

MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2009

To the University Community:

This weekend at FIU, we have the opportunity to participate in traditions and enjoy a budding rivalry at Modesto A. Maidique Campus that will help to add value to the overall FIU experience.

This afternoon, we host our annual United Way auction from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Graham Center – now a tradition in our community. Held for nearly a decade, this auction is an incredible opportunity to buy holiday gifts for loved ones and to do good for our community's most needy! Faculty, staff and university supporters donate gifts that will give happiness for a lifetime, and the proceeds go to the United Way. I expect to see you all there!

Tomorrow, our football rivalry game with FAU continues at 7 p.m. in FIU Stadium. No doubt this game will eventually be right up there with the legendary Army-Navy, Ohio State-Michigan, Florida-Florida State, and Harvard-Yale rivalries! If it is to assume mythical proportions, fan support will be essential. [Tickets are still available](#), family tailgating is encouraged, and the weather will be excellent. So come out to your university stadium for what promises to be an important season-ender for our student athletes! Help them finish strong – send a message that our Panthers rule!

Sunday, the [Frost Art Museum](#) celebrates [Art Basel Miami Beach](#) with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast in the Park at Modesto A. Maidique Campus beginning at 9:30 a.m.

An official Art Basel event, Breakfast in the Park will include an outdoor breakfast, guided tours of the [Sculpture Park and museum exhibits](#), and an informal talk by internationally acclaimed artist and designer [Michele Oka Doner](#). Born in Miami Beach, Oka Doner has built a career that includes public art projects, monumental sculptures, furniture and jewelry. Her artwork is featured in The Frost's exhibit, "[The Missing Peace: Artists Consider the Dalai Lama](#)".

Universities are communities of memory and hope! These activities are part of the valued experience that makes us so special. Please find a way to show your pride in our institution and bring your family and friends to at least one of these great events! See you soon!

Sincerely,

Mark B. Rosenberg  
President