

Cyclists ride for community cause



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ACTIVE ADVOCATES: UM alumnus Brian Lemmerman, a Celebrate Diversity Miami (CDM) representative, helped host a 13-mile bicycle ride held on Saturday. The event aimed to raise awareness for community development projects in areas such as Overtown and Liberty City, where the cyclists made stops. His wife and UM alumna, Naomi Ross, founded CDM.

Adam Schachner (left) represented Emerge Miami, a group of advocates that promote community building projects throughout South Florida, for the event. Terrance Cribbs-Lorrant (right), a youth development specialist for URGENT, Inc., also participated. URGENT is a youth and community development organization that empowers children to transform their communities.

Alumnus supports development projects

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A crowd of bikers gathered near the Government Center Metrorail station Saturday morning. At 10 a.m.,

the group of more than 100 people mounted their bicycles and kicked off for a group ride through the streets of Miami.

Celebrate Diversity Miami (CDM) is an organization created by UM alumna Naomi Ross. The group organized the 13-mile group bicycle ride on Saturday, Oct. 11, to raise awareness about community-development proj-

ects and expose participants to different parts of Miami.

"This is a large-scale community engagement event that will change the minds of people about certain areas in Miami," Ross said. "Just because you hear something in the media, it's not everything communities are made of."

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Trustees seek new president

One student sits in selection committee

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SHALALA

Thirteen individuals have been appointed to the Presidential Search Committee that will select President Donna E. Shalala's successor, according to a university-wide memo sent Friday by Stuart A. Miller, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Nine of Miller's appointees are members of the Board of Trustees – including a student trustee, senior Amy Halpern – and four are faculty members.

Shalala announced that she will be stepping down as president of the University of Miami in September.

Miller appointed Richard D. Fain, vice chair of the Board of Trustees and CEO of Royal Caribbean Cruises, to chair the committee. Fain has been a trustee since 1997.

"This will be an inclusive process and will seek valuable input from the greater University of Miami community," Miller wrote in a statement sent to the university community in September.

According to Miller, the next steps in the search will be to reach out to other "campus constituencies" and select an executive consulting firm. The student trustee is a full member of the board and can attend any meetings, according to Patricia Whitely, vice president for Student Affairs

Committee members were not able to comment at the time of publication.

For more on Shalala stepping down, visit themiamihurricane.com/section/shalala-2.

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TRUSTEES FROM COVER

Thirteen faces of Presidential Search Committee announced

After President Donna E. Shalala announced that she will step down at the end of spring 2015, Richard D. Fain was selected to chair the Presidential Search Committee. On Friday, Stuart Miller, the chairman of UM's Board of Trustees, revealed the 13 members of the committee.

For a full list of the members' roles, visit themiamihurricane.com.



RICHARD D. FAIN

Fain is vice chair of the Board of Trustees and the chair of the Presidential Search Committee.



JORGE PEREZ

Perez has served as a UM trustee since 2000. He is a member of the Investments Committee of the Board of Trustees and chairs the School of Architecture Visiting Committee.



LEONARD ABESS

Abess was chairman of UM's Board of Trustees from 2011 to 2014. He serves as a co-chair of Momentum 2 with his wife, Jayne.



MANNY KADRE

Kadre has served as a UM trustee since 2004, as a member of the Executive Committee as Chair of the Finance Committee and on the School of Law Visiting Committee.



MARILYN HOLIFIELD

Holifield has been a UM trustee since 2002 and is an at-large member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.



ISAAC PRILLELTENSKY

Prilleltensky is dean of Education and Human Development and the first Erwin and Barbara Mautner chair in Community Well-Being



STEPHEN NIMER

Nimer is the director of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at UM's Miller School of Medicine.



AMY HALPERN

Halpern is the student trustee for the Board. She is a senior majoring in business law and marketing and serves as president of the UM Panhellenic Association.



CHARLTON COPELAND

Copeland is an associate professor at the UM School of Law.



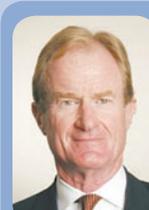
HILARIE BASS

Bass was recently named vice chair of the Board of Trustees and serves on the Executive Committee as the chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee.



NEIL JOHNSON

Johnson is a physics professor. He leads a new interdisciplinary research group in the physics department.



E. ROE STAMPS IV

Stamps has served as a UM trustee since 2003 and currently serves on the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees.



DAVID EPSTEIN

Epstein has been a UM Trustee since 2004. He serves on the Investments Committee of the Board of Trustees.

CYCLISTS FROM COVER

UBike participates in organization's eye-opening ride

The bike ride consisted of three strategic stops that taught participants about development projects in Historic Overtown, Liberty City and Little Haiti. With speakers from URGENT Inc., Miami Children's Initiative and the Little Haiti Cultural Center, the group ride attempted to change people's perspectives about the visited areas.

"Most people think of crime and poverty when they think of those areas," said Brian Lemmerman, Naomi's husband and a CDM representative. "What they hear about from other people or see on TV are only the negative aspects recorded in the media, and we're aiming to split that perspective on its head."

The group bike ride was organized in collaboration with Emerge Miami, a group of

advocates that promotes community-building projects throughout South Florida. One of their regular projects include putting together monthly bike rides to support local events and show people around Miami. The group was celebrating its 100th bike ride.

"Showcasing the strength of cultural heritage and the pride communities take in promoting their neighborhood work is a fascinating experience to partake in and an exciting opportunity to learn," said Adam Schachner, one of Emerge's organizers. "I think all Miamians, including UM students, could learn tremendously from their neighbors and neighborhoods."

While the event was open to all, UM's own cycling club, UBike, took this as an op-

portunity to show students around Miami and bond as a group.

"UM students come from all over the place and a lot of the time they just hang out in that little bubble in Coral Gables and they don't leave to see where they really moved to," said Athena Jones, chair of UBike. "Otherwise you are just moving to a university. You're not living in Miami unless you see what's around you. You're not a member of the community."

This was CDM's kickoff event, but the organization's ultimate project will consist of a photograph exposition next April in Museum Park. The idea is to make an exhibit with pictures taken by people in those communities, reflecting life as they know it, and not as large media outlets do portray it.

While developing CDM took work and effort, Ross assured that there are easy and accessible ways to start becoming a more active citizen.

"I volunteered a lot, so I think just really going out there and getting experience is great," Ross said. "UM events are great but they can be a one-time thing. Developing your service curriculum is key. I would encourage students to stretch out, take different classes outside of the classroom, engage people on a long-term basis and with that, discover things about yourself."

To find out more about CDM and how to get involved visit celebratediversitymiami.org or contact the organization at celebratediversitymiami@gmail.com.