



# THE VICTOR GAZETTE

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE

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## Class of 2011 Excels

### REMINDER:

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM ON THE MCS CAMPUS.

COME PARTICIPATE IN GAMES, ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, PICK UP YOUR YEARBOOKS AND SELECT YOUR LOCKER

For a listing of the colleges and universities to which the Class of 2011 has been accepted, see pages 2-3.

### *Miami Christian School*



**Senior Graduating Class - 2011**

This year's graduating class of 30 students was accepted to over 40 different colleges and universities; 65% of the class received more than \$600,000 worth of first year scholarship offers and over \$2.5 million in four year offers.

Approximately 47 percent of the students graduated with honors, 40 percent of that group achiev-

ing highest honors.

One-fifth of the class scored in the top 14 percentile and higher in the country in Math and Reading.

One-fifth of the class had acquired college credits before graduating high school.

Fifty-seven percent of the graduates received the prestigious Presidential Service Award for their community service efforts.

One-sixth of the class were the babies of families in which all their older siblings had preceded them in graduation at MCS.

One-third of the seniors received the highly esteemed King David Awards for exemplified positive character.

One-fifth of the graduates will be participating in varsity sports in college.



## PTF and Chick-Fil-A Partner for Teacher's Appreciation Day

Chick-Fil-A and the MCS PTF partnered together to provide a luncheon for the faculty and staff on Teacher Appreciation Day. Jenny Larson from the Chick-Fil-A on NW 107th Ave. in Doral brought sandwiches, wraps, brownie and "give-aways" donated by the store for the employees. The PTF decorated the room with a Hawaiian theme and provided delicious desserts, fruit and a beautiful flower arrangement which was given away as a door prize at the end of the lunch.

## Graduates Attend Various Universities

The following is the list of colleges and universities to which our Class of 2011 was accepted to attend in the Fall. We also have one student who will be joining the US Marine Corps.

*Alderson-Broaddus College*

*Barry University*

*Bowling Green State University*

*Campbell University*

*Concordia University—Chicago*

*Concordia University—Irvine*

*Concordia University—Seward*

*Dominican College*

*Drexel University*

*Felician College*

*Florida Atlantic University*

*Florida Christian College*

*Florida International University*

*Florida International University—  
Honors College*

*Florida State University*

*Jackson State University*

*Kentucky Wesleyan College*

*King's College*

*Lenoir-Rhyne University*

*Liberty University*

*Loyola University*

*Manhattan College*

*Miami Dade College*

*Miami Dade Honors College*

# Graduates Attend Various Universities, cont'd

*Miami International University of Art & Design*

*North Carolina Wesleyan University*

*North Dakota State University*

*Northwood University*

*Notre Dame University*

*Nova Southeastern University*

*Ohio State University*

*Post University*

*Salem International University*

*Robert Morris University*

*St. Thomas University*

*Santa Fe College*

*University of Central Florida*

*University of Chicago*

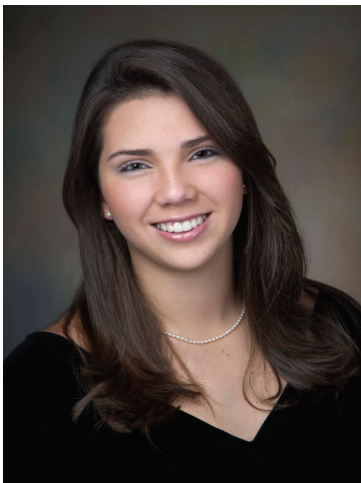
*University of Florida*

*University of Miami*

*University of Northwestern Ohio*

*University of the Cumberland*

## Andrea Garcia Enjoys Athletic and Academic Honors



Andrea Garcia, Valedictorian of the Class of 2011 won the prestigious La Ley Sports casting Award for Outstanding Senior – Fall Season at the All Dade Athletics First Team Breakfast.

She was also named an AP Scholar for the 2011 school year for taking and passing three Advanced Placement

tests with a score of “3” or higher.

Andrea was offered scholarships to Notre Dame, the University of Ohio, Robert Morris University and the University of Miami. She will be attending UM since they will allow her to dually major in Architecture and Engineering.

# Juniors Receive University of Rochester Awards

Four Miami Christian School students were recently honored by The University of Rochester, a school that recognizes juniors who excel in various areas with university awards and the potential to apply for scholarships as seniors. MCS’s end of the year awards ceremony

provided an opportunity to recognize and present these students the following awards from the University: **Kunal Khiyani**, who received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award; **Rebecca Naranjo**, recipient of the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony

Award in Humanities and Social Sciences; **Juan Tapia**, awarded the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology; and **Victoria Gonzalez** who received the George Eastman Young Leaders Award.

# Presidential Academic Awards



The Presidential Academic Fitness Awards were also presented to fifth and eighth graders and graduating seniors. Awards were made on the merit of having obtained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and scored in the top 15 percentile in the country in Math, Reading or Complete Battery.

Taking the honors this year in the senior class at MCS were **Marcus Bello, Jacqueline Diaz, Andrea Garcia, Milton Mercade, Brandon Rodriguez and Hannah Sielk.** Award recipients in the eighth grade class were **Alina Andrews, Matthew Gaydos, Naomi Granado, Sheila**

**Linares, Michelle Lopez, Elizabeth Rosillo and Susana Vasquez.** Fifth grade recipients were **Andre Caputo, Javier Fernandez, Sophia Granado, Anna Kuzano, Nicole Martinez, Christine Rosillo and Muhammad Salem.**

# Athletic Scholarships



On the sports front, six MCS graduates will be participating in athletics while they attend college. **Nicole Beckelheimer** is an invited walk-on to the Florida International University's Lady's Volleyball team. **Kevin Gonzalez** and **Eric San-**

**tamaria** will be playing baseball at Florida Christian College. **Paola Grande** will be attending Barry University on a full golf scholarship. **Stephen Machin** will be playing baseball at North Wesleyan University in North Carolina,

and **Erik Rodriguez** will be playing baseball at Post University in Connecticut. All six seniors will be attending these universities on scholarship.

## New Faculty Members for the 2011-2012 Year

Meet our new faculty for the year:

Mr. Wayne Williams (Mrs. Diana Miranda Williams' husband) will be returning to Miami Christian and will be working in the Science and Social Studies departments. Mr. Williams graduated from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN. He had 7 years classroom experience teaching for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in England and Japan. He has experience in teaching in Social Studies, Science, English and Technology departments. He has also taught in Knox County Schools, Tennessee, Florida Bible Christian School in Miramar, and previously at Miami Christian School. While at MCS, we nominated him for a Congressional Fellowship, which he received and served in Washington, DC. He also served 9 years in the Air Force as a Medical Assistant in a Medical Surgical Unit in Tokyo, Japan, as an Emergency Medical Technician at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, as a Medical Technician in an Internal Medicine Clinic and in a Neonatal ICU unit at Wright Patterson AFB.

Mr. David Rubinstein will be replacing Mrs. Williams in Drama and Bible; he graduated from LIFE Bible College in San Dimas, California and obtained his Master's at Valdosta State University. Mr. Rubinstein has been a director and performer with Covenant Players an international troupe, whose world headquarters is in Oxnard, California. Covenant Players uses drama and travels worldwide to communicate the Gospel in churches and to support the work of social workers and educators around the globe. Mr. Rubinstein has teaching experience in Thomas County School District in Thomasville, Georgia (6 years); Blaine County School District in Hailey Idaho (5 years); and Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada (4 years). He also served as Senior Pastor of Sun Valley Four-square Church in Hailey, Idaho. He has teaching experience in Drama, English, Social Studies, Technology, and Leadership. He is also a Reading Specialist and has a degree in Greek and Hebrew. We are pleased to have Mr. Rubinstein as the new high school faculty member.

MCS is adding Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language for students in the elementary, middle and high schools and these courses will be taught by Mrs. Ming-Ru Chaung. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Soochow University. She has also completed additional training in teaching Chinese as a Second Language at National Taiwan University, and in Chinese Applied Linguistics, Chinese Poetry Appreciation and the History of Chinese at Chinese Culture University. She also completed the Educator Preparation Institute Program at Miami Dade College. She has previous teaching experience at Chinese Heritage School and Miami-Dade Southridge Senior High School.



The middle school Social Studies teacher this year will be Mrs. Saeha Paulovkin. She obtained a Bachelor's degree at the University of Karachi, a second Bachelor's degree and a Master's Degree at Florida International University. Her degrees are in Business and Religious Studies with a certificate in Pre-Modern cultures. She further earned the Academy for the Art of Teaching Achievement Certificate while in graduate school at FIU. Her career background is in education, retail, and customer service. She is a church leader at Gateway Baptist Church and is a member of Campus Crusade for Christ.

The middle school Science teacher is, Mrs. Christina Lynn Stocker. She graduated with a Bachelor's (Magna cum Laude) from Evangel University in Springfield, MO. She has thirteen years of teaching experience in Springfield Public Schools, Granite City Public Schools, Christian Heritage Academy, Laussane Collegiate School, and the Frisco Independent School District in Frisco, Texas. She was a member and treasurer of the Missouri State Teacher Association, a curriculum writer for Thrive Student Centers, and worked four years as an Education Director. She has also worked as a freelance writer and was published in "TPE Magazine" and the "Dallas Morning News."

The elementary school is adding a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher this year, Mrs. Adriana Irias, (with Mrs. Cox remaining as 4th grade teacher). She received her BA in Elementary Education at Barry University. She has nine years of experience in teaching at Campbell Drive Elementary. Her expertise is in writing, reading and integration of technology. She also taught an EFL class for two years.



***Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates***

***Miami Christian School***



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# ***Congratulations to our K-5 Graduates***

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J J Barea holds the NBA Championship Trophy

## Alumni News

### Jose Juan "J J"

**Barea** (class of 2002) played a major part of the Dallas Mavericks winning the 2011 NBA Championship against the Miami Heat. As a guard who always brings a high level of enthusiasm and electricity to the game, the Mavericks never lost a game once the coach began to start "J J" in the seven game series.

### Vicente Chavarria

(class of 2005) will be moving to California to pursue his Doctoral in Choral Conducting at the University of Southern California. He has just completed his Master's of Musicology at the University of Miami, where he was also teaching Music History as a Graduate Assistant.



### Michael Gehring

(class of 2009) was just named to the Dean's List at the University of Central Florida where he is pursuing a degree in Accounting.