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## MDC president to be honored by Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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College president Eduardo Padron addresses students before the distribution of degrees during the MDC North and West Campus graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Bank United Center.

Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padrón will be honored next month by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Padrón will be presented with the Golden Eagle Award at the chambers 19th annual installation luncheon on Thursday, June 6.

A champion for equal rights and education, Padrón has served as president of MDC, the nation's largest institution of higher education, since 1995.

Padrón is the chair of the prestigious American Council on Education and

immediate past chair of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

He also serves on the boards of the Federal Reserve,d the Council on Foreign Relations and the Business/Higher Education Forum among other major national organizations.

"It is our great pleasure and privilege to be presenting the chamber's Golden Eagle Award to Dr. Padrón," said SFLHCC's President and CEO Liliam M. Lopez. "The Gold Eagle award represents justice, power, strength and perfection. Dr. Padrón is a true representation of these qualities for being a leader who stands out in our community, as a person who believes in the ideals of a good education for all students regardless of race, creed, gender or financial status."

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