

WELCOME

As we embark on a new academic year, there is so much to be proud of and excited about. FIU is a university where possibilities become realities and the impossible becomes the inevitable! Much like the slogan of our sponsor, Adidas, IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING! We prove that here at FIU every day.

-Against all odds, our football program started 10 years ago. In a short amount of time, we have won a conference championship, made two bowl game appearances, and had four players drafted to the NFL. Now this year we are adding a new sport to our family, sand volleyball. Can't wait to see them in their first competition during the spring semester!

-Our prestigious law school opened its program 10 years ago despite people saying there was not a need for another law school in Miami. Today we boast the highest bar passage rate in the state, moot court champions, and we are steadily climbing the national rankings.

-Despite the challenges of opening a new medical school during an economic downturn, our College of Medicine is welcoming its fourth class this year. With nearly four thousand applications and only 120 accepted students, the college is quickly becoming one of the top choices for top students.

These are just a few examples of how FIU is World's Ahead. We have people who are passionate and believe in the university. You are part of the BLUE and GOLD family so remember to **ALWAYS** conduct yourselves in a first class manner. Let's make our last year in the Sun Belt Conference a memorable one as we make the move Conference USA!

Best of luck this year and GO PANTHERS!!!



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The **CHAMPS/Life Skills Challenge Cup** promotes the following five core values: commitment to academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, career development and service. You will be given the opportunity to earn points for your team in the following categories:

Academic Achievement:

Teams will be awarded points based on how their team GPA ranks with other teams. The team with the top GPA (previous Spring semester and current Fall semester) receives 100 points, second place 90 points, third place 80 points, etc. Only the top 10 teams will earn points. Additionally, teams that meet the 925 APR mark will receive 100 bonus points. 10 bonus points for student-athletes that earn a 4.0GPA.

Athletic Achievement:

Teams that place in the top two of their conference will be awarded points. Conference Champions will receive 100 points and second place 90 points. NCAA/bowl qualifiers earn 150 bonus points.

Student-Athlete Bonus Points:

Pre-Season Recognition	5 points
Student-Athlete of the Week	10 points
Conference First Team (champion)	15 points
Setting a Record	20 points
Player of Year/MVP/Individual Champ	25 points
All-American	25 points

Personal Development:

Teams can earn points for attending any CHAMPS/Life Skills event related to personal development (i.e career workshops, diversity, drug and alcohol speakers, nutrition workshops and AOL graduates)

Community Service:

Teams earn points by completing community service hours. Points are calculated by dividing the total number of hours completed and the total number of student-athletes on the roster. Team hours are worth 75% and individual events are worth 25% of total points. The top team in this category will be awarded the Dr. Paul Gallagher Community Service Award.

Panther Pride/Felsberg Spirit Award:

This category awards points to the team and/or student-athlete(s) that exemplify school spirit at sporting events. Points will also be given to teams that participate in university events that promote school spirit. The top team or individual in this category will be awarded the Michael Felsberg Spirit Award.

Pep Rally Team Participation: 25 points

University Event (i.e. Trail of the Torch): 50 points

Spirit Games: 100 points

Student-Athlete Leadership Council (SALC) Participation:

Teams will earn 5 pts/representative for each meeting attended.



2011-2012

FINAL TEAM RANKINGS

SPORT	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE
Swimming/Diving	420	1
W. Soccer	355	2
Tennis	340	3
Golf	270	4
M. Soccer	270	4
Softball	260	5
Volleyball	260	5
Football	225	6
Baseball	200	7
W. Track & Field	180	8
W. Basketball	155	9
W. Cross Country	70	10
M. Cross Country	50	11
M. Track & Field	25	12
M. Basketball	0	13

**“YOU CAN’T PUT A LIMIT ON ANYTHING.
THE MORE YOU DREAM, THE FARTHER
YOU GET”**

-Michael Phelps

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FIU is participating in the inaugural Pledge Your Allegiance for College Colors Day spirit competition and is asking for fan support to help win the prestigious College Colors Day Spirit Cup and \$10,000 toward the general scholarship fund.

By visiting www.espn.com/collegecolorsday, Panther fans can register to pledge their allegiance to FIU as the school with the most college spirit and loyal fan base. All registrants are entered to win weekly \$50 gift cards from ESPN Shop and one of two grand prizes including a \$500 college shopping spree at ESPN Shop.

The website-based rivalry competition, which includes 165 participating colleges and universities and is an element of this year's 2012 College Colors Day celebration, is set to go LIVE beginning August 1 and will run through the entire month leading up to College Colors Day on August 31. Throughout the competition, standings will be tracked nationally, as well as by conference.

College Colors Day is an annual celebration dedicated to promoting the traditions and spirit that embody the college experience by encouraging fans across America to wear their favorite college or university apparel throughout the day on Friday, August 31.

Panther Fans are also encouraged to share the Pledge Your Allegiance for College Colors Day competition through Facebook.



Know your Leadership Council Reps!!!

Executive Board

President	Joseph Dawkins	M. Soccer
Vice-President	Timeyin Oritsesan	W. Basketball
Secretary	Chelsie Kidd	Swimming/Diving
Treasurer	Tai Canady	W. XC

Members

Baseball	Julius Gaines	Aramis Garcia
M. Basketball	Adetola Akomolafe	Manny Nunez
W. Basketball	Timeyin Oritsesan	Arielle Durant
M.XC	Brandon Ballard	Miguel Delgadillo
W.XC	Tai Canady	Daniela Espino
Football	TBD	TBD
Golf	Yoli Jimenez	Tania Tare
Sand Volleyball	Elly Citron	Emily Podschweit
M. Soccer	Joseph Dawkins	Anthony Hobbs
W. Soccer	Kimberly Lopez	Crystal McNammara
Softball	Kayla Burri	Brie Rojas
Swim/Dive	Chelsie Kidd	Colleen Quin
Tennis	Magali Holt	Rita Maisak
M. Track	Tyson Kemp	Brandon Todd
W. Track	Tikiera Relaford	LaShae White
Volleyball	Jessica Egan	April Sicam

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

AUG-23	Trail of the Torch	7PM	PC Steps	Spirit Points
24	Men's Soccer vs Bryant	7PM	Soccer Stadium	Spirit Points
26	Student Athlete Leadership Council	7PM	President's Suite	Bonus Points
SEP-4	SAAC Weekly Workshop: Classroom and Email Etiquette	6PM & 7PM	SAAC Classroom	Development Points
5	Fall Sports Pep Rally	Noon-2PM	GC Pit	Spirit Points
8	Football vs. Akron	6:00PM	FIU Football Stadium	Spirit Points
11	SAAC Weekly Workshop: Time Management (TMS)	6PM & 7PM	SAAC Classroom	Development Points
12	Mandatory Presentation*	6PM & 7PM	Stadium Club	Development Points
16	Men's Soccer vs UMKC	7PM	Soccer Stadium	Spirit Points
18	SAAC Weekly Workshop Note-Taking & Study Skills	6PM & 7PM	SAAC Classroom	Development Points
19	Fall Sports Pep Rally	Noon-2PM	GC Lawn	Spirit Points
20	Internship Fair	11AM-3PM	GC Ballrooms	Development Points
21	Volleyball vs UALR	6:30PM	GC Pit	Spirit Points
22	Football vs Louisville	7PM	Football Stadium	Spirit Points
25	SAAC Weekly Workshop Managing Test Anxiety	6PM & 7PM	SAAC Classroom	Development Points
26	Academy of Leaders Orientation	6PM	GC 243	Development Points
27	Career Fair	3PM-7PM	US Century Bank Arena	Development Points
28	Women's Soccer vs MTSU	7PM	Soccer Stadium	Spirit Points
30	Student Athlete Leadership Council	7PM	President's Suite	Bonus Points

For additional development opportunities, please see the workshop calendar for Career Services at <http://career.fiu.edu/>

Community Service

FIU Game Operations

Anyone interested in volunteering at football, volleyball, or soccer games should contact Drew Augustea at augustea@fiu.edu.

5K Freedom Run & Park Festival

Saturday, September 8, 2012, (several volunteer shifts available)

For information and volunteer registration visit <http://www.parkproject.org/5KParkFest.php>

Miami Dade Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, September 15, 2012, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Several beach locations available. For information and volunteer registration visit <http://www.miamidadecoastalcleanup.org/why-volunteer/>

FIU Great American Cleanup

Saturday, September 22, 2012, 8:00AM-12:00 PM, Miami Beach

Dune restoration and beach cleanup with Surfrider Foundation. Let me know if you are interested.

Miami Children's Hospital 5K

Saturday, September 29, 2012, (several shifts available)

Coral Gables City Hall, 401 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL 33134

For information and volunteer information visit <http://www.mch5k.com/mch5k/volunteer/>