



**Address at the 2009 FIU Freshman Convocation**

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Welcome to you, the Freshman Class of 2013! Thank you for your confidence in FIU!

Today marks the beginning of an important journey - a journey that surely sets the stage for who you are as a citizen of the World, who you will become, and what contributions you will make.

I want to offer some food for thought as you embark on your college education. It is from someone who has given these same opportunities a great deal of thought.

"Whatever you hold in your mind will tend to occur in your life. If you continue to believe as you have always believed, you will continue to act as you have always acted. If you continue to act as you have always acted, you will continue to get what you have always gotten. If you want different results in your life or your work, all you have to do is change your mind."

At FIU, we will offer you a mind changing experience, but it is up to you. We know that you would not be here if you were not committed to self-improvement and preparing yourselves to be worlds ahead.

Tomorrow when your first class begins, just remember that your opportunities are limitless, and that your education, in and out of the classroom will be a major driver of your success.