



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
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ITEM TITLE:

Recognition to the "University of Miami" for being the first Platinum Coral Gables Green Business.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

The City of Coral Gables is proud to recognize our seventh certified Coral Gables Green Business, the University of Miami

The University of Miami is committed to developing and implementing educational, facility, and community outreach programs that are aimed at reducing our environmental impacts as well as fulfilling our commitment under the 2nd Nature American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. The STARS program allows UM to track the progress of the sustainability initiatives. All the programs and initiatives have a strong educational component that focuses on developing a pledge to sustainability across our campuses and surrounding communities. UM's Office of Sustainability is charged with monitoring initiatives, delivering education programs, and implementing new projects in conjunction with our stakeholders. One of the University's most significant achievements in recent years was the opening of the first LEED Platinum three floor building in higher education institutions in the region. With a 70 KW photovoltaic system, electro chromatic windows, and a rainwater harvesting system that connects to the toilets flushing system, the new Frost School of Music Studio is regarded as a benchmark building. Since 2008, all new buildings are LEED certified with a silver rating as a minimum, event though, in the last three years, most of the University's new constructions have reached a LEED Gold standard. It is the case of the Student Housing Village that includes features such as green roofs.

Congratulations to the University of Miami for achieving Platinum level Coral Gables Green Business Certification.

The Coral Gables Green Business Program was created in collaboration with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and the City's Sustainability Advisory Board. It aligns with the City's sustainability goals of reducing energy, water, fuel consumption, and waste while increasing recycling efforts, alternative transportation and sustainability education and outreach. The goal of the program is to recognize and reward our local businesses for all their sustainability efforts while also educating them on additional actions they can implement. Together, the City of Coral Gables and our local businesses are creating a more resilient and sustainable Coral Gables for current and future generations.

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