

MEMORANDUM

October 11, 2013

Dear FIU Family,

I hope you've had a great Homecoming week, enjoying all the activities our students, faculty and staff have organized to bring us together as a family.

We're not done yet! Tomorrow is Homecoming Day and I have exciting news to share! Alumnus **Danny Pino '96**, from NBC's hit TV show *Law & Order: SVU*, and his wife, Lilly Pino '97, will serve as the Grand Marshals of our Homecoming parade. I encourage all of you to join us at the designated [cheer zones](#) and spread your Panther Spirit!



In case you missed it here are some more of tomorrow's highlights:

- Join me for the best way to start your FIU Homecoming experience: the FIU Proud Parent and Family Brunch! This event will include a catered brunch, give-a-ways, and other great entertainment.
- This year's Homecoming Parade will feature various FIU organizations, floats, performers, marching bands, dancers and more. The parade will start at 3:30 p.m. - starting at the Panther Garage and ending in Tamiami Park, where tailgating fun will ensue.
- Come out for the FIU tailgate outside of the football stadium prior to the FIU Homecoming game against University of Alabama at Birmingham! Reconnect

with your old classmates, meet new members of the Panther family, and learn more about our recent accomplishments!

- Kickoff for the big game will be at 7:30 p.m. at Alfonso Field at FIU Stadium. Please [click here](#) to purchase your tickets or call 305-348-GAME. We have also planned several exciting festivities throughout the game:
  - We're honoring the memory of one FIU's legendary leaders, Paul D. Gallagher, with a special dedication to his family.
  - After a fierce competition, we are ready to unleash the crown and announce 2013's Homecoming King and Queen!
  - We will also continue the tradition of the Lighting of the Torch, a representation of FIU's commitment to learning and to our community. Don't miss it!

I can't wait to see how we'll come together as a family to showcase our FIU pride, spirit and unity. Remember that this may be a first time visit to campus for some fans, so let's make sure that we make them feel welcome. Our roaring fans are planning a takeover, so please [plan ahead for parking!](#)

We all know the UAB mascot, Blaze the Dragon, has nothing on our Roary! So let's get ready to slay those dragons!

GO PANTHERS!

Sincerely,

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

Mark B. Rosenberg  
President