President Obama recognizes Miami for community service

Miami University was recently recognized by President Barack Obama when it received the Presidential Award for service in the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The award is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. Miami’s honor recognizes its service programs in the areas of early childhood education, high need populations, and its Urban Teaching Cohort.

“Service learning combines essential elements of a strong university experience. When university students become aware that their knowledge and their experiences can be shared for the greater good, they take an important step toward becoming leaders. At Miami, our faculty are very actively engaged in broader communities, so that they naturally share their passion for making a difference with their students,” said Miami President David Hodge “In turn, service learning provides significant innovative educational opportunities that stretch our students to think critically and innovatively.”

An estimated 12,920 Miami students performed 387,600 hours of service in one year. The Corporation for National and Community Service estimates the dollar value of this student community service to Ohio to be $8.28 million. Quite simply, Miami students don’t just serve the community, they become part of it.

More students seek a Miami education – Class of 2016 news

Thank you for your endless efforts in helping us recruit and enroll the Class of 2016. Whether you submitted a transcript, wrote a letter of recommendation, or hosted a prospective student event, we hope you know just how much your time and energy are appreciated and valued.

Miami received a record-breaking 20,291 applications for Fall 2012 first-year admission: 9,156 resident applications and 11,135 non-resident applications. While we experienced growth in all three application types (Early Decision, Early Action, Regular Decision), the most significant gain was with Early Decision, which had a 96% increase in applications for Fall 2012. A profile of the Fall 2012 admitted student pool can be found on page 2.

Due to overwhelming response to our offers of admission, Miami has met its first-year goal as of the May 1 deadline. As such, our confirmation website has been closed. It is highly unlikely that we will accept late confirmations or extend offers of admission from the Wait List. We strongly encourage students to confirm their enrollment at another institution. Again, we thank you for the tremendous support you provided your students throughout the application and review process. We would not have realized this success if not for you!

Should you or your students have any questions regarding the Class of 2016, please contact a member of our staff.
Miami and Lockheed Martin launch Engineering Leadership Institute

Engineering leader Lockheed Martin recently announced the formation of its very first Lockheed Martin Leadership Institute. This institute, which is housed exclusively within Miami University’s School of Engineering and Applied Science, enrolled its first cohort in January 2012. Inspired by the National Academy of Engineering’s challenge to envision what engineering should look like in 2020, the SEAS Lockheed Martin Leadership Institute seeks to have a national impact through sharing its vision and ideas with business, government, and educational entities throughout the country. The institute is made possible through an innovative partnership that merges the respective academic and industry strengths of Miami University and Lockheed Martin.

“That Lockheed Martin, a true American industry leader, has chosen to partner with Miami University on such an important and groundbreaking institute is a glowing endorsement of our School of Engineering and Applied Science and an outstanding recognition of the exceptional caliber of our students,” said Miami President David Hodge. “The SEAS Lockheed Martin Leadership Institute will provide an amazing high impact, experiential learning opportunity that combines the best of engineering education and a liberal arts and sciences foundation. It will produce engineering leaders fully prepared for the challenges of a rapidly changing 21st century.”
High school students invited to learn from Miami’s nationally ranked Mock Trial Team

Your high school students are invited to spend six days on Miami’s campus with one of the country’s top collegiate mock trial programs as part of the Miami University Trial, Advocacy and the Law Conference. Miami’s Mock Trial Conferences are open to high school students who are already successful at mock trial, as well as those who do not have previous experience.

During the day, Miami University professors of Business Legal Studies and practicing attorneys who also coach the Miami University Mock Trial Program will teach students about the different aspects of trial, advocacy, and the law. By the end, students will be ready to put on a case with their team – both as attorneys and as witnesses. Students will learn valuable skills for mock trial and college like leadership, self-confidence, camaraderie, teamwork, oral communication skills, critical thinking, and problem solving – all while having fun. There are three weeks to choose from: June 17 – June 23, June 24 – June 30, and July 1 – July 7. Interested students can find more information at http://miamimocktrial.com/

The Miami University Mock Trial program is the second-ranked program in the United States and the premier program in Ohio and the Midwest. One of two teams from the Miami University James Lewis Family Mock Trial Program placed fourth in the nation at the American Mock Trial Association National Championship Tournament held in Minneapolis April 13-15.

Bridges program news

Miami is pleased to announce that we will once again offer three opportunities for students to participate in our annual Bridges program. Bridges is an overnight experience designed for high-achieving underrepresented high school seniors (Class of 2013) from around the country who have an interest in learning more about the educational opportunities available at Miami University.

Dates for this year’s programs are: October 28-29, November 4-5, and November 18-19. Please be sure to visit muohio.edu/bridges for the Bridges application and the latest information regarding the program.

Miami to add two regional recruitment positions

The Office of Admission is excited to add two new Regional Recruitment Coordinators this fall, with the goal of increasing Miami’s visibility and interaction with prospective students and counselors in these growing markets. These off-campus recruiters will cover the mid-Atlantic region (Washington, D.C., Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia) and the Southeast region (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee). Contact information for these recruiters will be shared once the positions are filled.

Save the date!

Watch your email and other publications in early August for this fall’s counselor and student events in your area. For anyone interested in visiting our campus in Oxford, we offer information session and student-led campus tours daily, Monday through Friday, and on many Saturdays throughout the year. More information can be found at muohio.edu/visit.
Synchronized Skating Team national champions again

Miami University’s collegiate synchronized skating team won its eighth consecutive national crown in early March at the 2012 U.S. National Championships. The RedHawks had already set the record for most consecutive national titles at any level of synchronized skating in 2011. This is the 14th national title for the collegiate team, with their string of consecutive national crowns dating back to the 2004-05 season.