

## President Mark B. Rosenberg



### Dear Undergraduate Students:

Welcome!

As I tell our incoming class every year: You belong here. Without you, we're not FIU. You uplift us! You make all of our efforts possible! Our entire FIU community is committed to helping you achieve your dreams. We have everything you need to succeed. Motivated and challenging faculty with courses here and abroad. Internship and career opportunities. Dedicated advisors that are here to work with you to figure out how to stay on track so that you can graduate in four years!

We will do everything we can to help get you to that special day when you walk across the commencement stage to the cheers of your family and loved ones. Recently, we have developed a series of "Personalized Education Pathways." This approach allows our incoming students to find their own customized plan – one that works for them, their life, and their situation.

As one of the largest public research universities in the country, FIU plays a critical role in our community's and nation's future. We recognize the many challenges in our world today and we are committed to doing what is right. One of the things that is special about our FIU is that our students, faculty, staff and alumni have a shared sense of purpose: we want to leave this world a better place than we found it.

We demonstrate this commitment every single day by standing up to some of society's most pressing concerns – from sea level rise, transportation, to prevalent health concerns and more. We have a special kind of drive and determination that take our research efforts from the Arctic to Aquarius, the world's only underwater laboratory. We're constantly accelerating our research. In fact, FIU is in the top tier of research universities in the U.S., according to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Today, FIU offers nearly 190 nationally and internationally recognized bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in business, engineering, nursing, public health, architecture and other disciplines.

Innovation and entrepreneurship are at the heart of what we do at FIU. Last year, we launched StartUP FIU to give our students and community a place to bring their ideas and launch their ventures, as well as develop and commercialize new, groundbreaking technologies. We also recently launched StartUP FIU FOOD so that food entrepreneurs in Miami can have access to our Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management's state-of-the-art food laboratories and grow their businesses. This fall, the Ratcliffe Arts + Design Incubator opens! In partnership with StartUP FIU and located at BBC, it will be among the most innovative arts entrepreneurship spaces to be housed at a public university in South Florida!

Through the Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP program, our students have changed the lives of local families from underserved neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County. Our students have conducted more than 8,000 visits to more than 800 households, impacting 2,400 people! It's also driving out breast cancer with the Linda Fenner 3D Mobile Mammography Center. To date, we have provided screenings to 1,700 women!

We are so honored to welcome you to the FIU family! When you graduate in four years, you will be ready for the career that you desire, and equally important, you will be ready for a good life – and working to make this world a better place! I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Rosenberg". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long, sweeping tail that curves upwards and to the right.