



MEMORANDUM

November 21, 2016

Dear members of the university community:

This week Miami Dade College President Eduardo Padron will become part of an elite group of leaders, including Rosa Parks, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., astronaut Neil Armstrong, author Maya Angelou and our very own Dr. Joe Greer, when he receives the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

I congratulate him, his team and the thousands of Miami Dade College alumni and students who have experienced first-hand the impact President Padron has had on our local and global community. He is a tireless defender of public education who believes that everyone who is willing to work hard should have access to higher education.

President Padron and MDC have been partners with FIU since our beginning. We have grown up together and have joined forces in ensuring that every student in our community can make their dreams of getting a higher education a reality. More than 4,500 MDC alumni transfer to FIU every year.

Please join me in congratulating President Padron and the entire MDC family on this well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Rosenberg", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Mark B. Rosenberg
President