

MEMORANDUM

June 13, 2019

Dear FIU family,

Today, we celebrate a major milestone at FIU, and you helped to make it happen!

The Board of Governors (BOG) has officially designated FIU as an “emerging preeminent state research university.”

It’s an honor to receive this kind of support from the state legislature and the BOG, because compared to some of our peers in the State University System, we’re still relatively young. This decision truly speaks to their confidence in our mission to use our talents in teaching and research to help others and move our community – and world – forward.

Over the last ten years, we have taken our efforts to the next level and made noteworthy gains in virtually every aspect of our work. The university that rose from the grounds of an abandoned airfield now stands alongside some of the nation’s best institutions! Today, we’re ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 100 public universities in the country – and [graduate programs in six FIU colleges are ranked among the top 50 in public universities!](#) We’re also one of only three percent of universities to earn Carnegie R1 classification for highest research activity.

Now, we have received this unprecedented designation – two years ahead of schedule!

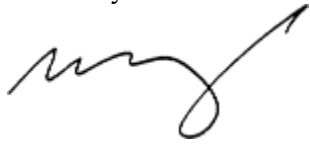
The Florida Preeminence program was introduced into law in 2013 to elevate and reward the state’s highest-performing state research universities based on 12 metrics, which include students’ grade point average and SAT scores, retention rates and research expenditures, patent production and doctoral degree production to name a few. In 2016, the new ‘emerging preeminent’ status was created – allowing designated universities the opportunity to create a plan to reach preeminent status.

FIU met the emerging preeminent metrics in the following categories:

- Average GPA and SAT score (ACTUAL)
- Freshman retention rate
- National Academy Members
- Non-medical science and engineering research expenditures
- National ranking in STEM research expenditures
- Patents awarded
- Doctoral degrees awarded annually
- Number of Post-Doctoral Appointees

Thank you, again, for stepping up and taking responsibility for student success and contributing to FIU's stellar performance. With your continued support, we're going to become Florida's next preeminent university!

Sincerely,

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

Mark B. Rosenberg
President