

President Modesto A. Maidique



Dear Undergraduate Students and Prospective Students:

Welcome to Florida International University. I want you to know that the faculty and staff at FIU are fully committed to providing you with the best possible academic experiences to assist you in achieving your goals and to prepare you for the world of tomorrow. Whether you are a first-time college student or are returning to school to expand your knowledge, you will, without a doubt, find a large array of opportunities designed to enhance your horizons intellectually, culturally and socially. In this *Undergraduate Catalog* we provide a broad overview of our institution and a list of programs, courses, requirements and services, including a great deal of useful information to guide you through your academic experience. Please take the time to carefully review this important information.

As a leading public research university located in one of the nation's most exciting international cities, FIU offers a rare combination of vast resources, personal attention and affordability. With more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs, as well as outstanding faculty and an intimate learning environment, we prepare our students for the leading job markets and the latest technologies. Committed to both quality and access, FIU meets the educational needs of traditional students, as well as part-time students and lifelong learners.

FIU has a nationally and internationally renowned full-time faculty known for outstanding teaching and cutting-edge research. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine ranked FIU among the country's top 50 best values in public higher education in its 2006 annual survey. The university is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most distinguished academic honor society. FIU is ranked as a Research University in the High Research Activity category of the Carnegie Foundation's prestigious classification system. Our students, faculty and alumni continually receive national and international recognition for their achievements.

In March 2006, FIU received approval from the Florida Board of Governors to create a School of Medicine. In establishing South Florida's only public medical school, the university is continuing its tradition of addressing pressing community challenges. With an FIU School of Medicine, FIU students, faculty and alumni will transform medical education and health care in the region and greatly enhance the university's research mission.

On behalf of your fellow students and our faculty and staff, I congratulate you on being admitted to FIU and for deciding to pursue your degree at one of the finest public institutions in the country. I wish you a challenging and fulfilling experience as you work to achieve your goals. I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Modesto A. Maidique". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.