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## Class of 2014 Graduation Newsletter

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Dear Seniors,

You're almost there! **Graduation Day, will be Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30pm.** Graduation will be held at the **Adrienne Arsht Center/Knight Concert Hall, located at 1300 Biscayne Boulevard.** Please adhere to the following information to ensure your ceremony is a wonderful success. You are a committee of one (1). Be responsible for yourself, follow instructions and the ceremony will be a memorable event for you. Only **YOU** can make it so!

### Graduation Attire

**Young ladies** should wear:

- White or light pastel colors
- Dresses or skirts (should be knee length)
- White or light colored pants suits
- White shoes or color appropriate for outfit (clear shoes are not considered as white)
- Sandals can be worn but **MUST** have at least a **2" inch heel** and must have straps.
- Stud earrings
- Watch & or Class Ring
- Hair style must be appropriate and able to accommodate your cap

**Young ladies are not allowed to wear:**

- Shorts or Capris
- Dangling jewelry
- Hoop earrings
- Anklets
- Sandals without straps

**Young men should wear:**

- Dark dress pants (black or blue), pants are to be held in place with a belt
- White or light pastel colored dress shirts
- Black tie (neck or bow)
- Black or brown shoes with socks
- Watch & or Class Ring

**The following items cannot be worn by any graduate:**

- Sunglasses
- Tennis sneakers
- Boots
- Jeans of any kind

### Who can participate in the Graduation

**Ceremony:** Any student who has

- Earned 24 credits
- Has a 2.0 overall grade point average
- At least 1 hour of documented Community Service
- Passed both parts of the FCAT **OR** meet the ACT/SAT concordant score requirement.

## Graduation Rehearsal

Rehearsals are mandatory for all seniors participating in the ceremony. Failure to attend will jeopardize your participation in the actual ceremony. Rehearsals will be held in the auditorium accordingly:

- Wednesday, May 28th, 8:00am
- Thursday, May 29th, 12:00pm; (*Cap & Gowns will be distributed along with honor cords*)
- Friday, May 30th, 9:05am; (*Tickets will be distributed*)

### Admission Tickets

Everyone attending your graduation **MUST** have a ticket. Graduates will receive four (4) tickets with your cap & gown. Please issue tickets to your parents, grandparents, or other adult family members and friends.

**DO NOT** issue tickets to your underclassman friends. You want your ceremony to be first class and your adult invited guests will help to make it so. If extra tickets are needed, they will be issued (2 maximum) immediately following rehearsal, Friday, May 30th.





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### Graduation Day

You are to arrive at the Adrienne Arsht Center/Knight Concert Hall by 5:45pm and go directly to the Peacock Foundation Room located inside the building. **Please do not be late.** Report to your place in the line-of-march and remain in place for further instructions; your name card will be issued at that time.

The Knight Concert Hall doors will open at 6:30pm for all guests and the graduation hall will open at 7pm. Doors will close at 7:15pm for the start of the processional. Guests who are not seated by 7:15pm will remain in the lobby until all graduates have marched in, then the doors will reopen.

Please remind your guests not to bring items into the graduation such as balloons, which may detract from the dignity of the ceremony or create any action which may interfere with the ceremony. City of Miami Police will escort any guest out of the graduation who cannot comply.

The success of the graduation ceremony will depend on you and your invited guests. Please adhere to the following:

1. If you arrive late and the processional has begun, do not try to find your place in the line, simply fall in place at the back of the line.
2. Take family pictures in graduation apparel before graduation day. You must turn in your gown immediately following the ceremony in order to receive your diploma. The cap, stole, hood, medallion, and tassel are yours to keep.
3. Remain in your seats at all times during the program. Professional photographers will take your picture as you receive your diploma cover. The company will notify you within a week of the graduation with information on packets to be purchased.
4. Be attentive during the ceremony to ensure observance of the total program and to guarantee that all graduates receive proper notice. Noisemakers and/or other objects that detract from the ceremony are not permitted in the concert hall. Remember, during the ceremony, you have not graduated and are still governed by the rules and regulations of Miami Jackson's administrators.
5. Please do not bring any item with you, such as purses, bags, cellular phones; they will not be allowed in the staging area. You will receive your name card when you take your place in the line-of-march.
6. Diplomas are distributed on site at the conclusion of the ceremony. Immediately following the recessional, return to the designated area, turn in your gown and move to the table (by last name initial) to pick up your diploma. Leave the area immediately as others are directly behind you. If you receive a financial statement, please do not attempt to rectify the matter at the graduation site; see the Treasurer, at the school, on Tuesday, June 3rd.
7. The graduation ceremony is a dignified ceremony, one to be remembered for the remainder of your life. Please take it seriously by observing all rules and regulations. **You are not to toss your cap in the air at the conclusion of the ceremony.** This is a liability and could very well have severe consequences for you. **Please, do not toss your cap.**
8. Please inform your guest that parking will be located in Parking Lot C and will be \$5.

### Senior Calendar

**May 1:** Graduation meeting with ALL Seniors

**May 19-May 23:** Senior Week

**May 15:** Bring your Child to Work Day (Senior Field Trip)

**May 17:** Junior/Senior Prom Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel 8:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m.

**May 14:** City Year Award Ceremony (Senior Awards Issued)

**May 27:** Prom Pictures Distribution

**May 28:** Athletic Department Awards Banquet

### TESTING

**May 2:** PERT Testing

**May 9:** PERT Testing

**May 16:** PERT Testing

**May 23:** PERT Testing

**May 30:** PERT Testing

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### **June 2: Graduation Day**

- Report to Adrienne Arsht Center/Knight Concert Hall at 5:45 p.m. **(DON'T BE LATE!)**

*The administration and faculty of Miami Jackson wish the Class of 2014 all the best !*

Class of 2014

## Driving Directions to The Arsht Center's Parking Lot C and To the Knight Concert Hall at 14<sup>th</sup> and Biscayne Boulevard

**From the North**, take I-95 South to the I-395/Miami Beach exit. Heading east, take the first exit, Biscayne Boulevard/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., and turn left on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (first traffic light off the exit). Continue North on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. until just before NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street and turn into the entrance for Parking Lot C across from the Ziff Ballet Opera House (BOH).

**From the South**, take I-95 North to the I-395/Miami Beach exit. Heading east, take the first exit, Biscayne Boulevard/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., and turn left on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (first traffic light off the exit). Continue North on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. until just before NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street and turn into the entrance for Parking Lot C across from the Ziff Ballet Opera House (BOH)

**From Miami Beach**, take MacArthur Causeway to Miami and exit at Biscayne Boulevard. Turn left at the third traffic light, which is NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and turn into the entrance for Parking Lot C across from the Ziff Ballet Opera House (BOH)

**From the West**, take SR-836 East to Beaches. After SR-836 becomes I-395, take the Biscayne Boulevard/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. exit and turn left on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (first traffic light off the exit). Continue North on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. until just before NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street and turn into the entrance for Parking Lot C across from the Ziff Ballet Opera House (BOH).