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GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY

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School of Nursing and Health Studies
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Academic Procession *

University of Miami Fanfare  
David Lambert, D.M.A. ’05

Pomp and Circumstance  
Edward Elgar

President’s Procession *

President’s Processional Fanfare – Toward Our New Century  
Brian Balmages, M.M. ’00

Pomp and Circumstance  
Edward Elgar

Convocation Opening  
Jeffrey L. Duerk, Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

The National Anthem *  
The Star Spangled Banner  
Francis Scott Key

Invocation *  
Father Phillip H. Tran, B.S. ’08  
Catholic Chaplain for the University of Miami

Welcome  
Julio Frenk, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.  
President

Presentation of Honorary Degree Recipient  
Drew Gilpin Faust  
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

Conferral of Honorary Degree  
President Frenk

Advice to Graduates  
Drew Gilpin Faust  
President Emerita and Arthur Kingsley Porter Professor  
Harvard University

Conferral of Academic Degrees  
Graduate School  
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Weronika Stanislawa Michaluk, M.B.A. ’19
Business School

Alumni Association Welcome

Cynthia Hudson, A.B. ’84, M.A. ’97
Vice President
University of Miami Alumni Association

Alma Mater *
William S. Lampe
and Christine Asdurian

Jeffrey P. Summers, M.M.
Doctoral Conductor
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Stephannie Moore
Candidate, Doctor of Musical Arts
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Recessional

University of Miami Commencement Band
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

*Those who are able are asked to stand for these portions of the program. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will please remain standing until the platform party has left the Watsco Center.
University of Miami Commencement Band

Jeffrey P. Summers, Conductor

Flute                      Emily Bedard
                           Anna Kevelson
                           Aaron Rib

Oboe                      Cameron Roberts
                           Joey Wenda

Bassoon                   Melanie Ferrabone
                           Keegan Hockett

Clarinet                  Tina DiMeglio
                           Margaret Flood
                           Kevin Gregory
                           Claire Grellier
                           Maydeleen Guiteau
                           Shannon McDonald
                           Patrick Prentice

Saxophone                 Frank Capoferri
                           Joey Speranzo
                           Nick Tobin
                           Samuel Valancy

Trumpet                   Logan Butler
                           Kyle Elgarten
                           Matyas Fieszl
                           Ben Hunter
                           Connor Towns
                           Mack Wood

Horn                      Peter McFarland
                           Caiti Beth McKinney
                           Natalie Miller
                           Brittaney Pertsas

Trombone                  Cameron Daly
                           Steven Eckert
                           Thomas McKee
                           Wesley Thompson

Euphonium                 Cassius Torres

Tuba                      Phil Beatty
                           TJ Graf

Double Bass               Dezmond Rogers

Percussion                Katherine Fortunato
                           Daniel Gerhardt
                           Conor Mulford
                           Guillermo Ospina
Growing up in the 1950s in a privileged, tradition-bound family in rural Virginia’s horse country, Drew Gilpin Faust developed her sense of unfairness early, rebelling against the restrictions imposed on what she, but not her three brothers, could do or be.

Ignoring her mother’s warning that “this is a man’s world, sweetie, and the sooner you learn that the better off you’ll be,” she refused to wear dresses and she joined the 4-H Club—“not to sew and can like the other girls, but to raise sheep and cattle with the boys.”

Decades later, Faust’s relentless drive to knock down not only gender but racial barriers propelled her to Harvard University, where she became the 382-year-old institution’s only woman president. Her February 2007 appointment capped an already distinguished career as an accomplished historian and scholar of the Civil War and the South, an award-winning author, and an admired educator and administrator who served as founding dean of Harvard’s Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

For her prolific scholarship, inspirational leadership, and commitment to ending injustice, promoting equality, and opening the doors of opportunity to all, Drew Gilpin Faust is receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

In 1957, when Faust was just 9 years old, her personal indignation turned into rage when she realized the injustices African-Americans suffered were far worse than her own. As Virginia continued battling the Supreme Court’s 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision ending legal segregation, she began to understand that the rigid separation of blacks from her school, her church, and her own farmhouse, where the handyman and cook used a separate bathroom, was not happenstance but a deliberate system of inferiority imposed by the white power structure. So, unbeknownst to her parents, Faust sent Dwight D. Eisenhower a letter imploring the president to “please try and have schools and other things accept colored people.”

“So what if their skin is black?” the fifth-grader wrote. “They still have feelings but most of all are God’s people!”

When Faust took the helm of the nation’s oldest university almost 50 years to the day she penned that letter, she regarded her appointment as “a symbol of an opening of opportunities that would have been inconceivable even a generation ago.”

But even though she has credited the Civil Rights and women’s movements for opening doors for her, she clearly was compelled to help kick them in herself. In high school, she spent the summer of 1964 on a civil-rights initiative in the South. As a freshman at the all-women Bryn Mawr College—she could not follow her father, uncles, and two brothers to what was then the all-male Princeton University—she skipped her midterms and headed to Selma, Alabama, horrified by the television images of police clubbing and gassing peaceful citizens who were marching for the right to vote. Like her letter to Eisenhower, she never told her parents.

After graduating from Bryn Mawr with honors in history in 1968, Faust earned her master’s (1974) and doctorate (1975) in American civilization from the University of Pennsylvania, where she remained a professor for 25 years, serving as the first woman chair of her department, an appointment so extraordinary that her pregnancy made front-page news in the school paper.

During that time, she wrote five books, including “Mothers of Invention: Women of the Slaveholding South in the American Civil War,” which in 1997 won the Society of American Historians’ Francis Parkman Prize for the year’s best nonfiction book on an American theme.

In 2001 Faust left Penn for Radcliffe, transforming the former women’s college that merged with Harvard in 1999 into an internationally renowned home for scholars from multiple disciplines. Seven years later, when Harvard began its search for its 28th president, Faust emerged as the top choice. Over the next 11 years she guided the institution through turbulent financial waters, opening it to new and diverse populations; advancing its mission in the arts, sciences, engineering, and humanities; expanding its global footprint; modernizing its governance; and taking on Harvard’s historic all-male clubs.

A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Society of American Historians, and the American Philosophical Society, Faust was awarded the Library of Congress’ international John W. Kluge Prize for Achievement in the Study of Humanity last year, in part for exploring “themes of deep relevance to our national conversation on race and gender.”

Now, a decade after her last book, “This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War,” won the Bancroft Prize and was a finalist for both a National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize, she is working on her seventh book, a memoir about the South and the 1950s, a time and place that fostered her social conscience and molded her into the historian, educator, and trailblazer she became.

For her extraordinary leadership, scholarship, and lifelong commitment to promoting equality and opportunity, the University of Miami is proud to honor Drew Gilpin Faust.
Candidates for Degrees

The awarding of degrees and honors to the candidates named in this program is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the appropriate requirements by each candidate. The listing of a student's name in this program in no way implies or ensures his or her graduation, or the award of honors. The information listed on the following pages is current as of March 28, 2019.

Graduate School

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Presented by Guillermo Prado, Ph.D., Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Degree candidates May 9, 2019

Zenith Acosta Torres
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M.S., 2013, University of Miami
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: A Three-Dimensional Organoid Platform for Human Retinogenesis
Advisor: Daniel Pelaez

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B.S.B.E. 2005, University of Miami
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Major: Ergonomics
Dissertation: Ocular Photosensitivity Analyzer: An Automated Instrument Designed to Determine Visual Photosensitivity Thresholds
Advisor: Shihab S. Asfour

Artem Akopyan
B.A., 2012, Boston University
Major: Physics
Dissertation: Low Temperature Spin Seebeck Effect in the Helimagnetic Insulator Cu2OSeO3
Advisor: Joshua L. Cohn

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B.A., 2005, Florida International University
M.S., 2008, University of Miami
Major: Counseling Psychology
Advisors: Lydia Buki and Daniel Santisteban

Soyoung Baek
B.S., 2014, Dankook University, Korea
M.S., 2016, Seoul National University, Korea
Major: Civil Engineering
Dissertation: Novel Nanocomposites for the Treatment of Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria in Water—Antibacterial Effects and Mechanisms of Nanocomposites
Advisor: John Murphy

Ahzin Bahraini
B.S., 2016, University of Georgia
M.A., 2018, University of Miami
Major: Sociology
Dissertation: Colorism and Middle Eastern Women: How Perceived Ethnicity Influences Employment Opportunities
Advisor: John Murphy

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B.B.A., 2007, University of Miami
M.S., 2008, London School of Economics and Political Science, England
Major: Business Administration
Dissertation: Essays on Financial Economics
Advisor: George Korniotis

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B.A., 1993, Vanderbilt University
M.S., 2017, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: Religion and the Psychology of Coalitions
Advisor: Debra Lieberman

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M.S., 2012, University of Miami
Major: Marine Biology and Fisheries
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Andrew Noel Livingstone Buskard
B.S., 2012, University of British Columbia, Canada
M.S., 2014, Springfield College
Major: Exercise Physiology
Dissertation: Optimal Approach to Load Progressions during Strength Training in Older Adults: An Intent-to-Treat Study
Advisor: Joseph F. Signorile

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Major: Epidemiology
Dissertation: A Population Neuroscience Approach for Analyzing Regional Structural Brain MRI Data in Cognitive Aging
Advisor: Tarijana Rundek

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Major: Physics
Dissertation: Random Phase Modulation of Stationary Light Fields with Applications in Biophotonics
Advisor: Olga Korotkova

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M.S., 2016, University of Miami
Major: Music Education
Dissertation: Composer-Performer Identities of Undergraduate Students in an Electronic Music Program
Advisors: Carlos R. Abril and Don D. Coffman

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Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: Development of Computational Tools for the Study of Ionic Liquids and Deep Eutectic Solvents
Advisor: Orlando Acvedo

Xu Dong
B.S., 2011, Wuhan University of Technology, China
M.S., 2013, Wuhan University of Technology, China
Major: Industrial Engineering
Dissertation: Diffusion of Innovations Over Large Social Networks
Advisor: Nazrul I. Shaikh

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Major: Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology
Dissertation: The Role of ATP-Binding Cassette A1 as a Susceptibility Factor in Diabetic Kidney Disease
Advisor: Alessia Fornoni

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Major: Exercise Physiology
Dissertation: Endogenous and Exogenous Estrogens on Biochemical and Performance Indicators of Exercise-Induced Muscle Damage in Users and Non-Users of Oral Contraceptives
Advisor: Arlette Perry
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Major: Physical Therapy  
Dissertation: Novel Measures of Inspiratory Muscle Function in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Assessment and Training Implications  
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Advisor: James Douglas Englehardt

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J.D., 2010, Florida Coastal School of Law  
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Major: International Studies  
Dissertation: The Practice of Religious Law  
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Major: Community Well-Being  
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Dissertation: Geometrical Actions on Tabelike Submanifolds and Topological Defects in Anti-De Sitter Space  
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Dissertation: Deficits in Hindbrain Activity Underlie Sensory Hyporeactivity in an Autism Spectrum Disorder Zebrafish Model  
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Major: Exercise Physiology  
Dissertation: Comparison of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Using Quadriceps Autograft Versus Bone-Patellar Tendon-Bone Autograft on Neuromuscular Activity of the Quadriceps and Gait Biomechanics  
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Dissertation: Design of Random Stationary Sources and Media for Structuring Light on Propagation and Scattering  
Advisor: Olga Korotkova

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Dissertation: Distributed Adaptive Estimation of Non-Stationary Signal and Outliers in Time-Varying Graphs  
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Major: Psychology  
Dissertation: Can Studies of Trait Altruism Be Trusted?  
Advisor: Michael McCullough

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Dissertation: Distributional Conflict and Compensation Mechanisms in Regional Institutions in the Global South

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Dissertation: Abiotic Controls on Endosymbiotic Algal Communities and Their Implications for Coral Bleaching Susceptibility and Recovery  
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Dissertation: Family Functioning in Hispanic Parents of Adolescents: Who Benefits Most from a Family-Based HIV and Substance Use Preventive Intervention?  
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The Great Seal of the University of Miami symbolizes exceptional scholarship, a limitless quest for knowledge, and an abiding commitment to service shared by University faculty, staff, and students. The Great Seal includes a stylized sun and palm tree, as well as a shield with the traditional symbols of education—a key, a book, and a torch. The key signifies the unlocking, discovery, or re-evaluation of learning and knowledge; the book holds the Latin words for discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge; and the torch symbolizes the spread and dissemination of learning. Below the shield is the University's Latin motto, from the Book of Esdras, *Magna Est Veritas*: Great Is Truth.
The academic mace, an enduring symbol of institutional authority and prestige, is a vestige from prehistoric times. First used as a battle weapon, the mace evolved into a ceremonial staff carried in processions of royalty, magistrates, and church or university officials.

The University of Miami’s current mace, which dates back to 1986, was sculpted by former UM Professor of Art William Ward. He chose a contemporary design, one that reflects the University’s timelessness and perpetual growth from a young institution to one of national prominence. The clean lines and polished silver surface are elegant, dignified, and reflective of colors, textures, and forms in the ever-changing environment. Ward indicated that timelessness is further represented by the mace’s geometric design. Rather than employing symbols like books, candles, or globes, he noted that “these geometric shapes are not tied to fad or style but are an integral part of our world. There are obvious relationships to mathematics and the sciences, and as the mace is rotated, some of the planes at the top resemble letters. Its complexity is like the unfolding plot of a good story.”

The University of Miami’s current mace serves as a symbolic weapon to protect the ideals of truth, justice, and learning. During the commencement ceremony, it is carried at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, whose symbolic duty is the protection of the University, its people, and its processes.

The University of Miami Presidential Chair

The University of Miami Presidential Chair, or cathedra, takes its place on the commencement stage as a new symbol of the Office of the President. Traditionally representing the seat of learning, the cathedra was designed and crafted by master furniture maker Austin Matheson, an adjunct professor in the School of Architecture whose family history in South Florida predates the University’s 1925 founding.

Matheson carved and joined what appear to be the seamless pieces of the chair from a single slab of highly prized and once-abundant Cuban mahogany wood. It was salvaged from a tree felled by a hurricane in nearby Coconut Grove. The fluidity of his design represents the idea that “We Are One U,” while his use of a contemporary style and a few traditional flourishes represent the University’s rich past and promising future. “The chair is unique. It has no precedent. It stands alone,” Matheson said.

Etched by laser, the Great Seal of the University of Miami is prominently displayed on the splat, or back, of the chair. More subtly, twin silhouettes of an ibis head, with its graceful beak, adorn each side of the crest rail. Known for its invincible spirit when hurricanes approach, the marsh bird has been the school mascot since the University opened its doors, just a month after the hurricane of 1926 devastated Miami. Like the chair, the ibis continues to be a symbol of our resilience and renewal as we approach our new century.

The Invocation

Spirituality is an important part of many students’ lives and is a traditional element of the commencement exercises. Following the processions and national anthem, each commencement ceremony opens with an invocation offered by a member of the University of Miami Chaplains Association who represents one of the three major faiths, Christianity, Judaism, or Islam. The invocation is meant to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and encourage them to lead lives that embody the virtues that their education has instilled.
The ceremonies of commencement immerse us in the rich tradition of academic honors and dress that reaches back to the early days of the world's oldest universities.

The University of Miami awards degrees in three basic divisions—the doctorate, master's, and baccalaureate—which can be traced to medieval times. The student receiving a “first degree in arts” was crowned with a wreath of laurel berries, hence “baccalaureate” and “bachelor.” The master’s degree was a license to teach (Licentia docendi), so the “master” was an appropriate title. The doctor was even better qualified to teach, for this degree required advanced study, independent research, and defense of a “thesis.” These standards still apply to the doctorate, except for those conferred honoris causa (as honorary degrees) for meritorious service in public or private endeavor.

Some degrees are awarded with special recognition. For those who have achieved appropriate standards in their work, the words cum laude (with praise), magna cum laude (with high praise), and summa cum laude (with highest praise) are used. Students who have met formal scholarly demands, including both specified courses and high overall grade averages, may graduate with “General Honors.” These achievements are recorded on diplomas and in official transcripts.

From medieval practice, academic dress has three items: cap, gown, and hood. In reviving the use of these items for the United States, an intercollegiate commission in 1895 drafted a code that most universities, including the University of Miami, follow.

For all degrees, the mortarboard is the traditional cap. The tassel may be gold for a doctor or may indicate the field of study.

The bachelor’s gown is black with long, pointed, open sleeves. The master’s gown is black with a long, closed sleeve hanging below the elbow. The doctor’s gown is black and is distinguished by three bars of velvet on a full sleeve.

The academic hood is the identifying symbol of the degree. Its length indicates which degree it represents: three feet for the baccalaureate, three-and-a-half for the master’s, and four for the doctorate. The lining indicates the college or university that awarded the degree. University of Miami hoods are lined in orange, green, and white. The color of the velvet band represents the academic discipline. The most frequently seen colors are white for arts, yellow for science, pink for music, sapphire blue for philosophy, purple for law, scarlet for divinity, green for medicine, light blue for education, drab for business, orange for engineering, violet for architecture, gray for general studies, and apricot for nursing.

President Julio Frenk wears a black robe with four black velvet bars. The fourth chevron indicates this is the presidential regalia. The gown features orange and green piping as well as a doctoral hood lined in orange, green and white—reflecting the official University of Miami school colors.
Great universities throughout the country begin their halftime performances with a special fanfare consisting of small portions of their school fight songs and alma mater. The fanfare signals the start of halftime festivities, exciting the crowd and encouraging loyal fans to remain in their seats during the band’s performance. Following the Miami Hurricane’s National Championship season in 2001-2002, David Lambert, D.M.A. ’05, wrote a similar fanfare for the University of Miami. “UM Fanfare” was premiered by the University of Miami Band of the Hour during the 2004 Miami Hurricane home football opener versus Florida State University. It has since been performed as a prelude to all Band of the Hour performances and has become a part of the University of Miami’s commencement to announce the opening of the ceremony.

The President’s Processional Fanfare was commissioned by the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music for the inauguration of the University of Miami’s sixth president, Julio Frenk. Written by Brian Balmages, M.M. ’00, the fanfare premiered on January 29, 2016, at President Frenk’s inauguration ceremony.

The Music of Henry Fillmore

Henry Fillmore, the American composer and bandleader best known for his marches, was an ardent supporter, friend, and benefactor of the University of Miami band. After retiring to Miami, he quickly adopted the Band of the Hour at the University of Miami as his own. As a result, he was named “permanent guest conductor” of the band, and in appreciation of his dedication, the University awarded Fillmore an honorary doctorate in music. Fillmore’s prominence as a band composer and his tireless dedication to the field of music remain his legacy. Benefiting most from his musical passion and artistry was the University of Miami band, to which he bequeathed most of his estate. The Henry Fillmore Band Hall, dedicated in 1959 along with the Fillmore Museum, is a symbol of that legacy.

The recessional music today is but a small part of his life’s work. Each selection has a unique relationship to Miami and the University. “The Miami March” was dedicated to the community of Greater Miami, which enthusiastically supported Fillmore and his music.
Alma Mater

William S. Lampe and Christine Audurian
Arranged by Henry Fillmore

Southern suns and sky blue water
Smile upon you Alma Mater
Mistress of this fruitful land
With all knowledge at your hand
Always just, to honor true
All our love we pledge to you
Alma Mater
Stand forever
On Biscayne’s wondrous shore.
Reception and Parking Information

The Spring commencement ceremonies will be held in the Watsco Center on the Coral Gables campus. Free parking is conveniently located adjacent to the Watsco Center and at Pavia and Merrick Garages with shuttle service to the Watsco Center. Guests attending receptions also may park in the red lots. Special Needs parking is available at the Watsco Center in the blue lots. No handicap or other parking passes are required for any commencement guests. Parking at Ponce Garage is strictly reserved for patients of The Lennar Foundation Medical Center.

Receptions will be held at the following locations on the designated dates and times:

1. **School of Architecture**
   Jorge M. Perez Architecture Center
   Irvin Korach Gallery
   **Graduate Degree Recipients**
   May 9, 2019 • 5 p.m.
   **Undergraduate Degree Recipients**
   May 10, 2019 • 3 p.m.

2. **College of Arts and Sciences**
   Cox Science Center Portico
   May 10, 2019 • 11 a.m.

3. **Miami Business School**
   Cesarano Plaza
   **Graduate Degree Recipients**
   May 9, 2019 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
   **Undergraduate Degree Recipients**
   May 10, 2019 • 1:30–3:30 p.m.

4. **School of Communication**
   Frances L. Wolfson Building Courtyard
   May 10, 2019 • 3 p.m.

5. **School of Education and Human Development**
   Merrick Breezeway
   George Feldenkrais Fountain
   May 10, 2019 • 3 p.m.

6. **College of Engineering**
   McArthur Engineering Building
   May 10, 2019 • 12 p.m.

7. **School of Law**
   School of Law Bass Bricks
   May 11, 2019 • 12 p.m.

8. **Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music**
   Shalala Student Center
   Activities Room
   May 10, 2019 • 3–5 p.m.

9. **School of Nursing and Health Studies**
   Shalala Student Center
   Grand Ballroom
   May 10, 2019 • 8:30 a.m.

10. **Division of Continuing and International Education**
    Newman Alumni Center
    Tower Room
    April 29, 2019 • 6 p.m.

11. **UOnline**
    Shalala Student Center
    Activities Room
    May 8, 2019 • 3–5 p.m.

12. **Graduate School**
    **Doctoral Degree Candidates**
    Hooding Rehearsal and Reception
    Watsco Center, Hurricane 100 Room
    May 8, 2019 • 4–6 p.m.

13. **Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science**
    **Undergraduate Degree Recipients**
    Shalala Student Center
    Grand Ballroom
    May 9, 2019 • 5–7 p.m.
    **Graduate Degree Recipients**
    Rosenstiel School Auditorium
    4600 Rickenbacker Causeway
    Miami, FL 33149
    May 10, 2019 • 10:30 a.m.

Stop by the U Statue at the Rock on Friday, May 10, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a complimentary photo!