

CAPTOL PANTHER

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LATEST NEWS

Area Panthers Walk To Raise Funds For Children's Health



In a booming voice the Master of Ceremony announced the presence of the Greater Washington DC Chapter of the FIU Alumni Association and, with that, area alumni participating in a worthwhile cause were off. Six area alumni braved the early morning chill to participate in the Fannie Mae 5K Walk for the Homeless to benefit the Children's Health Project of DC, a local organization that provides comprehensive primary and dental care to children in the Anacostia area in Southeast DC. Participating alumni included Chapter Vice President Ricardo Lasso, whom sources overheard mumbling something about a coup against Chapter President Kirill Reznik after unforeseen events forced Kirill to back out of the walk at the last minute. Thankfully common sense prevailed and, three

miles later, Ricardo and the rest of the alumni were all smiles as they crossed the finish line proudly carrying the FIU Alumni Association banner.

Golden Panthers Men's Basketball Defeats Top Ten GW Colonials!!!



Well, not really. Final score was 45-70, but DC-area alumni, friends, and family did turn out to support the Golden Panthers Men's Basketball team as they played top-ranked George Washington University. Representatives from the FIU Alumni Association flew into DC for the event and to host an elegant private reception before the game where DC alumni got a chance to meet and talk with b-ball Coach Sergio Rouco, members of the University leadership, and participate in prize drawings. Well fed and liquored up (well, not really...), the Golden Panther pack then made its way down the block to the GWU Smith Center to cheer on the FIU players as they faced

their toughest opponent to date. Though the game was an "L" for the team, the night proved to be a resounding "W" for Panther Pride, area alumni, and friends.

Upcoming Events

- Whether it was a tough day at the office or you're just happy that it's 5 o'clock, come join DC area alumni for a Happy Hour. The first FIU Alumni Happy Hour this year will be held on **Thursday, March 16th** at RFD in Washington DC (810 Seventh Street, NW). A second Happy Hour will be held in early to mid June at a location to be determined. If you have a favorite bar or would like to suggest a Happy Hour location for future events please don't hesitate to email us at contact@dcfiualumni.org.
- On **Sunday, May 7th**, the 3rd annual family picnic will be held at Montrose Park in Washington DC. This annual picnic has been very well attended in the past, and is sure to exceed expectations this year. As always friends and family of alumni are welcome. Stay tuned for more information.
- Go Nats...er...Go Marlins! Once again this year the Florida Marlins will meet the Washington DC Nationals at RFK Stadium on **Thursday, August 10th**. Last year's game was enjoyed by FIU alumni from as far away as Richmond and we hope to duplicate that successful turnout this year. Your DC alumni chapter will organize a group outing so be prepared to cheer on your favorite baseball team. As always, friends and family are welcome! Visit our web site in the near future for detailed information.
- Golden Panther football is coming to town! Join fellow DC alumni and come cheer the FIU football team as they take on the University of Maryland Terrapins, **Saturday, September 23rd**. An outing to College Park for this event will be organized by the DC alumni chapter. Check our web site in the weeks to come for details (www.dcfiualumni.org).
- Once again the FIU DC Alumni will take on the challenge and participate in the Walk for the Homeless event on **November 18th**. Mark your calendars, grab your friends and family, and be prepared to join fellow alumni for this worthwhile cause. Details will be forthcoming.

DON'T FORGET — THE GREATER WASHINGTON, DC FIU ALUMNI CHAPTER IS ONLINE. FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES; AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS, RECAPS OF PAST EVENTS, PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND ALL OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO THE CHAPTER GO TO WWW.DCFIUALUMNI.ORG.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT? Let the rest of us know.

An event you are planning? Give the FIU community a chance to participate.

A marriage? Addition to your family? New job or promotion? Let us share in your joy.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The FIU Governmental Relations Office in Washington, DC is tasked with assisting to promote FIU's legislative agenda at the state and Federal level.

Please go to <http://government.fiu.edu/default.asp> to learn more about what the office does, issues that are important to FIU, and what you can do you help!!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you hiring? Why not hire a fellow FIU alum? Let us know and we will post you announcement here for free as well as send the announcement to the FIU Office of Career Services. Let FIU help you recruit!!

Hire a fellow FIU alum. After all, look how well you turned out.

Always feel free to contact us at contact@dcfiualumni.org. Changes to contact information, announcements, information about upcoming events, or any reason.