

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-072 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S 2017 GOLDEN PROMISE

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Florida International University is committed to removing finances as a barrier for students who are seeking higher education.

Under the leadership of Dr. Mark Rosenberg, FIU has increased enrollment to almost 56,000 students, improved graduation rates by nearly 13%, among other successes. Dr. Rosenberg's most recent accomplishment is the launch of the Golden Promise Scholarship. The scholarship is aimed at enhancing access for the neediest students in Miami-Dade County, surrounding areas and the state of Florida by eliminating the perceived unaffordability of an FIU education.

Beginning with the Early Fall Freshman class of 2017, FIU will leverage a combination of federal, state and FIU grants or scholarships to guarantee 100% tuition and fees to Florida residents with an Expected Family Contribution of zero and who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents. The Golden Promise covers gaps in financial aid so that students can take 30 credit hours a year and earn a bachelor's degree in four years.

FIU's Office of Financial Aid estimates that approximately 1,200 freshmen will be the beneficiaries of the Golden Promise in 2017. These students typically come from families that earn less than \$33,000 a year.

FIU joins a rising number of universities around the nation that have vowed guaranteed financial support to students who come from families without means to get through college. Florida International University is to be commended for their contribution to the community through the 2017 Golden Promise, which benefits students in Florida.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-072 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Florida International University's 2017 Golden Promise.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-072
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S 2017 GOLDEN PROMISE

WHEREAS, Florida International University is committed to removing finances as a barrier for students who are seeking higher education; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Mark Rosenberg, FIU has increased enrollment to almost 56,000 students, improved graduation rates by nearly 13%, among other successes. Dr. Rosenberg's most recent accomplishment is the launch of the Golden Promise Scholarship. The scholarship is aimed at enhancing access for the neediest students in Miami-Dade County, surrounding area and the state of Florida by eliminating the perceived unaffordability of an FIU education; and

WHEREAS, beginning with the Early Fall Freshman class of 2017, FIU will leverage a combination of federal, state and FIU grants or scholarships to guarantee 100% tuition and fees to Florida residents with an Expected Family Contribution of zero and who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents. The Golden Promise covers gaps in financial aid so that students can take 30 credit hours a year and earn a bachelor's degree in four years; and

WHEREAS, FIU's Office of Financial Aid estimates that approximately 1,200 freshmen will be the beneficiaries of the Golden Promise in 2017. These students typically come from families that earn less than \$33,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, FIU joins a rising number of universities around the nation that have vowed guaranteed financial support to students who come from families without means to get through college. Florida International University is to be commended for their contribution to the community through the 2017 Golden Promise, which benefits students in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-072 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Florida International University's 2017 Golden Promise.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented on this twenty-fourth day of May, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary