

MEMORANDUM

September 26, 2011

Dear FIU family,

Homecoming Week is finally here! The next several days will be full of opportunities to come together as an FIU family to celebrate our traditions and accomplishments and to welcome back alumni and retirees to their second home.

Our Panthers are having a spectacular season and I know you're all eager for the Homecoming football game against Duke. If you have not yet seen it, take a moment to watch this thank you message from [Coach Mario Cristobal](#).

I also encourage you to get involved in the many Homecoming events leading up to the big game.

- Throughout the week, we are hosting several [reunions for alumni](#), including young alumni, former members of SGA, past student-athletes, Greek alumni and our annual Silver Pride Reunion.
- Bring your Panther pride to the pep rallies we're having today at noon, on the Graham Center Lawn at MMC and Panther Square at BBC. Don't forget to wear your colors!
- We're kicking off this year's United Way campaign on Thursday, September 29 at 1 p.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms. Join us to launch a successful fundraising drive to help the people who most need us in our community.
- We'll wrap up the school week with the Lip Sync/Talent Show on Friday, September 30 at 8 p.m between the Blue and Gold garages. This event will feature students, faculty and staff and is open to everyone!
- All of this will build up to **October 1, Homecoming Day**. At **11 a.m. that day** we'll have a [Parent/Family Brunch](#) in GC 243. The **Food Truck Rally** will begin at **1 p.m.**, on Campus Drive, on the north side of Lot 6, until a half hour before the game. The **Homecoming Parade - bigger and better than ever - begins at 2 p.m.** with cheer zones at the 16th Street traffic circle and at the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum. Our family-friendly **Tailgate Village starts at 3 p.m.** and will include a small carnival for students in Lot 6.
- We'll end the day with **an exciting game against Duke at Alfonso Field**. Please be sure to wear your FIU blue and note that the **kickoff time has been moved to 7 p.m.**

These are just some of the great Homecoming events. For a full list of activities, please visit: <http://hc.fiu.edu>.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the events this week and on Homecoming Day. Let's make this the biggest and best Homecoming ever. This is our moment to shine and to show that we are *Worlds Ahead* in our commitment to FIU and its achievements on and off the field.

Sincerely,

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

Mark B. Rosenberg
President