

MEMORANDUM

November 7, 2011

Dear FIU family:

Please join me in congratulating our women's soccer team who clinched the Sun Belt Conference Championship this weekend!

The Panthers won 4-3 against Western Kentucky. They also placed five players on the all-tournament team. And civil engineering major Nicole DiPerna, a sophomore, received Most Valuable Player honors!

Congratulations also are in order to the coaching staff headed by Coach Thomas Chestnutt for a job well done. This is Coach Chestnutt's fourth season at the helm and he has led FIU to three-straight seasons with at least 10 wins, a program first. He guided the team to a regular-season Sun Belt championship in 2009 and now the school's second-ever tournament championship in 2011. Coach Chestnutt has also recruited the SBC Freshman of the Year for three consecutive seasons.

Winning the SBC has given us an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. Our Panthers will play UCF at UCF at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Thank you, team, for representing FIU so well.

Go Panthers!



Mark B. Rosenberg
President