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# LETTER FROM CHAIR



Dear Friends,

## Welcome to We Are Miami 2020!

Thank you for joining us here tonight to help impact job creation, encourage economic development, support tomorrow's leaders, and improve the future of Miami.

The Miami Bayside Foundation seeks to advance Miami's growth by supporting minority businesses and education. Since 2011, MBF has awarded 107 loans totaling more than \$5.3 million to minority-owned businesses in Miami helping create more than 430 jobs. MBF knows that by fulfilling its mission of supporting minority entrepreneurship, Miami and its citizens will prosper.

To help advance businesses in Miami, we have partnered with SCORE Miami, Prospera, and the Small Business Development Center at FIU with whom we have provided more than 125 business owners with technical assistance, mentorship and training. Our small business training program, which is starting its thirteenth series (ten sessions for a total of 25 hours) next month, has graduated 315 small business owners.

In 2018 the U.S. Small Business Administration designated MBF as State of Florida and South Florida District Community Partner of the Year. Also in 2018, MBF became development partners with the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity to administer their Black Business Loan Program for Miami-Dade County.

Along with our loan program, our educational initiatives are essential to our mission. Since 2011, we have provided 1,793 scholarships to City of Miami students. We have endowments at Miami-Dade College, Florida International

University, and Florida Memorial University. In 2014, MBF launched a scholarship program at every public senior high school in the City of Miami. For the last six years, we have made gifts to the Golden Scholars Program at FIU and the Little Haiti Optimist Club. In 2015, we launched our scholarship program for City of Miami students at Miami-Dade Technical Colleges. We are on our second round of two multi-year gifts to organizations working with City of Miami Public High School students, Breakthrough Miami and the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. We have received three grants from Commissioner Willy Gort that fund a scholarship program for residents in his district. We also made our fourth grant to the St. Alban's Child Enrichment Center in Coconut Grove and the Education Fund last year as well as a grant to help launch the YWCA's summer program.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our Board members, who work tirelessly to fulfill MBF's mission, and our generous donors. I am especially grateful to Bayside Marketplace and Ashkenazy Acquisition whose support is instrumental in MBF's growth.

Please take the time to meet some of our scholarship recipients and business owners who are here tonight. They are Miami's future.

Enjoy the evening,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Kurland'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Nathan Kurland**  
Chair

# LOANS

“Since 2011, the Miami Bayside Foundation has awarded 107 loans totaling more than \$5.3 million to minority-owned businesses in the Miami creating more than 430 jobs.”

**Nathan Kurland, Chair**

In 2011, the Miami Bayside Foundation (MBF) created a loan program to provide loans of \$10,000 to \$75,000 to minority-owned businesses based in the City of Miami.

The minimum criteria for an organization to be considered for a conventional loan are:

- Minority ownership;
- Domiciled in the Miami-Dade County, as stated in the organization's Local Business Tax Receipt;
- If a start-up (under one year), owners must put up a 20% cash match;
- Owners must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents;
- The organization must be a for-profit corporation. No sole proprietorships;
- The organization must demonstrate that the loan will aid in the creation of jobs; and
- Use of funds are for working capital, cash flow, inventory, and equipment.

In 2013, seeing the need for smaller loans with a simpler underwriting process, MBF launched a microloan program with loans from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The criteria are the same except that the business must have been in existence for more than six months. In 2014, MBF partnered with Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and, through their State Small Business Initiative Loan Participation Program, MBF has been able to provide loans of up to \$150,000.

In 2018, the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity chose MBF as a development partner to administer its **Black Business Loan Program**. This program provides loans and technical assistance to black-owned businesses in Miami-Dade County. Loan applications for all loan programs can be downloaded at [mbf.miami](http://mbf.miami).

Since 2011, MBF has provided loans to the following Miami businesses:

**1306 Lounge LLC d/b/a Melinda's** operates a full-service bar and restaurant in the OMNI district that has an adjoining outdoor music courtyard which can accommodate up to 400 people.

**A 5 Cars, LLC d/b/a The Car Spot** is a used car dealership that provides inspected, pre-owned vehicles for low-income families with poor credit.

**Accounting & Business Services, Inc. d/b/a Keeping Your Books** is dedicated to providing bookkeeping and accounting services to small and midsize businesses.

**Ace of Freight LLC** is a trucking company that provides refrigerated transportation service between South Florida and the northeastern United States. Ace of Freight specializes in perishable products such as frozen food, raw produce, and agricultural products.

**Alchemist Revolt LLC** is a beauty and personal care company looking to capitalize on growing ethical consumerism and vegan trends while promoting body positivity.

**Amer-Plus Janitorial Maintenance LLC** is a full-service commercial cleaning company operating for over 20 years in South Florida. Owned and operated by a father and daughter team, Amer-Plus offers cleaning and janitorial services to local, state, and federal government entities.

**Angie's Vegan Creamery LLC d/b/a Angie's Epicurean** is passionate about 100% plant-based ice cream that is dairy-free, non-GMO, organic, gluten-free, and soy-free. They also sell other gourmet-inspired treats for the curious and conscious.

**Anita L. Petteway, M.D. PA** is a solo primary care medical practice specializing in internal medicine for over 20 years. Petteway M.D. provides high quality primary care health services such as treatment of medical conditions, preventive care, and annual physicals. Located in North Miami Beach, Dr. Petteway M.D.'s office serves 5,000 patients.

**Banger + Briz, Inc.** is a full-service digital marketing agency that focuses on web marketing & advertising, social media, mobile apps, content creation, and interactive installations.

**Barks and Tales Dog Spa Inc.** provides pet grooming, boarding, and daycare services to Miami's furry friends. Established in 2009, Barks and Tales Dog Spa is located in Wynwood.

**Beefree Media LLC** is a visual communication business with a specific focus on local business. They are a creative agency with a twist. What sets them apart are their strategic planning, creative design, development, testing, and execution. Their team will tackle any campaign no matter how large or small.

**Bermejo & Associates LLC d/b/a MedAesthetics Miami** was founded in 2012 with the mission to promote a positive self-image and healthy living. The company offers aesthetic and anti-aging services to South Florida.

**Bunnie Cakes LLC** was founded in 2009 and specializes in vegan, nut-free, and gluten-free baked goods. In addition to cupcakes, cakes, cookies, and brownies, they serve savory lunch items at their shop in Wynwood. **Bunnie Cakes Studio LLC** was opened adjacent to the retail location to expand their wholesale capabilities and provide an event space. MBF has awarded four loans to Bunnie Cakes.

**CamiAxle Construction Corp.** is a family owned and operated general contractor and construction management company created in 2007. With extensive experience in the construction industry and as performance driven certified general contractors, they can execute and manage small and large commercial and residential construction projects. They have many clients in Miami including Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**Centurion Security Services LLC** is a licensed, insured, and bonded security company that provides armed and unarmed security guard services to commercial and residential properties. Elite services include special events, asset protection, and executive protection.

**Churros + LLC d/b/a Sugar Yummy Mama** was one of the pioneers in the food truck movement in Miami providing a unique gourmet sweet alternative for the Miami metro area. They were voted Best Bakery 2015 by Miami New Times.

**Concierge Auto Transport LLC** provides auto transportation services to clients nationwide. The company serves as a freight forwarder, brokering the shipment of vehicles for third parties.

**The COOL Miami LLC** is on a mission to "empower youth and provide creative expression through fashion while outfitting a generation". Drawing inspiration from urban culture, the COOL designs and sells graphic t-shirts and apparel retail and wholesale. The company has a store in Liberty City, and recently opened a new location in Riviera Beach.

**Copper Door Properties Corp. d/b/a Copper Door B&B** is a bed and breakfast located in the heart of historic Overtown that offers guests a warm, comfortable stay combined with a unique, gourmet breakfast experience.

**Creative Nails by Tommy Inc. d/b/a Hot Nail Spa** has created its own exclusive nail polishing process and has a strong following. They opened on Calle Ocho in 2001 and are currently at their new location in Hialeah.

**Croutons II, Inc. d/b/a/ Vista** is a restaurant celebrating the fusion of Italian cuisine with Miami flavors and cultures. This Buena Vista location includes an indoor and large outdoor area as well as an upstairs outdoor bar. The owners also own Ristorante Fratelli Milano in Downtown Miami.

**Cybertech Life Inc.** is a wholesale distributor and manufacturer of computer and mobile technology with distribution centers in United States and South America. Cybertech Life sells premium technology brands including Apple and Samsung as well as its own brand, CT Life, to major retail companies throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Cyklejab Group LLC** is a high-end boutique gym in Miami Shores that combines boxing and cycling to provide "The Ultimate 50 Minutes". CykleJab's high intensity group classes deliver a total body workout. In addition, Cyklejab provides personal training.

**Dermamerx Inc. d/b/a Dermanova Med Spa and Salon** is a Med-Spa servicing Downtown and Brickell which operates out of the Gabriel Miami Hotel in downtown Miami. They have a second location at the Epic Hotel on Brickell.

**Dogtown, Inc.** provides pet friendly boarding and grooming services out of its Coconut Grove location and recently opened a new location at the Panorama Building in Brickell. Dogtown's grooming services were voted best in Miami for 2016 by Miami New Times.

**The Doyenne Company, LLC d/b/a Think Global** is a social impact start-up that is pioneering the Affordable Workspace Movement by aiding entrepreneurs and freelancers with an affordable alternative to community coworking spaces.

**DTC International Holdings Inc. d/b/a H.I.M.-istry** distributes men's grooming products that are tar-geted towards multi-cultural men. Their products are sold at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon as well as through their own website.

**Fievre & Fievre Inc. d/b/a/ Logan Masterworks** is a translation and interpretation business that provides translation, coaching and editing, ghostwriting and collaborative writing, and proofreading services with a focus on Haitian Creole and French.

**Frank De Paula, Inc. d/b/a Frank De Paula** is a company specializing in the selling of the FrankOne, a competitively priced, portable coffee brewer that implements a patented vacuum brewing method.

**Genesis Global LLC** provides sales, installation, and services of petroleum equipment to service stations, municipalities, and other corporation and institutions that maintain their own petroleum-based fleet of vehicles and equipment. Major clients include Baptist Hospital, City of Miramar, UPS, and gas stations in the tri-county area.

**Get Credit Healthy Inc.** was founded in 2007 with the mission to help consumers restore their credit and rebuild their dreams. By assisting consumers to become qualified borrowers, the company created \$40 million in loan opportunities for one of their partner banks in 2014.

**Global Speech and Rehab Services, LLC** provides in-office and mobile speech therapy services throughout Miami-Dade County by licensed speech language pathologists. Global provides screenings, assessments, diagnosis, and treatment for a variety of communication disorders and specializes in children ages 0-18.

**Groovin' Bean, LLC** is a combination coffeehouse, wine bar, and music venue located in Overtown that offers customers gourmet espresso drinks, homemade baked goods, and lunch items in a café setting as well as live entertainment on the weekends.

**Haynes Security Services, Inc.** is a full-service security company that provides security guards, security audits, and electronic surveillance to commercial buildings, retail businesses, government and city facilities, and other clients in Miami since 2011.

**IMR Contracting Corp. d/b/a Jennings Engineering & Construction** is a full service and repair company specializing in the rehabilitation of antiquated sanitary sewer systems. Since the company was established in 2011, it has secured contracts throughout Miami-Dade.

**IMR Development Corp.** is a Miami based contract service and supplies company. Some of their clients have included the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, the FAA, the Miami Beach Convention Center and the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee.

**Jennings Pipe Lining & Services, LLC** is a full-service inspection and repair company specializing in the rehabilitation of antiquated sanitary sewer systems.

**Juntos Traditionally Inc.** redesigned and handcrafted traditional and common products from unique cultures into luxury goods with modern appeal. With each product sold, an Education Pack containing school supplies and resources was given to a child in need.

**Lean Orb Co.** manufactures and sells compostable packaging items and catering supplies as alternatives to single-use plastic. The company's products are technologically advanced and high-quality, while offering an affordable solution.



**LCN Group, INC.** is a construction company specializing in commercial housing developments in Miami-Dade County. LCN serves as a sub-contractor on large scale private and public construction projects in Miami-Dade including the Liberty Square public housing project.

**Little Executives Daycare LLC** is a daycare and after school center for children 3 months to 12 years old. They provide high quality childcare using the Highscope Curriculum, an academic approach that is child centered and promotes active learning.

**LL Hospitality Company, LLC d/b/a Doce**

**Provisions** is a restaurant that creates a dining experience focused on artisanal dishes from South Florida. Located in Little Havana, Doce serves a creatively crafted menu that also honors its local Cuban heritage.

**Lunchology LLC** is a food delivery service that works on a contract basis with businesses and individuals. Additionally, they provide catering. They have three distinct meal plans: land, sea, and plant. They also deliver lunches directly to the schools via Lunchology Kids. All their offerings are organic, non-gmo, eco-friendly, made fresh and delivered daily.

**Medical Equipment Solutions Corp.** is an 18-year-old business that provides medical equipment and supplies. Their main products are power and manual wheelchair rentals, oxygen tanks, and hospital beds. Their principal clients are government agencies.

**Miami Smokers LLC** is a boutique meat curing and smoking establishment dedicated to providing quality best-in-class pork products. In 2015, they opened their smokehouse and deli on 27th Avenue and NW 3rd Street. Miami Smokers recently received their USDA certification and are focused on their wholesale market.

**Miami-Dade Body Removal LLC** provides removal and transportation services of human remains for private and public companies including medical examiners' offices and funeral homes in Miami. Established in February 2019, MDBRS provides prompt, courteous and cost-effective body removal services.

**Moonlighter, Corp.** is a cutting-edge makerspace based in Wynwood. Moonlighter provides individuals of all ages, professions and level of technical experience a space to design, prototype, and create innovations using 3D modeling and printing technologies.

**Nice Transportation Service, Inc.** provides veterans with non-emergency transportation throughout the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County, and most of the State of Florida.

**NMR Design Group LLC** is a family-owned interior design boutique that offers turnkey interior design solutions for residential and commercial projects.

**NOA Catering Inc.** is a catering company and cafe that offers customized menus that tap into the highest quality seasonal ingredients. Specializing in the fusion of Mediterranean, Asian, European and American cuisines, NOA is located in Wynwood.

**Nourished Cuisine LLC d/b/a Pamela Wasabi** is a wholesale plant-based and gluten-free bakery that specializes in artisanal baked goods made with wholesome, high-quality, and exotic ingredients.

**Panther Coffee LLC** is a specialty coffee roaster, retailer, and wholesaler specializing in the small-batch roasting of coffee beans and the preparation of coffee beverages. They have coffee-houses in Wynwood, Miami Beach, Coconut Grove, MiMo and Little Haiti. MBF has awarded three loans to Panther Coffee and two loans to Panther Coffee Roasters LLC, which handles the wholesale and training.

**Prizm Art Fair LLC** runs a cutting-edge art fair "Prizm" held during Art Basel Miami Beach. Prizm Art Fair was established in 2013 with a focus on artists from Africa and the African Diaspora. The fair's unique model blends art galleries with unrepresented artists.

**S&S 5 Star Foods Inc. d/b/a Magic City Chefs** is a family owned pastry shop operating in Miami. They provide services ranging from a simple dessert to a lavish function requiring full service catering. Their talented Chefs create a fusion of European and Latin patisserie. In 2016, they opened Mundo Café in the Miami Green Building.

**Samma Enterprises LLC d/b/a Caribe International DMC** is a corporate concierge company specializing in meeting and event production. Caribe was founded on the premise that event production should be more transparent.

**Sips Dadeland LLC, d/b/a Sips** is a café focused on all types of beverages, from their own coffee and tea blends, to wine and beer. With the aim of elevating the drink consumption experience, Sips is designed to be a place where you can converse, study, meet, drink, and eat.

**Sound of Fun LLC** distributed KiddiMoto, a balance bike for young children (ages 2-5 years). The bike is a method of training children to use a two-wheeler while promoting balance and exercise.

**Sound Theory Live LLC d/b/a The Stage** was in the famed Design District, a hub for live music, art, and film. The venue showcased great music nightly, all adding to the City of Miami's ever-growing cultural scene.

**Velocitylab Productions, Inc. d/b/a Cream Parlor** is an ice cream parlor and café. The restaurant's focus on Instagrammable food creations combined with its quirky, eclectic décor and peaceful outdoor patio has attracted a strong following both locally and on social media.

**Very Tasty LLC** is a manufacturer and distributor of Hispanic frozen food available in many supermarkets in the Miami area. They provide delicious empanadas, pan de bono, and arepas that bring smiles to those who have tasted them.

**Viking Defense Inc.** is a Miami based security company founded in 2008. It provides security officers, consultations, and audits to commercial buildings, retail businesses, warehouses, and special event venues. MBF awarded a loan to Viking Defense Inc. in 2012, which they paid off early and a second loan in 2016 to help their business grow through the acquisition of larger contracts.

## MICROLOANS

**AutoPortation LLC** was a premier auto transportation brokerage company that delivered vehicles safely and efficiently across the country. They fully inspected and insured all vehicles, as well as provided 24/7 support, daily status updates, and friendly customer service.

**FAMA Publishing Inc.** is a media company that has served as a cultural voice for the Latinx community in the U.S. since 1992. The company produces Descubriendo Historias, a 13-episode cultural show airing since 2013, a Hispanic magazine, FAMA Magazine, and website, Famaweb.com. In 2016, FAMA Publishing Inc. graduated to a traditional bank loan.

**Latitude Trading Corp. d/b/a Maslov Beads,** situated in the heart of downtown Miami, was established in 2005. They provide beads and notions for the jewelry trade and fashion their own jewelry.

**Lorimia Food Corp.** is a wholesale bakery business founded in 2012 and located in Little Haiti.

**Organics Overseas, Inc.** sells their own Okanatur Organics palm oil through Amazon and their own website.

**Paws Paws Miami Inc.** is a pet clothing and accessory retailer located in the Bayside Marketplace.

**Sayblee, LLC** is a haircare company with a unique, proprietary solution to hair loss that is made with natural, organic ingredients. Sayblee's chemical-free products promote healthy hair and scalps. Sayblee holds two patents on their hair loss formula.

**Super Kids Christian Day Care Center, Inc.** is a family-owned childcare facility focused on students from 3 months to 5 years. Based in Little Haiti, the day care is run by Marie Aurubin, who has over 30 years' experience in this line of work.

**Two Coats Painting LLC** is a painting contracting service that offers residential painting, commercial painting, and even concrete flooring services.





# SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING

With the end goal of helping business owners hone their entrepreneurial skills, MBF launched its first series of **Small Business Workshops** in September 2015. The ten-session program covers business basics and provides an understanding of key areas including: I) financial statements, II) legal requirements, III) human resources, IV) credit, V) marketing, with a focus on social media, and vi) financial projections. The sessions are facilitated by MBF, with outside specialists sharing their insights on the various subjects. By the end of the workshop, graduates have a better understanding of how a business works, are able to create a condensed business plan, and are given a chance to present to funding sources. Since 2015, MBF has held a total of twelve series of workshops providing 315 small business owners with essential tools and skills to grow their companies.

Seeing the need for more in-depth training, MBF partnered with SBDC at FIU to hold a series of five **in-depth financial workshops** and a series of three **all-day marketing workshops**. In 2019, 45 participants graduated from the financial series; an additional 63 participants graduated from the marketing workshops.



# EDUCATION



The Miami Bayside Foundation Scholarship Endowment at **Miami Dade College** was created in 1999 and has awarded 553 scholarships to date. In 2011, MBF established a **General Scholarship Endowment Fund** and contributed to the **First-Generation Scholarship Fund at Florida International University**. In 2012, MBF created an Endowment at **Florida Memorial University**. In 2013, MBF established the **MBA Scholarship Endowment at Florida International University College of Business**, the first of its kind. MBF has awarded 1,793 scholarships to City of Miami minority students to date.

In 2012, MBF made a five-year gift to **Breakthrough Miami**, an award-winning organization that provides a tuition-free, eight-year academic enrichment program to motivated students from disadvantaged communities in the 5th through 12th grades. The resources from this grant were able to provide programmatic support for 360 students from the City of Miami. In 2018, MBF gifted **Breakthrough Miami** another five-year grant.

In 2013, a five-year gift was made to **Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)**, an internationally recognized organization that provides programs that serve to inspire students from low-income communities to stay in school, recognize

business opportunities, and plan successful futures. The grant, designed to help further entrepreneurship education in the community, helped serve 481 students in its first four years. In 2018, MBF renewed **NFTE's** five-year gift to serve more City of Miami students.

In 2014, MBF created a scholarship program for seniors graduating from every **Miami-Dade County Public High School** in the City of Miami and going to college. To date, MBF has awarded more than 162 scholarships under this program. It made its first gift to the **Golden Scholars Program** at Florida International University to transition students into college life and help ensure that they graduate through continued mentoring and monitoring. It also made a gift to **Little Haiti Optimists Club** for their after-school program.

In 2015, MBF established a scholarship program at **Miami-Dade Technical Colleges**. Since the program launched, MBF has awarded 323 scholarships to City of Miami students at D.A. Dorsey, Lindsey Hopkins, and George T. Baker Aviation Technical Colleges. Twenty of these scholarships were awarded under MBF's first ever co-named scholarship with **Baptist Health South Florida**. That same year, MBF provided a second annual gift to the **Golden Scholars Program** at FIU and a gift to **Little Haiti Optimist Club's** summer program which serves children in Little Haiti.

During 2015 and 2016, MBF helped create Miami's only **Marine Service Technology Academy**. The program was launched at **Lindsey Hopkins Technical College** in August 2016 and is designed to help students develop necessary skills and competencies to pursue a career in boat/yacht repair within the marine industry.

In 2016, MBF launched the Commissioner Willy Gort Scholarship to provide funds for residents in District 1 pursuing technical education programs with high job placement rates at Miami Dade College, Lindsey Hopkins Technical College and George T. Baker Aviation Technical College. **MBF's Commissioner Gort Scholarship Program** awarded 143 scholarships in 2019.

In March of 2017, MBF gifted funds toward the pilot summer program at **St. Alban's Child Enrichment Center** in Coconut Grove, which provides high-quality full-day summer camp activities for primarily at-risk, low-income children, promoting academic achievement, healthy lifestyles, and social skills. Aimed at enhancing the early childhood development of the children served, the funding from Miami Bayside Foundation enabled St. Alban's Child Enrichment Center to serve 120 families and provide children with opportunities to experience art, science, music, culture, literacy and more as well as three meals a day. In 2018 and 2019, St. Alban's summer program received additional gifts.

In 2018, MBF funded three new programs, FIU's Career Pathways Program for students at Booker T. Washington Senior High School and the Miami Children's Museum both to support summer internships as well as a College & Cultural Tour Program for seniors at Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

In 2019, MBF gave a sixth annual gift to the **Golden Scholars Program** at Florida International University. 24 Golden Scholars at FIU are currently receiving this scholarship. MBF granted the **Education Fund** another \$20,000 for their SmartPath to College Programs at five City of Miami High Schools with free and/or reduced lunch status of 80% and above.

In 2019, MBF provided **YWCA** with a gift to fund their first Summer Learning Early Childhood Education Program. This program provided 20 City of Miami children, ages 0-5 years, with affordable, high-quality early childhood education.

The following are the recipients of scholarships from the various Miami Bayside Foundation Endowments and programs for **2019-2020**:

### **COMMISSIONER GORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**Josue Barrera** - Miami Dade College - Nursing  
**Colleen Brian** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Nails Technician  
**Nicholle Brian** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Nails Technician  
**Aylen Bringas** - Miami Dade College - Physical Therapy Assistant  
**Krystle Ann Cardenas** - Miami Dade College - Paralegal Studies  
**Ana Madalys Cedeno** - Miami Dade College - Nursing  
**Yamila Cepeda** - Miami Dade College - Social Work  
**Izak Chavez** - George T. Baker Aviation Technical College - Powerplant & Airframe General  
**Rafael Jose Cienfuegos** - George T. Baker Aviation Technical College - Powerplant & Airframe  
**Denise Cuesta** - Miami Dade College - Supervision and Management  
**Natty De Leon** - Mount Holyoke College\*  
**Christie Filsaime** - Miami Dade College - BS Nursing  
**Rebeca Fung** - Miami Dade College - Nursing  
**Janices Gainous** - Miami Dade College - BS Nursing  
**Mauricio Garcia** - Miami Dade College - Business Administration  
**Sophia Garcia** - Miami Dade College - Veterinary Technology  
**Nathalie Hernandez** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Nails Technician  
**Trameisha Hooks** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - LPN

**Jennifer Jean** - Miami Dade College - BS Nursing  
**Kayla Lafont** - Florida Atlantic University\*  
**Monica Lau Mayorga** - Miami Dade College - Generic Nursing  
**Juan Lopez** - George T. Baker Aviation Technical College - Aircraft and Maintenance  
**Yuliza Marroquin** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Patient Care Assistant  
**Shyla Mason** - Miami Dade College - Social Work  
**David Melcer** - Miami Dade College - Human Services  
**Sarah Metellus** - Miami Dade College - BS Nursing  
**Leandro Mirabal-Iglesias** - Miami Dade College - Architecture  
**Luis Mosquera** - Miami Dade College - Nuclear Medicine Technology  
**Heidi Perez-Moreno** - Miami Dade Honors College - Journalism  
**Lizbeth Perez-Varela** - Miami Dade College - RN - Nursing  
**Yamile Quintero** - Miami Dade College - Business Administration  
**Miguel Raudez** - George T. Baker Aviation Technical College - Powerplant & Airframe General  
**Sebastian Reyes** - Miami Dade College - Radiography  
**Kenia Roa** - Miami Dade College - Nursing  
**Rosario Rodriguez** - Miami Dade College - Nursing  
**Briel Rolando** - Miami Dade College - Political Science  
**Adonis Romero** - Florida Atlantic University\*

**Juan Romero** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Commercial Art Technology  
**Paola Sarda** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Patient Care Assistant  
**Adolfo Sirias** - Miami Dade Honors College - Biology  
**Amanda Smith** - Miami Dade College\*  
**Noemi Suarez-Lara** - Florida Memorial University\*  
**Alayisha Thery** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Nails Technician  
**Amber Thery** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Nails Technician  
**Vincent Thery** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Commercial Art Technology  
**Carlos Villatoro** - Miami Dade College - Computer Science  
**Roshell C. Williams** - Lindsey Hopkins Technical College - Facials  
**Indira Zelaya** - Miami Dade College - Business Administration

\*MDCPS Scholars

## [FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS](#)

### [First Generation Students](#)

**Grisel Almeida** - Exp-Health Sciences  
**Tia Brown** - Communication Arts - BA  
**Sergio Camacho** - Biochemistry - BS  
**Steven Ceballos** - Finance - BBA  
**Jakira Colon** - Criminal Justice - BS  
**Anthony Corea** - Marketing - BBA  
**Ariana Cueto** - Marketing - BBA



**Leivis Dinzey**-Done - Health Services - BHSA  
**Scottie Felix** - Criminal Justice - BS  
**Gustavo Gonzalez** - Computer Science - BS  
**Barbara Herrera** - Environmental Studies - BS  
**Cesar Jimenez** - Criminal Justice - BS  
**Mario Madriz** - Marketing - BBA  
**Elyvs Melo Garcia** - Architecture - Accelerated  
**Casterin Mercado** - Psychology - BA  
**Luis Midence** - Information Technology - BS  
**Eduardo Morales** - Mechanical Engineering - BS  
**Patricia Moreno** - Marine Biology - BS  
**Luis Ortiz** - Finance - BBA  
**Kimberly Ponce** - Finance - BBA  
**Daniel Reyes** - Nursing - BSN  
**Maria Rivera** - International Relations - BA  
**Adriana Rodriguez** - Management - BBA  
**Daniel Rodriguez** - Criminal Justice - BS  
**Marisel Sanchez** - Art History - BA  
**Elizabeth Sanchez** - Communication Arts - BA  
**Eddy Santiesteban** - Music - BM  
**Sandy Solorzano** - Criminal Justice - BS  
**Bryan Turo** - Physics - BS  
**Julia Zayas** - Theatre - BA

### [Golden Scholar Program](#)

**Valeria Antunez** - Finance - BBA  
**Atiya Banks** - Psychology - BA  
**Yajaira Bonilla** - Criminal Justice - BS  
**Kevin Bruno** - Exp-Admin & Management  
**Jahnaya Brutus** - Exp-Biological / Enviro Science  
**Victoria Camacho** - Communication Arts - BA  
**Zariya Gray** - Exp-Global & Social Sciences  
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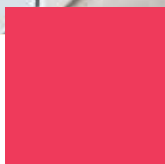
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