

56th
Annual
Academic
Awards
Ceremony 2025



MIAMI DADE COLLEGE KENDALL CAMPUS
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ACADEMIC AWARDS PROGRAM

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

Welcome..... **Dr. Bryan Stewart**
President, Kendall Campus

Keynote Address **Dr. Jaime Anzalotta**
Vice Provost, Student Affairs/Chief Enrollment Officer

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

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

Student Address **Mia Salas**
SGA Vice President

Closing Remarks..... **Dr. Jorge Michael Cuellar**
Dean of Faculty, Academic Affairs

Announcements..... **Dr. Clairem Diaz**
Associate Dean of Faculty, Academic Affairs

Music Performed By **Carolina Rodriguez** (Voice) and
Chris Ruibal (Guitar)

KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Jaime Anzalotta serves as the Vice Provost of Student Affairs and Chief Enrollment Officer at Miami Dade College. During his twenty-seven-year tenure as a Student Affairs professional, he has charted innovative and student-centered intervention and enrichment programs to support student success and development. In his previous position as the Dean of Students at Miami Dade College, his oversight responsibility extended to the development and shepherding of a comprehensive strategic plan for the Division of Student Affairs that directly complemented student access, success, and development. Dr. Anzalotta has led initiatives and projects for several multi-campus endeavors focusing on enrollment, first-year programs, learning outcomes assessment, student success and development, community engagement, and changemaking initiatives. Dr. Anzalotta has taught several Psychology/Social Work and Human Services courses during his long tenure in higher education.



Dr. Anzalotta holds a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, two Master's Degrees (Social Work and Psychology), and a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Social Work. He serves as a Fellow of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Miami Class of 2011, and he is also a Fellow and a Board Member of the National Community College Hispanic Council.

Dr. Anzalotta is a motivational speaker and uses the power of storytelling to inspire, motivate, and engage students from diverse backgrounds to complete their college education regardless of the obstacles they may face.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Allied Health	Isabel Paz
Art	Dalys Barrera Gonzalez
Biology	Malik Reid
Chemistry	Amanda Rubiera Perez
Criminal Justice	Loi Truong
Dance	Stephanie Acosta
Digital Production	Yonder Marquez
English for Academic Purposes	Lizabeth Machado
Mathematics	Nicolas Depetris
Music	Katrina Quintero
Music Business	Micaela Perea
Music Production	Sofia Zeledon
Philosophy	Yosselin Munguia
Physics	Victor Michel Gonzalez
Psychology	Alyssa Menendez
Social Sciences	Sofia Tarno
Speech	Michael Vargas Arango
Theater	Jennifer Cerrato

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting	Juan Galindo
Business Administration	Dulce Zuniga
Economics	Paola Aranguren

Upper Division

Accounting	Oscar Valdes Suarez
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Exceptional Student Education	Marsella Johnson
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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, & DESIGN

Architecture	Brenda Barthelemy
Interior Design	Anette Olivera
Technology	Valeria Chacon

Upper Division

BS Data Analytics	Barbara Lorenzo
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SPECIAL AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Service-Learning Student of the Year Award

Valentina Plasencia Navas

All Academic Student Athlete Award

Jovan Swasey

Civic Leadership Award

Isabel Paz

Earth Ethics Institute

Joyce DiBenedetto-Colton Earth Literacy Award

Malik Reid

Miami-Dade County Retired Teachers

Carol Cortes Future Educator Scholarship Award

Ingrid Calderon

Miami-Dade County Retired Teachers

Carol Cortes Future Educator Scholarship Award

Roldise Desir

Miami-Dade County Retired Teachers

Carol Cortes Future Educator Scholarship Award

Anthony Velazquez

Phi Theta Kappa Leaders of Promise Scholarship

Nicolas Depetris

Phi Theta Kappa Leaders of Promise Scholarship

Erick Pinzon

The Pappas-Bray Chemistry Gold Scholarship Award

Amanda Rubiera Perez

The Pappas-Bray Physics Quantum Scholarship Award

Victor Michel Gonzalez



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