For more than 50 years, Miami Dade College has been changing lives through the opportunity of education. From its outstanding degrees and highly skilled faculty to its cultural initiatives and community outreach, MDC offers an exceptional learning environment and unique international perspectives that prepare its students for success in a dynamic world.

Opportunity to Learn

- Miami Dade College has the largest undergraduate enrollment of any U.S. college or university, with more than 165,000 students, and the largest Hispanic student enrollment.
- "Democracy’s College": MDC has admitted more than 2 million students in a community that now registers a population of 2.5 million.
- MDC’s 2013 graduating class included more than 13,000 students receiving Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and bachelor’s degrees, as well as certificates in specialized workforce training.
- Seven of 10 Miami-Dade County public high school graduates who attend colleges and universities in Florida choose MDC.

Sixty-one percent of our students attend part time, and the average age is 26. MDC takes pride in the personal attention given to students. With an average student/faculty ratio of 25:1, students have an opportunity to get to know faculty and fellow students.

- From cradle to grave: From early childhood education to nursing to mortuary sciences, MDC’s range of 300 pathways to a degree offers unprecedented educational and workforce opportunities to the nation’s most diverse student body.

In the national Community College Survey of Student Engagement, MDC students rated the College much higher than average in areas such as engaging and challenging students and providing the support needed to succeed.
Endless Possibilities

• The School of Education offers Bachelor of Science degrees in six critical-need fields in education, and the Educator Preparation Institute provides an alternative path to a teaching career for graduates in other disciplines.

• The School of Justice offers a Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Management, has the largest criminal justice training program in Florida, and provides basic and in-service training for the majority of police officers working in Miami-Dade County.

• The Eig-Watson School of Aviation, one of a handful of aviation schools in the U.S. certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), trains pilots, flight instructors and air traffic controllers, and prepares students for careers in all areas of the aviation industry.

• The School of Entertainment & Design Technology offers a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Film, Television and Digital Production along with state-of-the-art learning in computer animation, film and TV production, Web design, the music business and much more.

• The Benjamín León School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Applied Science in Physician Assistant Studies to meet critical workforce demands while training personnel to meet Florida’s increasing health care needs.

• The Schools of Architecture, Science, Business, Continuing Education & Professional Development, Engineering and Technology and the Fire Science Program round out MDC’s 12 professional fields, responding to emerging workforce needs, including supplying baccalaureate graduates in electronics engineering technology and supervision and management.

• MDC’s Miami Culinary Institute offers a recipe for culinary excellence in the 21st century. Our Associate in Science degree is formulated to prepare students for dynamic careers in culinary arts, providing hands-on knowledge through engaging instruction by some of the world’s best professional chefs.

• MDC offers one of the oldest and most respected Mortuary Sciences programs in Florida.

• MDC’s online Virtual College has grown more than 20 percent annually for the past five years. More than 17,500 students enroll per term in nearly 200 classes.

• Considered by many the Juilliard of the South, New World School of the Arts provides comprehensive artistic training, academic development and preparation for careers in dance, music, theater and visual arts in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the University of Florida.

• In addition to hosting two of the highest-rated high schools in the nation, New World School of the Arts and the School for Advanced Studies, MDC has initiated groundbreaking collaborations with area high schools to align curriculum and improve readiness for college.
MDC's Honors College provides a variety of enriching opportunities, including the annual Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria, which helps teach students what it means to be a global citizen.

- **MDC’s Honors College** offers academically talented students the opportunity to pursue a challenging education, including a unique dual-language program that leverages the global thinking and resources that abound in our community. Hailed by *TIME* magazine as an "Ivy stepladder," the Honors College graduates an impressive number of students who transfer to prestigious universities, including Yale, Columbia, Harvard and others.

- **Honors College** enrollment reflects the diversity of our student body. Students in 2011 came from 20 different countries, continuing the tradition of a multifarious international community of students. Forty-one percent speak English as their native language, and 61 percent are female.

- Our impressive students may hail from a variety of educational backgrounds and ethnicities, but they all share a desire for academic success. The mean high school GPA has increased over the years to 4.5 in 2011, and SAT scores now average 1241.

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**Top Transfer Institutions**

Honors College students in the 2012 graduating class were awarded nearly $7 million in scholarships from 150 schools. Some of the top universities where our graduates have transferred after completing their two-year degrees at MDC are:

- Boston College
- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Emerson College
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Smith College
- Stanford University
- University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- Wellesley College
- Yale University
MDC students represent 185 countries and speak 94 different languages.

More than half of MDC students are the first in their families to attend college.

MDC provides access to higher education for working students – 69 percent work while attending college, and 20 percent work full time.

MDC provides access for financially needy students – 46 percent are below the federal poverty level for their household size, and 67 percent are low-income.

MDC ranks first in the nation in the number of students receiving Pell Grants in public or private colleges and universities. One in every nine Pell grants awarded in Florida public colleges and universities is to an MDC student.

For many students, Miami Dade College is their only real chance to enroll in higher education.

Miami Dade College employs a diverse and highly qualified faculty.

30 percent of full-time faculty members have doctoral degrees and 27 percent hold the rank of professor.

64 percent of full-time faculty members are ethnic minorities; 53 percent are female.

The average years of MDC faculty service is 12.

Several MDC professors have been named U.S. Professor of the Year for the State of Florida by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.
Baccalaureate Degrees

• MDC offers baccalaureate degrees to meet workforce needs in the community in the fields of Education; Public Safety Management; Nursing; Business Supervision and Management; Film, Television and Digital Production; Physician Assistant Studies; Electronics Engineering Technology; and Biological Sciences. More programs are in the works.

• An impressive 86 percent of MDC’s baccalaureate graduates found work after graduation, outpacing graduates from Florida’s state universities and private institutions. More than 90 percent of the jobs obtained were full-time positions, boosting those students’ prospects for a stable financial future and access to important benefits such as health care and retirement plans.

• The average earnings of Miami Dade College bachelor’s alumni also far exceed those of graduates from state and private universities.

Educational Leader

• MDC confers more associate degrees than any other college in the country and is ranked No. 1 nationally for degrees awarded to Hispanics and African-Americans.

• 83 percent of 2010-11 MDC Associate in Arts graduates transferred to Florida colleges and universities and many of the nation’s finest institutions immediately after graduating from Miami Dade College.

• 16 percent of transfer students in the State University System (SUS) come from Miami Dade College. MDC graduates who transfer to Florida public universities perform on par with students who begin at the state universities. In terms of their grade point averages in some disciplines, MDC graduates even outperform those students who started their college studies in the State University System.

• MDC graduates transfer to out-of-state institutions in almost every state. MDC has articulation and transfer agreements with more than 70 institutions to facilitate transfer of graduates to prestigious universities such as Drexel University, Emerson College, Mount Holyoke College, MIT, The University of Wisconsin, Smith College and Georgia Institute of Technology.

• Workforce education at Miami Dade College works – vocational program graduates find employment and additional training opportunities. More than 85 percent of Associate in Science graduates and Vocational Credit Certificate graduates were placed in jobs related to their studies within a year of graduation or chose to continue their education.
Enriching the Community

- MDC contributes $3.3 billion annually to Miami-Dade County’s economy through student productivity, college operations and student spending, according to an analysis by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc.

- MDC has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. In one year alone, 7,567 students and 266 faculty contributed more than 177,000 hours of service to the community through the Service Learning program of MDC’s Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy, a contribution valued at $3.69 million.

- Nine of 10 MDC students stay in the region and contribute to the local economy after they leave the College.

- MDC is a major employer in the community, employing more than 6,300 faculty and staff at seven campuses and two centers throughout the county.

- MDC was named Best Higher Education Institution in Support of Workforce Development by The Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County’s economic development office.

- MDC serves the community: The College was named to the Saviors of Our Cities Top 25 list of the nation’s “Best Neighbor” colleges and universities; was honored with the Engaged Campus of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to a culture of community engagement by the national Campus Compact organization; and garnered the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

MDC President Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón was named by TIME magazine as one of America’s “10 Best College Presidents” and earned “Floridian of the Year” honors from Florida Trend magazine. The Washington Post also named him one of the eight most influential college presidents in the U.S. He served as chair of the American Council on Education and recently completed a one-year tenure as the chairman of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the first community college president to hold the post.

Helping make the world a better place to live, MDC students work on a wide range of service-learning projects on campus and throughout the community. Efforts range from coastal cleanups and Everglades restoration to free health fairs and dental clinics and teaching elementary-school children how to create eco-friendly gardens.
MDC is a leader in cultural programming. A few examples:

• **MDC Live Arts** performance series features international and culturally specific work, and supports the commissioning of new work and residency opportunities for artists representing diverse cultures.

• **The Museum and Galleries of Art + Design** house an impressive collection of more than 1,600 permanent works of art in addition to hosting a variety of exciting exhibitions at the College’s campuses and National Historic Landmark Freedom Tower throughout the year.

• **The Center for Literature and Theatre @ MDC** promotes reading, writing and appreciation of the literary arts throughout the year by bringing established and emerging writers — from poets and novelists to playwrights and journalists — to Miami for readings, lectures, discussions and workshops.

• **Miami International Film Festival**, which attracts 75,000 filmgoers annually and was named by USA Today as one of 10 great places for fabulous film festivals, uses Miami’s unique geographical and cultural position to be a premiere venue for the exhibition of international and U.S. films, with a special focus on Ibero-American cinema.

• **Miami Book Fair International**, the largest literary event in the country, attracts hundreds of thousands of book lovers each November to an eight-day program of readings by well-known authors from all over the world, culminating with a street fair featuring hundreds of publishers and booksellers, book-centered fun for children, and panel discussions and writing classes in English and Spanish.
Miami Dade College, its students, faculty and staff have been recognized through numerous prestigious awards and honors. A few examples:

- **MDC’s groundbreaking Learning Outcomes initiative** was awarded the CollegeKeys Compact 2010 Innovation Award from The College Board; the Chancellor’s Best Practice Award for Academic Affairs from the Florida Department of Education; the Exemplary Award for Improving General Education from the Association for General and Liberal Studies; and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation’s prestigious 2011 CHEA Award for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes.

- **The American Council on Education and TIAA-CREF** awarded Miami Dade College the first Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for faculty development that greatly enhanced teaching and learning.

- **The Honors College Dual Language Program** at MDC received the Learning and Teaching Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College.

- **MDC is a technology innovator.** It was named: Fourth Best College for Digital Transformation, National Center for Digital Education; Top 10 ranking, Center of Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges; Top 100 Places to Work in Information Technology, Computerworld magazine.

- **MDC teams have won 34 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national titles.**
- **More than 85 percent of MDC’s student athletes go on to compete at four-year institutions and more than 74 percent receive athletic and/or academic scholarships.**
- **In the past five years, Miami Dade College has had more student athletes selected in the Major League Baseball draft than any other college in the nation, with 33 students.**
- **Since 2007, Miami Dade College teams have qualified for post-season games 14 times, and MDC was the only community college in Florida to have every athletic team qualify for post-season games in 2007 and 2009.**
- **Miami Dade College athletics have more coaches, administrators and student athletes inducted into the Florida Community College Hall of Fame than any other community college in Florida.**
- **Miami Dade College’s volleyball team has led all Florida colleges in the number of student athletes recognized as the State Player of the Year in the past six years. Since 1995, the program has earned 15 state championships, four national titles and was runner-up at national tournaments seven times. The team also has had 13 All-American players.**
- **Since its inception in 2002, MDC’s chess team has qualified for the nation’s top intercollegiate chess tournament six times, battling the likes of Stanford, Duke and Harvard universities, among others.**
MDC: Achievers in All Fields

- César Álvarez, Executive Chairman, Greenberg Traurig LLP
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- Katherine Fernández-Rundle, Miami-Dade County State Attorney
- Katie Finneran, Tony Award-Winning Actress
- Andy Garcia, Actor, Director, Producer and Composer
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- Andy Garcia, Actor, Director, Producer and Composer
- Kathie Lee Gifford, Television Host
- Carlos Giménez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
- Sandra Hyatt, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, Doctors Hospital
- Tarell Alvin McCraney, Award-Winning Playwright and MacArthur Fellow
- Ana Mederos, CEO, Palmetto General Hospital
- Nat Moore, Senior Vice President and Special Advisor to CEO, Miami Dolphins
- Bebe Neuwieser, Anchor, WSVN-TV
- Jorge Pérez, Chairman and CEO, The Related Group
- Mike Piazza, Retired Major League Baseball Catcher
- Marybel Rodriguez, News Reporter and Anchor, CBS4 News
- Illeana Ros-Lehtinen, U.S. Representative, 18th Congressional District, Florida
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