

MEMORANDUM

April 21, 2014

Dear FIU family:

When Alfredo “Fredo” Fernandez-Morrel reported for his first day of work at Florida International University in 1972, Richard Nixon was president, the Volkswagen Beetle was the most popular car, and The Godfather was breaking box-office records.

Nearly 42 years later, Fredo, a receiving manager in FIU's Office of Central Receiving/Payment Services, has recently retired with the distinction of being the university's longest-serving employee.



Throughout his time at FIU, Fredo’s personality shined through in everything he did. He mentored co-workers, advised them in both personal and professional matters, and provided comic relief when needed. Above all, he was a friend.

His coworkers describe him as a hard-working boss, who today is more than a boss to them. He is family.

In an age when fewer and fewer people spend their entire career with one employer, Fredo is a shining example of commitment to our FIU.

Fredo, it is an honor to have you as part of the FIU family! While you will be missed by all of us at FIU, you certainly deserve your retirement and we know you will continue to be a part of our university.

Please join me in thanking Fredo for all his years of hard work at FIU, and for bringing joy and smiles to his FIU family every day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark B. Rosenberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark B. Rosenberg, President