



MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURE CEREMONY

DECEMBER 10, 2021



THE INVESTITURE OF

Madeline Pumariega

AS THE FIFTH PRESIDENT OF MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

December 10, 2021

Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
Ziff Ballet Opera House
Miami, FL

PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURE

An investiture is an academic ceremony steeped in tradition and protocol, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge in higher education. The ceremony itself is defined as "the formal transference of authority in a high office."

The presidential investiture includes an academic procession of MDC's faculty and staff as well as delegates

from other colleges and universities. Participants in the processional wear colorful academic regalia representing their own institutions. The event also includes musical interludes along with greetings from members of the College, the higher education community, government and other honored guests.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

MUSICAL PRELUDE

New World School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Hyunjee Chung, Conductor

PROCESSIONAL

Mace Bearer
Delegates of Colleges and Universities
Faculty Marshals
Faculty and Administration of the College

District Leadership
Inauguration Ceremony Guests
District Board of Trustees
The President

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Miami Dade College School of Justice, Florida Law Enforcement Academy Honor Guard

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Frank Cejas, President, Kendall Campus SGA

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Dalila Lugo, Student, New World School of the Arts

INVOCATION

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE

New World School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra

INVESTITURE POET

Richard Blanco

PRESENTATION OF THE COLLEGE MACE AND PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT

Michael Bileca, Chair, District Board of Trustees
Rolando Montoya, Former MDC Interim President

INVESTITURE ADDRESS

Madeline Pumariega

CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY

BENEDICTION

Imam Nasir Ahmad, Masjid Al-Ansar
Rabbi Robyn Fisher, Beth Or
Father Patrick O'Neill, Archdiocese of Miami

RECESSIONAL

*At time of printing.

Madeline Pumariega

PRESIDENT, MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

Madeline Pumariega is the first female president to lead Miami Dade College, one of the nation's largest educational institutions. Adding to the historic nature of this appointment is that Pumariega is an alumna of MDC.

TRAILBLAZER IN ACADEMIA

Pumariega's love for academics and service excellence began as a student at MDC and continued during her 20 years of service at the College in positions of ascending responsibility, culminating in her role as Wolfson Campus president. Prior to becoming MDC's president, Pumariega was appointed the first female and Hispanic chancellor of the Florida College System (FCS). In that role, she designed and implemented strategies to keep college accessible and affordable for Floridians, especially for those entering high-demand job fields. During



her tenure, several of the FCS's 28 colleges —which serve 800,000 students — rose in the rankings of *U.S. News & World Report* as well as by other national measures. Florida was also named No. 1 in higher education by *U.S. News*.

In 2019, Pumariega became the executive vice president and provost of Tallahassee Community College (TCC), where her innovative approaches advanced the College's three core divisions: academic affairs, student affairs and workforce development. Pumariega helped TCC achieve its status as one of the top 10 community col-

leges in the nation, as awarded by the prestigious Aspen Institute. She also serves as affiliate professor of leadership at the NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

CHAMPION FOR YOUTH

Serving the community outside of higher education, she was also previously the executive director of Take Stock in Children, a statewide non-profit focused on breaking the cycle of poverty by helping students complete their high school education and advance into post-secondary education and careers.

“MDC serves as a beacon of hope for our students and community.”

She has now engaged hundreds of leaders and volunteers around these five key priorities, and this transformational work is well on its way at MDC.

Pumariiega has also prioritized working with business partners to identify the skills needed by key industries and tailoring higher education programs to match those needs.

This intentional forming of strate-

gic alliances and job pathways between companies and MDC students accelerates each graduate’s ability to enter the workforce immediately.

CATALYST FOR TRANSFORMATION

In her new role as MDC president, Pumariiega has championed a new strategic plan for the College developed with input from more than 1,000 stakeholders. The plan focuses on five key priorities: reimagining for student success; accelerating academic excellence and innovation; valuing a culture of care to advance student outcomes; fueling the talent needs of a global economy; and securing the future of the College.

Driving her relentless pursuit is the passion to develop leaders and build thriving communities. Pumariiega clearly recognizes higher education’s role in transforming lives and communities, and is designing her presidency at MDC to position the College to deliver on its mission of providing a world-class education.





CHAINS OF THE OFFICE & PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

For centuries, ceremonial Chains of the Office have honored the highest officials of educational institutions. Following in this tradition, college and university presidents wear specially designed chains and medallions as part of the pomp and ceremony at official public celebrations such as the inauguration of a new president.

During the investiture ceremony, the chain and medallion are placed around the president's neck to represent the yoke of responsibility for the welfare of the institution. The presi-

dent will thereafter wear the chain and medallion at all academic convocations, commencements and other ceremonial events requiring academic regalia.

The Miami Dade College presidential chain and medallion are forged in bronze and include a cast of the seal of the College with the year of founding, 1960. Along the chain are curved bronze banners with the names of each of MDC's campuses in order of incorporation as well as the name of the fifth College president, Madeline Pumariega.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic attire typically worn by the faculty and staff of today's colleges and universities is based on a long history of tradition which began in medieval Europe. The gown was a common form of dress for varying ranks of people including scholars at universities. Over the centuries, the hood and cap also became distinctive parts of the academic costume, which then became known as regalia. As trades, professions, guilds and universities developed, variations indicated by colors and materials came into being to identify various affiliations.

Universities gradually modified the gowns, hoods and caps into distinctive forms to identify a person's level of academic achievement. In the late 19th century, American colleges and universities agreed upon a somewhat uniform application of academic regalia. Typically, scholars with bachelor's degrees wear the unadorned black robe. Those with master's degrees also wear a hood lined with the colors of their college and trimmed with the specific color designated for their academic discipline. The doctoral degree robe additionally has three velvet bars on each sleeve and the hood is more ornate.

Faculty and staff members wear the traditional attire of the college or university that conferred their degrees.

ACADEMIC MACE

The academic mace is an ornamental staff with distinctive symbols, having historical origins in ancient and medieval weaponry. Over time, the mace has become a symbol of peaceful leadership, with academic maces representing the authority invested in the president of an institution of higher learning by its governing board.

Ceremonial maces symbolize authority, learning, schol-

arship, history, reputation and values. They commemorate elegance, honor, pageantry, purpose, quality, solemnity, stability and continuity. The Miami Dade College mace is a richly varnished mahogany staff with the College seal embedded into the head of the mace. The mace is traditionally carried at convocation and commencement ceremonies by the president or by the faculty member with the longest tenure.



MILESTONES IN HISTORY

1960

DADE COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE
BEGINS OPERATIONS



1964

SOUTH CAMPUS
(Kendall) OPENS



1973

RENAMED MIAMI-DADE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MDCC)



1983

INAUGURAL
MIAMI BOOK FAIR



1963

FIRST BUILDING COMPLETED
AT NORTH CAMPUS



1970

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
(Wolfson) OPENS



1976

MEDICAL CENTER
CAMPUS OPENS



1988

NEW WORLD
SCHOOL OF
THE ARTS OPENS

1990

HOMESTEAD CAMPUS OPENS



2003

RENAMED MIAMI DADE
COLLEGE (MDC)



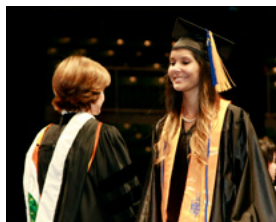
2003

THE HONORS COLLEGE BEGINS



2005

FIRST BACHELOR'S
DEGREES AWARDED



2005

WEST CAMPUS OPENS



2019

AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS
ASPEN PRIZE



1998

INTERAMERICAN CENTER BECOMES
INTERAMERICAN CAMPUS



2004

HIALEAH CENTER BECOMES HIALEAH CAMPUS



2013

2 MILLIONTH
STUDENT ENROLLS

2020

MADELINE PUMARIEGA
SELECTED FIFTH
PRESIDENT OF MDC





COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Miami Dade College opened its doors in 1960 with just under 1,500 students. Dade County Junior College, as it was then known, was open to any county resident who had graduated from high school, and tuition was free to all county residents.

By the mid-1960s nearly 15,000 students were attending the original North Campus, its buildings bursting at the seams. While new construction got underway at North, plans were made for a second campus in Kendall and a third in downtown Miami. South Campus (Kendall) would open in 1964, and by 1967 the College was the largest institution of higher learning in the state of Florida.

The 1970s saw the College change its name to Miami-Dade Community College. The downtown campus officially opened in 1970 and would later be renamed for one of the College's founders, Mitchell Wolfson. The Medical Center Campus opened its doors in 1976 in the heart of Miami's flourishing medical district.

A modest College-sponsored book fest, "Books by

the Bay," was held at the Wolfson Campus in 1983. To-day, Miami Book Fair is one of the most respected literary events in the country.

The New World School of the Arts opened in 1988 and is recognized as one of the premier arts high school/college programs in the country, with the work of its graduates garnering recognition from New York to Los Angeles.

In 1990, Homestead Campus opened in the First Baptist Church with 350 students. By 1991, a modern campus facility was built to serve South Dade's burgeoning student population.

The College's sixth campus became a reality in 1998 when the InterAmerican Center was granted Campus status by the District Board of Trustees.

In 2003, The Honors College opened to academically gifted students. With scholarship and enrichment opportunities, it prepares students for transfer to many of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation.



When the College began offering four-year degrees, Miami-Dade Community College officially became Miami Dade College (MDC). The first bachelor's degrees were awarded in 2005.

Also in 2005, MDC became the proud steward of the historic Freedom Tower. Referred to as the Ellis Island of the South, the building received the many immigrants who flocked to South Florida in the 1960s and 1970s.

In the mid-2000s, the College added two more new campuses, Hialeah Campus and West Campus, to serve even more of the Greater Miami community.

Over the last decade, MDC has taken higher education innovation to entirely new levels with groundbreaking initiatives and curricula that evolve in sync with local industry as well as the global workforce, including:

- Cybersecurity Center of the Americas — addresses the demand for cybersecurity professionals and boasts the only Cyberbit range in Florida.
- Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC) — prepares students for careers as creative directors, graphic artists, illustrators and 2D and 3D animators.

- Idea Center — a creative and entrepreneurial hub to meet America's most pressing economic and social challenges.
- Miami Culinary Institute (MCI) — at the epicenter of culinary education excellence offering experiences at the forefront of the industry.
- Miami Fashion Institute (MFI) — real-world experience meets the classroom with faculty that includes renowned artists, designers and business professionals.
- Center for Learning, Innovation and Simulation (CLIS) — state-of-the-art medical simulation center at Medical Campus is one of the largest and finest in the nation.

Before the end of the new millennium's second decade, the number of MDC alumni would reach more than 2 million.

From its earliest beginnings, Miami Dade College has been at the forefront of innovation, cultivating opportunities in an ever-changing career landscape. The College's efforts have created new generations of professionals trained and encouraged to pursue their passions and discover their purpose for a life of career success.



Miami Dade College PAST PRESIDENTS



Kenneth R. Williams

Tenure: 1959 – May 1962

In 1959, the late Kenneth R. Williams, president of Central Florida Junior College in Ocala, was appointed first president of the yet-to-be-opened Dade County Junior College. Williams hired 12 administrators and 39 full-time faculty to teach at a temporary campus while sites and architectural plans were developed and built out. Classes began on Sept. 9, 1960 with 1,428 students as the first junior college in the state of Florida to be integrated. He resigned in 1962 to become president of Florida Atlantic University, a new state university in Boca Raton.



Peter Masiko Jr.

Tenure: July 1962 – June 1980

In 1962, the late Peter Masiko Jr., a leader in the nation's junior college movement, was named the second president of Dade County Junior College after serving as dean at two Chicago junior colleges. During his tenure, MDC opened three major campuses – North, South (Kendall) and Medical Center – while it centralized some operations and grappled with desegregation and massive social change. Masiko led the institution through its formative years, overseeing tremendous growth and progress, including separation from the public school system and being governed by its own District Board of Trustees. The College was renamed Miami-Dade Community College in 1973.



Robert H. McCabe

Tenure: June 1980 – March 1995

In 1963, the late Robert McCabe joined the College as assistant to the president. He became the third College president in 1980, nurturing its growth to a five-campus institution. Under McCabe's watch, the sprawling Kendall Campus would open in 1967 on Southwest 104th Street. McCabe led MDC into becoming the nation's largest community college with campuses across South Florida. He left a mark on local and national education in opening the Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami. He also founded the New World School of the Arts, which operates in partnership with the University of Florida and MDCPS. McCabe came to symbolize MDC and was recognized nationally as its advocate and creator as well as a respected innovator in the community college field. He instituted many "firsts" for students, faculty and the community while increasing access for minorities.



Eduardo J. Padrón

Tenure: September 1995 – August 2019

In 1995, Eduardo Padrón was named the fourth president of Miami Dade College and grew MDC into one of the largest institutions of higher education in America with more than 90,000 credit students. He elevated MDC into a position of national prominence among the best and most recognized U.S. colleges and universities. In just the first few years of the new century, the College celebrated its 1 millionth student, received state approval to offer baccalaureate degrees, established The Honors College, opened several new campuses and centers, and saw the official name of the institution changed to Miami Dade College. In 2009, *TIME* magazine included Padrón on the list of "The 10 Best College Presidents." In 2016, President Barack Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the U.S., for being a prominent national voice for access and inclusion in higher education.



Rolando Montoya

INTERIM PRESIDENT Tenure: August 2019 – November 2020

In August of 2019, former MDC trustee Rolando Montoya was appointed interim president while the search for the College's fifth president was underway. Prior to his retirement in 2016, Montoya had served as Provost and Chief Operations Officer. During his three decades at MDC, he also served in other positions of ascending responsibility, culminating in Wolfson Campus president.

Official Delegates to the investiture of Madeline Pumariega as the fifth president of Miami Dade College (in order of founding):

Ramon Hill, Delegate
Indiana University, 1820

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Florida State University, 1851

Richard Cole, Trustee
University of Florida, 1853

Kathy Hebda, Chancellor
Florida College System
Florida Department of Education, 1869

Nicole Washington, Trustee
Florida Agricultural and
Mechanical University, 1887

Julio Frenk, President
University of Miami, 1925

Tonjua Williams, President
St. Petersburg College, 1927

Ava Parker, President
Palm Beach State College, 1933

Mike Allen, President
Barry University, 1940

Joe Pickens, President
St. Johns River State College, 1958

Greg Haile, President
Broward College, 1960

John Kelly, President
Florida Atlantic University, 1961

David Armstrong, President
St. Thomas University, 1961

Theodorea Regina Berry
Vice Provost & Dean
University of Central Florida, 1963

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The College of the Florida Keys, 1965

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Seminole State College of Florida, 1965

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Santa Fe College, 1965

Jim Murdaugh, President
Tallahassee Community College, 1966

Timothy Beard, President
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