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Dear Faculty and Staff,

The excitement of NCAA basketball is upon us! In just a short while, your FIU men's and women's basketball season will begin. Women's head coach Cindy Russo starts her 31st season at the helm. Already one of the head coaches with the most wins in NCAA history, Coach Russo is poised to lead the Golden Panthers back on the court.

A new era in FIU men's basketball is about to dawn. Two-time NBA Champion, 12-time NBA All-Star, voted "One of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History" and NBA Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas takes the reins of your FIU men's basketball program.

The teams will continue to improve on the court and more importantly, in the classroom. Coach Thomas and Coach Russo will challenge these young men and women to take it to the next level and make the entire Golden Panther family proud. Work is currently being done to renovate the U.S. Century Bank Arena into a premier basketball venue.

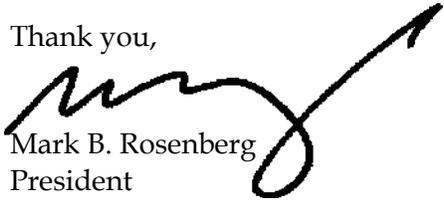
I am contacting you today to ask for your support. We need you to be "the sixth man" and help us make it back to "The Dance." We need you, your families, your neighbors and your friends in the stands cheering for your Golden Panthers.

The U.S. Century Bank Arena is a great place to watch exciting NCAA basketball. Women's basketball season tickets start at \$30 per person for reserved lower bowl tickets for faculty and staff. Family plans (two adults and three kids) are only \$100 and the best seats in the house, Floor Seats, are only \$150 for the season.

Men's season ticket plans for faculty and staff start at just \$50 per reserved seat in the lower bowl. With 13 home games on the schedule, that translates to less than \$4 per game, per ticket. We also have Family Plan (two adults and three kids) season tickets in the lower bowl at just \$200 for the entire family. That's about \$3 per game, per person. You can even pay for your tickets through payroll deduction.

Thank you for your time and for your support of FIU Athletics. We need you to help put us back in "The Dance." Your support will make our very deserving student-athletes winners on the court and in the classroom. I hope we can count on you. For more information, please call (305) FIU-GAME.

Thank you,


Mark B. Rosenberg
President