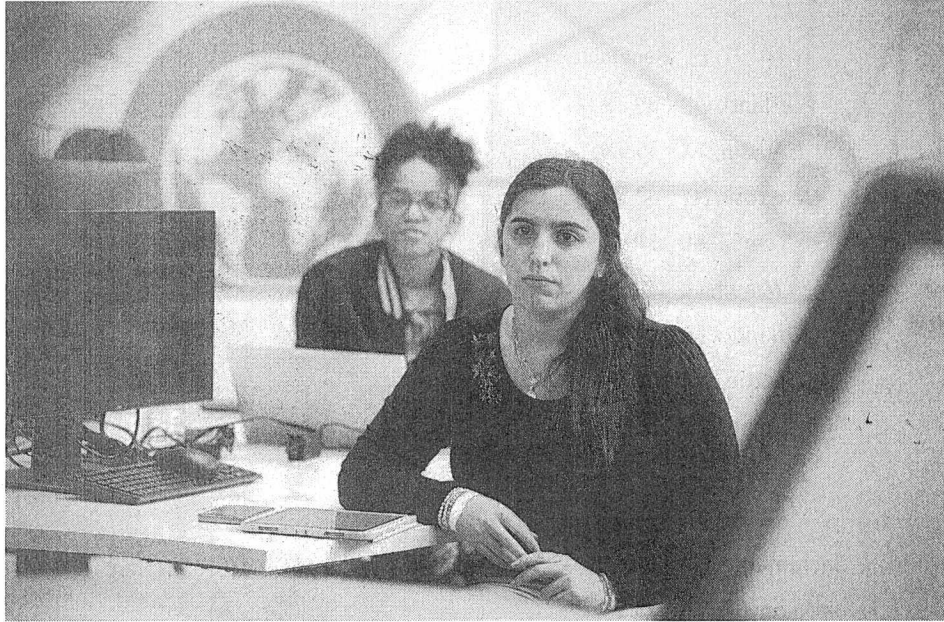


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Miami Dade College student Fabiana Gonzalez, 20, listens to a presentation during Miami Hack Week at the college's Wolfson campus on Jan. 25.

## Miami Dade College will get \$15 million for tech-job training

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As Miami's tech wave continues, Miami Dade College is set to receive \$15 million from a quartet of public and nonprofit entities to increase its technology curriculum — and make artificial-intelligence education available to all of its students.

The investment — \$7 million from the Knight Foundation, \$5 million from Miami-Dade County, \$2 million from the city of Miami and \$1 million from the Miami Downtown

Development Authority — will be used to hire as many as 15 faculty members with tech backgrounds that can satisfy surging enrollment in MDC's School of Engineering and Technology. MDC is also launching MDCTECH, a web portal designed to serve as the hub for its tech efforts.

Wednesday's announcement came a week after Miami and MDC announced the creation of a tech-focused high school that will be centered at the college's Wolfson campus.

At a press conference announcing the investment, Miami-Dade Mayor

Daniella Levine Cava said it was incumbent on community leaders to make the gains from the tech movement more accessible.

"It's really important to make these investments so all can rise in this rising tide," Levine Cava said in referencing the growing tech sector causing real estate prices to rise. "We need to be creating those opportunities for everyone."

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez expressed a similar message.

"This is about creating fairness to accessing these opportunities," Suarez



said. "That is our obligation."

The emphasis on and financial commitment to technology education and training comes as the area grapples with its newfound focus as a tech center, a development that has led to an unprecedented influx of professionals from California and other places. It has also exposed the region's talent shortage.

"There's been a lot of talk about who Miami tech is for, and we want to highlight that there's a trend here, that Miamians are seeking out these educational paths, career paths," said Raul Moas, who recently took on new responsibilities as a senior director at the Knight Foundation in addition to his role as the Miami nonprofit's program director. "We still have work to do to translate that into actual employment, but we see that Miamians are seeking out these opportunities. That's an incredibly important part of the narrative."

In addition to making an artificial-intelligence course part of MDC's core curriculum, the millions of dollars also will be used to establish a bachelor's degree in applied artificial intelligence. MDC is building two AI centers, at its North and Wolfson campuses, to foster experiential learning and collaboration between industry and academia. They will join the college's existing technology centers that are focused on animation and gaming, cloud computing and cybersecurity.

"We have seen Miami and South Florida getting more investment, more startups, more venture capital, and what we now need is investment in our education system," said Antonio Delgado, MDC's vice president of innovation and technology part-

nerships, "so that we can create pathways for students and Miamians to participate."

Aaron Burciaga, an AI expert, said the \$15 million investment represented a key step in forming a workforce that has AI expertise — a critical development needed to meet national-security concerns.

"We don't need more masters or Ph.D. students to stand up to the threat of Chinese tech dominance — we won't be able to graduate enough of them in time," he said. "Instead, the ones getting it done are our colleges. I see Miami and MDC as the ones rolling up their sleeves and rolling out these first associate's and bachelor's programs in these fields."

For the Knight Foundation, the \$7 million donation represents the latest in what is now a total of \$22 million invested in Miami tech and innovation in the past 12 months — following its \$15 million commitment to Florida International University, the University of Miami, and Baptist Health South Florida — and \$60 million in local tech investments over the past decade.

"For us, it's about meeting community demand," Moas said. "More Miamians than ever before are seeking out careers in tech, and we're responding to that aspiration."

Christina Crespi, executive director of the city's Downtown Development Authority, said of the agency's contribution: "We saw an opportunity to build upon the Miami DDA's broader economic development push, which is bringing new companies — and jobs — to Downtown Miami from around the world."

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## Miami Tech & Startup News

**Miami Dade College to expand emerging tech programs, open a Center for AI and expand 'AI for All' with new \$15M investment**



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## **The \$15M in funding comes from Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and Miami DDA**

This vision will soon be reality: Every Miami Dade College student, regardless of their discipline, will be exposed to emerging technologies. The College is poised to be the first of its kind in the nation to require all students to take at least one Applied AI course. MDC will soon offer a bachelor's degree in artificial intelligence, as well as a certificate program in Applied AI. Offerings in cybersecurity, data science, cloud computing, gaming and other emerging technologies will be bolstered with additional faculty and resources. And there is, beginning today, a central Hub for all things Miami Tech at MDC.

Miami Dade College under President Madeline Pumariega will do all this through a \$15 million combined investment from the [John S. and James L. Knight Foundation](#), Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and the Miami Downtown Development Authority. The investment consists of \$5 million from Miami-Dade County and \$2 million from the City of Miami in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, a

\$7 million match from Knight, and \$1 million from the Miami DDA. It was announced today at a press conference on MDC's Wolfson campus that included remarks by the mayors of Miami and Miami-Dade County, the DDA and MDC leadership.

"MDC has been the higher education leader in the South Florida community for 62 years, helping to build and elevate our city from within," said Pumariega, also an MDC alumnus. "With these historic investments and support from key partners, we are continuing that mission, preparing students for top jobs in emerging and growing technology careers, helping residents upskill to attain economic mobility, and driving the growth of businesses in South Florida."

MDC is one of the largest public colleges in the nation with over 100,000 students, of which 91% are Hispanic or Black and more than 50% are first-generation college students. The new funding comes at a time when enrollment in tech programs has reached an all-time high, even as other programs have been flat. The enrollment in MDC tech programs that lead to employment, such as bachelor's and associate's degrees and certificates, was a record 1,830 students this past fall, representing a 120% increase in enrollment in just four years. It's the kind of growth Florida International University's tech programs are also seeing.

"Literally, there's never been a time in Miami where more Miamians have said 'I want to be in tech,' so leaning into that trend makes all the sense in the world," said Raul Moas, senior director of Knight's Miami program. "Miamians are raising their hand, they are seeking ways to break into the sector."

Indeed, in the past 12 months, Knight has committed nearly \$23 million to tech talent development, representing more than a third of Knight's investments in the Miami tech community over the last decade. "The goal for us, what motivates us, is an engaged, participatory community to help build the Miami that they aspire to see today and tomorrow, and it is through tech," Moas said.

The funding comes at a time greater Miami is experiencing a boom in tech with thousands of startup founders, VC investors, larger tech companies, and tech professionals moving to or expanding in the area. Needs for tech talent have never been higher.

Specifically, the funding will allow MDC to add 15 new faculty in AI and other emerging tech disciplines at MDC's School of Engineering and Technology (EnTec) – that's an increase of over 20%. EnTec will also develop new courses and professional development programs in these fields, including a bachelors and certificate in applied AI. Indeed, this investment will also build on MDC's AI for All work it has already started, and MDC soon will require all students regardless of their career track to take at least one course in applied AI.

MDC will also build an AI Center to foster experiential learning and collaboration between industry and academia, which will join existing MDC technology centers focused on animation and gaming, cloud computing and cybersecurity. With the AI Center, "we're mimicking the real spaces where students get



to work after they graduate. And at the same time, we're creating engagement between companies, employers and students," said Antonio Delgado, MDC's VP of Innovation and Technology Partnerships. "It's a space where everything speaks AI."

All of this will likely be rolled out in the next year or two. Much of the activity will be centered around the MDC North and Wolfson campuses where the AI Centers will be but will involve all the MDC campuses, Delgado said. To bring it all together, MDC is rolling out today MDC Tech, the College's gateway to connect students, community members and employers with tech offerings at MDC.

Through the MDC Tech site, current and prospective students will have access to all MDC Tech courses, programs and professional development opportunities, as well as scholarships. Tech companies and other local employers seeking local tech talent will also find a direct platform to reach MDC students with the most sought-after tech skills. Starting today, MDC will also be offering a free AI speaker series, both in person and online, for students and the community at large, bringing in experts from around the country. Find details on MDC Tech.

What's more, all of this joins a foundation of innovation at the College, already home to the renowned Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex, better known as MAGIC, The Idea Center, the Cybersecurity Center of the Americas and the Cloud Computing Center. Over the past five years, MDC's EnTec has created new degree and certificate programs in cybersecurity, cloud computing and data analytics, working with companies like Microsoft, Google, IBM and Amazon. Last week, MDC and the City of Miami announced it is developing a Miami Tech charter school.

"This is just the beginning and is an investment to take Miami Dade College to another next level. Along with the tech offerings that we have in the college and scholarships to help the students, we will hire new faculty and create new engaging opportunities not only in terms of degrees but also upskilling and reskilling for our global community," said Delgado, who was formerly dean of EnTec. "We are 100% committed to create the pathways to employment in the tech ecosystem."

Delgado's messages to companies: "We are here to work together with companies on their needs." Many of the companies are not even looking in Miami for talent because they don't believe Miami has the talent, he said. "We do have the talent, and we are going to continue expanding that talent. We want to work with you, we want to collaborate with you, we're here for Miami."

Since 2012, Knight has invested more than \$60 million into nurturing Miami's tech and startup ecosystem. This latest investment builds on Knight's support of Miami tech talent, including a \$15.3 million commitment in Florida International University, the University of Miami and Baptist Health South Florida announced in February 2021. Three months ago, Knight announced a \$2.25 million investment in CodePath to expand and launch programming at FIU, Florida Memorial University and MDC to connect students to tech careers.

Moas signaled there is more to come on the tech talent front. One area Knight is interested in is reimagining higher education's career services, and through its recent funding of FIU, one of the projects will be contracting with a globally renowned design firm to help do just that within FIU's College of Engineering. A reimagined Career Services model could then be rolled out to MDC and other higher ed institutions.

"Where there's opportunity to continue to innovate and meet the community and industry where they are today is around Career Services, career pathways — how we help students and companies find one another at the right time in the right way and in a way that leads to the best outcomes possible," Moas said. "Right now those systems are in urgent need of reimagination."

Moas believes this new investment in MDC, together with the Knight's previous investments in FIU, UM and CodePath last year, come at the right time for the Miami tech ecosystem.

"What I'm hearing from university leaders across the region is an absolute commitment to reimagine and reinvent all parts of the pipeline."

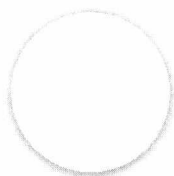
*The Miami Dade College press conference where the funding was announced on Wednesday. It was also live streamed. Photo at the top of this post shows a cybersecurity class at MDC.*

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# THE NEW TROPIC

## Here's how Miamians can be a part of the tech boom

**MDC makes a \$15 million  
announcement.**

By The New Tropic Team

**Welcome to Thursday and a very special edition of The  
New Tropic.**

Today's newsletter is sponsored by Miami Dade College and  
spotlights an exciting development for the community.

If you missed yesterday's big news, MDC announced a \$15  
million investment from Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade  
County, the City of Miami and the Miami Downtown  
Development Authority to expanded their educational and  
employment opportunities for Miamians eager to gain  
knowledge, build on their talents, and get the support they  
need to be a part of this tech boom.

MDC Tech is a new initiative that unifies all of MDC's tech  
programs into a streamlined, accessible curriculum for  
locals seeking degrees, dual enrollments, or just looking to  
expand their skill set.

Wonder what that means and what shape this initiative will



take? Read on for a sneak peek at the latest addition to Miami's tech ecosystem...

## 🤝 Miami's pathway to joining the tech boom



*Miami Dade College President Madeline Pumariega at yesterday's MDC Tech announcement. (📷: Paul O'Leary)*

**The headlines are teeming with Miami tech news these days.** "Miami sees blockchain-focused venture capital deals skyrocket in 2021"; "Miami Ranks #1 For Tech Job Growth"; "Miami wants to become crypto's financial capital"; we've all seen the stories. Miami has become the place to be for anyone wanting to grow a career in tech. That's why Miami Dade College decided early to position itself to become the one-stop shop for all things tech — a local resource where students can train, businesses have access to top-tier talent, and the community can become involved at all

levels.

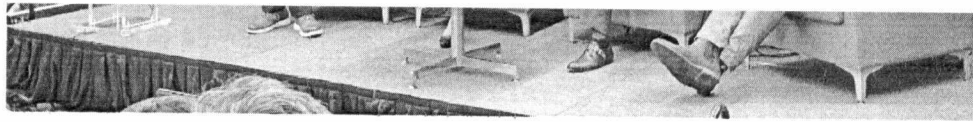
Enter MDC Tech.

**MDC recognized early on that as Miami's tech scene grows, locals should be the most qualified candidates to apply for the thousands of new technology jobs being created here by startups and large companies alike.** As a local pillar of higher education, the college wanted to ensure that talented professionals would stay in Miami by matching them with local employers and nurturing their careers both while enrolled and after graduating.

Thanks to major investments and support from Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami, and the Miami Downtown Development Authority (Miami DDA), MDC has created MDC Tech, a pathway for students of any age, interest or level of education, to learn first-class tech skills via degrees, to take part in professional development opportunities, and to network with business and industry leaders looking for new talent.

MDC Tech has built upon the success of existing programs from the School of Engineering and Technology (EnTec) to expand their two- and four-year degrees in emerging technologies. In addition, the curriculum will offer upskilling training in the most sought-after tech areas like programming, cloud computing, data analysis and cybersecurity.





*Saif Ishoof, Miami Dade College's recently announced Presidential Innovation Fellow, lead a panel yesterday following the announcement. (📷: Paul O'Leary)*

**What does that mean on a practical level?** MDC Tech's mission is to transform the local workforce, not only by empowering local tech experts to fill in-demand jobs, but by fostering an environment where those being trained won't have to go elsewhere to level up their education and employment opportunities. MDC Tech provides everything aspiring tech students and forward-looking businesses could ever need, all based right here in Miami.

In addition, MDC Tech is taking a leap forward into the future by bringing Artificial Intelligence (AI) training to Miami. On top of developing AI courses and offering an interdisciplinary certificate that will invite college students of all levels to become familiar with trailblazing innovations, the college is building up its capacity to develop a four-year degree in applied AI and ensuring long-term AI skills are embedded across every program of study.

MDC Tech is also equipping burgeoning students with the skills and knowledge to get in on the ground floor of the future. Through a partnership with the City of Miami and funding from the State of Florida, the college is going to launch a Miami Tech High School this August that will eventually expand into a K-12 program and allow students to complete an associate's degree in tech while completing high school. MDC also plans to expand its tech-centric dual enrollment courses in order to give younger students the chance to earn college credit while in high school. Because MDC Tech is committed to providing a holistic approach, summer camps will be upgraded and will continue to expose students to the latest technologies to pique their interests in possible careers.

**Every aspect of this program has been designed to make sure that Miamians will always be the first choice for any**

**company looking to hire.** By providing advanced training as well as nurturing proximity and community, MDC Tech is poised to place Miami and its residents at the front and center of emerging economies. No matter what your age, education, or interests, MDC Tech is ready to train you.

Because of the strong support from funding and from our community, MDC Tech is now Miami's hub for expanding technology programs and connecting students, faculty, industry leaders, partners, and community members with one another. The Magic City has plenty of fertile ground for emerging technologies and the network of people developing them to grow and stand at the cutting edge of the future — MDC Tech is here to help sow the seeds.

***MDC believes Miami-Dade residents should be the first in line to take advantage of the exciting new technology jobs being created here. Take a leap into what's next by heading to [mdc.edu/mdctech](https://mdc.edu/mdctech) and learning more about how MDC Tech is preparing the next generation of Miamians for their future today.***

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# **Miami Dade College to expand emerging tech programs with \$15M investment from Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and Downtown Development Authority**

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*Knight Foundation and local partners are matching County and City ARPA funds to strengthen Miami Dade College's technology programs, boost Miami's talent pipeline and meet growing community demand for careers in tech.*

**Miami, Feb. 23, 2022** – As Miami continues positioning itself as a major international technology hub, Miami Dade College (MDC) will expand its educational offerings with a total of \$15 million combined investment from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The funds will support innovative programs in applied artificial intelligence (AI), data analytics and related emerging technologies.

The \$15 million investment consists of \$5 million from Miami-Dade County and \$2 million from the City of Miami in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, a \$7 million match from Knight, and \$1 million from Miami DDA. This joint commitment will enable MDC to:

- Launch a new undergraduate degree in applied AI for computer science students
- Develop a college credit certificate in applied AI
- Implement a fundamentals of applied AI course for all MDC students, becoming the first college in the nation to require all students regardless of degree track to take at least one course in applied AI
- Hire 15 new faculty in AI and emerging tech disciplines in the School of Engineering and Tech (EnTec)

“Miami Dade College is a cornerstone institution in Miami, offering high-quality, accessible education for our talented community,” said Raul Moas, senior director of Knight’s Miami program. “By working with local partners to leverage ARPA funding, we are able to more quickly increase Miami Dade College’s ability to meet growing community demand for careers in tech.”

“MDC has been the higher education leader in the South Florida community for 62 years, helping to build and elevate our city from within,” said MDC President and Alumna Madeline Pumariega. “With these historic investments and support from key partners, we are continuing that mission, preparing students for top jobs in emerging and growing technology careers, helping residents upskill to attain economic mobility, and driving the growth of businesses in South Florida.”

This groundbreaking gift comes at a time when enrollment in tech programs reaches all time highs and will allow MDC to increase by over 20-percent its School of Engineering and Tech (EnTec) faculty with a focus in AI and emerging tech disciplines, as well as develop new courses and professional development programs in these fields. MDC will also build an AI Center to foster experiential learning and collaboration between industry and academia, which will join existing MDC technology centers focused on animation and gaming, cloud computing and cybersecurity.

The expansion of MDC’s artificial intelligence and emerging technology programs is part of MDC Tech, the College’s gateway to connect students, community members and employers with tech offerings at MDC. Through MDC Tech, current and prospective students will have access to all MDC Tech courses, programs and professional development opportunities, as well as scholarships. Tech companies

and other local employers seeking local tech talent will also find a direct platform to reach MDC students with the most sought-after tech skills.

“We are an extremely talented community with a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit that could take the current tech boom to the next level if given an opportunity to do so,” said Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. “It is an honor for Miami-Dade County to partner with our local college community to invest in our residents and open new doors in the tech industry for local talent. Together, we are giving the tech industry local roots so it can grow even stronger and our community can thrive.

“Time and time again, Miami Dade College has proven itself to be an invaluable partner in Miami’s development as the Capital of Capital—and during a time where human capital is just as, if not more, valuable as financial capital, this \$2 million from the City of Miami to invest in a talent pipeline is \$2 million well spent, with immeasurable returns,” said City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez.

“Downtown Miami has become a fertile ground for innovation and a high-tech cluster is taking shape before our eyes. Like Miami Dade College, the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been on the front lines in growing our economy and grooming talent,” said City of Miami Commissioner and Chairman of the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Manolo Reyes. “Recognizing that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is already playing a critical role in our daily lives and that its impact will grow with time, the Miami DDA is making a \$1 million investment to help put Downtown Miami on the global map as one of the top places to learn and develop the science behind AI.”



MDC is Florida's largest public college with over 100,000 students, of which 90% reside in Miami-Dade County. Additionally, 91% of MDC students are Hispanic or Black and more than 50% are first-generation college students. Over the past five years, MDC's EnTec has created new degree and certificate programs in cybersecurity, cloud computing and data analytics in partnership with companies like Microsoft, Google, IBM and Amazon. Today, EnTec serves more than 5,000 students each year across more than 30 degrees.

Since 2012, Knight has invested more than \$60 million in nurturing Miami's tech and startup ecosystem by connecting entrepreneurs, attracting investments and growing the city's talent base. This latest investment builds on Knight's support of Miami Tech, including a \$15 million commitment in Florida International University (FIU), the University of Miami (UM) and Baptist Health South Florida announced in February 2021. In September 2021, Knight announced \$510,000 in investments to four local organizations and entities that help boost a sense of community among tech practitioners in the city, and in November 2021 announced a \$2.25 million investment in CodePath to expand and launch programming at FIU, Florida Memorial University and MDC to connect students to tech careers.

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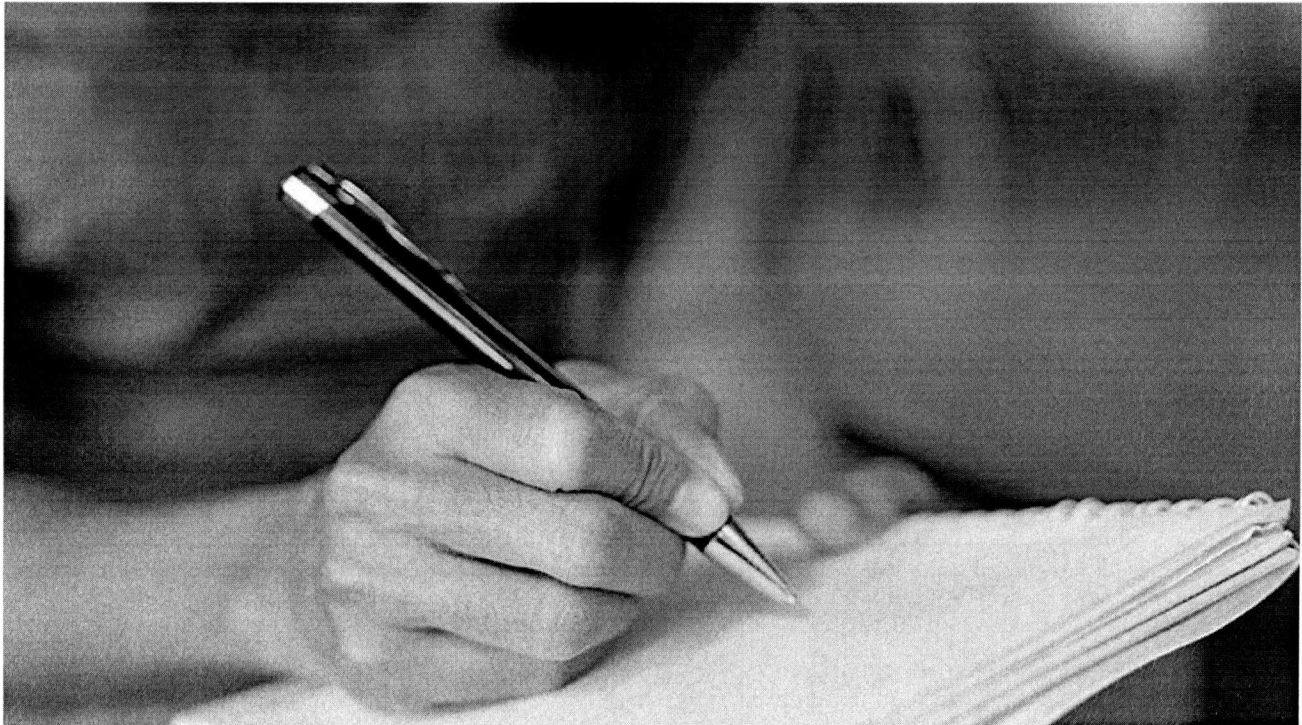
Miami Dade College is the most diverse institution in the nation. There are 167 nations and 63 languages represented in its student body. The college's eight campuses and outreach centers offer more than 300 distinct degree pathways including associate and baccalaureate degrees, career certificates and apprenticeships. Baccalaureate degree offerings include biological sciences, engineering, data analytics, information systems technology, education, public safety, supervision and management, nursing, physician assistant studies, film and others. MDC is the recipient of many top national awards including the Aspen Prize. As Democracy's College, MDC changes lives through accessible, high quality-teaching and learning experiences. It is the home of the Miami Culinary Institute, the Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex, the Miami Fashion Institute, the Eig-Watson School of Aviation, The Idea Center, the Cybersecurity Center of the Americas, the Cloud Computing Center, the Center for Learning, Innovation and Simulation, the School for Advanced Studies, and the New World School of the Arts, to name a few of its most innovative programs. MDC has been named among the nation's "Great Colleges to Work For" since the program's inception. The College embraces its responsibility to serve as an economic, cultural, and civic leader for the advancement of our diverse global community. Its alumni and employees contribute more than \$3 billion annually to the local economy, and MDC graduates occupy top leadership positions in every major industry. MDC is renowned for its rich cultural programming. It is the home of the Miami Book Fair, Miami Film Festival, the National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower, the Tower Theater,

Dyer Building, Koubek Center Mansion and Gardens, Live Arts Miami at MDC, the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, the Museum of Art and Design, a sculpture park and a large campus art gallery and theater system. MDC has admitted more than 2.5 million students and counting, since it opened its doors in 1960. Approximately 120,000 students are currently enrolled. For more information, visit [www.mdc.edu](http://www.mdc.edu).



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## Reporter's notebook



BY MATTHEW DEMBICKI FEBRUARY 23, 2022

- Florida college receives \$15M to expand tech programs
- Mentors from a small-business STEM incubator
- New Jersey college freezes tuition for third year in a row

### Florida college receives \$15M to expand tech programs

Miami Dade College (MDC) on Wednesday announced it will receive a total of \$15 million to expand its programs in applied artificial intelligence (AI), data analytics and related emerging technologies.

The \$15 million investment comprises \$7 million from John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, \$5 million from Miami-Dade County, \$2 million from the City of Miami and \$1 million from the Miami Downtown Development Authority.

Over the past five years, MDC's School of Engineering and Technology (EnTec) has teamed with industry leaders such as IBM, Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, Google, Cisco and Oracle which has resulted in programs in areas including cloud computing, cybersecurity and data analysis that are market-aligned in terms of curriculum and skills development. EnTec serves more than 5,000 students each year across more than 30 degrees, MDC says.

The new funding will allow MDC to increase by more than 20% its EnTec faculty with a focus in AI and emerging tech disciplines, as well as develop new courses and professional development programs in these fields. The college will also implement AI for All, an initiative that aims to train every MDC student in applied AI regardless of their degree track. MDC said it will be the first college in the nation to implement an AI course in its core curriculum.

In addition, MDC plans to build an AI Center to encourage experiential learning and collaboration between industry and academia, which will join existing MDC technology centers focused on animation and gaming, cloud computing and cybersecurity.

## Mentors from a small-business STEM incubator

Massachusetts Bay Community College and ABI-LAB have announced a partnership to give MassBay STEM students access to the scientists, researchers and other STEM professionals who lease lab space in the ABI-LAB lab incubator.

The partnership will yield for students scholarships, networking opportunities and exclusive mentorship through the MassBay STEM Mentor Program, while building and educating a stronger local STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workforce.

ABI-LAB supports startups ranging from life sciences to biotech and is a collaborative lab environment that provides lab space and resources, which makes research possible for smaller companies, according to the college. ABI-LAB helps scientists and researchers bring their research from ideas to fruition. The entrepreneurial lab concept is the only "biotech incubator" in MetroWest Boston, serving more than 45 local research companies, MassBay said.

Through the new partnership, there are currently five scientists from ABI-LAB mentoring students in MassBay's STEM Mentor Program, which matches STEM students and industry professionals in one-on-one mentoring relationships for the course of the academic year. The five ABI-LAB professionals are from Avenge Bio,



Cytovia Therapeutics, EverCell Bio, Synspira Therapeutics, and the WuXi AppTec company

“Talking with a STEM professional who is currently working in their field of study gets students excited about pursuing a degree, and it gives them a glimpse into their future careers, which is invaluable,” said Tracey Gustafson, manager of the college’s STEM Mentor Program. “This partnership gives our students an opportunity to tour labs, ask questions, and network with leading industry professionals at ABI-LAB.”

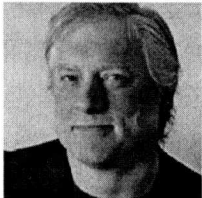
## New Jersey college freezes tuition for third year in a row

Union County College in New Jersey will keep its tuition and fees as is for a third consecutive year.

The college’s board of trustees this week approved the freeze for the 2022-2023 academic year. Full-time students taking 12 to 18 credits and living in the county will pay the same rate of \$2,640.50. Historically, community colleges try to keep tuition low and any increases to a minimum, which has been especially tough with declining enrollments, rising costs and the challenges resulting from Covid pandemic.

“We have been as lean as possible to avoid an increase on tuition for our students,” President Margaret M. McMenamin said in a release. “At Union, students are number one and keeping our tuition and fees flat for three years, even during a pandemic, is one of the ways we exemplify that.”

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## Miami Dade College Receives \$15M from Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and Miami DDA to Expand Technology Programs and Fuel Growing Miami Tech Ecosystem

*The College will launch MDC Tech to bring together industry leaders, community partners, faculty, students and community members to support the development of the local talent pipeline in emerging technologies and the global innovation economy*

**Miami, Feb. 23, 2022** – As Miami continues positioning itself as a major international technology hub, **Miami Dade College** (MDC) announces it will expand its educational offerings with a total of \$15 million combined investment from the **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and the Miami Downtown Development Authority** (DDA). The funds will support innovative programs in applied artificial intelligence (AI), data analytics and related emerging technologies.

The \$15 million investment comprises a \$7 million grant from Knight Foundation, a \$5 million contribution from Miami-Dade County, \$2 million from the City of Miami and \$1 million from the Miami DDA.

"MDC has been the higher education leader in the South Florida community for 62 years, helping to build and elevate our city from within," said **MDC President and alumna Madeline Pumariega**. "With these historic investments and support from key partners, we are expanding that mission, preparing students for top jobs in emerging and growing technology careers, helping residents upskill to attain economic mobility, and driving the growth of businesses in South Florida while fueling local talent for the jobs of tomorrow, today."

Over the past five years, MDC's School of Engineering and Technology (EnTec) has garnered the attention and support of top global industry leaders in emerging technologies, including IBM, Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, Google, Cisco and Oracle. As a result, EnTec's programs in areas including cloud computing, cybersecurity and data analysis are among the country's most market-aligned in terms of curriculum and skills development. Since 2017, enrollment in tech-related programs at EnTec has grown by 120%. Today, EnTec serves more than 5,000 students each year across more than 30 degrees.

"Miami Dade College is a cornerstone institution in Miami, offering high-quality, accessible educational and workforce training programming for our incredibly talented and diverse community," said **Raul Moas, senior director of the Knight Foundation Miami program**. "With this new investment from Knight Foundation and our valued partners here in Miami, MDC is significantly growing its ability to meet the growing community demand for careers in tech while fueling industry with needed talent."

Since 2012, Knight Foundation has invested more than \$55 million in nurturing Miami's tech and startup ecosystem by connecting entrepreneurs, attracting investments and growing the city's talent base. This latest investment builds on Knight's support of Miami Tech, including a \$15 million commitment (<https://knightfoundation.org/press/releases/knight-foundation-invests-15m-in-fiu-um-baptist-health-to-expand-miamis-tech-talent-accelerate-innovation/>) in Florida International University (FIU), the University of Miami (UM) and Baptist Health South Florida announced in February 2021. In September 2021, Knight announced \$510,000 in investments (<https://knightfoundation.org/press/releases/new-investments-in-miami-tech-will-boost-sense-of-community-among-tech-practitioners-expand-access-to-opportunities/>) to four local organizations and entities that help boost a sense of community among tech practitioners in the city. In November 2021, Knight Foundation announced a \$2.25 million investment (<https://knightfoundation.org/press/releases/knight-foundation-to-invest-2-25m-in-codepath-to-meet-miamis-community-demand-for-careers-in-tech/>) in CodePath to expand and launch programming at FIU, Florida Memorial University and MDC to connect students to tech careers.

This groundbreaking gift comes at a time when enrollment in tech programs is reaching all-time highs and will allow MDC to increase by over 20-percent its EnTec faculty with a focus in AI and emerging tech disciplines, as well as develop new courses and professional development programs in these fields. MDC will also implement AI for All, an initiative that aims to train every MDC student in applied AI regardless of their degree track.

"Time and time again, Miami Dade College has proven itself to be an invaluable partner in Miami's development as the Capital of Capital—and during a time where human capital is just as, if not more, valuable as financial capital, this \$2 million from the City of Miami to invest in a talent pipeline is \$2 million well spent, with immeasurable returns," said **City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez**.

Through this initiative, MDC will be the first college in the nation to implement an artificial intelligence course in its core curriculum. MDC will also build an AI Center to foster experiential learning and collaboration between industry and academia, which will join existing MDC technology centers focused on animation and gaming, cloud computing and cybersecurity.

"Downtown Miami has become a fertile ground for innovation and a high-tech cluster is taking shape before our eyes. Like Miami Dade College, the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been on the front lines in growing our economy and grooming talent," said **City of Miami Commissioner and Chairman of the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Manolo Reyes**. "Recognizing that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is already playing a critical role in our daily lives and that its impact will grow with time, the Miami DDA is making a \$1 million investment to help put Downtown Miami on the global map as one of the top places to learn and develop the science behind AI."

The expansion of MDC's technology programs thanks to this new multimillion-dollar funding to MDC comes as the College launches MDC (<http://www.mdc.edu/mdctech>) a gateway to connect students, community members and employers with tech offerings at MDC. Through MDC Tech, current and prospective students will have access to all MDC tech courses, programs and professional development opportunities, as well as scholarships. Tech companies and other Miami employers seeking local tech talent will also find a direct platform to reach MDC students with the most sought-after tech skills.

"We are an extremely talented community with a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit that could take the current tech boom to the next level if given an opportunity to do so," said **Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava**. "It is an honor for Miami-Dade County to partner with our local college community to invest in our residents and open new doors in the tech industry for local talent. Together, we are giving the tech industry local roots so it can grow even stronger and our community can thrive."

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The Miami DDA is an independent agency of the City of Miami funded by a special tax levy on properties in its district boundaries. It is governed by a 15-member Board comprised of three public appointees and 12 downtown property owners, residents and/or workers who are tasked with overseeing the direction of the agency and setting policy. The agency is committed to grow, strengthen and promote the economic health and vitality of downtown Miami. As an autonomous agency of the City of Miami, the Miami DDA advocates, facilitates, plans, and executes business development, planning and capital improvements, and marketing and communication strategies. Visit [www.MiamiDDA.com](http://www.MiamiDDA.com) ([http://secure-web.cisco.com/1LJ8N6e9Hvy-AI3vT\\_sFXmzvqgv4K8ogPbbRN\\_ra5m\\_bp0yCc2gvHUTCVBw3wxUkylxxf8loDMLyHkNHqX5pm6cWDB5bYkOKU05DwH-pFnBo\\_8yVv5TMkfwsMJRR-Qvud7KJVJTyNVPB1AdZe3GYo1-f2zpy-jd8vDVV51fg-ESxTb2aSUByocC9GsilcdBtG94gBTMmxpW9Ng8l1EBEiYGBYMexht1vyRjQQTdQ0EE6jhAxzyFbUGiEXh5YvOdi1aNN-T0oWMypBApWq7YCHvQw2-jxb8GucXSyZ-TN2cba1RACHh1MrPjEPzurl50felC\\_FKQ-91Ecrqa2l9KGujtHbuanlebMV8XAIP4uDVzhTLGm2GK03J8vxkCsPtO7udsOvj9l3o965hQFDpwnaMwl6P4q66Km9hWEOEO6sjK-f4Z5ODbasXZNoSst9wc0/http%3A%2F%2Fwww.miamidda.com%2F](http://secure-web.cisco.com/1LJ8N6e9Hvy-AI3vT_sFXmzvqgv4K8ogPbbRN_ra5m_bp0yCc2gvHUTCVBw3wxUkylxxf8loDMLyHkNHqX5pm6cWDB5bYkOKU05DwH-pFnBo_8yVv5TMkfwsMJRR-Qvud7KJVJTyNVPB1AdZe3GYo1-f2zpy-jd8vDVV51fg-ESxTb2aSUByocC9GsilcdBtG94gBTMmxpW9Ng8l1EBEiYGBYMexht1vyRjQQTdQ0EE6jhAxzyFbUGiEXh5YvOdi1aNN-T0oWMypBApWq7YCHvQw2-jxb8GucXSyZ-TN2cba1RACHh1MrPjEPzurl50felC_FKQ-91Ecrqa2l9KGujtHbuanlebMV8XAIP4uDVzhTLGm2GK03J8vxkCsPtO7udsOvj9l3o965hQFDpwnaMwl6P4q66Km9hWEOEO6sjK-f4Z5ODbasXZNoSst9wc0/http%3A%2F%2Fwww.miamidda.com%2F)) for more information.

#### About Miami Dade College

Miami Dade College is the most diverse institution in the nation. There are 167 nations and 63 languages represented in its student body. The college's eight campuses and outreach centers offer more than 300 distinct degree pathways including associate and baccalaureate degrees, career certificates and apprenticeships. Baccalaureate degree offerings include biological sciences, engineering, data analytics, information systems technology, education, public safety, supervision and management, nursing, physician assistant studies, film and others. MDC is the recipient of many top national awards including the Aspen Prize. As Democracy's College, MDC changes lives through accessible, high quality-teaching and learning experiences. It is the home of the Miami Culinary Institute, the Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex, the Miami Fashion Institute, the Eig-Watson School of Aviation, The Idea Center, the Cybersecurity Center of the Americas, the Cloud Computing Center, the Center for Learning, Innovation and Simulation, the School for Advanced Studies, and the New World School of the Arts, to name a few of its most innovative programs. MDC has been named among the nation's "Great Colleges to Work For" since the program's inception. The College embraces its responsibility to serve as an economic, cultural, and civic leader for the advancement of our diverse global community. Its alumni and employees contribute more than \$3 billion annually to the local economy, and MDC graduates occupy top leadership positions in every major industry. MDC is renowned for its rich cultural programming. It is the home of the Miami Book Fair, Miami Film Festival, the National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower, the Tower Theater, Dyer Building, Koubek Center Mansion and Gardens, Live Arts Miami at MDC,

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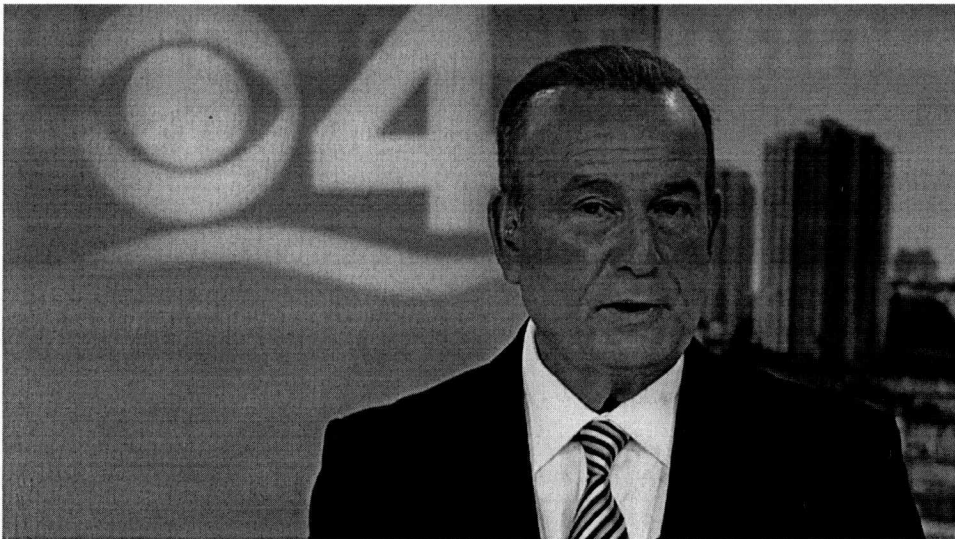


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MIAMI (CBSMiami) – Miami is a burgeoning tech hub. And in order for it to meet the demands of tomorrow, it has to grow its workforce today. A \$15 million donation to Miami Dade College is planned to help.

"This investment in technology education at MDC will impact many current and future students," Kenoshka DiSilva, a cyber security student, said.

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DiSilva credits her education with helping her to find a career with many open doors.

"They have been constantly to work new opportunities for students like myself and my background and prepare them for success," she explained.

Yet, the worry is there will not be enough students to enter the tech workforce.

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"It's a \$15 million investment," Miami Dade College President Madeline Pumariega said.

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The joint donation comes from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and the Miami Downtown Development Authority.

"The companies that we're attracting are looking for talent, so the jobs are available they're here, and so we saw, for example, we did a job fair recently we had 2,400 available and only 350 participants," Mayor Miami Mayor Francis Suarez said.

Suarez wants people to understand that the tech boom is something that can benefit everyone, and new and affordable programs through MDC will play a role in equity.

"You know we see inflation driving prices up, rent prices are up, we need to continue to empower people to get better-paying jobs so they can afford to live in our city," he added.

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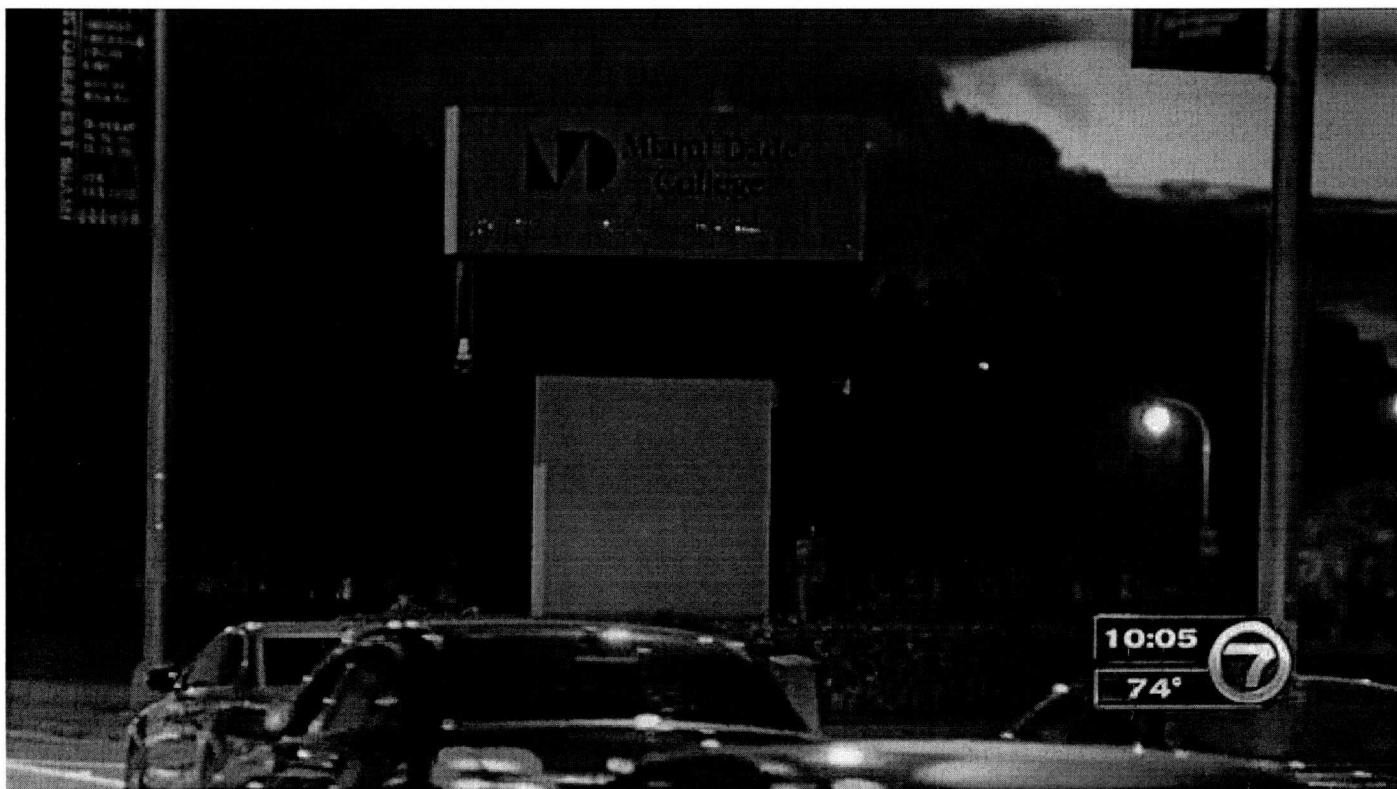


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MIAMI (WSVN) - Miami Dade College will be expanding their educational tech programs after organizations donated a total of \$15 million to the college.

MDC officials announced Wednesday afternoon that organizations such as John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and the Miami Downtown



support the development of the local talent pipeline in emerging technologies and the global innovation economy, along with programs that help apply the study of artificial intelligence, data analytics and related emerging technologies.

The investment of \$15 million is made up of a grant by Knight Foundation of \$7 million, a contribution for Miami-Dade County of \$5 million, \$2 million from the City of Miami and \$1 million from the Miami DDA.

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# Afro-Colombian Singer, Rapper And Composer Gloria "Goyo" Martinez Releases Her First Solo Album And A Music Special Premiering On HBO Max On March 4

## As A Preview To The Special, Goyo Releases Debut Single And Video Na Na Na

The Miami Film Festival To Host Special Screening And Q&A On March 7

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Colombian artist Gloria Goyo Martinez from the Latin GRAMMY®-award winning and GRAMMY® nominated trio, ChocQuibTown launches her solo career with HB Latin GRAMMY®-award winning series **EN LETRA DE OTRO** and a studio album of the



Today, as a preview to the HBO Special and album, Goyo releases her debut solo single and video **Na Na Na**.

**Na Na Na** fuses the rhythms of Caribbean dembow with club-ready arrangements and Goyo's wordplay, as she sings the empowering lyrics of a woman who is willing to walk away from a relationship that isn't centered on faithful love. Filmed in Miami for Kree8 Productions, the music video gives Goyo her long-awaited chance to demonstrate her charisma, energy and glamor as the focal point of the visuals.

Produced by **Sony Music Latin** and **Kree8** under the direction of **Simon Brand**, the HBO special features **Goyo** in the first female led En Letra de Otro music special to cover personal favorites – from Tito Puente's *Oye cómo va*, to Shakira's *Antología*, and Ella Fitzgerald's *Summertime* – transporting us to the vibrant landscapes of her native Condoto in Chocó, Colombia. In between the stunning and elaborate music numbers, Goyo offers a glimpse of her history and influences, including the origin of her nickname, her father's love of salsa, her rise to international recognition with the band ChocQuibTown, and her obsession with Shakira.

[p]"En Letra de Otro is a dream come true. Sharing part of who I am through the music I grew up with is beautiful. Seeing my family, my aunts and cousins also taking part in the production fills me with happiness," said **Goyo**. "Condoto is the root, my essence, and without that root, I wouldn't be fulfilling the dream of presenting a solo project, but with the soul and blessing of Chocquibtown. [/p]

A post premiere red carpet screening and Q&A moderated by Billboard's Leila Cobo, in celebration of the special will be hosted by the Miami Film Festival on Monday, March 7th.



Goyo was previously featured in HBO Latino's concert special *Piano y Mujer* (2021), available to stream on HBO Max. The *En Letra De Otro* series has previously featured artists like Farruko (2019), Gente de Zona (2018), and Pedro Capó (2017). Other HBO Latino music specials available to stream on HBO Max include the 2021 GRAMMY® winning Juan Luis Guerra 4:40: Entre Mar y Palmeras, Diego Torres Sinfónico (2020), Shakira in Concert: El Dorado World Tour (2020), or Santana Corazón, Live from Mexico: Live It to Believe It (2014); as well as the Havana Street Party Presents collection with concerts by Orishas (2019) and Beatriz Luengo (2021).

## VIDEO: GOYO: EN LETRA DE OTRO

## ABOUT GOYO

**Gloria Goyo Martínez** is the passionate and soulful voice of Colombia's Latin GRAMMY®-winning and GRAMMY® nominated trio ChocQuibTown and one of the most rousing and socially conscious lyricists in Latin music. Her family's love for music influenced her from a very young age. Goyo's style has been inspired by the likes of Celia Cruz, Grupo Niche, and Lauryn Hill, and is described as a mix of urban, hip hop, R&B, alternative, tropical and a love letter to Colombian folklore. As an Afro-Latina, Goyo is a champion for a more equitable and inclusive music industry and invests time and resources in developing emerging artists from her region.

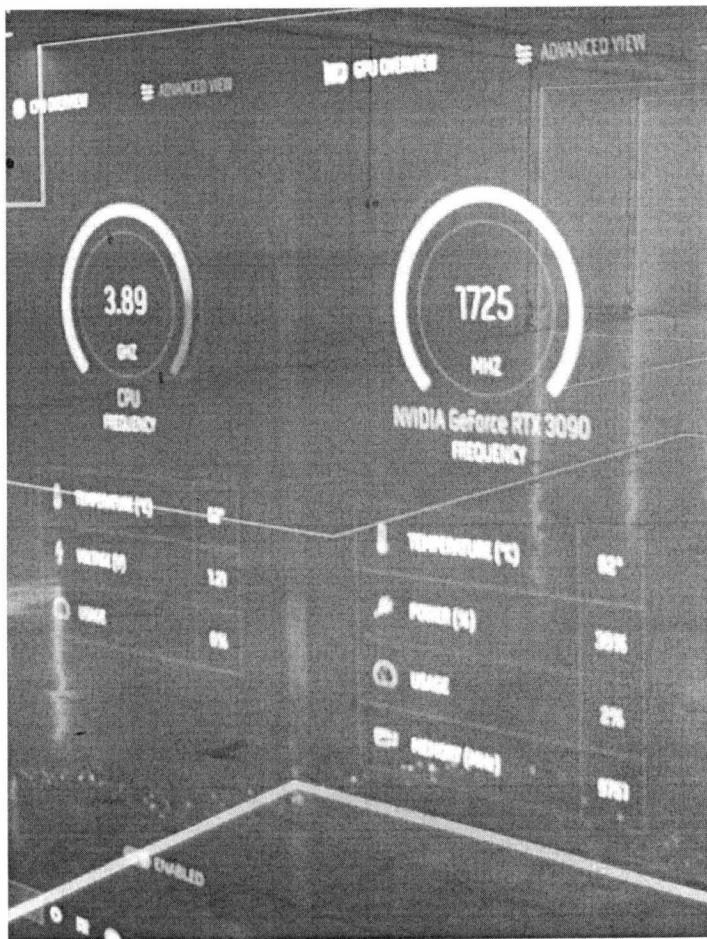




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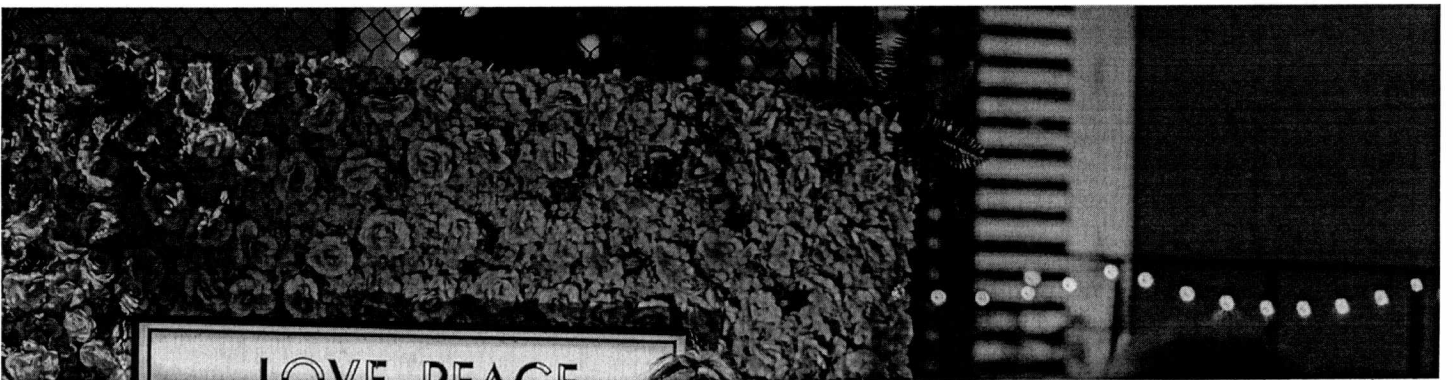
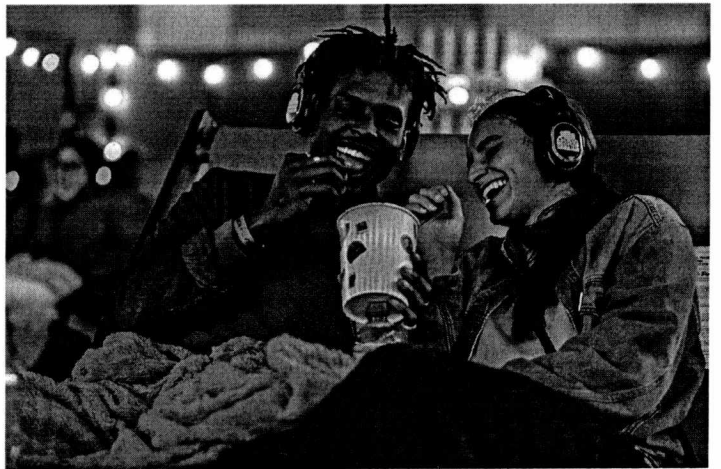
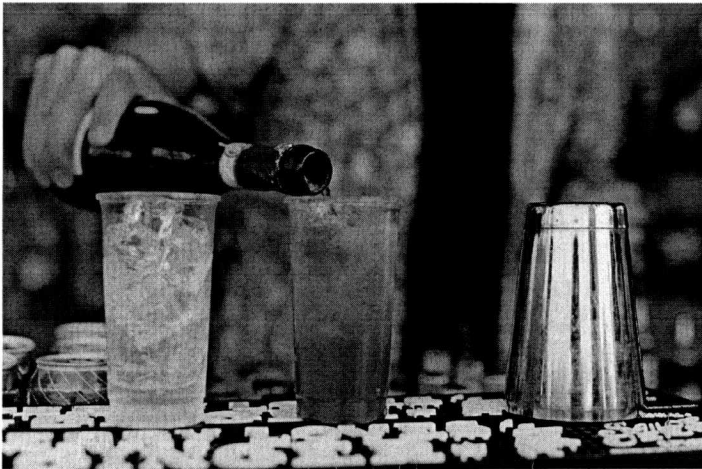


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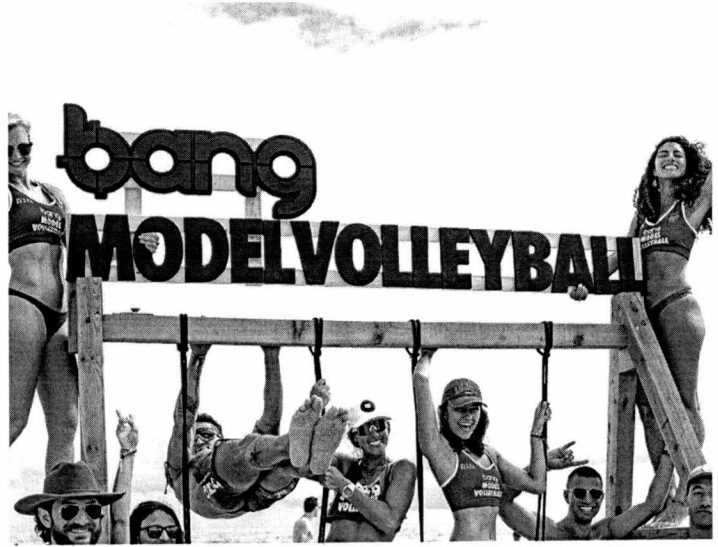
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## Sky-In Theatre

The masters of al fresco theatre, **Rooftop Cinema Club**, will premiere Miami's first open-air cinema overlooking Lincoln Road, bringing "social to cinema" from a combination of a nostalgic ambiance and all-encompassing experience of movie-watching, dining and breathtaking city views. In addition to classic movie snacks, the rooftop venue will offer a food menu and specialty cocktails. Guests can choose between two seating options, a single lounge seat or a single Adirondack chair, both which prioritize comfort and ample leg room. For the ultimate viewing experience, a state-of-the-art LED screen combines with wireless headphones. The Miami location will restrict all viewings to an 18+ audience, with the potential for more family-friendly programming to be added later in the season. Movie genres will include a mix of classics, cult films and new releases and there will be curated monthly programming including anniversary screenings, people's choice, sing-a-longs, talent Q&As and special events; [RooftopCinemaClub.com](http://RooftopCinemaClub.com).





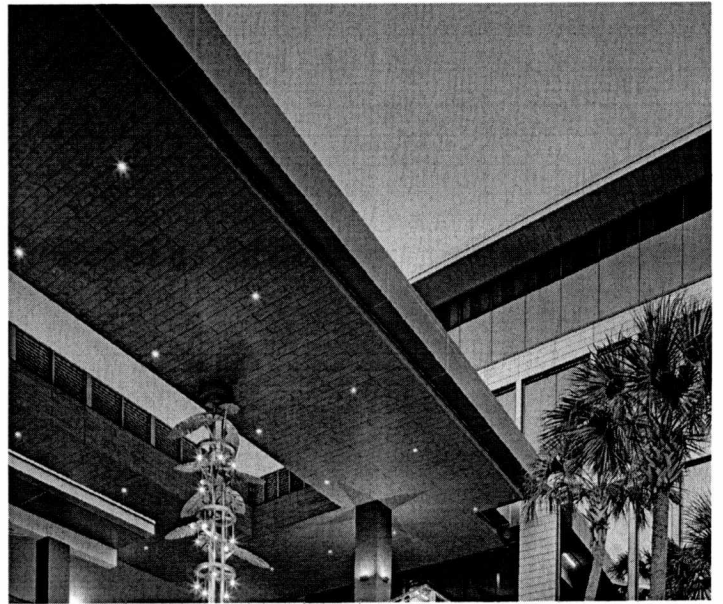
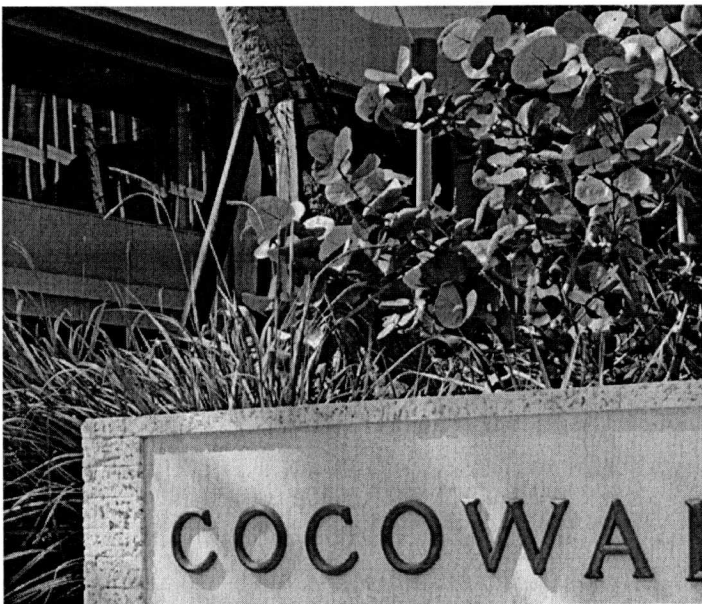
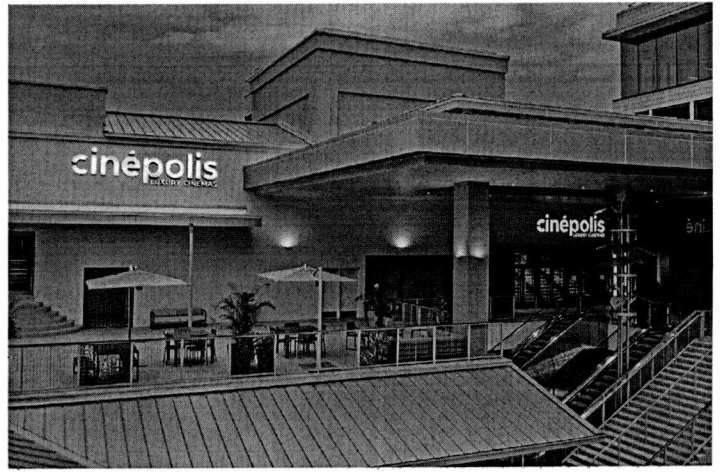
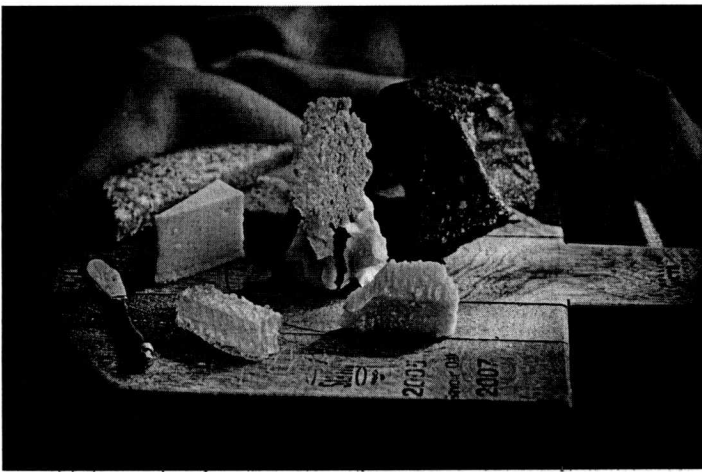
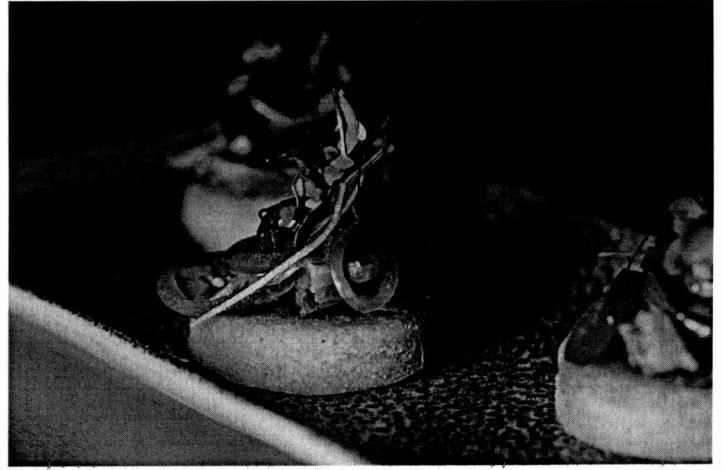
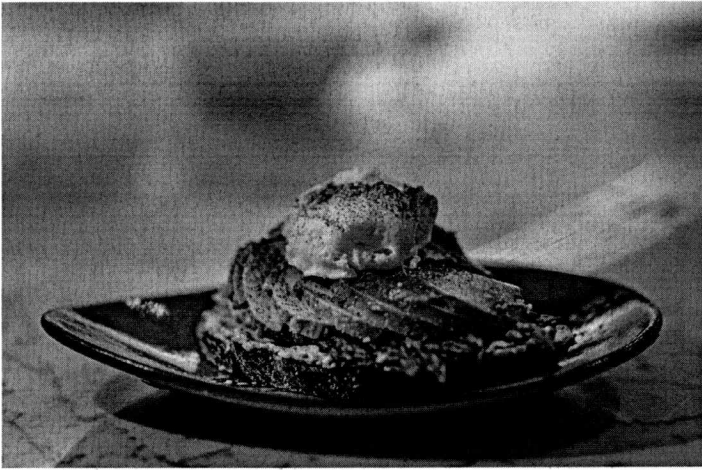


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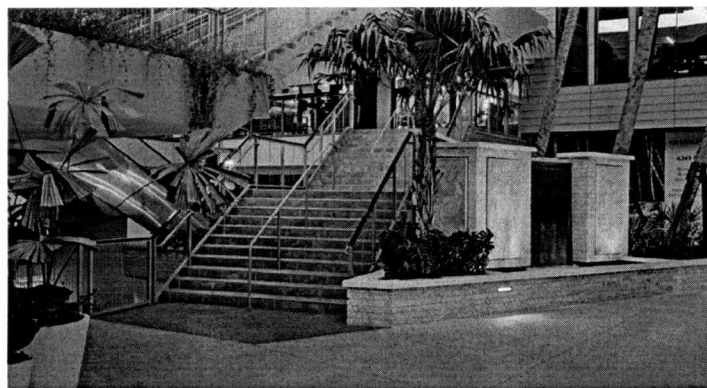
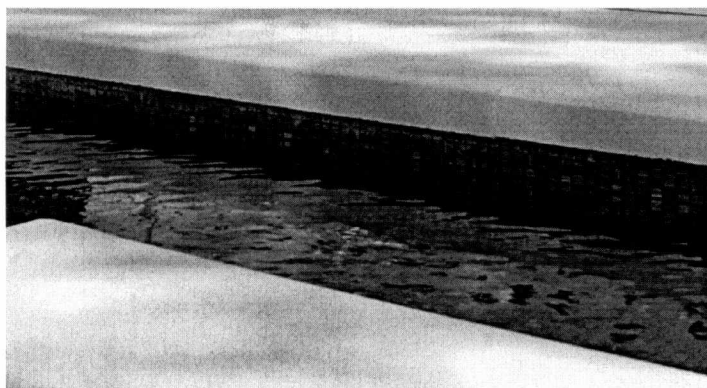
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13, with two action-packed days featuring some of the most attractive and athletic people on the planet. Twelve agencies and 250 models are participating in this year's extravaganza, expected to be attended by more than 15,000 fans. While the event is free and open the public, VIP tickets are available to benefit The Angel Watching Over Me Foundation; @ModelVolleyball; ModelBeachVolleyball.com.

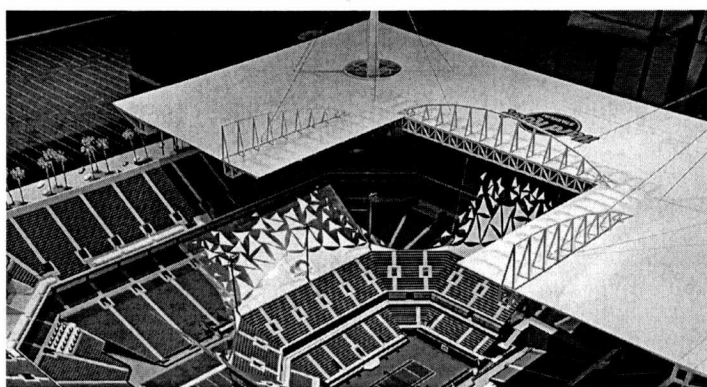
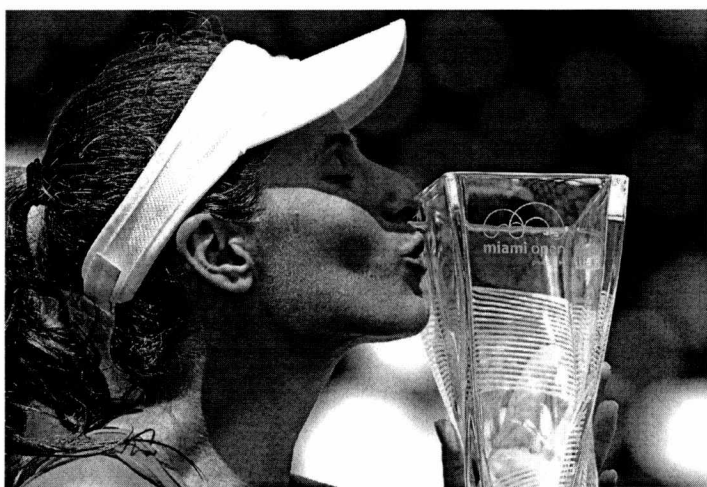
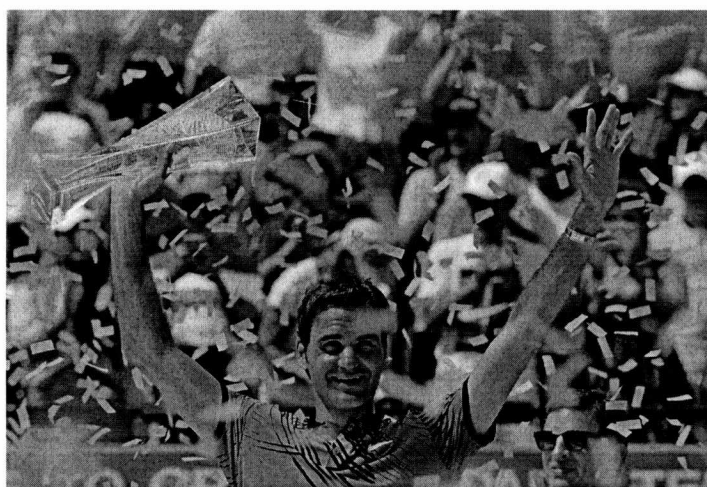






## Better Than Ever

Reclaiming its role as the epicenter of Miami's favorite place where people from all over the city meet up for convos, cocktails and a bite, **CocoWalk** is ushering in a whole new generation of experiences. On the dining scene, nothing even comes close to the restaurants on offer. From already established Botánico Gin + Cookhouse, PLANTA Queen and Salt & Straw to newer arrivals Duck N' Sum and Sushi Garage, this season also marks the launch of the new and improved Cinépolis movie theater. Also on the horizon, David Grutman's Groot Hospitality and Ariete Hospitality Group are set to open highly anticipated new restaurants in CocoWalk later this year; [CocoWalk.com](http://CocoWalk.com).







## The Art of Cinema

Watch. Review. Remember. Celebrating 39 glorious years of screenings, the *Miami Film Festival* is considered the preeminent film festival for showcasing Ibero-American cinema in the U.S. It's also a major launch pad for international films and documentary cinema. In the last 5 years alone, it has screened films from more than 60 countries, including 300 World, International, North American, U.S. and East Coast premieres. This year, in-person screenings are back with a jam-packed line up at Tower Theater, Silverspot Cinema and Arsht Center; Mar. 4-13; [MiamiFilmFestival.com](http://MiamiFilmFestival.com).





## Toast To Giving

**VeritageMiami** brings wine, spirits, beer and food lovers together with their favorite top sommeliers, notable chefs, prestigious wineries, breweries and impressive auction lots. All VeritageMiami events benefit the efforts in education, financial stability and health of **United Way Miami**. Now that's a cause to raise a glass to; *Apr. 3: Farm To Fork Brunch; Apr. 14: Craft Beer Tasting; May 20: Interactive Dinner;* [VeritageMiami.com](http://VeritageMiami.com).



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Those who are passionate about science fiction, horror, fantasy and adventure movies, can enjoy these films, by director Andrea Ricca, with a maximum duration ranging from 5 to 10 minutes, on any device, from tablet to mobile, suitable for quick use on the web.

Filled with emotion and action, these films tell stories of fantastic events that upset the tranquility of ordinary people forced to fight for their lives. These films tell of alien invasions, fantastic monsters and paranormal events. Featuring live actors interacting with computer-generated creatures, these films are inspired by both classic and modern science fiction.

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Here are some Film Festivals they attended: Fantafestival, Miami Film Festival, Vienna Film Festival, Los Angeles Cine Fest, Texas Terror Film Festival, International Fantastic Film Festival, Cleveland Comic Con, Linea D'Ombra Film Festival, Horror Con Uk (in the jury Dario Argento) etc.

Cinema is no longer just what you watch in the living room or on the big screen. Today there is a new genre of film designed specifically for those on the street, on the subway, in the park, etc. Short and free stories to watch on any device, from tablet to mobile, suitable for quick use on the web.

# These five neighborhoods have quite a story to tell about South Florida's history

Little Haiti, downtown Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah and Kendall are rich in history, imbued with culture, historic architecture, immigration stories and natural beauty.



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Aerial view of Collins Avenue area known as 'Millionaires' Row' in Miami Beach.



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Take an aerial tour of Miami's Kendall neighborhood with our drone, dropping by spots such as Miami Dade College Kendall Campus, Dadeland and The Palms at Town & Country.

BY PAUL GEORGE, PH.D.  
*Special to the Miami Herald*

An astute observer of the history of Greater Miami once insisted that its story be told in short paragraphs since change came rapidly, and in dramatic fashion.

Clearly, this is the case of the five Miami-Dade neighborhoods we are journeying through today: Little Haiti, downtown Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah and Kendall.

They are each rich in history and marinated with their own flavors, imbued with culture, architectural richness, immigration stories and natural beauty. And the "Miami By Air" drone video series, a special project of the Herald, captures their streetscapes in a unique drone's-eye view.

Here, then, let's explore:

### **LITTLE HAITI**

Before there was a city of Miami, there was Lemon City, a grandiose designation for a settlement that was never a city.

Vast, sparsely populated Dade County had little in the way of settlements and settlers in the period following the Civil War, when new arrivals, taking advantage of the Homestead Act of 1862, created a rising farming community six miles north of the Miami River on the edge of Biscayne Bay. Named for the lemon trees on the property of John Saunders, a Bahamian, Lemon City was home to many residents, white and Black, from the Bahamas.

Lemon City spread in three directions from its original center on Lemon Avenue, today's Northeast 61st Street, and Biscayne Bay, becoming by 1895 the largest settlement on the southeast Florida mainland, with 350 residents.

By the 20th century, farming gave way to other endeavors, and Lemon City, with its railroad station, school, library, light industry and retail sector, was annexed by the City of Miami. The community experienced sharp demographic

changes in the second half of the century, as "white flight" opened the neighborhood to Haitian refugees, whose numbers rose sharply in the late 1970s and thereafter.

By then, it was known as Little Haiti, a name given it by Viter Juste, a Haitian businessman and community leader. The presence of industrious people embracing opportunities denied them in their homeland brought great energy to this rising immigrant community.

Lemon City's historic downtown, running along Northeast Second Avenue between 54th and 62nd streets, soon hosted a variety of small Haitian-owned and operated businesses, including laundries, restaurants and book, variety, clothing and food stores.

Churches also arose along Northeast Second Avenue. The beautiful Caribbean Marketplace opened on the street in the late 1980s; two decades later, the adjacent cultural center, an alluring complex offering art classes,

an art gallery and various activities, opened to broad acclaim. More recently, the new, picturesque Notre Dame d'Haiti Catholic Church arose on the former site of a girls' Catholic high school.

In the meantime, the quarter's growing population has expanded along the northeastern corridor into the Little River neighborhood, parts of Miami Shores, North Miami and North Miami Beach. Little Haiti continues to hold out hope for an industrious population chasing the American Dream, even while its core area faces gentrification pressures as large, ambitious mixed-use projects are planned for it and nearby areas.

### **DOWNTOWN MIAMI**

What threatened Lemon City's primacy as the largest, most important settlement on the southeast Florida mainland was the rise of the new City of Miami in 1896.

Just one year earlier, the settlement counted only nine residents living along both banks of the Miami River near its mouth. Among them was Julia



Tuttle, who lived with her two children on the north bank of the stream and who convinced Henry Flagler, the oil and railroad baron and developer of Florida's east coast, with promises of choice land, to extend his Florida East Coast Railway south to the Miami River.

Miami grew quickly following the railroad's entry and incorporation in 1896, with its retail, financial, institutional, entertainment and residential base downtown. Centered on Flagler Street, downtown remained "ground zero" for a rapidly growing area through the early years following World War II.

This status began changing in the century's middle decades with the rise of suburbia and the attendant growth of shopping centers and malls as more people moved away from the area's historic center. By the latter years of the 20th century, downtown had declined sharply from its glory days.

In the past two decades, however, as part of a national trend, many residents and institutions again have moved to the center city. Today's downtown Miami is budding with many elements, some new and others older.

Many of the county's most important institutions and attractions reside there; be it a vast system of courts, the Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade College, the FTX Arena, Adrienne Arsht

Center, new science and art museums, a revitalized Bayfront Park, a rising railroad network and a stellar cultural center hosting HistoryMiami Museum and the main county library.

New residential condominium towers hover over every area of downtown, and new investment continues to flow into the area.

### MIAMI BEACH

Miami Beach is a "child" of the City of Miami, as early Miamians swam in the warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Miami-based developers began building residential communities south of today's Fifth Street.

In 1915, the "Beach" incorporated as a municipality. Thirty years later, it stood at the pinnacle of America's resort communities before experiencing a malaise that set it back for a few decades. This problem did not, however, detract from the rich residential community that continued to occupy large portions of Miami Beach.

The nonpareil renaissance of a blighted South Beach in the final decade of the 1900s was the catalyst for a stunning turnaround in the fortunes of the island. The old neighborhood with its Art Deco jewels now became the "go-to" place for the beautiful and famous, and seemingly everyone else.

The success of this Ocean Drive-based presence rippled south to the

tip, northwest to Lincoln Road, and north along Collins Avenue to the Fontainebleau Hotel and beyond. Struggling desperately to remain relevant prior to the ascendancy of the Art Deco District, these tired hotels and restaurants began to bloom again with new investment and increased patronage taking them forward.

Although far north of the Art Deco District, North Beach also contains many attractive offerings, including open beaches with lush landscaping, a compact downtown with stores and restaurants, and easier "navigability" for the ubiquitous automobile than cramped South Beach.

### HIALEAH

Far inland from the warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean is the blue-collar, immigrant community of Hialeah, whose origins are as unique as any of the others under study here.

Hialeah was a product of early 1900s Everglades drainage, becoming the first city in Dade County to emerge from the swamp. It was also the beneficiary of the vision and largesse of Glenn Curtiss, its earliest developer and the possessor of early world speed records in automobile racing. He also attained the first pilot license in the United States and invented more

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than 300 airplanes or aircraft components.

Created in the 1920s as Florida was on the cusp of an unprecedented real estate boom, Hialeah, said to be a Seminole term for "Pretty Prairie," quickly became the seat of industry in Dade County, as well as a city of "firsts" with dog racing, horse racing, jai alai, movie studios and an airfield.

Indeed, it was aviation and the nearby Pan American Field, the future Miami International Airport, that contributed greatly to the business and industrial activity of Hialeah. The city became the home base of major airlines, like Pan American Airways, Eastern Airlines and, later, National Airlines.

Most people outside of the area, however, knew of Hialeah for its open-

mous horse race track, with its grand infield and its willowy flamingos.

The city's affordable housing and small factories made it an ideal place for thousands of industrious Cuban refugees, who poured into the area, displacing a population with a strong Southern basis, following Fidel Castro's ascension to power in 1959. With 95 percent of its population of 235,000 claiming Spanish as a first language, Hialeah can claim the highest percentage of Hispanics of any large city in the United States.

The city continues to morph, as yesterday's aircraft parts and garment factories have given way to electronics and technology industries. The recent addition of a sparkling new campus of Mia-

mi Dade College filled with cultural offerings, the rising Leah Art District, dazzling boutique art galleries, and a robust wall art program have helped redefine this community as an art center.

### KENDALL

Twenty miles southwest of Hialeah is vast, sprawling Kendall.

Known as late as the 1950s as "horse country" for its ranches and farms, Kendall's story of growth since then has been meteoric. By the 1970s, Kendall was Dade's fastest-growing community.

This trend accelerated in the 1980s and beyond as Kendall moved ever more deeply into western farmland. Giant housing developments with appealing names and a wide array of amenities arose in former tomato and strawberry fields.

This sudden growth resulted from the rush by developers to take ad-

vantage of a strong demand for affordable housing and the area's convenient access, through new roadways and transportation corridors to other areas of Dade County. By the late 1970s, Kendall claimed more highways and expressways within its environs than any other area of the county. Soon after, Metrorail appeared, with two stops in Kendall.

Recent federal census data indicates that this sprawling community with its ill-defined borders contains more than 275,000 residents. Since the 1960s, its burgeoning population represented a huge retail market, which propelled Dadeland Mall into the ranks of the busiest shopping malls in the United States. Burdines, today's Macy's, was the largest suburban department store in the nation as the 21st century unfolded.

At the same time, planners and architects were reevaluating the suburban

ethos of the area with a determination to create a "downtown" across broad North Kendall Drive from the Dadeland Mall. Since the early 2000s, Downtown Dadeland has offered residential accommodations, restaurants, offices and a retail sector while delivering to the community a long-sought urban core.

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Aerial view of Biscayne Boulevard in downtown Miami.

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## Retired Ailey star returns for last dance in Miami

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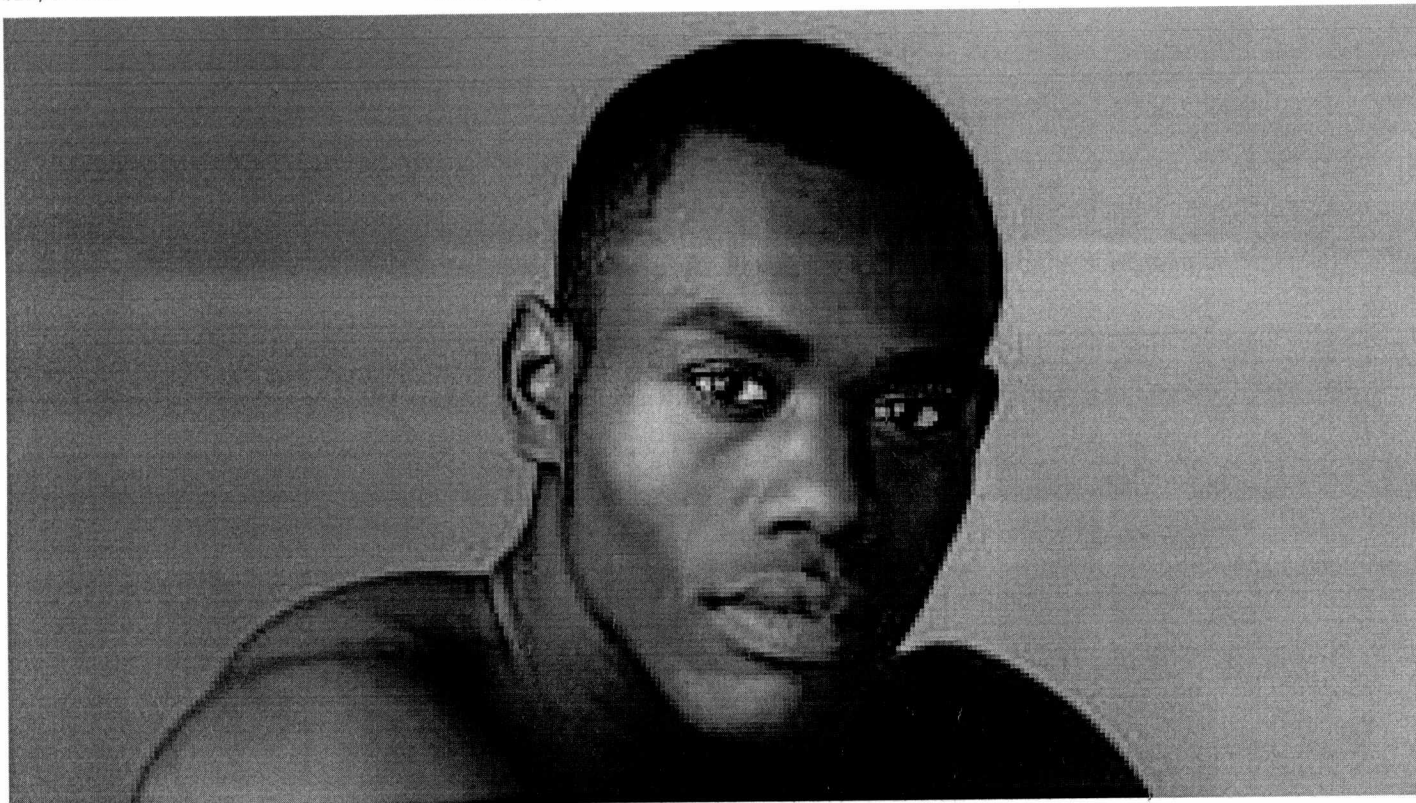


The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in Robert Battle's excerpt from "Love Stories."

(Paul Kolnik)

Miami native Jamar Roberts retired from dancing in 2021. Now, he returns to the stage in none other than his very own hometown for one last performance.





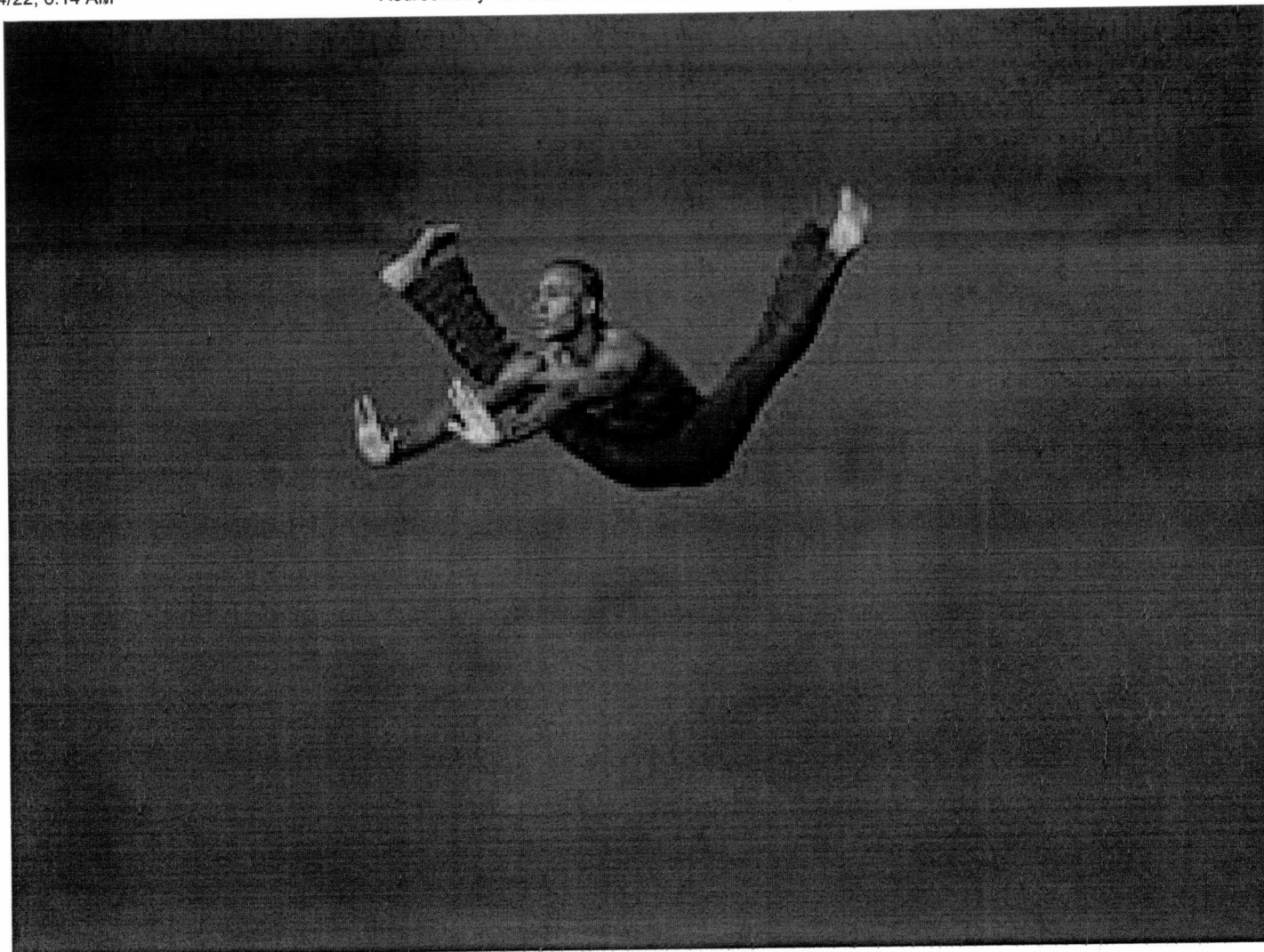
Jamar Roberts will perform his final dance at the Adrienne Arsht Center Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.

(Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater)

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT), located in New York City, is bringing Roberts to the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts Feb. 26 for his final dance, in what he calls his own personal style.

“It’s really just a meditation on gratitude,” Roberts said, “a meditation on the impermanence of success and youth.”

Roberts has been dancing with the AAADT since 2002, after graduating from Miami’s New World School of the Arts and then the Ailey School in Manhattan. He started off with Ailey II, the company’s junior division, and moved into the main company a year later.

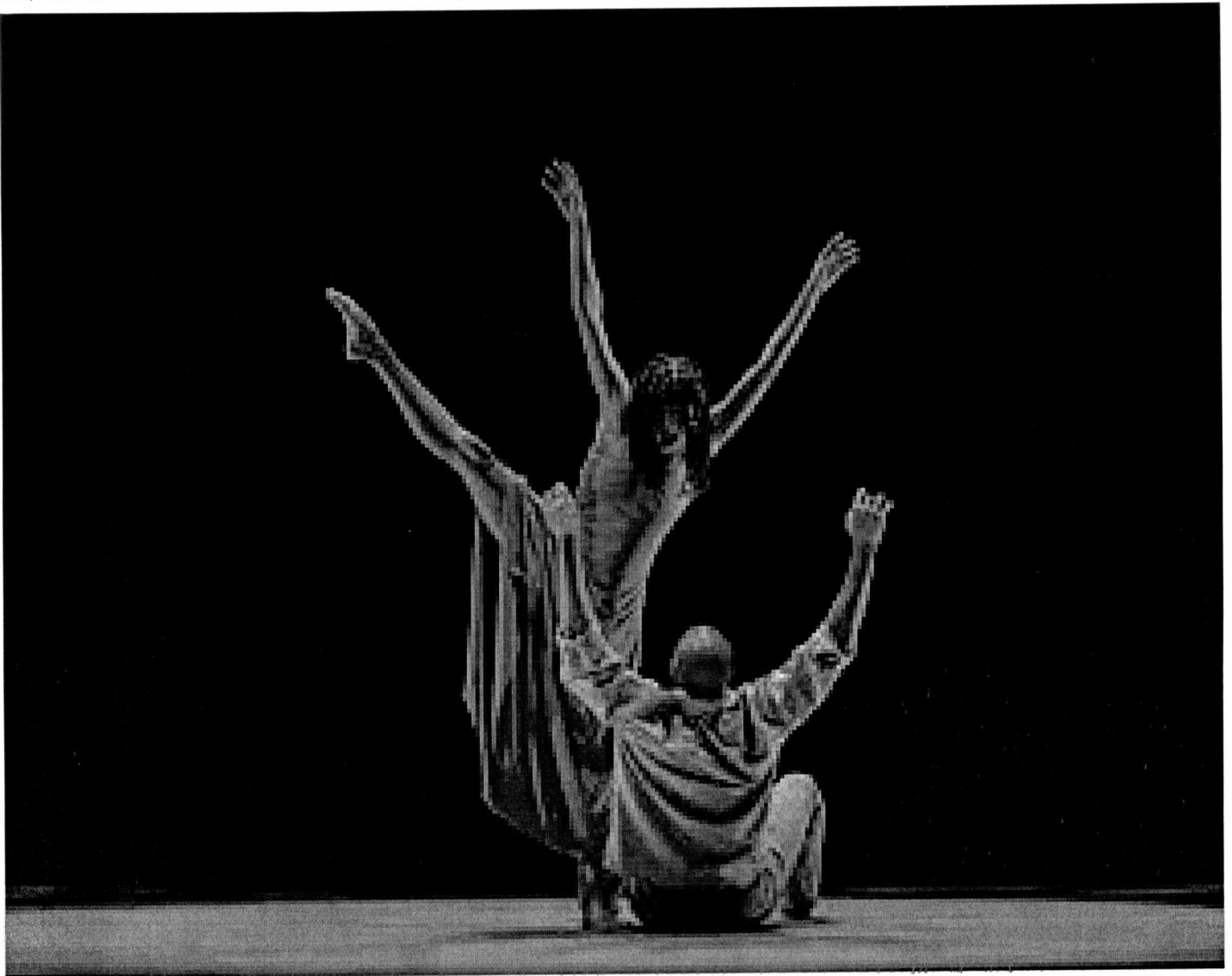


Yannick Lebrun of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in Robert Battle's "Takademe."

(Andrew Eccles)

The opportunity was presented to him by one of his dance professors at New World, Peter London. London, a former principal dancer for the world-renowned Martha Graham Dance Company, had connections with the AAADT at the time that he was introduced to Roberts.

When the two first met, London immediately recognized potential in the 17-year-old prodigy.

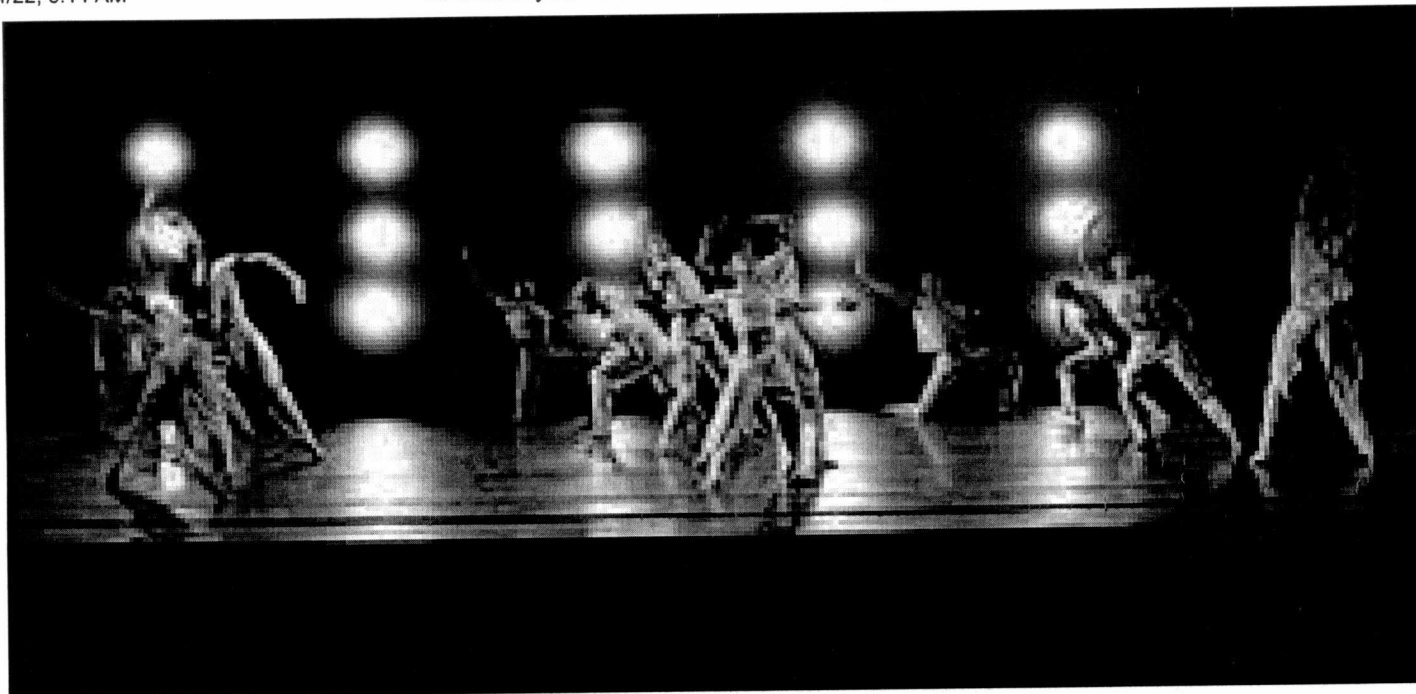


Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Jacqueline Green and Jeroboam Bozeman in Robert Battle's "Unfold."

(Paul Kolnik)

"In his early choreography, I could see right away he was like a Renaissance choreographer," London said. "Even though he was young, he had an old soul, and so I was very excited about him coming in as a choreographer – because we need stories being told about who we are."





The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performing Jamar Robert's "Holding Space."

(Paul Kolnik)

"Jamar is just a humble, beautiful, generous, kind human being, and a true citizen of the world," he added.

These days, London refers to him as the "prince of modern dance."

Roberts initially debuted his retirement dance, titled "You Are The Golden Hour That Would Soon Evanesce," in New York during the Ailey season in December 2021, but he'll be performing it a second and final time in the heart of Miami for the community he grew up with.

London, who was present for Roberts' Dec. 9 solo dance in New York, assures that the event is not one to miss. He plans to attend the upcoming production as well.

"I consider him like an avatar taking us from one century into the next century," he said of Roberts's performance.

And while the show will be Roberts' last, the "prince" is far from being done and over with the dance world. He will remain in his position as resident choreographer for the AAADT, to which he was appointed three years ago, and he often does commissioned choreography on the side.

## 10 years of Robert Battle



Robert Battle is celebrating 10 years as artistic director with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

(Andrew Eccles)

But Roberts isn't the only one being celebrated during this two-day dance affair, which kicks off Feb. 25. Preceding the night of Roberts' closing performance is a program displaying the work of Robert Battle, who will be celebrating his 10th year as artistic director of the company.

The Battle 10th Anniversary program was curated by associate artistic director Matthew Rushing and will include Battle's famous productions spanning from the 1990s to the present.



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in Robert Battle's "Mass."

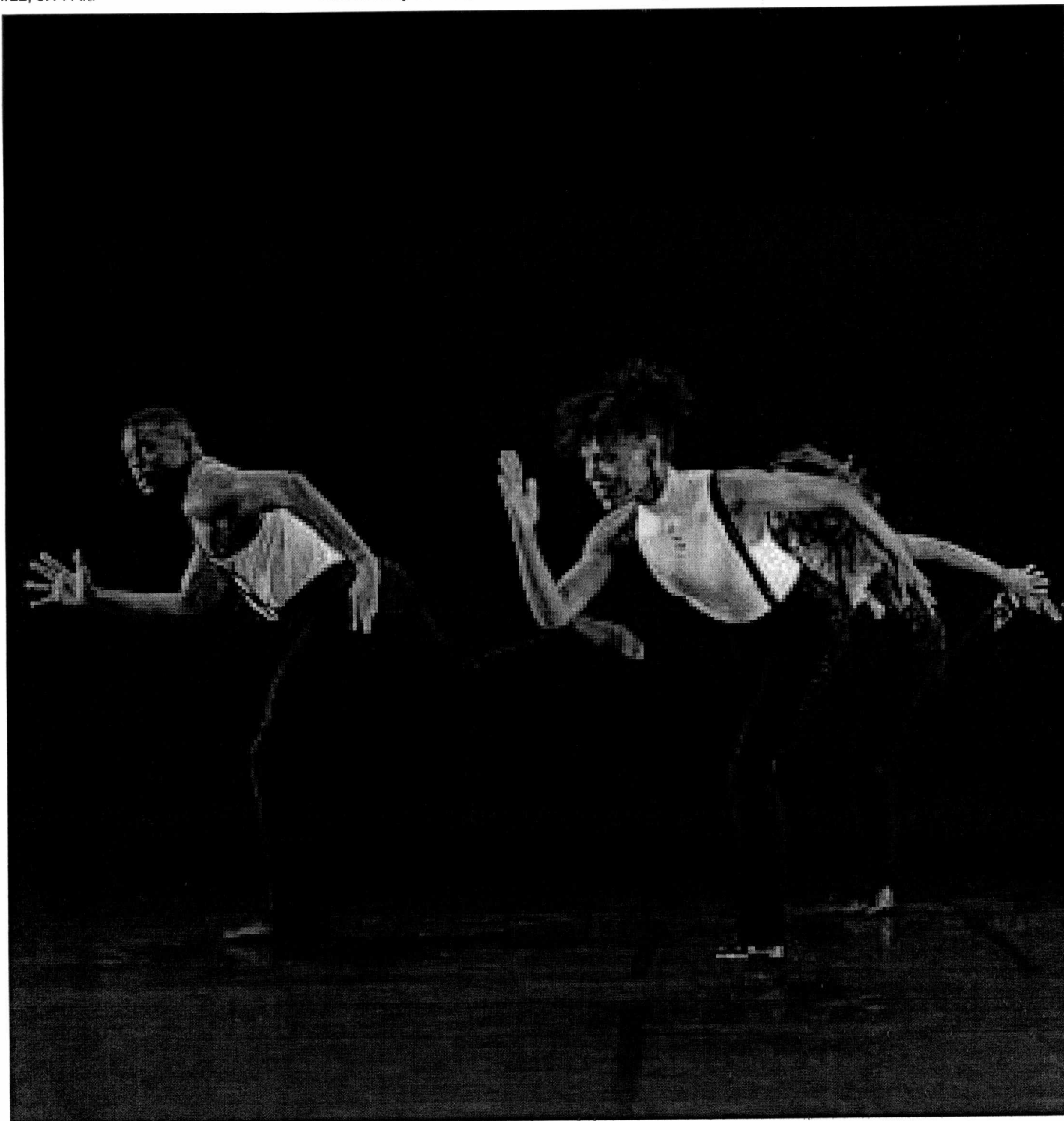
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One of the dances performed will be "For Four," a piece Battle created during the height of the pandemic in 2020. Battle made the creative decision of introducing the American flag as a backdrop during one moment in the show, so the dancers appear to be moving through its fabric.

"I think that that's because we not only have been through the pandemic, but also a racial reckoning," Battle said. "And the flag has sort of been used these days as a way to say, 'You don't belong to this country.'"

This, he says, is his way of reclaiming that flag.

Also included in the show will be "In/Side," a dance that Battle says is more personal to him. It's performed to Nina Simone's "Wild is the Wind," which reminds him of being huddled up in his home with his family during Miami's hurricane seasons.



Solomon Dumas, Samantha Figgins and Belen Indhira Pereyra in Robert Battle's "For Four," performed by the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Ailey Spirit Gala June 24, 2021.

(Christopher Duggan)

"But this is about the hurricane of the heart, the kind of emotional roller coaster that people go on from time to time, so that has personal resonance," he said.

Battle grew up in Liberty City and began dancing at Miami Northwestern High School. It was through the school that he was first introduced to the AAADT when he went on a field trip to see “Revelations,” the production that gained the company its prestige in 1960.

Having grown up in a religious household and spending much of his childhood at church and watching his mother play the piano for the choir, this spiritual number performed to gospel songs and sermons resonated with him greatly.

“That was it. I mean, seeing them on stage, seeing people who looked like me on that stage in front of that audience – it just felt like I was seeing a reflection of myself,” Battle said.



Jeroboam Bozeman of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performing in Robert Battle’s “In/Side.”

(Dario Calmese)

“Revelations” will be performed both nights during the Feb. 25-26 event.

Founded in 1958 during the wake of the civil rights movement, the AAADT revolves around African American culture.

"It's more than a dance company," Battle said. "It really is a part of a statement of the notion that Black lives matter, and so to be at the helm of something that expresses the beauty of our people is, for me, a calling."

Tickets for the event can be found at [ArshtCenter.org](https://www.arshtcenter.org) by clicking "Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater."

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Robert Battle celebrates 10 years as artistic director





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Festival events, including the final concert featuring the top-placing bands and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, will be webcast live. Tickets will be on sale to the public in April. For more information, including background, history, and audio recordings of the Essentially Ellington repertoire, visit: [jazz.org/ee](https://jazz.org/ee).

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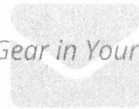
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Festival events, including the final concert featuring the top-placing bands and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, will be webcast live. Tickets will be on sale to the public in April. For more information, including background, history, and audio recordings of the *Essentially Ellington* repertoire, visit: [jazz.org/ee](https://jazz.org/ee).

Today, in a Facebook Live event, Jazz at Lincoln Center announced the 15 U.S. bands who will be competing in the 2022 *Essentially Ellington* High School Jazz Band Competition and Festival. See the announcement here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KEHKmYilMo&feature=youtu.be>

The *Essentially Ellington* High School Jazz Band Festival is media-accessible via Jazz at Lincoln Center social media on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EssentiallyEllington](https://www.facebook.com/EssentiallyEllington), Twitter: @EssEllington, Instagram: @jazzdotorg.

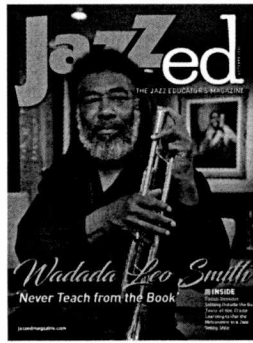
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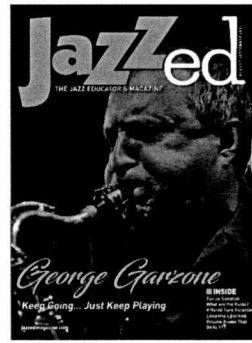
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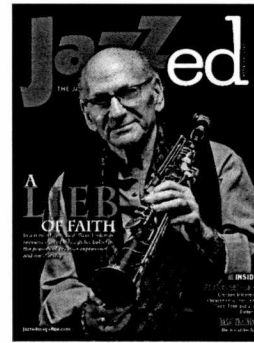
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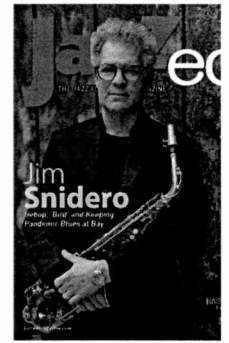
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2022 Miami Dade College (Fla.) forward **Khalil Turner** has received an offer from Long Island University Mens' Basketball program, today JucoRecruiting.com Tweeted.

A transfer from Rider, Turner, a 6-foot-8 sophomore guard/forward, also holds offers from Eastern Kentucky and Morgan State, according to **VerbalCommits.com**.

Turner, who had attended Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School, has averaged 14.2 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 1.9 blocks per game in 24 contests with MDC this season.

MDC is 10-17 overall and 2-10 in the Southern Conference of the Florida State College Activities Association, a body of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 8.

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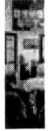
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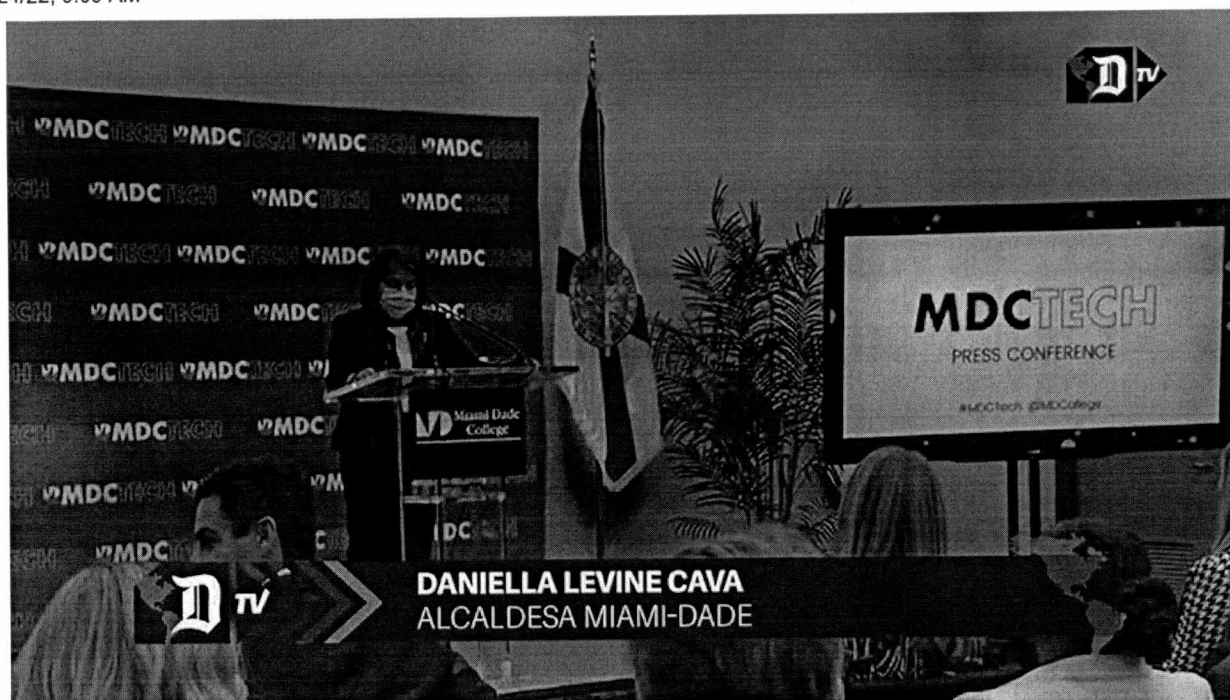
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“Estamos viviendo una época de cambios constantes, y si los habitantes de Miami no tienen la preparación tecnológica necesaria no podrán sobrevivir en la industrial laboral del futuro con éxito”, dijo a DIARIO LAS AMÉRICAS la alcaldesa del condado Miami-Dade, Daniella Levine Cava, quien además destacó que “Miami Dade College es la institución por excelencia que cuenta con todos los programas para formar a los profesionales del futuro”.

## Anuncio

Durante una conferencia de prensa realizada este 23 de febrero, en el Wolfson Campus, de la institución académica que celebra 62 años de vida, autoridades del centro universitario anunciaron la ampliación de sus programas de tecnología, además de diversos esfuerzos dirigidos a promover el crecimiento del ecosistema tecnológico en Miami.



“Ahora todos los estudiantes de nuestra comunidad, no importa dónde vivan ni estudien, van a tener acceso a los mejores programas educacionales para prosperarse y aspirar a mejores oportunidades laborales. Estamos trabajando arduamente y dedicando todos los fondos necesarios para asegurar que todos nuestros estudiantes tengan a su disposición las herramientas necesarias para mejorar su futuro”, dijo el alcalde de Miami, Francis Suárez, quien además resaltó la necesidad de concebir a Miami como una capital tecnológica que consolida una economía de innovación global para el mundo.

“La tecnológica es la base de la economía de hoy y mañana, y las ciudades tienen dos alternativas: brindar a sus niños y jóvenes las oportunidades para que aspiren a los trabajos del futuro; o quedarse atrás. No hay otra opción”, agregó el edil.

## MDC Tech

Con el objetivo de unificar a los líderes del sector, atraer profesores e impulsar a los estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad para respaldar desarrollo del talento local en tecnologías emergentes, Miami Dade College busca posicionarse en el país como centro internacional de tecnología gracias a una inversión total de 15 millones de dólares, subvención de la cual siete millones fueron otorgados por la Fundación Knight, cinco millones constituyen un aporte del condado Miami-Dade, dos millones fueron otorgados por la ciudad de Miami, y un millón por Miami DDA.

“MDC Tech va a brindar muchas oportunidades a los habitantes de la ciudad. Todo el que quiera estudiar programas de tecnología va a poder acceder a ellos en MDC. Tendremos campamentos de verano para los más pequeños, para que aprendan de robótica, y los estudiantes de secundaria básica podrán sumarse a nuestros programas y posteriormente convalidar créditos para comenzar una carrera”, dijo Madeline Pumariega, egresada de MDC y su actual presidenta.

Definido como un centro de inteligencia artificial, MDC Tech impartirá carreras como ciberseguridad, análisis de datos, además de ofrecer programas y certificaciones de Google e IBM, empresas que necesitan del talento hispano para desarrollar nuevos productos y servicios con el trabajo de personal capacitado.

### **Instituto tecnológico**

Durante los últimos cinco años, la Escuela de Ingeniería y Tecnología (EnTec) de MDC ha atraído la atención de empresas como IBM, Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, Google, Cisco y Oracle. Razón por la que el año 2017 la matrícula en sus programas relacionados con tecnología se ha incrementado en un 120%, por lo que EnTec presta servicios cada año a más de 5.000 alumnos en más de 30 cursos.

“Miami está creciendo en tecnología y a la vez creando oportunidades para la comunidad local, y para eso estamos implementando programas de becas con los que los jóvenes y adultos podrán venir a aprender de forma gratuita. Por otra parte, tenemos carreras extensas y otras más breves para quienes solo buscan mejorar habilidades específicas que les permitirán aspirar a mejores trabajos” declaró Antonio Delgado a DIARIO LAS AMÉRICAS, vicepresidente de Innovación y Alianzas Tecnológicas en Miami Dade College.

“En este momento la matrícula para nuestros programas de tecnología está alcanzando niveles históricos, y eso nos impulsa a crear nuevos cursos y programas de desarrollo profesional en estos campos”, añadió Delgado sobre la institución que también implementará AI for All [Inteligencia artificial para todos], una iniciativa que tiene como objetivo capacitar a todos los estudiantes en IA aplicada, independientemente de su especialidad.

Gracias a esta iniciativa el MDC será el primer college de la nación en implementar un curso de inteligencia artificial en su currículo básico.



“Tenemos oportunidades para todos: niños, jóvenes y adultos. Programas en los que en dos semanas los jóvenes de Miami podrán entender las carreras del futuro y decidir qué carrera quieren estudiar. Y a futuro vamos a abrir un nuevo instituto de tecnología del MDC, que va a ser en colaboración la ciudad de Miami”, finalizó Delgado, quien pronostica que esta nueva escuela pueda abrir sus puertas en agosto de 2022.

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Miami Dade College recibirá \$15 millones de un cuarteto de entidades públicas y sin fines de lucro para reforzar su plan de estudios de tecnología y hacer que la educación en inteligencia artificial esté disponible para todos sus estudiantes.

La cifra es de 7 millones de dólares de la Fundación Knight, 5 millones de dólares del condado de Miami-Dade, 2 millones de dólares de la ciudad de Miami y 1 millón de dólares de la Autoridad de Desarrollo del Centro de Miami.

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La inversión se utilizará para contratar hasta 15 nuevos profesores con experiencia en tecnología que pueda satisfacer la creciente inscripción en la Escuela de Ingeniería y Tecnología del MDC. MDC también está lanzando MDCTECH, un portal web diseñado para servir como centro de sus esfuerzos tecnológicos.

El anuncio del miércoles se produce solo una semana después de que Miami y el MDC anunciaran la creación de una escuela secundaria centrada en la tecnología que se centrará en el campus Wolfson de la universidad.

El compromiso financiero con la educación y la capacitación en tecnología surgen cuando la ciudad se enfrenta a su nuevo enfoque como centro tecnológico, un desarrollo que ha llevado a una afluencia sin precedentes de profesionales de California y otros lugares.

También ha expuesto la escasez de talento de la ciudad y la necesidad de expandir el alcance del movimiento tecnológico en las comunidades locales.

Raúl Moas, quien recientemente asumió nuevas responsabilidades como director sénior de la Fundación Knight, señaló “se ha hablado mucho sobre para quién es la tecnología de Miami, y queremos resaltar que hay una tendencia aquí, que los miamenses están buscando estos caminos educativos, carreras”.

Además, añadió “todavía tenemos trabajo por hacer para traducir eso en empleo real, pero vemos que los miamenses están buscando estas oportunidades. Esa es una parte increíblemente importante de la narrativa”.

Aparte de hacer que un curso de inteligencia artificial forme parte del plan de estudios básico del MDC, los millones de dólares también se utilizarán para establecer una licenciatura en inteligencia artificial aplicada.

MDC está construyendo dos centros de IA, en sus campus de North y Wolfson, para fomentar el aprendizaje experiencial y la colaboración entre la industria y la academia.

Se unirán a los centros tecnológicos existentes de la universidad enfocados en animación y juegos, computación en la nube y ciberseguridad.

Moas expresó “hemos visto a Miami y el sur de la Florida recibiendo más inversiones, más nuevas empresas, más capital de riesgo, y lo que ahora necesitamos es inversión en nuestro sistema educativo”,

Por su parte, Antonio Delgado, vicepresidente de asociaciones de innovación y tecnología de MDC, manifestó “para que podamos crear vías para que los estudiantes y los miamenses participen”.

Para la Fundación Knight, la donación de \$7 millones representa la última de lo que ahora es un total de \$22 millones invertidos en tecnología e innovación de Miami en los últimos 12 meses.

Luego de su compromiso de \$15 millones con la Universidad Internacional de Florida, la Universidad de Miami y Baptist Health South Florida, y \$60 millones en inversiones tecnológicas locales durante la última década.

Moas dijo que la organización está respondiendo al aumento de inscripción en la programación tecnológica que está viendo en estas instituciones académicas. “Para nosotros, se trata de satisfacer la demanda de la comunidad”. Fuente: Miami Herald.

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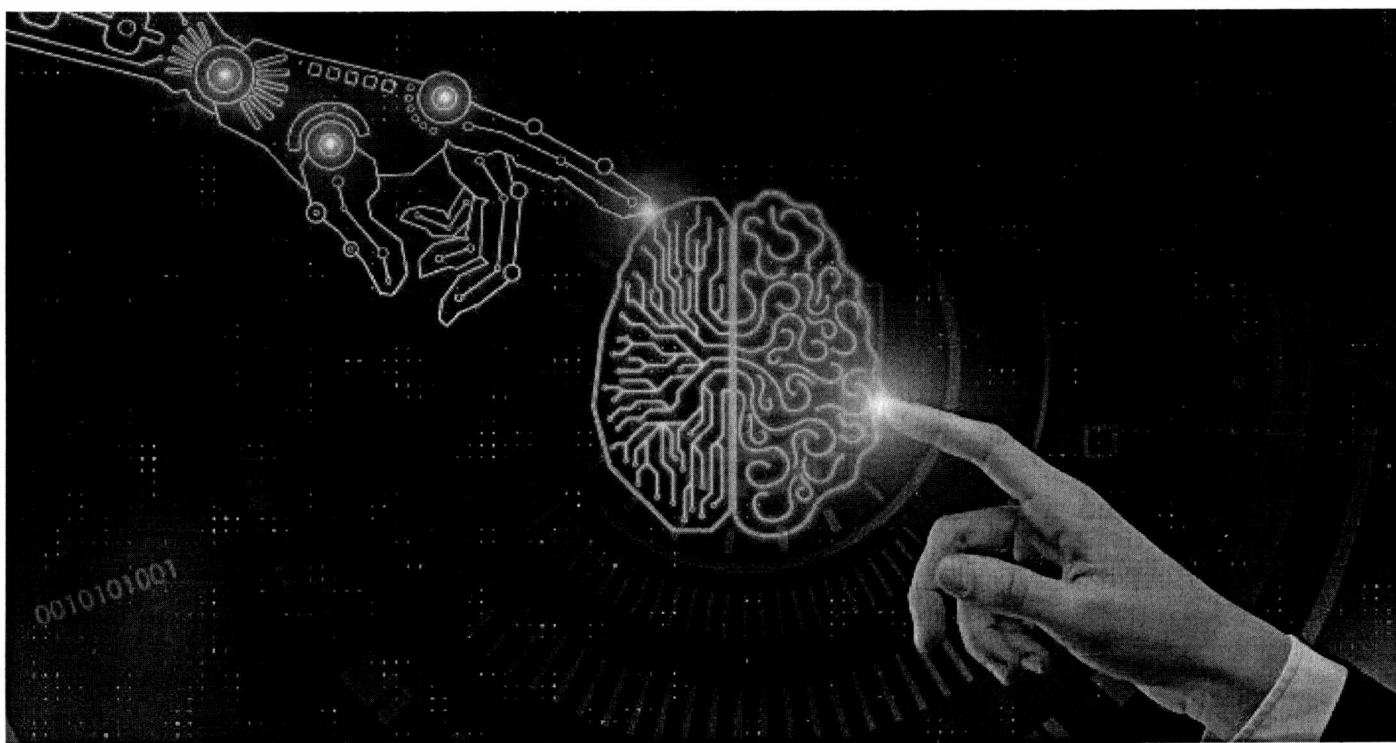
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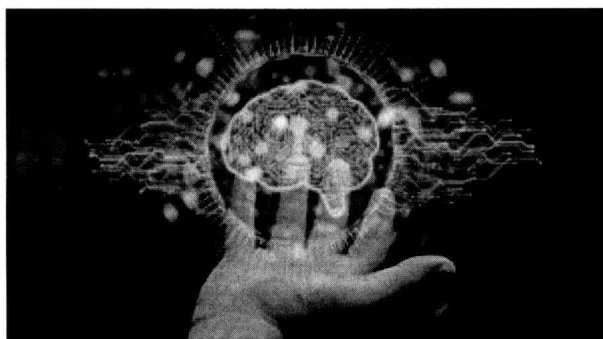
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significativamente su capacidad para satisfacer la creciente demanda de la comunidad de carreras en tecnología mientras alimenta la industria con el talento necesario". A su turno, el alcalde de Miami, Francis Suárez, quien en los últimos años ha hecho campaña para que esta urbe floridana sea un "hub tecnológico" y la "Capital del Capital", destacó que la donación de la ciudad tendrá "retornos inconmensurables" en vista de que "el capital humano es tan valioso, si no más, que el capital financiero". EFE Ice/ar (foto)

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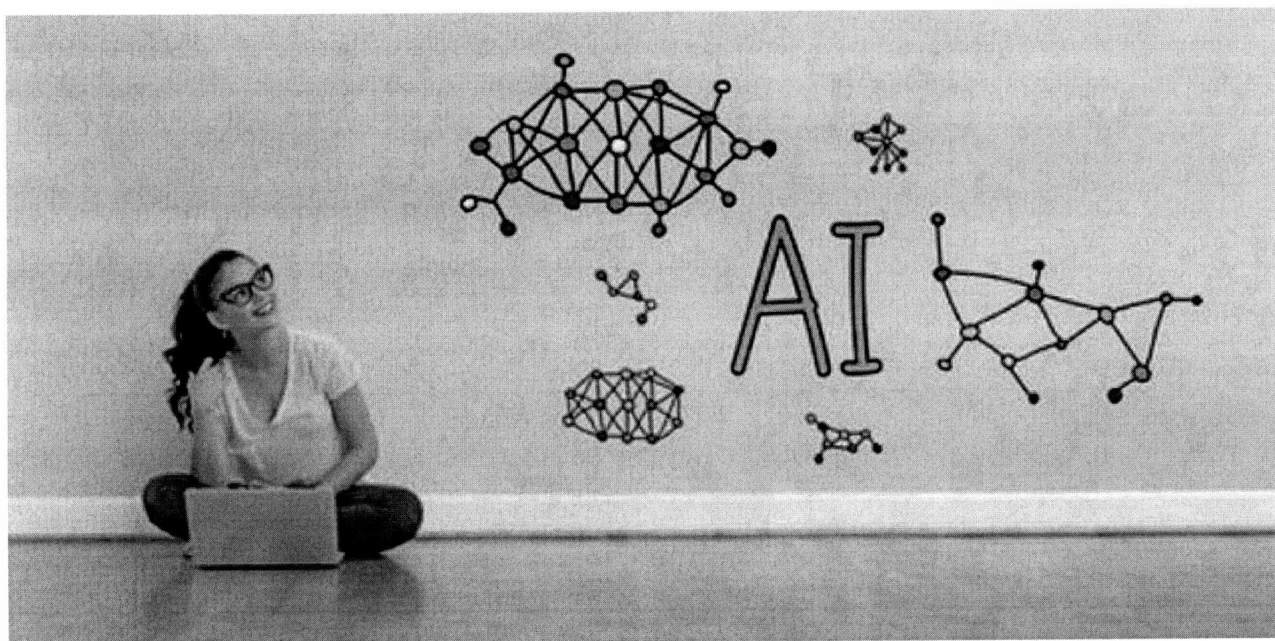
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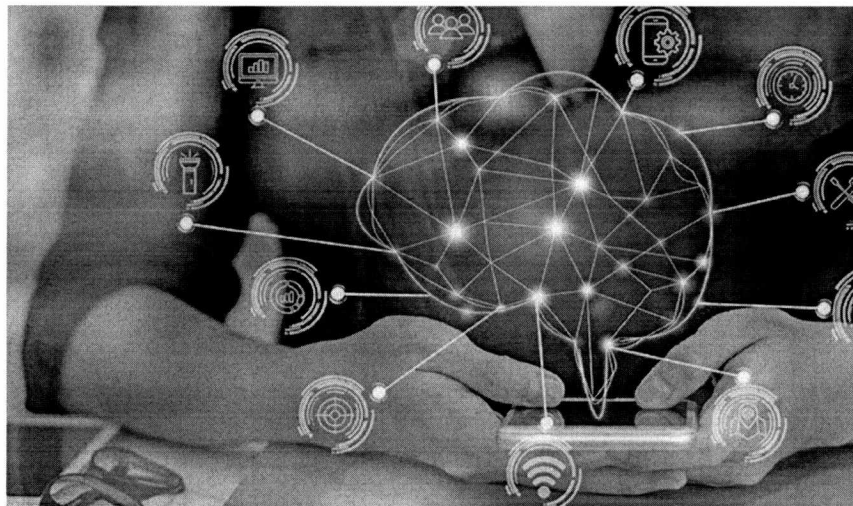
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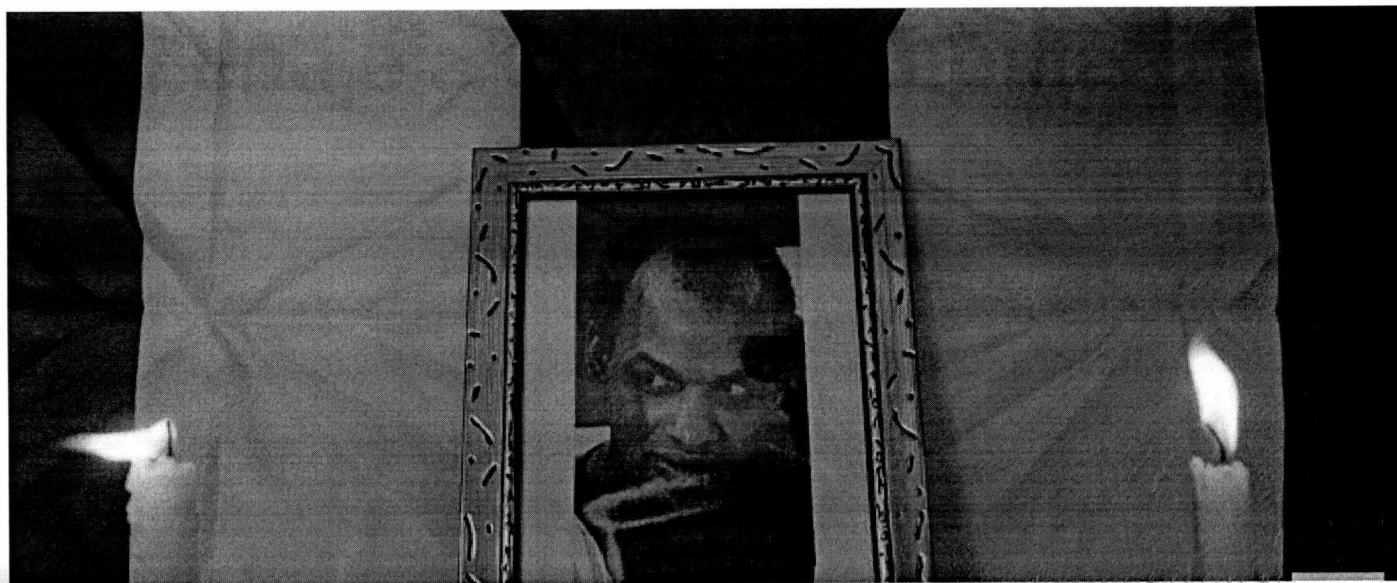
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