Iron Arrow® Honor Society

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A Message from the 2025–26 Student Officers

Members of the Tribe,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 academic year!

As the University of Miami celebrates a remarkable 100 years of excellence, growth, and community, we are reminded of the profound legacy we share as members of Iron Arrow, the highest honor the University bestows.

Our Tribe is built on a foundation of leadership, integrity, and unwavering service. But our true strength lies not just in these values, but in each of you, the dedicated individuals who carry this legacy forward. Your commitment, courage, and passion are what keep Iron Arrow alive and vibrant, generation after generation.

This year, we warmly invite every member to return to campus and be part of this historic celebration. Come home to reconnect with your Tribe, to honor our shared tradition, and to strengthen the bonds that make Iron Arrow far more than an honor; it is a family. Your presence will be vital in marking this milestone and inspiring both new and returning members alike.

As we celebrate the rich history that brought us here, let this year also be a time to engage in the future of our Tribe. We have a full calendar of events ahead that honor our traditions and deepen our connections. We hope to see you there, showing up not just in spirit, but in person. Your presence matters. It is how we carry the torch forward together, with the same heart, humility, and strength that have defined Iron Arrow for the past century.

Feel free to reach out to any of us.

We're always here, and we can't wait to share this year with you.

Yours in the Arrow,

Cecilia "Ceci" Amaro
Chair, 2025-2026

Alex Pedowitz
Treasurer, 2025-2026

Kyle Sygall
Lawmaker, 2025-2026

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Iron Arrow® Honor Society - Fall 2025 Calendar

Fall 2025 'Canes Take Flight Orientation Event
Wednesday, August 13
4:45 - 6:30 PM
Watsco Center - walk into the H100 Room
1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE!

Fall 2025 Kickoff Business Meeting
Monday, August 25
7:00PM
Shalala Student Center Iron Arrow Room 300
1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
Hybrid: In person or online. In person encouraged.
Zoom link will be provided closer to meeting time.
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE FOR ONLINE OR IN PERSON ATTENDANCE!

Fall 2025 Non-Member Recommendations Due
Friday, September 26
11:59PM
https://ironarrow.miami.edu/community/community-recommendations

Fall 2025 Pre-Selections and Non-Member Recommendations Review
Wednesday, October 1
7:00 - 9:30 PM
Shalala Student Center Iron Arrow Room 300 and via Zoom
1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE!

Fall 2025 Nominations Due
Monday, October 20
11:59 PM
via ironarrow@miami.edu
Please email Chair Amaro (cxa659@miami.edu) with any questions

Fall 2025 Selections Meeting
Sunday, October 26
8:00 AM
Shalala Student Center Senate Room 302
1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
YOU MUST PAY DUES & WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE!

Fall 2025 Medical Campus Tappings
Wednesday, November 5
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Medical Campus Mound, Schöninger Research Quad
Miller School of Medicine
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE!

Fall 2025 Coral Gables Campus Tappings
Thursday, November 6
7:30 - 11:30 AM
Iron Arrow Mound
1306 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE!

Fall 2025 Tribal Portrait
Thursday, November 6
11:30 - 11:45 AM
Iron Arrow Mound
1306 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
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Fall 2025 Tapping Day Luncheon
Thursday, November 6
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Grand Ballrooms, Shalala Student Center
1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE!

Fall 2025 Fire Ritual
Thursday, November 6 - Friday, November 7
3:00 PM - 3:00 PM (October 25)
Iron Arrow Mound
1306 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
You MUST wear your jacket to be on the mound. ***NO ONE OTHER THAN IRON ARROW MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED ON THE MOUND DURING THE FIRE RITUAL! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!***

2025 Homecoming and Alumni Weekend Events
Friday, November 7
Visit alumniweekend.miami.edu for event details.

2025 Homecoming Honor Court
Syracuse Orange vs. Miami Hurricanes
Saturday, November 8
TBA
Hard Rock Stadium
347 Don Shula Drive
Miami Gardens, FL 33056
Non-Student Members: *Arrive to the EAST gate no later than* ***one hour*** *prior to game time with your ticket and jacket.* ***Student Members:*** *Go through the student entrance (NORTH-WEST gate) no later than* ***one hour*** *prior to game time, a student affairs staff member will escort you.*

This is a privilege and honor extended to all current Tribe Members and new Tappees. In accordance with the procedures and protocols of the University of Miami Athletic Department, you ***MUST*** *wear your jacket in order to be allowed on the field. Enter through the Main Entrance no later than* ***1 HOUR*** *prior to game time with your jacket* ***AND*** *tickets to the game.*

DO NOT *bring any non-members with you onto the field. This includes children and* ***ANYONE*** *wearing another member's jacket, as they will not be allowed to go onto the field, and the member may be subject to disciplinary action.* ***YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD IF YOU ARE NOT WEARING YOUR JACKET AND IN POSSESSION OF YOUR TICKET!***

Native American Heritage Month Begins
Saturday, November 1

Fall 2025 Initiation Week Events & Tribe Social
Monday, November 10 – Friday, November 14, 2025
Coral Gables Campus
- Tapping Class Meet-n-Greet Session
- History of Iron Arrow Session
- History of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida Session
- Initiation Supply Drop off and Volunteer Training
- Tribe Social @ The Rat

Please see the Tribe's online Calendar for details.

Fall 2025 Initiation
Weekend of Friday, November 14 – Sunday, November 16, 2025
The Everglades
Exact date to be finalized — please see the Tribe's online Calendar for details.
Email ironarrow@miami.edu if you are available and interested in volunteering.

Fall 2025 Close Out Business Meeting
Monday, November 17
7:00 pm
Shalala Student Center Iron Arrow Room 300
1330 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
Hybrid: In person or online. In person encouraged. Zoom link will be provided closer to meeting time.

MEETING LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. YOU MUST WEAR YOUR JACKET TO PARTICIPATE!

PLEASE CHECK IRONARROW.MIAMI.EDU FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION!!

Iron Arrow® Honor Society - Officer Profiles

Cecilia Amaro is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. A proud, soon to be double 'Cane, Ceci graduated from the University of Miami in 2022 with a degree in Microbiology and Immunology and a deep-rooted passion for mentorship, leadership, and service within the UM community. During medical school, Cecilia served as the Project Manager of the St. John Bosco student-run free clinic, where she worked to expand access to care for underserved communities. She now serves as Executive Director of the Mitchell Wolfson Sr. Department of Community Service (DOCS), where she oversees the coordination of nine annual health fairs and five weekly student-run free clinics that mobilize hundreds of students and healthcare professionals each year to provide free healthcare to approximately 1,800 underserved patients across South Florida. Cecilia is applying into OB-GYN residency, where she hopes to pursue her interests in maternal health, surgery, academic medicine, and health systems improvement. Tapped into Iron Arrow in Fall 2021, she is honored to serve as Chair. She hopes to preserve the depth of Iron Arrow's legacy while expanding its reach through meaningful connections, strengthened traditions, and a renewed sense of belonging across generations. Cecilia looks forward to celebrating 100 years of the Tribe and helping carry its impact forward for the next century.

Alex Pedowitz is a fourth-year MD/MPH student at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2021 with degrees in Biochemistry and Medicine, Health & Society, which laid the foundation for her ongoing work in wellness, education, and systems-level change. During medical school, Alex co-founded the Miami chapter of Blueprints for Pangaea and helped expand it into a full-scale Student Climate Committee, which emphasizes sustainable healthcare through research, education, and advocacy. She also serves as her class Curriculum Representative, a clinical skills trainer for pre-clinical students, and an active member of the Department of Community Service (DOCS) Emergency Preparedness Team. She is currently applying into Emergency Medicine residency programs, where she hopes to blend her passions for acute care, public health, and community engagement. Tapped into Iron Arrow in Fall 2024, Alex is honored to serve as the incoming Treasurer. She hopes to strengthen campus-wide engagement through expanded service initiatives, improved fundraiser visibility, and deeper collaboration across UM's campuses and student networks. Alex looks forward to welcoming the next generation of honorees and supporting the continued impact and integrity of the Tribe.

Kyle Sygall is currently a master's student in Applied Physiology at the Coral Gables Campus and will proudly become a Double Cane in Spring 2026. As an undergraduate, Kyle left a lasting impact on campus life as the Founding Father and President of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity – Alpha Omega Chapter, Vice President of the Interfraternity Council, and a dedicated service dog trainer with UPup. He was inducted into the Order of Omega Honor Society and awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award, among numerous other honors recognizing his leadership and service. After graduation, Kyle continued his pursuit of excellence and innovation as a data specialist with the University of Miami Football Team's Sports Science Department, where he focused on performance optimization and injury prevention through advanced data analysis. Tapped in Spring 2024, Kyle is deeply honored to serve as Lawmaker for the upcoming year. With a passion for tradition and a drive to build meaningful community, he is committed to upholding the values of the Tribe, strengthening student engagement, and helping shape a future defined by unity, purpose, and pride.

Iron Arrow® Honor Society - Welcome New Members!

Erin Albertini – Executive Board Member, Former Clinic Co-Director, Former Evaluations Director, University of Miami Human Rights Clinic; Chair, Spanish In Medical Practice and Teaching Integrated Cultural Awareness (SIMPATICA); Peer Support Navigator, UMMSM Peer Support Network; Director of Membership and Student Engagement, Former Secretary, National Association for Medical Spanish (NAMS) Student Coalition Board; Presenter, Half Talk; Former Co-Director of Volunteering, University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic; Mental Health Committee, Physicians for Human Rights Student Advisory Board; Erin received a Peer Mentor Award at the 2025 UMMSM Excellence in Student Teaching Awards, was nominated by her peers into the Gold Humanism Honor Society and was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha.

Vance Aloupis – CEO, Children's Movement of Florida; State Representative, Florida House of Representatives; Partner, Strategos Group; Member, Leadership Florida; Judge Peter Palermo Fellow, University of Miami; Member, University of Miami Young Alumni Leadership Council; Student Body President, University of Miami; Student Board Member, University of Miami Board of Trustees; Board Member, Miami Homes for All; Board Member, Epilepsy Alliance of Florida; Board Member, Friends of the Underline; Board Member, Deering Estate Foundation; Ruth Shack Leadership Award Recipient, Miami Foundation; Young Floridians of the Year, UF Graham Center; Emerging Leader Award, Florida International University; Fellow, Miami Fellows Program; Young American Leaders Program, Harvard Business School; Excellence in Public Policy Award, the Children's Trust; Legislator of the Year, Florida Parent Teacher Association (PTA); Commissioner, Volunteer Florida; Florida Scouting, Court of Honor, Character Education Champion.

Brandon Apagüeño – Executive Director, Founder of DOCS Rapid Access Wellness (RAW) Clinic, Clinics Co-Director, St. John Bosco Clinic Senior Advisor, St. John Bosco Clinic Project Manager, Department of Community Service (DOCS) Executive Board; MD Admissions Committee Member, Miller School of Medicine Admissions; Treasurer, Peer Support Navigator, Peer Support Network; Asclepius Senior Assistant Director, Academic Societies; Executive Administrator, Florida Clinics Collaborative (FCC); VP of Curriculum, Community Outreach Teaching Services (COATS).

Adam Apatoff – UM President's Council, Executive Committee; UM Herbert School of Business Entrepreneurship Programs Advisory Board; Worthy Grand Treasurer, Kappa Sigma Fraternity Supreme Executive Committee; Pro Bono General Counsel, Kappa Sigma Fraternity; Program Underwriter and Founder, UM Greek Leadership Institute; UM Alumni Association, D.C. Canes Summer Send Off Host; Washington Business Journal "Top Washington Lawyer

John Barkley – Chief of Police, Treasure Island, Florida; Assistant Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Officer, City of Naples, Florida; National Academy Associates, FBI; Inaugural Cohort, University of Miami MPA Online Program; District 12 Director, Awards Committee Member, Florida Police Chiefs Association; Member, International Association of Police Chiefs; Police Standards Council, Pinellas County; Policy Board Member, Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute; Class #276 National Academy Graduate, FBI; University of Miami Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society; Public Service Leader of the Year Award; Outstanding Command Officer of the Year Award.

Gina Beovides – Judicial Director, UM Law Alumni Association; Dean, Florida Judicial College; Florida Court Education Council; Co-chair, Criminal Track, Florida Advanced Judicial Studies; Florida Supreme Court On-line Dispute Resolution Committee; Judicial Circuit Representative, Third District Court of Appeal; Executive Board, Vice Chair - Legislative Committee, Conference of Circuit Court Judges; Florida Bar Small Claims Rules Committee; Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee; Eleventh Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee, Circuit Mentoring Committee & Technology Committee; Board of Directors, St. Brendan High School; Cuban American Bar Association PAVER Award; Spanish American League Against Discrimination Sense of Community Award; UM Law Distinguished Alumni Award; Cuban American Bar Association Presidential Award; Miami-Dade Bar Hispanic Heritage Judicial Trailblazers Award

Andrew Co – President, Student Bar Association; President, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association; President, Inter-Club Council; 2L Ambassador, Law Alumni Board; Student Intern, Immigration Clinic; Dean's Fellow, Property; Research Assistant, Dean Rebecca Sharpless; Student Ambassador, Miami Law Admissions; Member, First-Generation Law Association; Triathlon Team; Recipient, Judge Meenu Sasser Family Scholarship; CALI Excellence for the Future Award Recipient, Immigration Clinic I; Recipient, Dean's Merit Scholarship; Dean's List, 1L and 2L.

Emily Danzinger – Program Director, Deputy Program Director, University Ambassador, Civic Synergy; Editor-In-Chief, Treasurer, Copy Chief, Writer, Scientifica Magazine; President, Treasurer, Judge, Competitor, UM Debate Team; Program Director, Training Director, News Director, Music Staff, DJ, WVUM 90.5FM; Director of Student Relations, Intern, George P. Hanley Democracy Center; Orientation Leader, Orientation Fellow, Orientation & Commuter Student Involvement; Foote Fellow; Singer Scholar; Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society; 2024 UM Newman Civic Fellow; 2024 UM Truman Scholars Nominee.

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Edie Duncan – Co-Director of Education & Training, Former Co-Director of Street Rounds, Former Care Coordinator, Dade County Street Response (DCSR) / Miami Street Medicine; Project Manager, Former Patient Navigator for Reproductive Health Advocates (RHA); Student-Staff & Volunteer Coordinator, Pathways to Wellness Women's Clinic; Co-Founder and Co-President, Miller Music Collective; Peer Teacher, OB/GYN Clerkship Training; Volunteer, UMMSM Department of Community Service (DOCS); Honorable Mention Award in Clinical Medicine Category at the 2025 Eastern-Atlantic Student Research; Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Emily Eachus – No One Dies Alone Chair, Gold Humanism Honor Society; Executive Director, Health Fair Co-Director, Logistics Coordinator, Final Doctor Evaluation Station Manager, Department of Community Service (DOCS) Executive Board; Senior Advisor, Director of Research, Care Coordinator, Miami Street Medicine; MD Admissions Committee Member, Miller School of Medicine Admissions; Preschool Counselor, Plantation United Methodist Preschool; Software Licensing Student Assistant, Information Technology University of Miami; Calculus Teacher, South Plantation High School; Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Nutrition Cum Laude, University of Miami (2020).

Marisa Ewing – U.S. Army Captain; U.S. Army Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP) Scholarship Recipient; Dean's Merit Scholarship Recipient; HOPE Community Service Challenge: Outstanding 1L Award Recipient; Graduate Assistant, Veterans Resource Center; Lexis Associate; Student Intern, Health Rights Clinic; Trial Defense Service, Fort Stewart - Judge Advocate General (JAG) Legal Intern; Vice President and HOPE Liaison, Veteran Law Student Society; Vice President and HOPE Liaison, Disability Law Student Association; Honor Council Representative; Student Ambassador; Changemaker Grant, Grant Writer and Recipient.

Sabrina Ginsburg – Co-Founder and Co-President, Aviation and Aerospace Medicine Interest Group; Air Force Liaison, Military Medicine Interest Group; Vice President and Interest Group Coordinator, Emergency Medicine Student Association (EMSA); Advisor, Former Team Member, UMMSM Ultrasound Team; Former Interprofessional Education Executive Director, Former Liberty City Health Fair Project Manager, UMMSM Department of Community Service (DOCS); Former Class of 2025 Event Coordinator, UMMSM's Laennec Academic Society; United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship; First Place at 2024 Florida Sono SmackDown competition; Author of children's book.

Lisa Gwynn – President, Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); Member, University of Miami Faculty Senate, Miller School Representative; Member, University of Miami General Welfare Committee; National Representative, American Academy of Pediatrics to the Association of Immunization Managers Collaborative; Regional Director, National Migrant Clinicians Specialty Care; Member, The Children's Trust Provider Group; Member, School Health Medical Advisory Council, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Member, School Health Services Plan Workgroup, Miami-Dade County Department of Health; Appointee, Superintendent School Reopening Committee, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Medical/Public Health Expert; Recipient, Health Foundation of South Florida Inspiring Women of Healthcare Award; Recipient, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Dean's Community Engagement Award; Recipient, American Academy of Pediatrics Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Award; Recipient, Sapphire Award, Florida Blue Foundation; Recipient, The Arnold Melnick Child Advocacy Award.

Haikel Haile – Diversity Representative, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Executive Student Government; Co-Editor-In-Chief, Former Managing Editor & Writer, Former Writer & Layout Designer, UMMSM The Medical I.B.I.S.; Admissions Liaison, UMMSM Office of Admissions; Classroom Assistant, UMMSM Health Careers Motivation Program; Advisory Board Member, UMMSM Office of Belonging and Inclusive Excellence; Health Fair Volunteer & Clinic Volunteer, UMMSM Department of Community Service (DOCS); Junior Executive Symposium Director, Eastern Atlantic Student Research Forum; Research Participant, KIMERA Research Program; Presenter, 57th Florida Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting; Grant recipient for the 12th National Conference on Health Disparities.

Armen Henderson – Member, National Academy of Medicine, Climate Communities Network; Finalist, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Health Care Heroes; Fellow, National Medical Association Climate and Health Equity; Founder and President, Dade County Street Response; Executive Director, Miami Street Medicine; Executive Director, Doctors Within Borders; Medical Director, Healing and Justice Coalition; Fellow, Echoing Green Global Social Entrepreneurship Program; Recipient, Community Champion Award, Miami Worker's Center; Recipient, National Medical Association's Top Healthcare Professional Under 40; Recipient, Miami-Dade County Cease Fire Campaign Award; Recipient, University of Miami Faculty Senate Award for Humanitarianism; Recipient, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Dean's Faculty Award for Community Engagement; Recipient, People Matter Community Service Award; Recipient, Men's Health Magazine Life Changer Award; Recipient, Legacy Magazine's Top Black Doctors in Florida; Recipient, Community Pillar Award; Recipient, Miami-Dade County Black Advisory Board Community Resilience Prize.

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Kelby Hunt – National Student Chair, American Medical Women's Association Physician Fertility Working Group; Curriculum Representative, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Student Government; Chair, UMMSM Student Curriculum Working Group; Founder and Course Lead, FIRST Curriculum for Medical Trainees; President, Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group; Patient Navigator, Reproductive Health Advocates; Ft. Lauderdale Project Manager, Department of Community Service; Teacher/ Facilitator, Racism in Obstetrics and Gynecology Curriculum. Several first-author publications on fertility knowledge, gender inequity in leadership, and medical misinformation. Population Health Scholar Award; UMMSM Merit Scholarship; National Infertility Association's Hope Award for Advocacy; 3rd place for her oral presentation at the 2024 Eastern Atlantic Student Research Forum; Alpha Omega Alpha; Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Barry Issenberg – Senior Associate Dean, Continuing Medical Education & Research in Medical Education; Director, Michael S. Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education; Nationally and internationally recognized leader in medical simulation recognized for significant contributions to simulation-based medical education; Secured over $45 million in research funding as principal investigator; Silver Quail Award, Association for the Studies of Medical Education.

Skylah Klein – Student Athlete, University of Miami Women's Soccer Program; Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; Student-Athlete Pen Pal Program; University of Miami Dream On 3; ACC-SAAC Leadership Forum; NCAA Inclusion Forum Participant; Outstanding Community Service Student-Athlete Award; Most Engaged Student-Athlete Award; University of Miami Butler Center Vice President's Award for Service; Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honor Society.

Kara Lindsay – President, Class Council; Co-President, UMMSM Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine; Independent Student Analysis, UMMSM LCME Accreditation Process; Creator, IUD insertion clinic -reproductive health advocacy helping underserved patients; Gold Humanism Society; Professional Identity Formation Leadership Committee Nominee.

Antonio Marttos – Professor of Surgery, Miller School of Medicine; Vice-Chair, Surgical Telehealth, Miller School of Medicine; Attending Surgeon, University of Miami and Jackson Memorial Hospitals; Assistant Professor of Urgency Medicine, ABC Foundation Medical School; Co-Director, William Lehman Injury Research Center and Global e-Health at the Ryder Trauma Center; Chief Medical Officer, Miami Formula 1 Grand Prix; Brazilian Olympic Committee Team Physician (2012 London Olympics, 2015 Toronto Pan American Games); author of more than 77 publications; invited speaker at more than 160 national and international meetings; co-investigator on two funded projects (totaling approximately $13,000,000); Executive Director of the Pan American Trauma Society; and recipient of multiple honors and awards from the International Olympic Committee, the Pan American Trauma Society, and the Florida Department of Health.

Catherine Marudo – Founder and President, Blueprints for Pangaea: Miami Chapter; Small Group Facilitator, Racism in Obstetrics and Gynecology Curriculum; Co-President, Obstetrics and Gynecology Student Interest Group; Volunteer, Former Logistics & RQI Manager, Center for Haitian Studies Student-Run Free Clinic; Alternate Delegate, Medical Student House of Delegates through American Society of Anesthesiology; Volunteer, UMMSM Department of Community Service; English Tutor, Ringle; Founder, Doula Program at Jackson Memorial Hospital; Authored 7 manuscripts; 3 podium presentations, 12 poster presentations, and 1 op-ed; Delta Omega Honor Society in Public Health; Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Louis Pizano – Professor and Chief, Division of Burns. C. Gillon Ward Endowed Chair in Burn Surgery, Miller School of Medicine; Medical Director, University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital Burn Center; Associate Dean for Admissions, Miller School of Medicine; Director, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Program, Jackson Memorial Hospital and Miller School of Medicine; South Florida POC, Contingency Medical Planning, US Secret Service. Director, White House Medical Unit Trauma Sustainment Training Program; Dr. Pizano has received 9 separate awards from the Physician to the US President, the White House Medical Unit, and the United States Secret Service. He personally accompanied Presidents Clinton and Bush to Haiti after the earthquake.

Zander Samarasinghe – Chair, Basketball Co-Chair, Category 5; Executive Board, Student Government; Sponsorship, Spirit Tree, and Community Engagement Co-Chair, Homecoming Executive Committee; Marketing and Event Management Intern, University of Miami Athletics Department; Member, Undergraduate Sport Professionals on Research and Training; Brother, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity; Events and Entertainment Intern, FIFA World Cup 2026; Campus Ambassador, Wasserman Next Generation; Campus Ambassador, Adidas; SOAR Awards 2023 Student Leader of the Year; Provost's Honor Roll; Dean's List; Alpha Lambda Delta.

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Bhavya Sharma – Co-Director, Outreach Committee Co-Coordinator, Treasurer, Camp Kesem; President, Vice President, Treasurer, UM National Organization for Women; President, Fundraising Chair, Freshman Representative, Big Brothers Big Sisters; President, Co-Vice President, Treasurer, Nu Rho Psi Honor Society; NOW Senator, Vice Chair of University Affairs Committee, Student Government; Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society; Isaac Bashevis Singer Scholarship; 2023 CanSUR Summer Research Scholar.

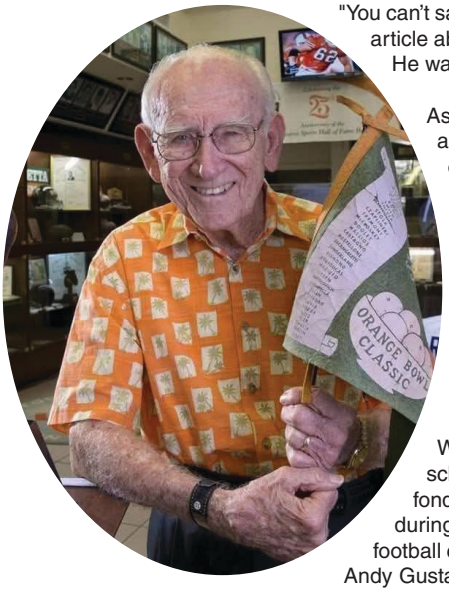
Matthew Sussmane – President, Graduate Business Student Association; Co-Creator, MBA Fellowship Program; Member, Dean's Strategic Planning Committee; Miami Herbert Business School Representative; Graduate Activity Fee Allocation Committee; Miami Herbert Business School Scholarship Award recipient.

Eric Virgil – Member, The Florida Bar; Member, The North Carolina State Bar; Fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC); Judge Maria M. Korvick Award; Bonnie L. Cooper Probate & Guardianship Award; Chair, Digital Assets and Information Committee; Past Vice-Chair, Guardianship Practice and Advanced Directives Committee (Florida Bar); Past Chair, Dade County Bar's Probate and Guardianship Committee; Member, ACTEC's Digital Property Task Force; Member, ACTEC's Elder Law Committee; AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell; J.D. with Honors (UNC-Chapel Hill); B.B.A. with Honors, Cum Laude (University of Miami); Admitted to The Florida Bar; Admitted to The North Carolina Bar; Admitted to U.S. Tax Court; Admitted to U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida; Member, The Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar; Executive Council Member (Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section, Florida Bar); Chair, Probate and Guardianship Division (Dade County Bar); Chair, Digital Assets and Information Study Committee; Chair, Practice Management and Development Section (Florida Bar); Vice-Chair, Law Office Management Assistance Service (Florida Bar); Super Lawyers; Estate and Trust Litigation; Pro Bono Service Award; Board Member, Charitable and Non-Profit Entities; Frequent Lecturer, Trusts, Estates, and Guardianship.

Norman Waas – Two-Term International President, Corporate Governance Committee, Supreme Councilor, Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity; Past President, American Board of Trial Advocates; Committee Member, Defense Research Institute; Committee Member, Florida Academy of Healthcare Attorneys; Committee Member, Florida Defense Lawyers Association; Committee Member, Florida Hospital Association; Committee Member, Litigation Counsel of America; Past Member of Board of Directors, Miami-Dade County Bar Association; Grievance Committee and Code and Rules of Evidence Committee, The Florida Bar; Member, The Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum; Florida Trend's Legal Elite; Florida Super Lawyers; Martindale-Hubbell® AV Peer Review Rating; Golden Key; Alpha Epsilon Rho; Order of Omega; Associate Editor, University of Miami Inter-American Law Review; Associate Editor, Entertainment and Sports Law Journal; Member, Society of Bar and Gavel; Associate Justice, Honor Council.

Patrick Waldinger – Senior Lecturer, Communication Studies; Assistant Director, Debate; President, Cross Examination Debate Association; President, American Debate Association; Director, Hurricane Debate Institute; Consultant, Miami-Dade Urban Debate League; Instructor, National Prison Debate League. Patrick is a recipient of the American Debate Association's Founder's Award for Service and is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary. He has coached his debate students to numerous prestigious awards including the ACC Debate Championship, Lafayette Debates, National Social Justice Debates, American Debate Association Novice Championships, and many others.

A Tribute to Grover "G." Holmes Braddock (1925-2025)



"You can't say it about most, but Grover "G." Holmes Braddock had truly seen it all." was the opening of a 2021 UM Athletics article about the UM Legend. We lost Holmes as everyone called him on July 24, 2025, one day after his 100th birthday. He was active to the very end, responding to emails, calls and text messages.

As a graduate of the University of Miami Class of 1949 and tapped into Iron Arrow in Spring 1949, Holmes was an integral part of the University of Miami for almost eight decades – a tenure that exceeded even those of UM our founding President and IA Founder Bowman Foster Ashe and rivaled only by his dear friend and IA legend himself, David McDonald.

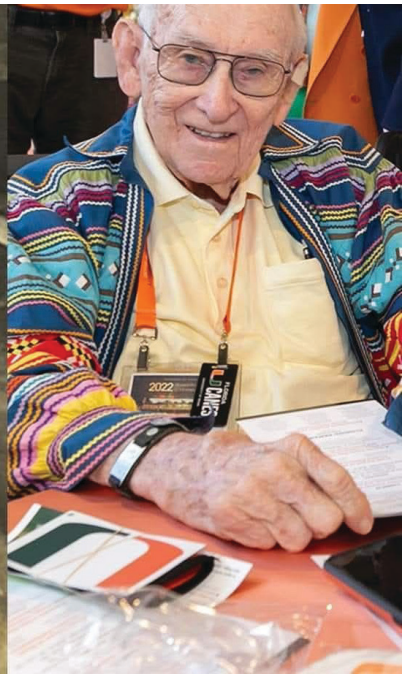
Born July 23, 1925, he came into this world a mere three months after the University's Charter was signed. Having grown up in Sebastian, Florida – a town about 15 miles north of Vero Beach – Holmes estimated he was a fan of the Hurricanes since 12 years of age. In the 2021 UM Athletics interview, he noted "we used to get the newspaper from Miami delivered to our town, so I knew a lot of the players' names and I eventually got to know a lot of them after that." By his count, prior to the COVID-19-impacted year of 2020, he and his wife Virginia "Ginny" Braddock had missed a total of 14 Hurricanes Football home games since he arrived to campus as a freshman in 1946.

When he was discharged from military service in 1946, he knew he knew the University of Miami was the only school for him. During his time at The U, Holmes served as sports editor for The Miami Hurricane. One of his fondest memories on an assignment was sitting next to iconic manager Connie Mack in the Philadelphia A's dugout during a spring training game at Miami Stadium. Through his time as a student reporter, he grew close to Miami head football coach Jack Harding, who eventually became Director of Athletics. Harding would go on to hire former teammate Andy Gustafson to be head coach of the Hurricanes. "Coach Harding asked me to represent the student body when Gus came in," Braddock said. "I met him on the tarmac when he stepped off the plane. I was the first student he met."

Eventually, upon graduation, then-school president Dr. Bowman Foster Ashe hired Holmes to recruit students up and down the east coast of the United States to attend Miami. "At the end of the year, I asked him if there was any chance I could get off the road, because my wife was pregnant and due in a few months," Holmes recalled. Dr. Ashe would respond' 'I only have one job available, but it pays less than what I'm paying you. It's manager of the student union." Holmes mused, "I was making $3,600 per year." Holmes had found his dream job, and kept it until April 1954. "It was probably the best job I ever had, because as the manager, you were involved in all the activities," he said. He would eventually leave UM to manage Miami Shores Country Club before moving into the insurance industry while still serving his community — including serving a record-length term on the School Board from 1962 to 2000. As chair during the 1969-1970 school year, he championed the district's efforts to desegregate schools and led the school system through a three-week teachers' strike. Over the decades, He championed bilingual education in schools, collective bargaining for public school employees and promoting the school volunteer program. He promoted citizen input into the athletic programs and the inclusion of a student representative on the School Board, according to his namesake school. In 1989, the School Board named a high school after him, G. Holmes Braddock Senior High, 3601 SW 147th Ave. He called the designation a career highlight.noting he never expected it – a sentiment capturing perfectly Iron Arrow's humility criteria.

But he never stopped attending Miami Hurricanes games. A hip replacement in 2008 ended his streak of perfect attendance for every Miami / Florida matchup since 1946. When asked about his favorite memory in a UM Athletics interview in 2021, the then 95-year-old did not pause. "1983 when we beat Nebraska for the first national championship," he said. "And if you asked me my favorite play, it would have to be the failed 2-point conversion with Kenny Calhoun. That has to be my favorite play."

Holmes had seen it all in his time as a Hurricanes fan, but one thing has remained constant on gameday, he said. "Maybe it'll change this year, but on gameday, I'm not very nice to be around," he said. "I'm not in a bad mood by any stretch, but I'm single-minded. I'm there to see a ball game. I'm not there to socialize. I try not to miss a play." His ritual was that he "used the restroom at the very last second before kickoff, again at halftime, and again once the game was over. He never got up for drinks, food, or to meet with friends during the game. If he tailgated, it would only happen after a Miami win – never before."



In recent talks with COE Member Johann Ali, Holmes asked that should anyone wonder what the "G." stood for that Johann share the following story:

"My birth name is George, but somewhere along the line after my christening my dad thought there were too many Georges in the family, and he decided he would honor his cousin who had recently died, Grover Cleveland Abernathy (because then it was common to be named after a President). But my dad said I would be called **HOLMES** and not "Little Georgie" as had been happening. And so that is how the "G." got there."

"A gentleman like you can't believe," his friend Lewis Matusow said to The Miami Herald. "You couldn't want to meet a better human."

We in Iron Arrow could not agree more. You live on in our hearts forever, Holmes. We hope we can live up to the example you set.

Special recognition of Holmes will be presented at the Fall 2025 Tapping Luncheon.

Iron Arrow Needs U! Be Part of This Historic Celebration!

As we approach a monumental milestone in our University of Miami history—the 100th anniversary of both our beloved institution and the prestigious Iron Arrow Honor Society—we invite you to play a pivotal role in this landmark celebration. This is a momentous occasion to honor our shared legacy and to champion the values that define us: Leadership, Scholarship, Character, Humility, and Love of Alma Mater.

Since its inception, Iron Arrow has been the beacon of history and excellence, representing the very best of the University of Miami. For a century, our Tribe has exemplified the spirit and tradition of The U, recognizing leaders who transcend boundaries and inspire greatness. This centennial is not only a time to reflect on our illustrious past but also to set a bold course for the future.

We need YOU, our distinguished Iron Arrow members—whose commitment and achievements illuminate our university's path—to help us mark this historic occasion with a gift that will lay the foundation for our next century. Your philanthropic support will fortify our initiatives, enrich our events, and elevate our campus in ways that honor the profound legacy we have built together.

Your generous contributions will play a vital role in ensuring our Centennial celebration is as spectacular as our legacy. Here's how you can help us advance the Arrow:

Iron Arrow Centennial Celebration (Iron Arrow Centennial Fund) COMING SOON!!!

Help us create a celebration commensurate with "the highest honor attained at the University of Miami". Your gift will directly support a celebration that reflects the depth of our tradition and the spirit of our community.

University-Wide Event Sponsorships (Iron Arrow Fund)

Support key campus events such as Orientation, Homecoming, and Greek Week. By sponsoring these events, you help preserve and enhance the traditions that are central to our university experience. Iron Arrow leadership will oversee sponsorships to ensure they align with our mission.

New Student Member Dues (Iron Arrow Fund)

Help us ensure that financial barriers do not prevent deserving students from joining Iron Arrow. Your donation can cover the dues for new student members, upholding our commitment to recognizing top student leaders.

New Member Jackets (Iron Arrow Jacket Fund) NEW!!!

Started 25 years ago by former Chief Johann Ali in the form of a basic donation as a way to offset the costs of the new members' jackets, we finally have a dedicated account for this funding. Our goal is to turn it into an endowment that will generate the funds needed to fully fund ALL of the jackets needed by new members. Many members have given to this cause over the years and we ask that you all renew your efforts and join us in this goal to grow this fund as much as possible as quickly as possible!

David McDonald Sophomore Leadership Award and Scholarship

This award honors a sophomore who demonstrates Iron Arrow's values early in their academic career. Your support will help build upon the late David McDonald's legacy of advocating for student excellence and leadership.

Together, let's advance the Arrow and celebrate a century of leadership, scholarship, and unwavering commitment to our Alma Mater. Your support will ensure that Iron Arrow continues to thrive and inspire for generations to come. For other ways to get involved with Iron Arrow's Centennial, email ironarrow@miami.edu

Thank you for your dedication and for making this Centennial a celebration to remember!

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Fall 2025 Luncheon Speaker: Erisa Hines Stilley

Erisa (Hines) Stilley helped launch the Europa Clipper mission on Oct 14th, 2024 as the Launch and Cruise Phase Lead, and then flew the spacecraft successfully past Mars and through its first "low data rate" period of operations as it headed out on a 5.5 year journey to Jupiter.

Among many roles in her almost 20 years at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) [some highlights] are:

- Serving as an instrumental member of the team landing the Perseverance Rover on Mars in the role of NASA engineer on the Mars 2020 mission, helped lead the entry, descent, and landing team for the space agency's most sophisticated robotic rover to date;
- Driving the Curiosity rover on Mars; and
- Supporting the Dawn asteroid mission as a testbed and launch engineer - her first flight project job.

For her key role in the Mars 2020 mission which took place in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, Erisa was highlighted in a UMAA Featured Alumni Story. Needless to say, Perseverance nailed the landing, while employing the use of brand new tools and equipment that its predecessor, Curiosity, did not.

The article in 2021 provided some additional insights into the incredible and one of a kind missions Erisa has been a part of: "But while Perseverance was her biggest challenge, it was not her favorite NASA project to work on. That distinction belongs to Curiosity, which is still roaming around the Martian landscape more than eight years after it landed there. For that project, Stilley served as rover planner and driver, working closely with scientists to map out strategic routes and then executing those drives.

"EDL is a cool job," explained Stilley, "but when you're driving a rover around on Mars, there's not a lot that can top that. I've been in the very enviable and rare position at JPL of having done both, and I try not to take that for granted.""

Erisa has two Masters of Science degrees from MIT (Aerospace Engineering and Technology and Policy), and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Miami. Erisa spent her childhood in Missouri but had a grandfather, uncles, and cousins to vacation with in Miami.

With family rep'ing FSU and UF, she made the best choice of them all in attending the U. Once a Cane, always a Cane. During her time at UM, highlights of her student leadership and career included: Coordinator, College of Engineering Dean's Dozen; Tau Beta Pi; Treasurer and Secretary, Engineering Advisory Board; Vice Chair, Students Together Ending Poverty (STEP); Build It, Co-Chair; Pi Tau Sigma; Peer Counselor; Resident Assistant; College of Engineering Student Ambassador; Cathy Pappas Memorial Scholarship, Co-Chair. Her love and dedication to our Alma Mater was recognized in the Fall of 2001 as a first semester senior, when she was tapped and initiated into Iron Arrow.

Erisa loves watching Miami football and is excited to be back on campus in time for some IA festivities and the U's Centennial celebrations.

Additional loves in her life include her husband, her church community, and spending time outdoors and traveling.

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Iron Arrow® Honor Society ~ Welcome to the Spring 2025 Members!

In Memoriam

The Tribe wishes to acknowledge, recognize, honor and celebrate our fellow Iron Arrows whom we have been notified passed on since the last newsletter. Our Tribe and the University of Miami community mourn their passing. We reach out together as a Tribe to support their families and reflect on their amazing legacies. They will be forever missed, forever Miami Hurricanes and forever Iron Arrows. Please visit the Iron Arrow website's "News" section for additional information on these remarkable members. Members are listed in order of passing from most recent to most distant.

Thomas Balkany, M.D. (1948–2025) - Visionary surgeon and educator; Chair emeritus, Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; First Director, UM Ear Institute; Pioneer in cochlear implantation whose work helped restore hearing to thousands. Iron Arrow since Fall 2000.

Grover Holmes Braddock (1925-2025) - Literal legend of UM and Miami. Lifelong advocate for public education; former Chair, Miami-Dade County School Board; namesake of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School; one of the longest-serving and most impactful education leaders in Florida history. Passed one day after his 100th birthday. Iron Arrow since Spring 1949.

Linda Ashe Dunn Brown (1957-2025) - Granddaughter of IA Founder Bowman Foster Ashe. Living history of the U. Double Cane. Vice President of UMAA. Accalimed elementary educator. District and Administration Director for the MDCPS Office of Community Service.President, 2001 Junior Orange Bowl. President, Junior League of Miami. Iron Arrow since Fall 2005.

Do you have a great idea for a Tribal event? A fundraising activity?
A general request? Suggestions for the officers?
Please let us know and we will do our best to implement your ideas.
Keep the Tribe updated with news via email and we'll try to post it on-line!

Missed a previous newsletter? Check them out on-line by scanning the QR code!

SAVE THE DATE!

Iron Arrow's Centennial is 2026!

Preparations for the auspicious occasion are already beginning. PLEASE reach out to the Officers at ironarrow@miami.edu to get involved and be on the lookout for exciting information to come!

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