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FIU Leads the Nation in Graduating Minorities, Hispanics

MIAMI, FL (July 13, 1998) --Florida International University has just been named the third university in the country in graduating minorities with Baccalaureate degrees, according to a national survey conducted by Black Issues in Higher Education. The same survey shows that FIU graduates more Hispanics than any other university in the continental U.S.

"In this Silver Anniversary of our institution, FIU is proud of this honor, an affirmation that we serve our minorities and our entire community, while pursuing the highest academic and research standards," said FIU President Modesto A. Maidique.

This survey is a result of the analysis of data compiled from the 1995-1996 academic year.

However, FIU's own data, based on the 1997-1998 academic year shows an even greater number of minority graduates.

One of the nation's 25 largest universities, FIU currently serves 30,000 students and offers more than 120 undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees.

According to the current issue of Black Issues In Higher Education, the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of California-Berkeley rank number one and two as minority granting institutions.

HERE ARE 1995-96 MINORITY GRADUATES OF THE TOP THREE UNIVERSITIES:

University	Minority graduates	% of total graduating class
UCLA	3,153	55.9%
Berkeley	3,054	53.8%
FIU	2,417	64.5%

The latest numbers, provided by the FIU Office of Institutional Research show Florida International University awarded 2,716 degrees to minorities (68% of the graduating class), for the 1997-1998 academic year.

Black Issues In Higher Education is one of the leading news magazines dedicated exclusively to minority issues in higher education.

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