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The Miami University Campaign For Love and Honor



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FOR LOVE AND HONOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Foundation Board meets in Oxford February 9-10, 2006.
- No classes will be held on President's Day, Monday, February 20, 2006. University offices will remain open.

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www.forloveandhonor.org

2005 BEST CAMPAIGN YEAR YET

Monumental strides in The Miami University Campaign For Love and Honor in 2005 have resulted in the most successful and memorable campaign year in Miami's history. Over \$65 million in total



Gala attendees toast the capital campaign

campaign commitments were added to the overall campaign total, a new record. Also, over \$27 million in cash gifts were given to Miami in 2005, representing a 20 percent increase over 2004's total cash gift amount of nearly \$23 million and setting another fundraising record. In addition to these records, 2005 also saw:

- Gifts by check and credit card totaled \$14.4 million, up 24 percent from 2004
- \$177,000 was received online, the most ever, and up 25 percent from 2004
- In December alone, Miami received nearly \$11 million in cash

In April, the campaign made its public launch during a black-tie kickoff gala, held at Millett Hall and attended by over 700 alumni, friends, faculty and staff. Also that month, Miami University secured the largest campaign commitment it has ever received – a pledge of \$30 million dollars from Richard T. and Joyce Farmer and the Farmer Family Foundation.

The campaign passed the halfway point to its goal of \$350 million in 2005. Since that milestone, several significant contributions made during the final quarter of the year have added to the

total, including a \$10.5 million commitment, \$1.5 million to benefit the geology department, and \$600,000 for continued support of the Jack R. Anderson Lecture Series.

CLIMBING THE CUPOLA



\$197,743,762



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MIAMI EXPLORERS PROGRAM TRAVELING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Every year, scores of Miami University alumni take advantage of the wonderful trips planned through the Miami Explorers program. This program allows Miamians to travel without the hassles of planning flights, hotel reservations, sight-seeing tours,

etc. The Miami University Alumni Association takes care of all these hassles for the traveler. They present a worry-free travel experience with Alumni Association hosts, professional tour guides, and fellow Miamian travelers.

In 2005, several of the trips sponsored by the Miami Explorers program sold out, including Beijing, Tuscany, and Journey of the Czars (Russia). Trips in 2006 are quickly booking up, and plans are already underway for the 2007 trip line-up. One featured trip on the horizon takes the Miami Explorers to the Galapagos Islands, May 19-28, 2006. This trip is hosted by President and Mrs. Garland and will be their final Miami Explorers trip as president and first lady.



The Miami Explorers visit Beijing, China.

Upcoming trips in 2006 include:

- Hong Kong - February 16-23; starting at \$1,650
- Essential Europe, for graduating seniors - May 11-29
- Norwegian Fjords and Baltic Sea cruise - June 18-30; starting at \$4,895
- River of Emperors (Vienna to Danube Delta) - July 8-19; \$3,195 all inclusive

For a travel brochure, or for more information on the program or upcoming trips, please visit www.MiamiAlum.org/travel.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 7
Campus Campaign
Committee dinner

February 9-10
Foundation Board meeting

Monday, February 20
President's Day, no classes

Tuesday, February 28
Campus Campaign
Committee meeting

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Ben Huffman - February 10
Ray Mock - February 18
Suzanne Clark - February 21
Emilie Davis - February 23
Wendy Blanton - February 27

Anniversaries

Jan Ames - 3 years
Linda Ault - 3 years
Emily Berry - 2 years
Debbie Rinehart - 5 years
Kathy Squance - 9 years
Judy Waldron - 29 years