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Powering Possibility

Transforming Lives Through Education

*Miami Dade College is the **heartbeat of opportunity** in South Florida — fueling progress, equity, and innovation through access to world-class education.*

Miami Dade College is one of the largest and most diverse institutions of higher education in the country. With more than 125,000 students enrolled annually across eight campuses, MDC transforms lives, fuels the regional economy, and prepares talent for the future of work, serving as a vital engine for upward mobility in South Florida.

As a historic anchor in the heart of Miami, MDC is deeply embedded in the community it serves. The College offers over 305 degree and certificate programs aligned with the region's most in-demand industries, including health care, technology, construction, and education, ensuring graduates are ready to meet today's workforce needs.

Supporting this mission, the Miami Dade College Foundation raises essential private funds

that enable MDC to change lives, families, communities, and the world through the opportunity of education. The Foundation ensures students can pursue their dreams regardless of financial barriers and, through the generosity of donors and community partners, invests more than \$35 million annually in student scholarships and program support.



Under the leadership of President Madeline Pumariega, an MDC alumna and the first woman to lead the institution, Miami Dade College continues to expand access, drive innovation, and build lasting partnerships with industry and civic leaders to address both the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly changing world.

Recognized nationally for its excellence and affordability, MDC is the perfect partner for those committed to creating long-term impact through education. Its scale, reach, and deep community roots make it uniquely positioned to deliver results for students, families, and the future of Miami.

“ *Opportunity Changes Everything.* ”

8

CAMPUSES

125,000+

STUDENTS

305+

PROGRAMS







Defining Excellence

Leaders in Education & Opportunity

Nationally ranked and community driven — MDC continues to raise the bar for excellence in higher education.

US. News & World Report ranks Miami Dade College among the **Best Colleges for 2026**, recognizing its leadership in access, student success, and social mobility. These recognitions reflect MDC's commitment to delivering world-class education that empowers students from all backgrounds to achieve their dreams.

#9



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#5



#5



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By the Numbers: The MDC Impact

14,000

Graduates
Per Year

77%

AA Graduates
Transfer to
continue their
education

58%

First-
Generation

73%

Work while
attending
college

2%

Take out
federal
loans

164

Countries
represented
in student
body





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Empowering Futures

Scholarships That Change Lives

MDC's Signature Scholarship Programs open doors to opportunity & transform the lives of thousands of students every year.

Miami Dade College's signature programs expand access and prepare future leaders. These life-changing opportunities are made possible through the support of the Foundation and the generosity of donors who believe in the power of education.

The Honors College challenges top students with rigorous academics and valuable global experiences. **Rising Scholars**

offers underserved students two years of free tuition and career pathways. **The American Dream Scholarship** fills financial aid gaps so local graduates can earn their first degree. **Presidential Scholars** provides full scholarships and leadership development for high-achieving students.

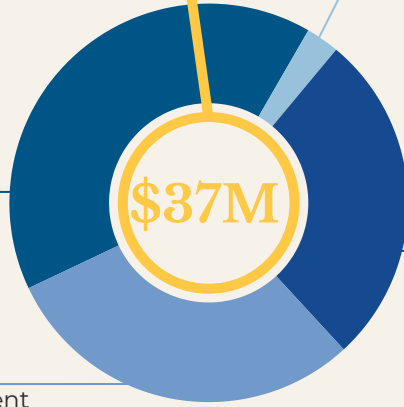
Together, these programs make higher education not only accessible but also transformative.



\$37M fueling opportunity
for **18,000+**
students per year

\$15 Million
5,700+
Signature
Scholars

\$11 Million
Dedicated to student
and academic
program initiatives



\$1 Million
1,900+ students
receive emergency
aid and other
support services

\$10 Million
10,300+ students
through
endowments

Signature Scholar Programs



The Honors College

326

New
Students
Annually

3.7

Average
College
GPA

93%

Average
Retention
Rate

Rising Scholars

212

New
Students
Annually

2.9

Average
College
GPA

99%

Average
Retention
Rate

American Dream Scholars

3065

New
Students
Annually

3.1

Average
College
GPA

94%

Average
Retention
Rate

Presidential Scholars

322

New
Students
Annually

3.5

Average
College
GPA

97%

Average
Retention
Rate

Support When It Matters Most

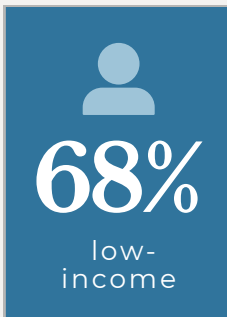


MDC's Emergency Aid Program provides **financial assistance and wraparound support** for students facing hardship.






Miami Dade College's Emergency Aid Program ensures that no student's education is derailed by an unexpected financial setback. Through direct aid and case management, students receive immediate relief and holistic support to stay enrolled and succeed. By responding to students' needs with care and compassion, the Foundation helps turn moments of crisis into stories of perseverance.


demographics




impact at a glance

 700 students screened for emergency aid eligibility	 500 students received direct financial aid	 450 students received case management services
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efficacy


70%
of aid recipients reported that the emergency support **directly impacted their ability to stay enrolled**


retention rate

84% of students who ONLY received emergency aid re-enrolled	 91% of students who ALSO received additional support services re-enrolled
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NOTES





Celebrating Leadership

Empowering Faculty Excellence

The Endowed Teaching Chair Program recognizes and rewards **innovation in teaching and learning**.



SINCE
1992

MORE THAN
300
FACULTY

OVER
\$6M
IN FUNDING

One of MDC's most prestigious traditions, the Endowed Teaching Chair Program honors outstanding faculty who demonstrate exceptional dedication to their craft. Made possible through the generosity of donors who invest in endowment and excellence in teaching, this program strengthens MDC's longstanding commitment to academic innovation.

Each recipient receives a \$7,500 annual stipend for three years to explore new teaching methods, advance technology in the classroom, and elevate student learning.

“ *The only thing I want is to keep giving my students the best of me.* ”

-Dr. Eduardo A. Araujo-Pradere,
Associate Professor, Senior, Math
and Natural Sciences, Homestead
Campus



Paving The Way

Honoring the outstanding achievements of MDC's most distinguished alumni.

The Alumni Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by the College, recognizing graduates who have made extraordinary contributions to their professions and communities. Since its founding in 2003, more than 415 alumni have been inducted — leaders in business, public service, the arts, and beyond — all united by their MDC roots.

500+
Attendees
Celebrating MDC

\$1M
Raised for Student
Scholarships

400+
Inductees
Since 2003



Women Who Lead

Celebrating **visionary women** that are shaping the future.

Hosted by the Miami Dade College Foundation, the annual Women Who Lead luncheon brings together more than 200 of South Florida's most accomplished executives, entrepreneurs, and community changemakers for an inspiring celebration of leadership and mentorship.

Past guest speakers have included **Kerry Washington, Kelly Bishop, Lucy Liu** among other remarkable women who exemplify courage, creativity, and purpose.

“Miami Dade College proudly convenes this inspiring annual event, celebrating and connecting powerful women throughout our community.”

-MDC President,
Madeline Pumariega





Uniting the Community Through Literature and Cinema

Two **world-class** festivals that bring people, stories, and ideas together.



MDC is home to the Miami Book Fair and the Miami Film Festival, each celebrated locally and nationally for over 40 years and bringing together thousands of artists, authors, and audiences.

The **Miami Book Fair** began at the MDC Wolfson Campus and has grown into the largest literary festival in the United States.



The **Miami Film Festival** celebrates the power of storytelling through film, showcasing groundbreaking work from around the world.



Both festivals proudly embody MDC's mission: to educate, inspire, and bring the community together through the arts.







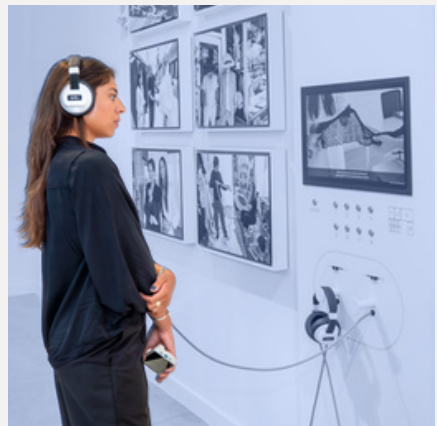
Inspiring Spirit

Preserving History, Inspiring the Future

*The **Miami Freedom Tower** — a symbol of hope, heritage, and education.*

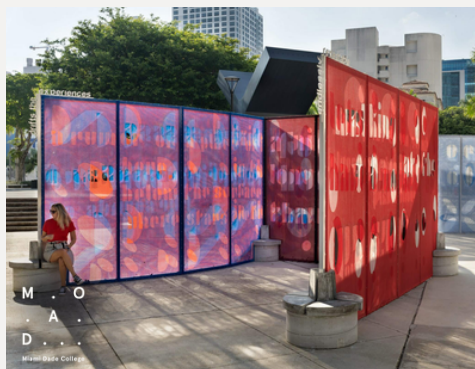
Miami Dade College's Freedom Tower is one of the city's most significant landmarks, a place where architecture, history, and community converge. Recently restored for its centennial, it reopened as a revitalized National Historic Landmark honoring more than a century of Miami's story, and the opportunity, hope, and freedom it has represented for generations.

Its new permanent exhibition, *Libertad*, uses archival materials, oral histories, and immersive installations to share the experiences of those who arrived seeking safety and opportunity, alongside contemporary exhibitions and programs exploring migration and identity. As steward of this cultural icon, MDC positions the Freedom Tower as both a memorial and a living educational space.



Student internships, curatorial projects, and public programs deepen its civic role and connect learners to broader cultural conversations.

Through preservation and engagement, the Freedom Tower continues to educate and inspire future generations.



Cultivating Creative Excellence

*Empowering Artists and Innovators Across **MDC's Cultural Arts Programs***

Miami Dade College's cultural affairs programs weave together a rich tapestry of creativity, performance, and community engagement.

The **Museum of Art and Design** at MDC — housed in the historic Freedom Tower — presents public programs and groundbreaking exhibitions that enrich and educate, while **New World School of the Arts** trains the next generation of visual and performing artists through conservatory-level instruction in dance, music, theatre, and fine arts.

Alongside them, **Live Arts Miami** brings bold, community-centered live performances, residencies, and experimental theater to the city; and the **Koubek Center** offers a welcoming home for multi-disciplinary arts, literary events, concerts, cultural festivals, workshops, and community-focused programming that reflect Miami's diversity and spirit.

Together these institutions create a powerful cultural ecosystem: performance stages become laboratories of innovation, exhibition halls become classrooms, and community venues become forums for shared histories and future possibilities.



Excellence in Athletics

*Building **champions**
on and off the field.*

At Miami Dade College, athletics is about much more than competition, it's a vital part of the MDC experience that helps shape students into leaders. Through sports, student-athletes find mentorship, structure, and opportunities to cultivate resilience, discipline, and teamwork. Many juggle rigorous academic schedules with athletic commitments, and MDC supports them with internships, coaching, and a strong network that connects sports to life after college.

39

**NJCAA national
championships
won by MDC
athletics**

7

**intercollegiate
sports offered
at MDC**

98

**number of MDC
athletes competing
across teams**

29-2

**Record for the
2024 Lady Sharks
volleyball team**



This commitment pays off in both academics and legacy. MDC teams compete in men's basketball, baseball, women's basketball, softball, volleyball, and, as of fall 2024, soccer.

The College's national pedigree is impressive — MDC has claimed 39 NJCAA national championships across its sports programs.

On the court, Coach Susan Summons celebrated her 700th career win in February 2025, a milestone that reflects her decades of leadership and the strong academic and athletic foundation she's built.



Beyond titles, MDC athletics creates a bridge to opportunity: internships with the Athletics Department allow students to gain real-world experience in sports management, while coaches double as academic mentors, guiding their teams through both playbooks and class-work.

24

players on MDC's first women's soccer roster; representing 9 countries



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DAY
SEPT. 6

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Impact That Endures

I AM MDC Day: *A Legacy of Opportunity*

*Celebrating **six decades** of community, connection, and giving back.*

Each year, I AM MDC Day unites students, alumni, faculty, and friends to celebrate all that Miami Dade College represents — opportunity, excellence, and transformation. The day honors the collective spirit that has shaped MDC into a place where education opens doors and strengthens the community.

On September 6, the College marked its 1960 founding with a community-wide day of giving, rallying more than **1,500 donors and raising \$1.1 million** to support scholarships and student success. Across Miami, the MDC family came together to recognize an institution that has expanded access for generations, strengthened academic programs, and built pathways to a brighter future.



A Future Built on a Strong Foundation

*A resilient endowment and expanding philanthropic revenue create **lasting opportunities** for every student.*

The Miami Dade College Foundation's growing endowment and rising philanthropic revenue tell a powerful story of momentum, resilience, and shared purpose.

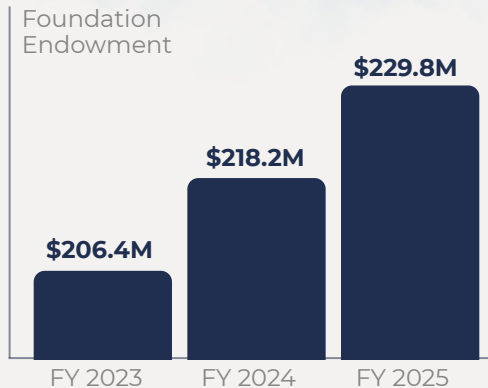
Each year, new investments strengthen the permanent foundation that supports our students, not just today, but for generations yet to come, ensuring that opportunity at Miami Dade College remains both accessible and enduring.

This continued growth reflects the unwavering trust our donors place in our stewardship and in the transformative power of education.

Just as importantly, it represents the relationships we cultivate with care and intention. We listen closely to our supporters, learning what inspires them, and we stay deeply connected to the evolving needs of our students.

Together, we are building a sustainable future where generosity meets impact, and where every gift helps shape the lives and dreams of our students.

**OVER \$30M
RAISED ANNUALLY
TO SUPPORT STUDENTS**





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