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ACADEMIC AWARDS PROGRAM

Introduction **Dr. Clairem Diaz**
Associate Dean of Faculty

Welcome..... **Dr. Anthony Cruz**
President, Kendall Campus

Keynote Address **Susan Summons**
Head Women’s Basketball Coach

Recognition of Outstanding Students **Rita Fernandez-Sterling**
Faculty, English & Communications

Presentation of Special Awards..... **Rita Fernandez-Sterling**
Faculty, English & Communications

Student Address **Megan Di Russo**
SGA President

Closing Remarks..... **Dr. Jorge Michael Cuellar**
Dean of Faculty

Announcements **Dr. Clairem Diaz**
Associate Dean of Faculty

Music Performed By..... **MDC Jazz Band**

KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHY

Susan Summons is a legendary 7-time Hall of Fame Coach, retired Professor, and the newly appointed MDC Head Women's Basketball Coach. She is also an original member of the historic WBL Women's Professional Basketball League, a WBCA National Coach of the Year, a three-time USA Basketball Assistant Coach who helped lead her team to a bronze medal, and has been honored twice as the MDC Endowed Teaching Faculty. She has been recognized as one of the top 100 most influential sports educators in America and one of the top 50 most influential business professionals in South Florida.



In addition to her many achievements, Susan has received numerous honors for her work. She has been inducted into the National NJCAA Hall of Fame, which has a Hall of Fame photo display in Overland Park, Kansas, in recognition of her contributions to sports education. Susan's positive, powerful, and compelling voice inspires her audiences with her motivational speeches and presentations. She shares strategies on how to improve team and staff performance, foster a positive culture, achieve success, overcome challenges, harness the power of passion, cultivate gratitude, and enhance both physical and mental wellness.

Susan has recently been appointed to the 2023 South Florida ASPA Advisory Board, recognized as a 2022 Miami Beach Badass Woman of the Year Finalist, honored by the Davie Society as a Woman in Harmony, and honored as a Miami Dade College Outstanding Woman in History Icon. These appointments and honors further highlight Susan's impact and influence in the fields of sports education and leadership.

Susan's commitment to empowering and inspiring others through her teachings, speeches, and contributions to the community make her a role model for all. With her vast experience and knowledge, she continues to make a significant impact on the lives of those she interacts with.

For more information about Susan Summons and her work, visit her website at www.susansummonsspeaks.com.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Art	Dalia Garcia
Digital Production.....	Alba Perez
Allied Health.....	Mya Dennis
Biology.....	Alexis Rodriguez
Chemistry.....	Christian Paiz
Physics.....	Patrick Flipse
Mathematics.....	Jeffrey Jiang
Music Production.....	Scott McCartney
Theatre.....	Hunter Castleman Herrmann
Social Sciences.....	Alejandra Rimbau
English for Academic Purposes.....	Ahmed Abel Muriedas
World Languages.....	Mariana Gonzalez-Aguirre

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting.....	Anastasiya Verbitskaya
Business Administration.....	Mayte Gonzalez Gamio
Economics.....	Kevin Guillen
<i>Upper Division</i>	
Supervision & Management.....	Lazaro Daniel Ortiz Ravelo
Supply Chain Management.....	Larry Jose Valera

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, & DESIGN

Architecture.....	Giselle Rivero
Interior Design.....	Jennifer Diego-Velazquez
<i>Upper Division</i>	
BS Data Analytics Technology.....	Michael Seman

SPECIAL AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

All Academic Student Athlete Award

Naomi Souza Suzuki

All Academic Student Athlete Award

Jazmin Vergara Montano

Maria Mari Scholarship Award

Alexandra Fernandez

Martyrs of February 24, 1996 | Armando Alejandro Jr. Scholarship Award

Ivan Miguel Lopez

Pappas-Bray Chemistry Gold Scholarship Award

Christian Paiz

Pappas-Bray Chemistry Silver Scholarship Award

Kristopher Castro

Pappas-Bray Physics Quantum Scholarship Award

Patrick Flipse

Service-Learning Call to Action Award

Eduardo Guzman

David and Sharon Johnson Service Learning | Student of the Year Award

Janeth Zaldivar

The United Faculty of Miami Dade College | The Wick Whalen Award

Mya Dennis

The United Faculty of Miami Dade College | The Manuel Mendoza Award

Jeffrey Jiang



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