

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI  
OFFICE of MULTICULTURAL  
STUDENT AFFAIRS

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**HORIZONS 2026**

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# UNAPOLOGETICALLY U

Step into this new chapter Unapologetically U —your voice, story, and identity matter here. This is your moment to explore, connect, and find your place while tapping into campus resources designed to support your success. College isn't just about classes—it's your space to discover what excites you, challenges you, and shapes who you're becoming. So show up fully, stay curious, and own your journey from day one.

## **Network with faculty and staff:**

Connect with University faculty and staff to gain valuable insight on navigating your academic, professional, and student life at The U.

## **Connect with new and returning students:**

Through a series of fun and engaging activities, you will make connections with your peers and discuss issues relevant to new students.

## **Explore mentorship opportunities:**

Meet our team of Horizons mentors and counselors who have been specifically selected for their knowledge of the University and the surrounding community.

## **Get tips for a successful first year:**

Through our Real Talk at The U session, you will gain valuable advice from returning students about how to successfully navigate your college experience.

## **Learn about Multicultural Student Affairs:**

Meet the staff and learn more about the office that offers many programs, resources, and support to students and organizations throughout the year.

## **Move into housing early:**

Students who are moving into on-campus housing will receive the earliest appointment times to ensure you arrive on time to attend Horizons.

# WELCOME TO THE U

FROM THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

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You are about to embark on a journey that will present you with challenges, opportunities, and experiences as you sharpen your academic skills and grow into a globally minded citizen. Soon you will join a vibrant, active, and diverse community of students, faculty, and staff, and we couldn't be more eager to meet you soon!

Our office provides underrepresented and ethnically diverse students with programs, services, and resources to support student success and growth. In addition, we advocate for a culturally enriched University of Miami community, which supports, values, and celebrates its diversity.

In addition to Horizons, we hope you stay connected to our office by attending our many programs, joining student organizations, and giving back to our close-knit community. In doing so, you will make connections with your peers as well as staff and faculty members who can help you navigate college life. Welcome to The U and go Canes!



**Tony Williams**

Director



**Jaylan Lawson**

Administrative Assistant



**Karoline Otavalo**

Graduate Assistant



# 150+

MSA hosts more than 150 programs including Cultural Competency programs, Horizons, Beyond the Horizons, Culture Pop-Up, Real Talk, and Senior Mwambo.

Our other leadership and personal development opportunities include: MSA Crew Leadership Retreat (fall and spring); Students of Culture Symposium; Beyond the Horizons; and the Inclusion and Belonging Education Program.

MSA works with several student organizations and departments to coordinate cultural celebrations including:

- Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Black Awareness Month
- Caribbean Cultural Celebrations
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Native American Month



# 30+

MSA advises more than 30 student organizations that focus on cultural identities, leadership, men's and women's empowerment, poetry, pre-professional societies, and special interest populations.

# FOR STUDENTS BY STUDENTS

Horizons is planned and executed by a talented group of student program coordinators. Many of them went through the program themselves and are eager to help you find your place at the University.



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