



19TH TORCH AWARDS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

FIU | Alumni



HISTORY OF THE TORCH

In 1972, Florida International University dedicated the Torch of Knowledge, Service and Understanding in memory of the late Ernest R. Graham, the forward-thinking senator who championed the university's creation. On FIU's 25th anniversary, the FIU Alumni Association established the Torch Awards Gala to honor successful individuals who have had a positive impact on their professions, the community and the university. The alumni and faculty who are selected represent FIU's finest – they are our Torchbearers.

ABOUT THE TORCH AWARDS

On May 17, 2025 the FIU Alumni Association will host the 19th Torch Awards at FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus. The Torch Award was created in 2000 and is the highest honor bestowed on alumni by the university. Recipients are recognized according to their achievements in their professional industries and their contributions to society.

The FIU Alumni Association will celebrate the accomplishments of these prominent alumni in style, offering an upscale cocktail reception featuring cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live entertainment. Whether you enjoy high-end dining or the opportunity to network with members of the community, this evening will prove to be unforgettable.

By participating, you are helping to advance our mission of fostering lifelong connections between alumni and FIU. Net proceeds from the Torch Awards will be used to elevate programming efforts for our community of over 320,000 alumni, ensuring we can continue offering impactful resources and opportunities that sustain FIU's excellence in academics, research, and community service.

BECOME A SPONSOR

The Torch Awards attracts our community's most influential business and community leaders. This event gives corporate sponsors a variety of ways to showcase their brand and commitment to the community. Our partners not only appreciate the opportunity to showcase their brand at this signature event, but they also understand their generosity directly supports Florida International University.

Beyond paying tribute to FIU's impressive supporters, net proceeds from the event will support the ongoing efforts of FIU Alumni to enhance engagement through alumni-centric programs and events. These initiatives are responsive to alumni needs, recognize the achievements of our graduates, and provide opportunities for alumni to give back to the university through mentorship, volunteerism, and philanthropy.



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PRESENTING SPONSOR \$25,000

Exclusive Presenting Sponsor

10 tickets, including access to VIP pre-reception

One-minute video highlighting your company's philanthropic activities shown during the program or opportunity to speak during program

Recognition as Presenting Sponsor on all materials promoting the event, including logo on the event invitation

Logo recognition as Presenting Sponsor on the event website and on video screens during the event

Recognition on digital billboards throughout MMC campus leading up to event

Verbal recognition from the stage during the event

Opportunity to provide one branded premium item to be given as a gift to event guests (approx. 500). Item must be approved by event committee.

One dedicated e-blast to event distribution list.

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$20,000

10 tickets, including access to VIP pre-reception

Recognition on all materials promoting the event

Logo recognition as Platinum Sponsor on the event website and on video screens during the event

Recognition on digital billboards throughout MMC campus leading up to event

Verbal recognition from the stage during the event

Opportunity to provide one branded premium item to be given as a gift to event guests (approx. 500). Item must be approved by event committee.

GOLD SPONSOR \$15,000

8 tickets, including access to VIP pre-reception

Recognition on all materials promoting the event

Recognition as Gold Sponsor on the event website and on video screens during the event

Recognition on digital billboards throughout MMC campus leading up to event

Verbal recognition from the stage during the event

SILVER SPONSOR \$10,000

5 tickets, including access to VIP pre-reception

Recognition on all materials promoting the event

Recognition as Silver Sponsor on the event website and on video screens during the event

Recognition on digital billboards throughout MMC campus leading up to event

DIGITAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Full-screen: \$2,000 | Half-screen: \$1,000

Note that your contribution may be considered tax deductible, where allowed, to the fullest extent under the law as allowed by IRS regulations. Any and all net proceeds from this event, after payment of associated expenses, may be used to support the ongoing work of the FIU Alumni Association. The amount of your contribution that is deductible is limited to the excess of your contribution over the value of the goods and services provided to you. In accordance with Foundation policy, the FIU Foundation, Inc. may assess a one-time Advancement Initiative fee in the amount of 3% of the gift ("Initiative") to support the University's general fundraising and capital campaign expenditures. The Initiative will be collected with the first installment of the gift (and any subsequent installment, if necessary) in order to fulfill the Initiative as soon as practicable.



UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Underwriting opportunities offer a distinct way to support the Torch Awards by sponsoring an exclusive event feature. With only one opportunity available per listing, these highly sought-after spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

AWARDS — \$7,500

3 tickets, including access to VIP pre-reception

PHOTOGRAPHY — \$5,000

2 tickets, including access to VIP pre-reception

SIGNAGE — \$5,000

2 tickets, including access to VIP pre-reception



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Graham Center Ballrooms
11200 SW 8th St
Miami, FL 33174

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Thank you for your commitment to the FIU Alumni Association's 19th Torch Awards.
If you are interested in any of the aforementioned sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 305-348-3334 or email Rebecca Solomon, Director of Alumni Relations, Operations & Strategic Initiatives: rsolomon@fiu.edu