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LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT CHAIR

MIGUEL MINUTTI-MEZA

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, and Friends:

I am pleased to share some significant developments that have taken place at the University of Miami, specifically within the Miami Herbert Business School and the Accounting Department throughout 2022 – 2023. Our commitment to cultivating and graduating the most exceptional accounting students globally remains unwavering. We continue to facilitate their placement at esteemed firms within our profession, ensuring a bright future for our graduates. Additionally, our dedicated faculty and PhD students continue to excel in producing high-quality research, consistently published in renowned accounting journals. We are also dedicated to introducing curricular enhancements that align with the evolving demands of our profession. Furthermore, we have actively engaged with our stakeholders to reinforce our ties with our esteemed alumni and local community, creating a stronger and more vibrant connection.

From a broader perspective within the Business School, we experienced a change in leadership as Dean John Quelch stepped down, leading to the appointment of Interim Dean Ann Olazabal. We have since initiated a diligent search committee and anticipate welcoming a new dean to lead us within the next 18 to 24 months.

These developments represent a snapshot of our ongoing commitment to excellence in education, research, and community engagement. We look forward to further progress and success in the future.

Continued Success in our Master's and Undergraduate Programs

We successfully recruited an incoming class of outstanding master's and undergraduate students that is comparable to the prior year's class. This builds on several years of continuous healthy growth in these programs. Now that we have two full years of in-person teaching, we continue to focus on enriching our students' experience and sense of belonging to our University and School. Part of our focus is on making not only our accounting majors but all business students aware of how exciting a career in accounting can be. We accomplish this by having accounting professionals from many South Florida companies and accounting firms visit our accounting courses and share their accounting journeys. The classroom visits along with our increased social media presence is helping us reach more and more students, which translates into more applicants and more students joining our program.

Earning Our Position as a Top-Ranked Program

Our accounting program is consistently ranked among the best in the nation. According to the 2022-2023 College Factual rankings, our program is No. 1 in Florida for undergraduate and graduate accounting degree programs. These rankings recognize the quality of our students and our curriculum, as well as student achievement and placement. In the field, we continue to achieve a 97% placement rate at the point of graduation, and 100% placement within six to nine months after graduation.

Our solid record is due to the dedication of our faculty, students and incredible staff, and to the generosity of our supporters, both alumni and non-alumni. We were able to award close to \$1 million in scholarships and awarded more than 75 degrees to students from our master's programs during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Business ForUM Success

Our 2023 Business ForUM focused on ethics this year to help many of our constituents meet their ethics requirements for their CPA and other related certifications requirements for their reporting year. Overall the ForUM was a success and attendees enjoyed reconnecting with fellow alumni and old friends.

We Rely on Your Support

To foster our mission "to develop innovative ideas and principled leaders that transform global business and society," we rely on your generous support, for which we are extremely grateful. Our alumni and partners' personal and professional engagement, and their financial contributions, are critical in enabling us to develop programs and students that help execute the UM vision and drive us towards our goal of becoming the nation's finest accounting department.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you and learning of your successes, new endeavors, and suggestions. Please keep in touch and email me at mminutti@bus.miami.edu.

Go 'Canes!



Miguel Minutti-Meza
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SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to extend a special thank you to outgoing members **Stephen Nesi** of PwC and **Alex Pompa** of Alvarez & Marsal for their services on the Advisory Council. The council deeply appreciates their dedication and commitment to the department, the students, and the School.



ADVISORY COUNCIL

SPOTLIGHT: RAY ZOMERFELD

Impact on University Growth and Development

Ray firmly believes that a strong accounting program is “imperative for a great business school like the Miami Herbert Business School. In his view, the Advisory Council plays a vital role in assisting the administration and faculty with continuous improvement and in expanding the university's brand.

Fostering Connections with Alumni

Ray places paramount importance on promoting UM within the community and actively participating in outreach to students and alumni alike. The council's engagement in on-campus activities, participation in career fairs, and creation of networking opportunities collectively strengthen the bond between the university and its alumni community.

Guidance for Aspiring Students

His mother's timeless advice, **"You must always keep climbing the ladder,"** serves as Ray's guiding philosophy. He encourages students to show up, study hard, and continually work on self-improvement, echoing the words of motivational speaker and author, Tony Robbins.

Ray Zomerfeld's unwavering commitment to UM and his tireless pursuit of excellence in accounting education mark him as an invaluable asset to both the university and the esteemed Advisory Council. His passion for continual growth and his resolute adherence to the principle of lifelong learning embody the essence of UM's alumni community.

Ray Zomerfeld's a dedicated and accomplished professional with a passion for both the University of Miami (UM) and the field of accounting. Ray's journey began with a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree in International Finance and Marketing from UM. After gaining valuable experience in sales of telephone systems and computers, he returned to UM to earn a Master of Science in Taxation. His formative years in accounting were spent at the local firm Mallah Furman, but Ray left to become a sole practitioner. Later, he merged his firm into the ZOMMA Group LLP, where he continues to excel in his accounting career.

Within the Advisory Council, Ray assumes the role of Vice-Chair while also chairing the Communications Committee. Additionally, he serves on UM's Citizens Board.

Motivation for Advisory Council Membership

Ray's profound affection for UM and his unbridled enthusiasm for accounting naturally drew him towards contributing his expertise as an esteemed member of the UM Advisory Council. Ray's desire is to make a lasting impact on both the institution and the students.

Memorable Moments and Projects

Ray fondly remembers the success of the Accounting Department's inaugural golf tournament and looks forward to future endeavors with enthusiasm.



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YOUNG LEADERS GROUP

The Accounting Department's Young Leaders Group (YLG), comprised of alumni who have graduated within the last 10 - 15 years, plays a pivotal role in fostering connections between current students, faculty members, and the dynamic accounting profession. Their multifaceted contributions include enlightening business and accounting students about the diverse career avenues within the accounting field and facilitating meaningful interactions with seasoned accounting practitioners. Additionally, they actively mentor students and recent graduates, imparting valuable guidance for successful job interviews and helping them navigate the early stages of their careers.

These dedicated members serve as the driving force behind the YLG's initiatives and objectives, wholeheartedly engaging with the department's mission. Their involvement extends to supporting faculty members by keeping them well-informed about emerging industry trends, the unique challenges encountered by new professionals, and the burgeoning career prospects that accompany the profession's expansion.



YLG SPOTLIGHT:

CHRISTIE VELASCO

Meet Christie Velasco, a dynamic member of the Young Leaders Group (YLG) at Miami Herbert Business School. With a strong commitment to education, professional development, and community engagement,

Christie exemplifies the values that define the YLG.

Professional Background

Christie Velasco currently serves as Vice President at Interamerican Bank, reporting directly to the President and Chief Executive Officer. Her journey began with an exceptional academic foundation, graduating Magna Cum Laude from the Miami Herbert Business School and later earning a master's degree in accounting.

Advice for Aspiring Accountants

Christie offers valuable advice: Immerse yourself in the subject matter, seek internships or co-op opportunities for practical experience, and actively participate in groups like Beta Alpha Psi. She emphasizes that accounting is a versatile field applicable to various industries. Building a professional network early in your career is crucial, and staying updated on industry developments, including pursuing certifications like the CPA, is vital.

The Reward of Bridging Academia and Professional Practice

One of the most rewarding aspects of being part of a community that bridges academia and

professional practice, according to Christie, is the opportunity to give back to the school that provided the platform for her success. She shares, **“Through the YLG, I've had the opportunity to engage with current students, sharing insights and experiences that can guide them in their academic and career journeys.”**

Envisioning Future Contributions

Looking ahead, Christie envisions her continued involvement in the Young Leaders Group as a means to contribute to personal and professional growth. It offers opportunities for mentorship, expanding her professional network, and staying connected with the academic side of the accounting world. She also sees herself taking on leadership roles within the group to positively impact future accounting professionals.



YLG SPOTLIGHT:

ROBERT CHISTE

Meet Robert Chiste, the chair of the Young Leaders Group (YLG) at Miami Herbert Business School. Robby brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to fostering connections between academia and professional practice.

Professional Background

From the time he was a freshman with his sights set on the accounting profession, Robby has made it a point to be involved in, well, just about everything. Today, as a manager in assurance services at Kaufman Rossin, Robby represents both the University of Miami and his firm in multiple roles. He brings his extensive leadership experience and passion for the University to his role as a dedicated member of the YLG since its inception in 2019.

Memorable YLG Interaction

One standout event for Robby was the speed networking event in 2022. This event was not only enjoyable but also highly educational. It brought together students from diverse academic backgrounds, allowing them to engage with professionals in accounting. Robby found it particularly gratifying to see freshmen, who had only been on campus for two weeks, eagerly embracing networking opportunities. It highlighted the incredible potential and enthusiasm of UM students.

Rewarding Aspects of Bridging Academia and Practice

Robby adeptly summarizes his role in bridging academia and professional practice, stating, **“It helps give me a great perspective on the accounting world from start to finish.”** His YLG engagement enhances his grasp of the complex interplay between theory and practice in accounting, fostering valuable insights that drive his growth as a professional.

Envisioning Future Contributions

Robby envisions continued involvement with UM's accounting department as a natural fit. He has always appreciated the dedicated professors there who genuinely care about their students' future careers.



YLG SPOTLIGHT:

ROXANNE WILLIAMS

Meet Roxanne Williams, a dedicated member of the Young Leaders Group (YLG) at Miami Herbert Business School. Roxy brings a wealth of professional experience and a profound dedication to growing as a leader by mentoring college students.

Professional Background

Roxy's career path was carved with excellence from the very beginning. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Miami, where her talent in swimming led to a full scholarship. Roxy swam her way through all four years, showcasing her dedication and determination. Before assuming her current role as Managing Director at The Siegfried Group, Roxy dedicated four years to refining her skills in the realm of public accounting at Deloitte, specializing in the Audit and Enterprise Risk Services Practice.

Impactful Interactions with YLG

Roxy fondly recalls a memorable interaction facilitated by the YLG that left a lasting impression. She and her colleagues from The Siegfried Group were invited to visit accounting classes, where they presented an overview of their company and shared insights into the importance of an accounting degree. This engagement allowed them to stay after classes and answer students' questions, making them realize the impressionability of college students seeking guidance for their future.

"I received notes and emails from a few of the students about how much our presentation meant to them," Roxy says, **"and how much they learned about opportunities that could exist for them one day as well if they stayed the course in pursuing an accounting degree."**

Envisioning Future Contributions

In the future, Roxy envisions her continued involvement in the YLG as a catalyst for personal and professional growth. She believes that the YLG offers not only opportunities to grow as a leader by mentoring college students but also provides a platform to network with some of the most exceptional leaders in the Miami marketplace.



LETTER FROM ADVISORY COUNCIL

CHAIR **BRETT FRIEDMAN (MBA '94)**

I want to welcome everyone back for a new year at Miami Herbert Business School. I am honored to be serving as the Accounting Advisory Council's chair for this year. As a graduate of the University, it is my privilege to serve on this Advisory Council and in this role as Chair. There is a special feeling you get when giving back to your alma mater.

As we continue to experience so much social and political unrest both in America and around the world and continue to face questions and concerns about the future of the economy we are also facing a changing landscape in our world. The existing population of people working in both public and private in the area of accounting is declining and the new professionals that are entering the marketplace are looking at other avenues and directions. However, the complexity of the world we are living in is growing and the need for strong financial stewardship and oversight has never been greater. While we are seeing amazing increases in the use of technology and the growth of Artificial Intelligence including the latest area of Generative AI, there will always be a need for professionals to help interpret what is happening to help ensure the programs and algorithms are guiding us down the right paths to a successful future. Part of what we are experiencing is tied to the COVID period which disrupted everything we knew and how we went about teaching our children and our young professionals. While this disruption had an impact it also opened new doors and created new opportunities to think differently and do things differently. It is now time that we all change and adapt to this rapidly changing world we live in.

Together, we have been through a challenging time already the past few years with the global pandemic but it feels like brighter days are coming and that can be seen through the increased opportunities to have in-person events on campus again to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. The Department launched its second installment of an exciting new professional mixer event which gave students and employers great opportunities to meet each other and learn about what each other has to offer and help to build connections for the future. After this second installment of this event, many are left thinking of how to make it even more impactful in educating our young students on what opportunities exist for them in the professional world. I hope to see events like that continue and would encourage you all to actively participate in them in the future regardless of what level you are in school as it is never too soon to make connections and learn and grow.

I said this last year and it still rings true and critical today that we need to be the change we want to see in the world, as everything is changing and evolving it creates tremendous opportunities to impact that change. I would like to challenge our students and alumni to take an active role in molding our future by being agents of change and not just standing by and letting change happen.

As mentioned earlier with the increased impact and use of technology the world of accounting is changing as well both in the public and private sectors.

For our students, it is an exciting time to be on the cutting edge of learning and creating a new future. You should be energized and ambitious about advanced learning, innovation, and leading in the marketplace. This is a time where you can take advantage of what life has to offer and try many new things but the important focus is to always look for ways to upskill yourself and continue to develop in both your professional and personal life. While we will be able to leverage and benefit from technology, we still need to grow ourselves and learn to be more adaptive and flexible to position ourselves to be the leaders of the future that are needed. The accounting world is still a magical place that helps to drive the story of everything that happens. Businesses make strategic decisions to either expand or contract, transition from brick-and-mortar to a hybrid model involving both physical and online presence, or opt for an exclusively online approach. These decisions are underpinned by their ability to effectively connect with people and deliver value. It is about meeting people where they are, understanding and anticipating their needs, and being in the right place at the right time to provide what is needed.

The council's objectives center on advising the Department's leadership on curriculum, fundraising, and alumni and community interaction. Our more than 20 members are each grateful for the opportunity to help the Department accomplish its goals. I must also offer up a sincere thanks to the Miami Herbert Business School Dean's Office, who has been gracious in allowing the council to work to help support both the Department and the broader mission of the School. We look forward to that continued collaboration.

The School is well-positioned to help our students become the leaders of the future that we need. As alumni and members of the community, let's help them. We all have an opportunity to share in the feeling of giving back. Commit your time. Fundraise. Share your success by donating back to the school that gave you or your child a professional start. Please join me in helping support our family, at the Miami Herbert Business School. Thank you!

Warm wishes to all,



Brett Friedman, MBA'94
Partner, RSM US LLP
Chair, Accounting Advisory Council

GENERATIONS OF 'CANES: THE JUI FAMILY LEGACY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

In this special feature, we proudly present the inspiring story of the Jui family—Len, Cindy, and Duncan—two generations of 'Canes who followed their passion for accounting to the University of Miami, forging an enduring legacy of academic excellence and family tradition.

A Father's Reflection: Len's UM Memories

For Len, his time at the University of Miami left an indelible mark. He recalls, **"I have many good memories at UM. From classroom to social activities, from interacting with faculty to engaging future employers."** However, his most cherished moments were spent attending Miami Hurricanes football games at the legendary Orange Bowl Stadium in the late '80s, a tradition he shared with his father. **"We spent many Saturday afternoons watching the Hurricanes play. I'll always treasure the father-son bonding time,"** he reminisces.

As for having his son and daughter follow in his footsteps, he expresses immense pride and a sense of family legacy. **"I am so proud of my children for having attended and graduated from UM, as my dad was. To us, it created a bond and legacy in the family,"** he says. All three family members pursued accounting programs, received scholarships, and even had the same renowned auditing professor, Professor Kay Tatum.

Continuing Traditions and Passing Down the 'Canes Spirit

For the Jui family, the University of Miami is more than an alma mater; it's a cherished tradition. **"Father-son bonding over watching UM football games has been passed down between three generations in our family now,"** he proudly states. The first cheer his daughter learned was **"C-A-N-E-S, CANES!"** and the iconic U decal has adorned every family car.



A Daughter's Perspective: Cindy's Academic Journey, Legacy and Sense of Belonging

Cindy, embarked on her own journey at the University of Miami, following in her father's footsteps and embracing a legacy of academic excellence. Her motivations for choosing UM were rooted in the desire for a nurturing academic environment and the opportunity to learn from inspiring professors who had influenced her father's career.

Being part of a legacy family created a sense of belonging and connection to the university community. Cindy shares that, **"sitting in the same lecture halls, attending classes in the same buildings, and even being taught by the same professors that taught my dad gave me a sense of familiarity."**

Connecting Accounting and Career Paths

Both Len and Cindy graduated from UM and started their first entry-level accounting jobs at the same Big Four accounting firm, EY. They shared common experiences in working for regulatory agencies like the PCAOB and the SEC. Len has been a significant role model for Cindy, and she aspires to achieve the same level of success in the field of accounting.

A Son's Perspective: Duncan's Passion for Canes Football and UM

For Duncan UM and Canes football are inextricably linked. His father's unwavering support for UM football and their shared love for the team left a profound impact. He shares, **"Growing up, I was often known among my peers as the kid who consistently sported UM and Miami Dolphins apparel when heading to school."**

He also reveals, **"My first accounting professor, Professor Seth Levine, had prior connections to both my dad and my aunt."** This connection highlights how UM nurtures generational bonds, both personally and professionally, creating a profound connection for Duncan.

Choosing UM and Building on Tradition

Duncan's decision to attend UM was motivated by an affinity for the university and the desire to continue the family tradition. He recalls his father's stories of UM's impact on his career and his commitment to giving back to the community. **"Being from a low-income immigrant family, my dad was only able to attend the University because of the gratuity of the school and donors who allowed him to obtain the scholarships he had,"**ad," Duncan shares. Knowing how much the University and the accounting department helped his father's career motivates him to one day do the same and give back.

A Legacy of Miami Hurricane Pride

The Jui family's journey through the University of Miami exemplifies the profound impact of a strong academic community and the enduring bonds that connect generations. With a shared passion for accounting, a love for Canes football, and a commitment to family traditions, they have created a legacy rooted in the values and experiences they hold dear. The University of Miami is more than an institution; it is a source of pride, mentorship, and a lifelong connection for this remarkable family.

GENERATIONS OF 'CANES: THE GONZALEZ FAMILY

LEGACY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

In this special feature, we proudly present the story of Frank and Amanda Gonzalez—father and daughter, united by their passion for accounting and the University of Miami. Their journey embodies a legacy of academic excellence and a cherished family tradition.

A Father's Reflection: Frank's UM Memories

From the roaring cheers of the Hurricanes football games to the lasting friendships forged on campus, Frank Gonzalez's journey through the University of Miami is a tale of tradition, camaraderie, and professional success.

For Frank, UM has always been a cherished part of his life. **"Since very young, Hurricanes football has been a big part of my family and myself,"** he recalls. Attending games and practices became a tradition, and soon, he and his family became avid supporters of all Canes sports. **"We have had season tickets to football, basketball, and baseball through the years,"** Frank proudly shares.

However, his love for UM extends far beyond the sports arena. **"I treasure the friends and relationships I made at the U,"** he reflects. These connections played a pivotal role in his career success, influencing his path through various accounting firms and community organizations.

Passing the Torch

Frank's heart brimmed with excitement when his daughter, Amanda Gonzalez, chose to walk the same path and join him at the university he holds dear. **"Our love for the 'U' runs deep, and witnessing my daughter embrace the university was a moment of sheer amazement,"** Frank shares warmly. He adds, **"Seeing her dressed up in her Canes gear and attending classes was such an amazing and fulfilling experience for all of us."**



A Message for the Future

Frank's advice to future generations is clear: **"Attend as many of the events the university has to offer together and judge for yourselves the rich traditions, the camaraderie between the students and families, and the joy of experiencing all this together."**

In sum, Frank Gonzalez's relationship with the University of Miami can be encapsulated in a few powerful words: **"Very Special! Amazing traditions and family experiences. Memories we will cherish forever and carry forward in our family. And most of all, the amazing feeling of wearing our Canes gear and being proud to say we are Miami Hurricanes!"**

Carrying Forward the Legacy: Amanda's UM Journey

Amanda Gonzalez's journey through the University of Miami carries the weight of legacy and the promise of new experiences. Following in her father's footsteps, Amanda found her own path in accounting, with a deep appreciation for the traditions and values the 'U' instilled in her.

Amanda's Connection with UM

Amanda's decision to pursue her accounting education at UM was strongly influenced by her family values and connections. **"Ever since I was a little girl, I always knew I wanted to become a Cane,"** she says. Her father's glowing accounts of his time at UM cemented her decision.

Generational Connections

Sharing a professor, **Professor Kay Tatum**, with her father created a unique connection. Amanda benefited from technological advances that made learning more accessible. She could access information effortlessly, unlike her father's time when library visits were routine.

Special Places on Campus

Exploring the campus with her father after her acceptance was a memorable experience. Amanda reflects on this special moment, **"When I got accepted to the University of Miami and decided to attend, my dad was so excited that I was attending that he gave me a tour all around campus."** They visited various spots on campus, with the 'U' sign near the business school holding a special place in their hearts. Amanda fondly recounts, **"The 'U' sign closest to the business school is a special place to my father and me because that is where we took our first picture together after I got accepted."**

Summing up the UM Experience

For Amanda, the University of Miami is more than an educational institution; it's a home. Caring teachers, lifelong friendships, and invaluable experiences have defined her UM journey.

In Amanda's own words, UM is **"a place that I can call home... an amazing experience... with the teachers who cared for their students and the peers who became lifelong friends."**

GENERATIONS OF 'CANES: THE LEVINE FAMILY

LEGACY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

In this special feature, we proudly present the Levine family—Seth, Carolina, and their daughter Victoria. For them, being a Cane isn't just a label; it's a way of life. Their journey through the University of Miami is a testament to the enduring power of education, tradition, and family bonds.

A Father's Reflection: Seth's UM Memories

"My favorite memories were attending football games at the old Orange Bowl, especially during our very first national championship season," recalls Seth Levine of his time at the University of Miami in the 1980s. He fondly remembers being a part of Zeta Beta Tau social fraternity and Beta Alpha Psi honor society. Seth resided in the Towers and later in Mahoney Pearson, actively participating in residence hall government. But Seth's involvement with the university didn't end with his graduation. He went on to become a graduate assistant in the accounting department, and he remains closely tied to the Becker CPA Review course, an organization he still actively supports nearly 40 years later.

Seth's Impactful Career Shaped by UM

"My education was absolutely instrumental in enabling Carolina and me, along with her dad and brother, to start a cigar and tobacco business in the 1990s, one that was very successful for the better part of two decades," Seth reflects. His education at UM played a vital role in his successful career in public accounting with Price Waterhouse and Arthur Andersen.

The Ever-Evolving University of Miami

"I have seen the University get better and better ever since I first stepped on campus back in 1981," Seth reminisces. He appreciates the progress made under various UM presidents, from Tad Foote to



Donna Shalala, and now under the leadership of Julio Frenk. Seth foresees a bright future for UM as it moves towards its centennial anniversary.

Carolina's Perspective on Passing The Torch

She enthusiastically shares, **"I am so proud that Tori decided to follow in the footsteps of both of her parents who also navigated the maze of majoring in accounting and began her career at one of the Big Four."** She goes on to describe the surreal experience of witnessing Tori on campus, joining Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and becoming a member of Beta Alpha Psi, mirroring the path taken by both Seth and herself. But what makes it even more special is that Tori is a fourth-generation Hurricane, with two of her grandparents and one of her great-grandparents having attended the U as well. The sense of legacy and continuity within the Levine family is a testament to their enduring connection with the University of Miami.

UM's Role in Shaping Families and Giving Back

"The University is the largest employer in Miami-Dade County," Carolina remarks, highlighting the far-reaching influence of UM. Its impact extends not only to individuals but across entire families, resonating within households and generations. Carolina is a firm believer in the importance of giving back to the university that has given her family so much. Whether through their time, resources, or support, the Levines understand the impact of their contributions on students and the broader UM community.

Victoria's Inspiration to Choose UM

Victoria's decision to follow in her parents' footsteps and attend the University of Miami was inspired by the stories and memories shared by her parents. Growing up with two CPAs who graduated from UM, she knew that the university was the perfect choice for her education in accounting. Her parents' continued involvement and love for the university fueled her desire to become a Cane.

A Guiding Light in Accounting

Victoria's journey in accounting began by joining a Big Four firm, Deloitte, a path her parents had also embarked upon, albeit during the era of the Big Eight. The invaluable advice and guidance she receives from her parents in navigating her career have been a tremendous asset. Knowing that they can relate to her experiences, challenges, and accomplishments is a comforting feeling.

A Second Home and Source of Inspiration

Victoria views the University of Miami as more than just an alma mater; it's a second home where she finds profound joy. Her connection with UM extends beyond the boundaries of her student years, and she takes every opportunity to reconnect with the campus she holds dear. **"As an alumna now, I use any excuse to visit campus, say hi to past professors, sit on the gliders, and see what has changed,"** Victoria reflects warmly.

Reflecting on her UM experience, Victoria expresses immense joy and gratitude. Her relationship with the university serves as a continual source of inspiration. She hopes that other students and alumni can also discover the same sense of fulfillment and connection that she has found in her enduring bond with the University of Miami.

GENERATIONS OF 'CANES: THE TUNDIDOR FAMILY

LEGACY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

In this special feature, we proudly present the story of Hector and Carolina Tundidor—father and daughter, bound by their shared dedication to accounting and the University of Miami. Their journey represents a legacy of academic excellence and a treasured family tradition.

A Father's Reflection: Hector's UM Memorie

"I'm a true 305 native - born, raised, and schooled in the heart of it all," Hector proudly exclaims. His youth revolved around "The U," and attending this prestigious institution had always been a dream. When he finally had the opportunity to join the ranks and pursue a graduate degree in the School of Accounting, he was on cloud nine. Hector's education at UM not only fulfilled his dreams but also significantly shaped his career path in accounting. **"My education at UM fueled my thirst for learning, drive, and passion for being the best version of myself,"** he shares. UM provided him with a broad-based view of the world rooted in leadership, entrepreneurship, technical knowledge, and transformative concepts.

Hector's Parents' Influence and the Next Generation

Hector's journey at the University of Miami was a personal dream come true and a tribute to his parents and their unwavering commitment to education. He reflects on how they instilled the importance of education and the non-negotiable requirement of good grades as prerequisites for pursuing sports.

His love for the Canes was not just a personal passion but a legacy he wanted to pass on. At ages 3 and 5, Hector bought his daughters Hurricanes cheerleading outfits, sparking their connection to the university.



Moments like watching his oldest daughter receive her admissions acceptance letter into the Foote Fellows program or witnessing her walk up to the stage to receive her diploma from President Frenk, made him so proud. In those instances, Hector couldn't help but reflect on his parents and the sacrifices they made for their family to come to this country. He recognized the opportunities they had seized and elevated to new heights, and now, he saw the same potential in his daughter.

Message to Future Generations

Hector's message to future generations of his family and all who share a similar story is one of inspiration and giving back. He encourages them to embrace the opportunities that education provides while remembering the significance of family bonds and the continuity that shared experiences can bring. Hector believes that one of the greatest legacies is to influence, mentor, and give back to others who may not have had the same opportunities.

Carolina's Journey at the U

From a young age, Carolina's father ingrained essential accounting and financial principles, along with a forward-thinking, entrepreneurial mindset in her and her sisters. These foundational values sparked her interest in the world of business. Her father always told her, **"Carolina, to understand how to run any business, you need to have a fundamental understanding and knowledge of accounting."** This guidance, coupled with her father's strong influence, naturally guided her towards pursuing a career in accounting.

UM and Family Unity

The University of Miami has played a significant role in fostering a sense of belonging within Carolina's family. The combination of orange and green, the iconic "U" sign, and UM football games have always brought the family together. She says, **"I know I can pick up the phone at any time to call anyone in my family and tell them that there is a UM game for any sport and end up going to the game with them."**

Carolina's Cherished Campus Locations

Carolina and her family hold several locations on the University of Miami's campus dear to their hearts. The Rat, an iconic spot, is one of the locations. Carolina fondly recalls, **"We were able to share many good memories there, sitting on a glider, enjoying the beautiful Miami weather."** The UM Law Library, where both Carolina and her father invested countless hours studying for the CPA exam, is significant for them. Finally, the UM Business School where, in Carolina's words, **"we attended classes and built the foundation for our successful careers in accounting."**

Summing Up the Relationship

Looking back, Carolina's relationship with the University of Miami can be summed up in a few powerful phrases: **"A second home filled with warmth, education, and football," "A legacy passed down through generations,"** and, simply, **"It's great to be a Miami Hurricane!"** Her journey is a testament to the power of family ties, shared values, and education interests, all nurtured within the vibrant community of the University of Miami.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT GOLF CLASSIC

The Accounting Department proudly hosted its inaugural golf event on April 25, 2023, and the consensus is clear; it was a great triumph. Taking place against the stunning backdrop of the iconic Biltmore Golf Course, the event brought together a blend of golf aficionados, esteemed faculty members, students, dedicated alumni, and industry professionals. The result? A day that seamlessly merged competition, companionship, and the spirit of the University's accounting community.

Leading up to the event, the atmosphere was palpable with excitement. Organizers and participants alike eagerly anticipated a day that would celebrate not only the sport of golf but also foster meaningful connections within the University of Miami's accounting network. Undoubtedly, one of the defining factors of the event was the robust engagement from every corner of the University. Students, faculty, and passionate alumni came together in teams, showcasing unity and synergy that resonated throughout the day. This sense of unity extended to industry professionals who wholeheartedly embraced their invitations, contributing to the vibrant and collaborative atmosphere that defined the event. The event's success was bolstered by the generous backing provided by sponsors.



Their contributions ensured the seamless execution of the event and added an extra layer of excitement with their offerings of exclusive perks. Looking forward, the University of Miami's Accounting Department is already abuzz with anticipation for next year's golf tournament, which is poised to build upon this year's monumental achievement. The bar has been set high, and the outlook is optimistic. Plans are already in motion to elevate the event to new heights.







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On April 26, 2023, scholarship donors, recipients, alumni, and others gathered for the Annual Miami Herbert Business School Scholarship Donor Appreciation Luncheon. This occasion provided a platform to listen to the perspectives of both scholarship recipients and donors, shedding light on the significance of giving and receiving scholarships. Additionally, recipients had the chance to personally connect with the benefactors who made their scholarships possible.





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We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Allan Herbert for his generous contribution to this year's golf event. His support has played a pivotal role in making this event a success, and we are truly grateful for his commitment to our department and its initiatives. In addition, we are both honored and excited by his pledge to support next year's event. His continuous dedication has sparked a sense of anticipation for what lies ahead. Once again Mr. Herbert, thank you for being an invaluable part of our journey. Your contribution is a testament to your belief in the potential of our department. We look forward to continuing this journey together and achieving new milestones in the years to come.



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GABRIELLA VARELA NAMED PCAOB SCHOLAR FOR UM



Gabriella Varela was named the 2023-24 PCAOB (Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) Scholar for the University of Miami. Her award includes a \$10,000 scholarship for the 2023-24 academic year, which was applied to her Accelerated 4.5-Year Accounting Program.

Gabriella, affectionately known as Gabby, is a remarkable individual currently pursuing her Master's in Accounting as part of the accelerated 4.5 program. Her commitment to academic

excellence has been acknowledged through the PCAOB scholarship, an achievement she describes as a genuine blessing. She expresses special appreciation to Dan Medina, saying, **"He's been such a support to me in the past couple of years."** This scholarship has alleviated the financial burden and allowed her to concentrate on her studies.

Gabby interned at KPMG in the Business Tax Services division in New York City, where she was drawn to the practical scenarios and clients she encountered. This experience further fueled her passion for accounting, making it more than just theoretical knowledge from textbooks.

What pleasantly surprised Gabby the most during her accounting studies was the immense support system she found. From professors to classmates, Gabby felt like she **"always had someone to study with or get advice from."**

Gabby hopes to inspire fellow students who are contemplating a career in accounting with her insightful advice. She advocates that the field of accounting is **"an incredible career path."** While the courses at UM lay a robust educational foundation, Beta Alpha Psi further enhances the student experience. Through this esteemed organization, students have the opportunity to connect with firms, expand their professional network, and gain insights that extend beyond textbooks.

After graduating from UM, Gabby will continue her journey at KPMG as an Asset Management Tax Associate. We have no doubt that she will leave a lasting impact on the profession and those she encounters along the way.

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Scholarships are granted through a nomination process, and the selection criteria are based on merit. However, the PCAOB encourages educational institutions to give special consideration to students from historically underrepresented backgrounds within the accounting profession.

BUSINESS FORUM: ETHICS

Our annual Business ForUM, hosted by the Accounting Department, gathered distinguished business leaders, technical experts, and industry pioneers to delve into the realm of ethics and its profound influence on modern business dynamics. Participants had the invaluable opportunity to connect, learn, and engage with peers, Miami Herbert Business School alumni, faculty, and friends. The forum tackled pressing issues surrounding ethics in today's business landscape, offering insights into decision-making, corporate culture, and long-term sustainability. Beyond the informative sessions, the Business ForUM provided a platform for networking and reconnection.

We express our gratitude to **Michiel Kridel** for his contribution as the keynote speaker of the forum. His expertise and perspective added value to the discussions on ethics and its impact on contemporary business practices. Michiel's insights resonated with our audience, enriching their understanding of this critical subject. We appreciate his dedication to sharing knowledge and fostering meaningful dialogue.



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BETA ALPHA PSI

In this edition of the University of Miami's Accounting Department Newsletter, we continue to shine a spotlight on Beta Alpha Psi (BAP), a student organization dedicated to enhancing the professional development of its members and providing valuable networking opportunities in the fields of accounting, finance, and Fortune 500 companies. Our interview with David Muina, the President of BAP's University of Miami chapter offers further insights into the organization's achievements and goals.

Q: Can you share some highlights of Beta Alpha Psi's activities and achievements over the past year?

A: Beyond our successful in-person banquet and increased attendance at firm meetings, we've expanded our executive board to better serve our members. Our chapter's participation in the Beta Alpha Psi national conference in Las Vegas was a remarkable experience. It allowed our new executive board members to immerse themselves in the BAP culture and gain fresh ideas and strategies from other chapters. We're thrilled to have over 120 students attend our introductory meeting this semester. Looking ahead, we plan to host a variety of accounting, finance, and Fortune 500 companies throughout the year, as well as multiple social and community service events.



Q: What inspired you to become the President of Beta Alpha Psi, and what are your goals for the organization during your tenure?

A: My inspiration for leading Beta Alpha Psi at the University of Miami stems from my desire to give back and pay forward the opportunities the organization provided me. Joining BAP as a sophomore was a turning point in my academic and professional journey. Through the connections and knowledge I gained, I secured an internship at a prestigious Big Four accounting firm. Additionally, I developed a deeper understanding of the diverse opportunities within the accounting field and the distinctions between various firms. What excites me most about being President is running BAP as a business, focusing on creating effective processes and systems, and fostering innovation and creativity. Our goals for this semester include:

1. **Increase our marketing:** We aim to enhance our organization's visibility through social media, tabling events, classroom visits, and other communication channels.
2. **Diversify our firm presentations:** We plan to include more finance, Fortune 500, and governmental entities, providing a broader perspective to our members.
3. **Expand social and community service events:** We're committed to offering more opportunities for members to engage with the community and build valuable skills.

Q: How has Beta Alpha Psi contributed to the professional development of its members?

A: Beta Alpha Psi is instrumental in advancing the professional development of its members. We host 10-15 firm meetings each semester where firms introduce themselves, discuss career opportunities, and provide insights into their corporate cultures. Following these meetings, our members have the chance to network with professionals, building connections that often lead to internships and job opportunities.

Q: What advice would you give to students who are considering joining Beta Alpha Psi or pursuing careers in accounting?

A: For those considering joining BAP, it provides a significant advantage in the accounting and finance industries. It exposes you to various firms and allows you to build essential connections. Remember, connections in these fields are often the key to uncovering hidden opportunities and securing interviews.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to share with our readers about Beta Alpha Psi and its role within the University of Miami's accounting community?

A: We're excited about the growth and improvements we anticipate in the coming years. Beta Alpha Psi at the University of Miami is a thriving community that offers unique opportunities for students to excel in the accounting and finance industries. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our chapter and our commitment to fostering excellence in accounting education and professional development.

MEET OUR ACCOUNTING PHDS

This academic year, three new PhD students began their studies with the department. Get to know our newest PhDs - Oussema El Abel, Brianna De La Osa, and Daryl Barber - plus five of our more advanced doctoral students.



Seungju Choi

Hometown: Seongnam, Republic of Korea

Area of research interest: Financial archival, ESG (topic-wise).

Post-doctoral plans: Pursuing a career as a university professor.



Oussema El Ajel

Hometown: Tunis, Tunisia

Area of research interest: Shareholder activism, innovation disclosure, and antitrust.

Post-doctoral plans: Secure a position at a leading research institution and contribute to the reform of Tunisia's financial regulation.



Dan Li

Hometown: Zhejiang, China

Area of research interest: Activist Short Sellers; ESG Reporting; Human Capital; Financial Analysts.

Post-doctoral plans: Become a professor and devote myself to rigorous accounting research.



Anthony Joffre

Hometown: Miami, Florida

Area of research interest: The role of disclosure in shaping capital allocation within financial markets through information production and consumption.

Post-doctoral plans: Continue a career in academia.



John Daryl Barber

Hometown: New Britain, Connecticut

Area of research interest: Financial Reporting and Disclosure.

Regulation

Post-doctoral plans: Become a professor and teach.



Allan Herbert

Hometown: Miami, Florida

Area of research interest: Corporate governance and monetary theory.

Post-doctoral plans: Addressing income inequality, publishing his dissertation, and pursuing his academic interests.



Brianna de la Osa

Hometown: Miami, Florida

Area of research interest: Both disclosure and tax research.

Post-doctoral plans: Become a faculty member at an accounting department in the US.



Zeyu Ou

Hometown: Guangdong, China

Area of research interest: Disclosure, Regulation, Private Equity.

Post-doctoral plans: Undecided

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- Excellence in Teaching Award, Master of Science in Taxation & Accountancy Program, Miami Herbert Business School - December 2022

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- Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Journal of Accounting Research*

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Daniel Medina

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- Notable Contribution to the Auditing Literature Award, *American Accounting Association, Auditing Section*

RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

“Documentation and Small Business” by **Shirley Dennis-Escoffier**, *Strategic Finance*, December 2022.

“How Government Spending Impacts Tax Compliance” by **Diana Falsetta**, *Journal of Business Ethics*, date forthcoming.

“Governance Mechanisms, Accounting Regulation, and Corporate Disclosure in the Aftermath of Covid-19: Novel research questions and methodological opportunities” by **Dhananjay Nanda**, *Corporate Governance: An International Review*, August 2023.

“Insider Horizon and Disclosure Policies” by **Daniele Macciocchi**, *The Accounting Review*.

“Does Socially Responsible Investing Change Firm Behavior?” by **Daniele Macciocchi**, *Review of Finance*.

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FACULTY WINTER WARM-UP

In the pursuit of knowledge exchange and academic excellence, we are excited to recap the highlights of our Winter Warm-up Accounting Conference, held on December 8th and 9th. This event convened esteemed accounting researchers from prestigious institutions worldwide for an informal discussion on cutting-edge academic research. Attendees comprised our distinguished accounting faculty, talented Ph.D. students, and 25 renowned professors from various universities.

Over the course of the conference, participants engaged in five stimulating paper presentations, punctuated by a memorable Thursday evening reception at the local "Aussie" wine bar and brewery, "Bay 13," in Coral Gables. Distinguished speakers, including Professors John Donovan (Notre Dame), Beatrice Michaeli (UCLA), April Klein (NYU), Mark Maffett (University of Miami), and Christine Cuny (NYU), delved into crucial topics like racial segregation and audit independence, biased boards and their impact on corporate investment efficiency, strategic advertising for political targeting avoidance, loan pricing, equity market feedback, and investor engagement in ESG performance. This conference served as a valuable platform for Ph.D. students and junior faculty, enhancing their visibility and fostering networking opportunities, while highlighting the excellence of the MHBS Accounting department. The next Winter Warm-up Accounting Conference will be on December 2, 2023.



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