



ABOUT MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

Miami Dade College (MDC) offers a wide range of programs designed to meet the needs of Greater Miami. The College offers associate and baccalaureate degree options and a wide range of career and technical certificate and specialized programs. MDC currently offers five Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees and 12 Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees which are academically rigorous and innovative in Business, Education, Entertainment, Health Science, Nursing, Public Safety, and STEM related fields. The Associate in Arts (AA) degree, designed to prepare students for further study at four-year institutions, includes more than 70 pathways leading to the baccalaureate degree. The College also maintains more than 60 transfer agreements with colleges and universities across the state and country, guaranteeing entry for MDC students who meet the entry criteria. With more than 60 areas of study, the Associate in Science (AS) degree, prepares students for direct entry into the workforce. Our graduates take advantage of the College's numerous partnerships with innovative businesses throughout South Florida. In addition to these degrees, the College offers numerous short-term career and technical certificate programs which are stackable career ladders towards an associate in science degree as well as courses of study to enhance career knowledge through continuing education.

The Open-Door Policy

Miami Dade College's open-door admissions policy provides educational opportunities to community residents and to national and international applicants. Anyone seeking to benefit from the degree or short-term certificate programs, or from the College's student and community services, is encouraged to enroll. The College welcomes all students regardless of gender, race, color,

marital status, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation or genetic information.

Mission Statement

As democracy's college, Miami Dade College changes lives through accessible, high-quality teaching and learning experiences. The College embraces its responsibility to serve as an economic, cultural and civic leader



for the advancement of our diverse global community.

Vision Statement

To be the recognized leader in student learning, achievement and success while enriching our community

Core Values

- An exceptional learning environment that challenges students and empowers them to attain their academic goals
- An international perspective that makes our students civically engaged and globally competitive
- A commitment to evidence-informed decision making and accountability
- Innovation and efficiency that ensure affordability while optimizing educational quality
- An exceptional work environment that engages an exemplary and diverse workforce
- Quality community partnerships that serve as the foundation for the development of relevant workforce, cultural and civic programs
- Cultural initiatives that capture the richness of Miami-Dade County's multicultural fabric
- Environmental awareness that results in intentional sustainability practices

MDC History

Opening Doors

Miami Dade College opened its doors in 1960 with just under 1,400 students. Dade County Junior College (DCJC), as it was known at the time, was founded amid the era of Civil Rights, desegregation and an influx of asylum-seekers from Cuba. The student body included seven black students who made DCJC the first integrated junior college in Florida, along with Cuban refugees seeking a better life in America. The College was open to any Miami-Dade County resident who had graduated from high school. Tuition was free to all county residents.

The institution's first graduating class had fewer than 200 students and by 1963 was being referred to as Dade Junior College. By the mid-1960s nearly 15,000 students were attending the original North Campus, its buildings bursting at the seams. While new construction got underway at the College's first campus, plans were made for a second campus in Kendall and a third in Downtown Miami. South Campus (Kendall) would open in 1964.

With more than 23,000 students by 1967, the College was the fastest growing junior college in the U.S. and the largest institution of higher learning in the state of Florida. During this era of tremendous growth, the College enrolled more freshmen than the University of



Florida, Florida State University and the University of South Florida combined.

In 1968, the Florida Legislature separated community colleges from the public school system and the College was then governed by its own District Board of Trustees.

Access with Excellence

A philosophy of “access with excellence” defined the 1970s for the College. A bold institutional review reaffirmed its open-door policy, set new academic goals and raised the standard for all community colleges across the country. Dr. K. Patricia Cross, 20th century thought leader and then-visiting professor at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education, called the College “the most exciting institution of higher education in the country.”

The campus in Downtown Miami officially opened in 1970 and would later be renamed for one of the College’s founders, Mitchell Wolfson.

In 1973 the College changed its name to Miami-Dade Community College (MDCC) to reflect its growing prominence in the community college movement, and in keeping with the county’s name change, from Dade to Miami-Dade, which took advantage of the international name recognition of Miami.

Medical Center Campus opened its doors in 1976 in the heart of Miami’s flourishing medical district as the College’s fourth campus. Today, this marvel of medical and health technologies is referred to as Medical Campus.

Bilingual studies became a full-fledged division in 1979, with more than 2,000 students enrolled in outreach centers in Little Havana, making it the largest bilingual program in all of higher education.

Unprecedented Achievement

In the 1980s, burgeoning MDCC reflected the greatly expanding diversity of South Florida. During this period, 30% of the College’s students were immigrants; English was not the native language for 46%; two-thirds were minorities; and 56% were women. Part-time students were the norm as those seeking credentials for greater earning potential continued to work to support themselves and their families.

A modest College-sponsored book fest, “Books by the Bay,” was held in 1983 at Wolfson Campus, and in 1984, the event officially became Miami Book Fair International. The annual eight-day festival would grow into the largest and most comprehensive community-rooted literary gathering in the United States. Miami Book Fair, as it is now known, will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2023.

In 1985, the MDCC became the first community college in the U.S. to graduate 100,000 students. That same year the College celebrated its 25th anniversary and became nationally recognized when the prestigious University of

Texas Community College Leadership Program identified the College as the No. 1 community college in America.

New World School of the Arts (NWSA) at MDC opened in 1988 and would be recognized as one of the premier arts high school/college programs in the country. NWSA, in further partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the University of Florida, provides a comprehensive artistic, creative and academic program, conferring high school diplomas, Associate in Arts degrees, and bachelor’s degrees in Fine Arts and Music in programs accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance, Music, Theater and Art & Design.

Advancement and Opportunity

To kick off the 1990s, the College initiated comprehensive reforms to academic programs and administrative operations. Academic core and electives were modernized for a curriculum to meet the needs of a dynamic community. Advancements were not limited to academics; improvements were also made to human resources, maintenance operations and budgeting. In addition, the College’s new Technology Master Plan emphasized both academic and administrative computing. Throughout the decade, the College sought to keep pace with the changing economy and workforce, developing strong partnerships in business and industry. More than 50 new degree and short-term certificate training programs were developed, all aimed at emerging industries and South Florida’s job market.

In 1990, a fifth campus opened in Homestead with just 350 students. Classes were held in the basement of the First Baptist Church. The next year, a modern campus facility would be built to serve the growing student population in southern Miami-Dade County.

The College established its Cultural Affairs department in 1990, tasked with producing and presenting the newest, most challenging contemporary and cultural-specific works with an emphasis on creations reflective of Greater Miami’s multi-ethnic community.

Also in 1990, the College launched the Cultura del Lobo performing arts series along with visual arts programming and campus galleries. What would later become Live Arts Miami, these performing and visual arts programs are celebrated as the most eclectic arts offerings in Miami, presenting artists from across the globe.

In 1992, the College became the first community college in the country to establish an Endowed Teaching Chair program. More than 300 faculty have been recognized with the honor since.

In 1995, MDC’s aviation school was officially renamed the Eig-Watson School of Aviation after Lois Eig-Watson, once a flight student herself and a former faculty member at Kendall Campus. The school had been a pioneer in aviation education since its beginnings in 1961.



Jazz at Wolfson Presents started entertaining audiences in 1998 by showcasing renowned musicians to educate jazz students and to offer a cultural experience for the entire college community and the people of Downtown Miami. The popular program is now in its 24th season.

The College's sixth campus became a reality in 1998 when the InterAmerican Center in Little Havana was granted campus status by the District Board of Trustees.

Virtual College began in 1997, allowing students to take classes remotely. Recognition soon followed when Yahoo! Internet Life proclaimed the College "WIRED" and voted it "second best of all colleges and universities." The College's information technology efforts also gained residence in the Smithsonian's permanent collection with the nomination for the *ComputerWorld* Smithsonian Award for Technological Innovation in 1998. Remote learning at the College would greatly expand by the 2020s under a new name, MDC Online.

The New Learning Agenda

The College kicked off the new millennium by enrolling its 1 millionth student and obtaining state approval to offer bachelor's degrees. The College also launched its new "Learning Agenda" to advance contemporary

learning models and student support programs, as well as campus, faculty and leadership development efforts.

In 2002, the City of Miami turned the historic Tower Theater over to the College to operate as a movie theater and cultural center. Originally opened in 1926, the popular neighborhood theater was the first in the county to offer Spanish subtitles for English-language movies, beginning in 1960, in recognition of the rapidly rising Cuban refugee population.

In 2003, the Florida Legislature formally approved the school's name change to Miami Dade College (MDC). That was also the year that the College began offering four-year degrees.

The Hialeah Center became the Hialeah Campus in 2004, MDC's seventh campus.

Also in 2004, the College acquired Miami Film Festival from Florida International University. This international film event serves as a major film showcase for world cinema and has become renowned for championing films made by the South Florida community, first-time feature filmmakers and International Feature Film submissions to the Academy Awards. Miami Film Festival will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2023.

In 2005, MDC awarded its first bachelor's degrees.

The Honors College opened to academically gifted students in 2005. Students receive the prestigious Honors



College Fellow Award, which provides free tuition and fees as well as a generous stipend for books and other expenses. The Honors College prepares students for transfer to many of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation, and was once referred to by *TIME* magazine as an “Ivy Stepladder.”

Also in 2005, MDC became the proud steward of the historic Freedom Tower and would become home to the College’s Museum of Art and Design (MOAD) and MDC Special Collections. Completed in 1925, the building was originally the home of the *Miami Daily News*, the city’s oldest newspaper. The “Ellis Island of the South” served as the Cuban Assistance Center from 1962 through 1974, offering nationally sanctioned relief to the Cuban refugees seeking asylum. One of those refugees was then-teenager Padrón Campus , who would later become president of the College in 1995. The Freedom Tower was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2008.

West Campus, the youngest of MDC’s eight campuses, opened in 2006 in Doral with just 150 students.

In 2008, MDC’s Medical Campus began offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in response to workforce needs in that industry. The School of Nursing had been established in the early years of the College and has graduated more than 23,000 nurses since. In 2012, the

school would be renamed the Benjamín León School of Nursing.

MDC TV debuted in 2008 as the College’s own television network. MDC TV is broadcast to millions of cable TV subscribers throughout Miami-Dade County and has won a total of seven Emmys and 14 nominations from the Suncoast Regional Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

In 2009, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named MDC among the select group of institutions granted its prestigious Community Engagement Classification.

Also in 2009, MDC took over the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archive, the nation’s largest state archive of video and film.

Opened in 2010, the Miami Culinary Institute (MCI) at MDC is at the epicenter of culinary education excellence. Mixing classic skills and innovative techniques used by the world’s best chefs, the program is at the forefront of the industry. MCI has won several awards and distinctions, and has also been home to world-renowned chefs.

In 2010, Miami Dade College celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Innovation • Expansion • Purpose

Over the next decade, MDC would take higher educa-

tion innovation to entirely new levels with groundbreaking initiatives and curricula that would evolve in sync with local industry as well as the global workforce. By 2011, the College was offering more than 20 baccalaureate degrees including a new Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences.

MDC was selected for a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Completion by Design grant in 2011 to increase student success and boost graduation rates among low-income students.

Also in 2011, the College began offering its unprecedented American Dream Scholarship, which pays for in-state tuition and fees for the first two years of college for all newly graduated high school students who could not otherwise afford it. Graduating seniors must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to qualify.

The Koubek Center was acquired by MDC in 2011. Built in 1929, the South Florida landmark has a long and rich history as a cultural hub dedicated to building community through the arts with a 200-seat theater, an expansive garden, classrooms and multi-use spaces.

In 2012, the College became the first institution of higher learning in Florida to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Management.

In 2013, the College enrolled its 2 millionth student.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a college or

university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement, and in 2013, MDC received its seventh consecutive accolade.

In 2014, the Student Success Award of Excellence was conferred on MDC by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) for advancing diversity.

In 2015, MDC opened the new 9,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC). The facility is a working animation studio where students prepare for careers as creative directors, graphic artists, illustrators and 2D and 3D animators. MAGIC offers an intensive, hands-on program where students have the opportunity to work with industry powerhouses such as Nickelodeon and Telemundo. They also gain hands-on experience in augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR).

Ashoka U designated MDC as a 2015 Changemaker Campus for its role in promoting social innovation, change-making and thought leadership in the Miami community and abroad.

MDC launched its cutting-edge Miami Fashion Institute (MFI) in 2016. Located at the Wolfson Campus in the heart of Downtown Miami, it is the only facility of its kind at a public institution of higher education in Florida, and one of only a handful nationally. Real-world experience meets the classroom with faculty that includes renowned artists, designers and business professionals. MFI offers





Associate in Science degrees in both Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising, as well as a College Credit Certificate in Pattern Making and Construction.

The Idea Center at MDC opened in 2016 as an “industry-agnostic ecosystem of creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship for MDC students.” The Idea Center offers classroom education, professional development opportunities and experiential learning programs to MDC students and the community at large.

Also in 2016, MDC acquired the historic David W. Dyer building, which is being restored for academic and civic purposes. Built in 1933, the building is on the National Registry of Historic Places and on the City of Miami’s list of historic places.

In 2017 MDC was selected to join the exclusive Frontier Set, a group of higher education institutions aiming to eliminate the racial, ethnic and socio-economic barriers that bar students from completing college.

MDC’s business school was renamed in 2018 the Miguel B. Fernandez Family School of Global Business, Trade and Transportation in honor of billionaire entrepreneur and philanthropist Miguel “Mike” B. Fernandez, a longtime friend and advocate of the College.

MDC’s Cybersecurity Center of the Americas opened in 2018 to address the demand for cybersecurity professionals. MDC is the only institution of higher learning in Florida with a Cyberbit range, a training facility that provides students and working professionals access to hands-on cybersecurity education and simulated training that mirrors real-life cyberattack scenarios.

In 2019, Tesla chose MDC as its first partner in the

state of Florida for its Tesla START automotive training program. The 15-week Tesla START program trains students to become Tesla automotive technicians at a new state-of-the-art facility at West Campus, fully equipped with Tesla vehicles and equipment and built to Tesla specifications.

Building on its outstanding record, MDC once again made *The Chronicle of Higher Education’s* Great Colleges to Work For in 2019, marking its 11th consecutive year on the list.

MDC opened its new Cloud Computing Center in 2019. The state-of-the-art Center is the only one of its kind in Florida, and offers the state’s only College Credit Certificate and Associate in Science in Enterprise Cloud Computing. It also hosts the College’s first Cloud Computing Academy, which provides training for both MDC students and members of the community. In collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft, Azure and Google Cloud, among others, the new Center allows technology leaders and industry experts to engage with students who are learning about leading cloud platforms and receiving industry certifications.

In 2019, MDC opened the new Center for Learning, Innovation and Simulation (CLIS) at Medical Campus. The five-floor Center features an entire floor dedicated to advanced medical simulation that facilitates the practice of working in real-world clinical environments such as operating and emergency rooms. CLIS is a one-of-a-kind health training venue in the region and rivals those at top medical schools around the nation.

MDC was awarded the 2019 Aspen Prize for College

Excellence, the nation's highest recognition of achievement and performance among state colleges across America. The award is considered the highest and most sought after among American colleges.

MDC was also awarded the 2019 Lumina Foundation Education Innovation Judges Choice Prize for its adult learner "earn and learn" Tesla START program.

Also in 2019, after the College's fourth president, Padrón Campus, announced he was stepping down, the InterAmerican Campus was renamed the Padrón Campus in honor of his part in developing the location as a campus.

MDC opened its new cutting-edge BIT Center in 2020. The 6,000-square-foot facility is a cross between a Silicon Valley tech company and a futuristic classroom. The BIT Center examines and promotes the role of technology in digital transformation, process automation and analytics in the ever-changing business landscape.

In 2020, Madeline Pumariega was named the first female president to lead Miami Dade College. Adding to the historic nature of this appointment was that Pumariega is an alumna of MDC.

The School of Engineering and Technology (EnTec) at MDC announced two new degrees in 2021: Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity. The College has developed more than 50 new or revamped degrees and embedded over 30 industry certifications into tech-related courses for these sought-after skills.

In 2021, MDC joined the AI4ALL College Pathways program, a nationwide initiative to foster AI-related careers and to embed AI concepts into all associate degree curricula in coming years.

MDC launched Rising Black Scholars in 2021. The trailblazing initiative provides a full-ride scholarship and a host of curated services for two years to students of African descent who are graduates of a Miami-Dade County high school.

In 2021 MDC's award-winning newspaper *The Reporter* was named the top college student newspaper in Florida for the 10th year in a row by the Florida College System Publications Association (FCSPA). The print publication was launched in 2010 and is a product of three now-defunct student newspapers at MDC: *The Falcon Times* launched in 1961, followed by the *Catalyst* in 1966 and *The Downtowner* in 1970, which was renamed the *Metropolis* — a magazine that still exists today. Through the years, the College's student newspapers have won 21 National Pacemaker Awards and received hundreds of honors from the FCSPA.

The Goldman Sachs 10KSB celebrated its 21st cohort at MDC in 2021. The practical education program provides entrepreneurs with valuable skills for growing their businesses at no cost. Since the program's inception

at MDC in 2013, 10KSB has graduated over 500 small-business owners.

In 2021, Excelencia in Education, the nation's premier authority on efforts accelerating Latino student success in higher education, recognized MDC with its Seal of Excelencia. That same year, the College was also recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the leading institutions for Hispanics in the United States.

MDC once again ranked No. 1 in the Florida College System (FCS) for reporting the most students earning industry certifications during the 2021 reporting year.

In its continuing efforts to provide greater access, MDC launched the Presidential Scholars Program in 2021. This initiative offers high-performing graduating high school students in Miami-Dade County the opportunity to complete an associate degree at no cost.

MDC established a transfer articulation agreement in 2021 with the University of Miami (UM) that allows MDC graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics to seamlessly transfer to a Master of Science in Data Science at UM.

According to the 2021 rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report*, MDC's School for Advanced Studies (SAS) was ranked the fifth best high school in the United States and the best high school in Florida. SAS takes pride in its diverse student population, nurturing learning environment, and commitment to providing all students with a rich and rigorous liberal arts education, with many of its students specializing in STEM.

In 2021, MDC's women's volleyball team won their 12th state championship in 16 years. The team has won a total of 48 state titles and 11 national titles overall with back-to-back NJCAA National Championships in 2017 and 2016. And, for the first time since 2014, MDC's baseball team was crowned state champions in 2021. Prior to that, MDC baseball won two national titles: in 1964 at Dade North and in 1981 at Dade South. In all, MDC baseball teams have made 13 trips to nationals since first qualifying in 1964. MDC's long history of athletic excellence boasts 35 NJCAA national titles, including 15 in women's sports, and dozens of All-Americans.

The College joined the NASA Florida Space Grant Consortium (FSGC) in 2021, a statewide network of colleges and universities supporting the expansion and diversification of Florida's space industry through grants, scholarships and fellowships to students and educators in Florida.

By 2021, MDC had conferred more associate degrees than any other community college in the country. And among all large postsecondary institutions, MDC ranked No. 1 in associate degrees awarded to Hispanics; No. 4 in associate degrees awarded to Black students; No. 1 in

associate degrees in Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities; and No. 5 in associate degrees in Nursing and Health Professions & Related Sciences.

As Miami's relevance in the technology and startup landscapes dramatically expands, the College is anticipating and meeting industry needs with a host of high-tech, in-demand career options, including Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, Data Analytics, AR/VR, Tesla electric vehicle technology, Animation & Gaming, Business Entrepreneurship and more.

- Nearly 14,000 graduates from MDC's eight campuses earned degrees for the 2020-21 academic school year.
- The College's eight campuses and outreach centers offer more than 300 academic pathways, associate and bachelor's degrees, and career certificates.
- MDC is among the most diverse institution in the nation with 164 nations and 53 languages represented in its student body.

From its earliest beginnings, Miami Dade College has been at the forefront of innovation and cultivating opportunities in an ever-changing career outlook. The College's efforts have created new generations of professionals trained and encouraged to pursue their passions and discover their purpose for a life of career success.







Campuses & Outreach Centers

MDC enrolls more than 170,000 students at its eight campuses and multiple outreach centers throughout Miami-Dade County. While each campus has developed its own distinct identity, the entire College is united around a fundamental mission: providing access to high-quality educational opportunities for all residents of the community.

North

Located on 245 acres in northern Miami-Dade County, this beautifully landscaped campus was the College's first. It was built in 1960 on land that once hosted a World War II Naval air station. The main academic buildings of the Campus surround a serene lake and lush walking paths. North Campus is a major gateway for students wishing to upgrade skills, complete one-year certificate programs, prepare for licensing exams or complete a bachelor's degree. North Campus is also recognized for its unique programs. The School of Justice, Public Safety, and Law Studies offers the Bachelor of Applied Science with a major in public safety management and provides basic training for all police and correctional officers in Miami-Dade County as well as more than half the private

Miami Dade College PRESIDENTS

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|  <p>Kenneth R. Williams Tenure: 1959 – 1962</p> |  <p>Peter Masiko Jr. Tenure: 1962 – 1980</p> |
|  <p>Robert H. McCabe Tenure: 1980 – 1995</p> |  <p>Eduardo J. Padrón Tenure: 1995 – 2019</p> |
|  <p>Rolando Montoya Interim President Tenure: 2019 – 2020</p> |  <p>Madeline Pumariega Tenure: 2020 – present</p> |

security personnel. The Fire Science Program trains all Miami-Dade County firefighters and provides continuing education for municipalities throughout the county and the East Coast. A live fire training facility is the only one of its kind in South Florida.

Additionally, the School offers programs in chemical and watershed management. North Campus also houses the Funeral Services program that trains morticians and funeral service directors, the only program of its kind in southeastern Florida. Those students wishing to pursue careers in film and digital imaging, television, and sound engineering, or in the radio and music business take advantage of the School of Entertainment Technologies. This School operates the cable station MDC-TV, and in 2008 it inaugurated the Televisa Centre for Film and Television Production, a hub for Latin American and Caribbean entertainment industries. North Campus also administers the Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center, which promotes excellence in education, entrepreneurship, and workforce preparation.

In January 2010, MDC celebrated the official opening of the College's state-of-the-art science complex at North Campus. The first of its kind in north Miami-Dade County, the facility will create new educational and career-training opportunities for area residents and beyond. The 90,000 square foot complex features 21 laboratories with media stations, a Palmetum, a rooftop observatory, classrooms, lecture hall, faculty and administrative offices, botanical garden, greenhouse, an outdoor plaza and café.

The new science complex is an invaluable tool for all MDC students who must meet science requirements to graduate. In particular, it will serve as a hands-on training venue for students interested in biotechnology, chemical technology, green and environmental sciences, and advanced manufacturing careers, among many other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professions. Training in these areas can lead to an array of jobs, from research technologist to environmental scientist. Another goal is for the complex to become a top regional research facility.

The School of Engineering, Technology, and Design at North Campus launched a Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) with a major in Film, Television and Digital Production in 2010. Designed to provide students with a seamless, workforce driven baccalaureate degree that will enable them to obtain immediate employment in the field of digital production, thereby meeting South Florida's workforce needs, the B.A.S. also serves those currently in the production workforce who need to update their skills to increase their career opportunities and wages.

Kendall

Kendall Campus, situated on a 185-acre tract of trees and lakes, opened in 1967, and has become home to a wide

variety of academic programs and specialized institutes. The campus features 14 buildings equipped with the latest technologies, a wellness center with an Olympic-sized pool and several athletic fields.

Kendall Campus offers a comprehensive range of learning opportunities. Kendall provides students with transfer programs designed to facilitate the move to four-year institutions, programs that enhance and modernize professional and technical skills, and preparatory programs for licensing or certification.

Kendall Campus provides students with academic support services focused on enhancing student learning in science, mathematics and engineering. The Environmental Center is a 10-acre facility on campus that hosts Eco Tours for more than 10,000 schoolchildren each year. The Gourmet Academy is the culinary showpiece of Kendall Campus and offers a variety of noncredit programs and courses to the community. Located west of the main campus, the Landscape Technology Program maintains a large nursery and several greenhouses. One of the additions to the campus is the Earth Sciences Museum and Demonstration Center, which boasts one of the largest collections of geological specimens in the southeastern United States. The Kendall Campus art gallery provides the campus and surrounding community with several exhibitions each year and houses a permanent collection of more than 700 works. Also, award-winning publications such as *Miambiance*, Kendall's literary magazine, highlight students' literary excellence.

Kendall Campus offers a Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Supervision and Management to prepare graduates for leadership roles and positions in a variety of industries. The upper-level coursework includes applied management practices, prepares students for supervisory and management opportunities within their technical field, and affords students the opportunity to demonstrate the application of acquired knowledge, skills and competencies through internships and capstone experiences.

After graduation, students will be prepared to advance to supervisory and managerial positions in a wide variety of industries, including financial services, retail, hospitality, marketing, aviation management, food service, insurance, real estate, office and administration, and sales.

Wolfson

Wolfson Campus opened in 1970 by holding classes in the storefronts of downtown Miami. With the completion of the campus' first permanent facility in 1973, Wolfson Campus catalyzed a downtown renaissance by hosting all manner of civic and cultural discourse. It is the only comprehensive urban campus in the city. Located within the city's financial, governmental, technological and cultural hubs, Wolfson Campus capitalizes on its unique geo-

graphic resource by offering programs in banking/financial services, business, computer technology, paralegal studies, architecture, economics, hospitality management, engineering, the arts, humanities and social sciences.

The campus also houses the New World School of the Arts, a comprehensive high school and college program, recognized as one of the best performing and visual arts schools in the country.

Each year Wolfson Campus hosts Miami Book Fair. This is the nation's largest and finest literary festival, bringing hundreds of renowned authors, publishing houses and hundreds of thousands of fairgoers to the Campus. *The New York Times* calls this Wolfson Campus event the model for all other book fairs.

The School of Computer and Engineering Technologies at Wolfson Campus offers a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technologies. This degree addresses the local workforce need for baccalaureate-level engineers, providing job opportunities for MDC's Associate in Science graduates to earn, at a local institution, a degree that will support higher-paying careers.

In the spring of 2011, MDC inaugurated the Miami Culinary Institute at its new, state-of-the-art, green facilities, training students in the latest sustainable food and energy technologies with unparalleled nutrition and culinary knowledge.

Medical

In 1976, Miami Dade College opened its Medical Campus on 4.3 acres within the city's medical/civic center complex. Along with the other members of this complex (the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, UM/Jackson Memorial Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital and Miami-Dade County Public Health Service), Medical Campus forms the backbone of Miami's health care community. The campus offers specialty disciplines in nursing and allied health, and state-of-the-art technologies that help to ensure that students are prepared in these and other challenging medical careers. The Medical Campus continues to be one of the top producers of nurses in the South Florida area. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing was launched in 2008. More than 20 Allied Health programs are offered, including Physician's Assistant, Opticianry, Emergency Medical Technician, Veterinary Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Hygiene and more. Quality medical faculty guide students with support from tutors, labs and the Student Success Center.

Medical Campus launched a Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Health Sciences in 2010. Designed to provide students with entry-level skills specific to the allied health professions and to supplement the workforce-specific skills that are inherent in Miami Dade College's associate degree program, the B.A.S. in Health

Sciences also offers students a Physician Assistant Studies option. The B.A.S. curriculum provides an interdisciplinary approach to health care by equipping practitioners with specialized health delivery system and patient management strategies, including medical knowledge and skills, the teaching of multicultural health care clients, leadership and management strategies, and research approaches that address health care issues, and alternative medicine.

Homestead

In 1990, Homestead became the fifth campus of Miami Dade College. It was opened in the historic downtown district of the city of Homestead with the mission to deliver a full range of higher education programs for the Homestead/Florida City communities. In fulfilling its mission, the campus enhances the community's capacity to meet cultural and social needs, in turn fostering a stronger sense of community. This togetherness was very important following the devastation of Hurricane Andrew and the closing of the Homestead Air Force Base. After Hurricane Andrew, the campus, like the city of Homestead, began to rebuild, adding four new facilities by 1996. In January of 2002, the College opened its Aviation Building, housing a simulator of an airport control tower and runways, as well as classrooms and avionics equipment to support the aviation program. The aviation program also extends to facilities at Miami International Airport and Miami Executive Airport.

Today, Homestead Campus is a modern, six-building complex offering an array of academic programs, including aviation, entertainment technologies, arts and sciences, and nursing. The campus' award-winning structures include a computer courtyard, student learning lab, career center and specialized assessment facility. As the community continues to grow, Homestead Campus will also grow, expanding its horizons to meet the needs of the South Dade community.

Padrón

Padrón Campus is located in the heart of Little Havana, a colorful and lively neighborhood in Miami's historic Latin Quarter. The seed for Padrón Campus was planted in 1972 when the College offered two night courses at the Belen Jesuit Prep School. Sixty students enrolled. By 1979, the program had blossomed into the Wolfson Campus' Division of Bilingual Studies, enrolling 2,000 students.

In the early 1980s, an influx of students from Latin America and the Caribbean led to the addition of day classes and full-time faculty. By 1986, the division had grown to "center" designation, and it moved into a building in Little Havana purchased by the College Foundation. What was then called InterAmerican Center

became the largest bilingual learning environment in all of higher education.

With enrollment at 5,500, the College District Board of Trustees petitioned the state of Florida for “campus” status. The request was approved and on March 27, 2001, InterAmerican Campus – its original name – was born. The District Board of Trustees pronounced InterAmerican Campus a full-fledged, full-service campus, the sixth of Miami Dade College.

In May 2019, the campus was renamed the Padrón Campus in honor of the longtime College president, who announced he was stepping down effective August 2019. Today, the campus provides service to students in more than 200 programs. It is also home to the College’s School of Education, which offers bachelor’s degree programs in secondary mathematics education, exceptional student education, and secondary science education in the areas of biology, chemistry, physics and earth/space science.

Hialeah

Hialeah Campus became MDC’s seventh campus, accorded official campus status by the Florida State Board of Education in 2005. The campus serves the Greater Hialeah-Miami Lakes area, offering day and evening classes six days a week. Courses leading to the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees are offered. Educational opportunities are also available through career technical education programs, as well as through courses providing career entry in computer technology, office technology, electronics and early childhood development. Hialeah Campus houses a large and comprehensive English-language training program for speakers of other languages in various instructional formats.

West

The West Campus was approved by the Florida State Board of Education in 2005 and became a designated-branch campus of Miami Dade College in July 2017, with the approval of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Serving one of the fastest-growing locales in Miami-Dade County, including Doral and surrounding areas, the West Campus offers courses toward the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. Corporate training programs are also offered at the campus, which opened for classes on March 1, 2006, and promises to be the next exciting learning environment for the greater Miami community.

The Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center

The Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center is an outreach program of the North Campus. It opened its doors on Oct. 4, 1989, in the heart of Liberty City,

a predominantly African-American community within the City of Miami. The mission of the Entrepreneurial Education Center is to implement the broader mission of the College while promoting entrepreneurship, business growth and economic revitalization for the local residents of Liberty City and the surrounding communities.

The Entrepreneurial Education Center offers a vast array of college credit and noncredit courses. Students pursue certificate and vocational programs in a number of fields; they participate in seminars and conferences that promote workforce training and business skills and facilitate entrepreneurship and entry into the labor market.