



WE CHANGE LIVES.

2016-2017 Impact Report



Miami Dade College
FOUNDATION
OPPORTUNITYCHANGESEVERYTHING

Once a young Cuban immigrant in search of the American Dream, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón built his career on making that dream accessible to all at Miami Dade College. In 2016 he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Dr. Padrón is a changemaker whose success is the heart of MDC.



WE ARE OPPORTUNITY

Miami Dade College is internationally recognized for providing opportunity to all who seek it, turning away no student. We provide access and enable success. Since the College's founding in 1960, our commitment to student success has impacted the lives of more than 2 million people, their families and our community.

When you support MDC Foundation, you provide opportunity to our students and inspire a generation of changemakers who, like our President Eduardo J. Padrón, will make a difference in the world.

Your gift changes lives.
Together, we can change the world.

WE MAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE FOR ALL

Dear Friend:

At Miami Dade College Foundation, we are inspired by the belief that success is not determined by our background but by who we can become through the opportunity of education. Since 1960, Miami Dade College has led the way in providing educational opportunity to more than 2 million people. MDC turns away no student willing to work hard at the chance to pursue the American Dream.



MDC educates some of the most vulnerable and hard-working students in Florida. More than half are the first in their families to go to college. Two-thirds are low income or live in poverty. An even greater number juggle classes and work to support themselves and, often, parents and siblings.

We take pride in helping to keep high-quality college education within reach through scholarships and support services that help students overcome obstacles to achieving their goals. As a direct support organization of the College, MDC Foundation provides critical support to students and academic programs, providing the resources necessary to innovate and respond nimbly to evolutions in teaching and subject matter, as well as industry workforce needs.

Last year, Miami Dade College Foundation distributed \$10,357,023 to benefit the students and programs of MDC. This was only possible because of the generosity of our supporters. If you made a gift in the past, we thank you.

Now more than ever, private contributions are essential. While 76 percent of full-time, first-time MDC students receive financial assistance, state funding continues to decline. Your support can ensure that a quality college education remains accessible to all who seek it. Whether your passion lies in student scholarships, workforce development, innovation, the arts, or any other area that would elevate our community, we invite you to join us in supporting the students and programs of Miami Dade College. Together we can change more lives through the opportunity of education.

Sincerely,

Julie Grimes
Board Chair

Mark Cole
Executive Director

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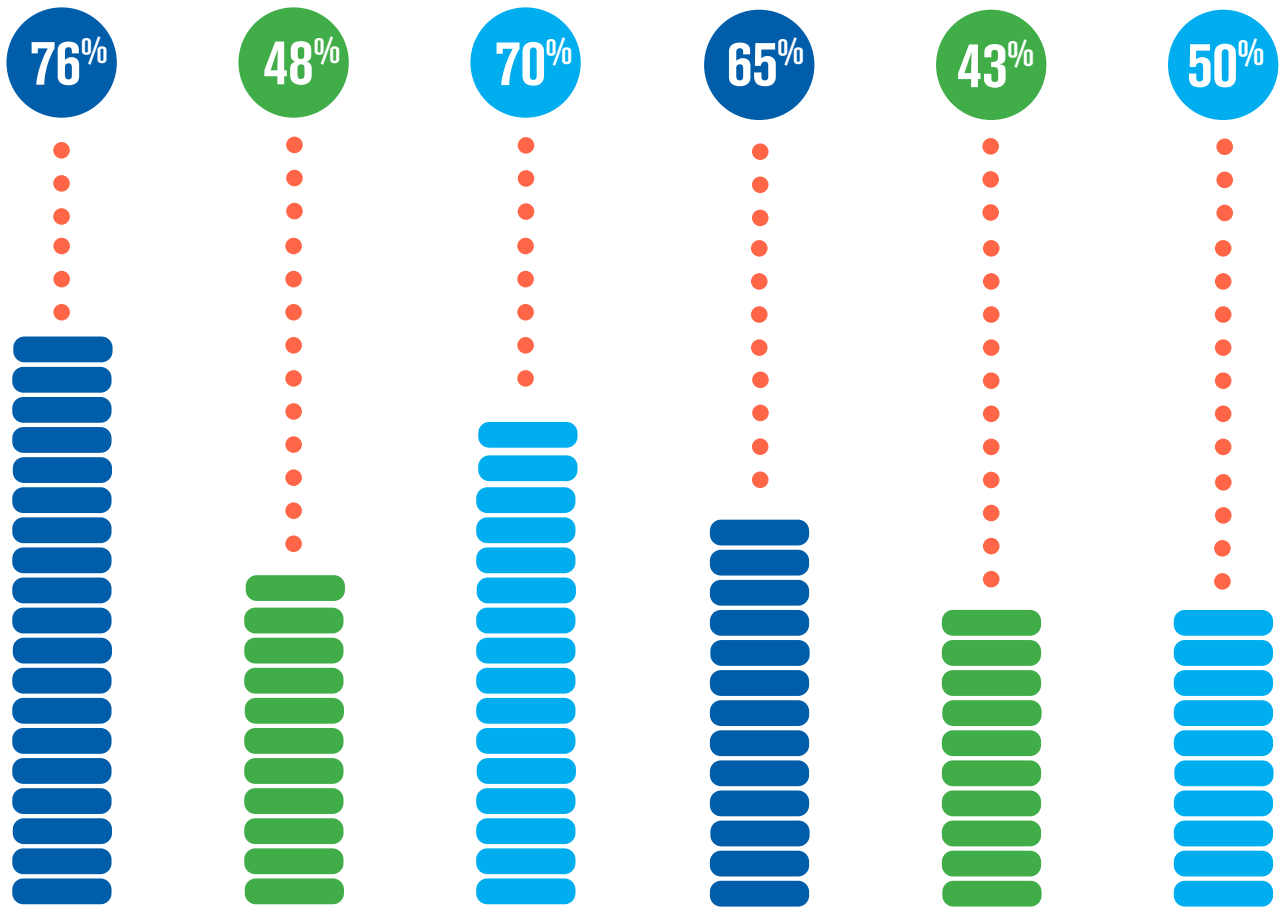
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WE BRIDGE THE DIVIDE

between student need and the opportunity to succeed.



Full-time, first-time students who receive financial assistance

Students who are first in their family to go to college

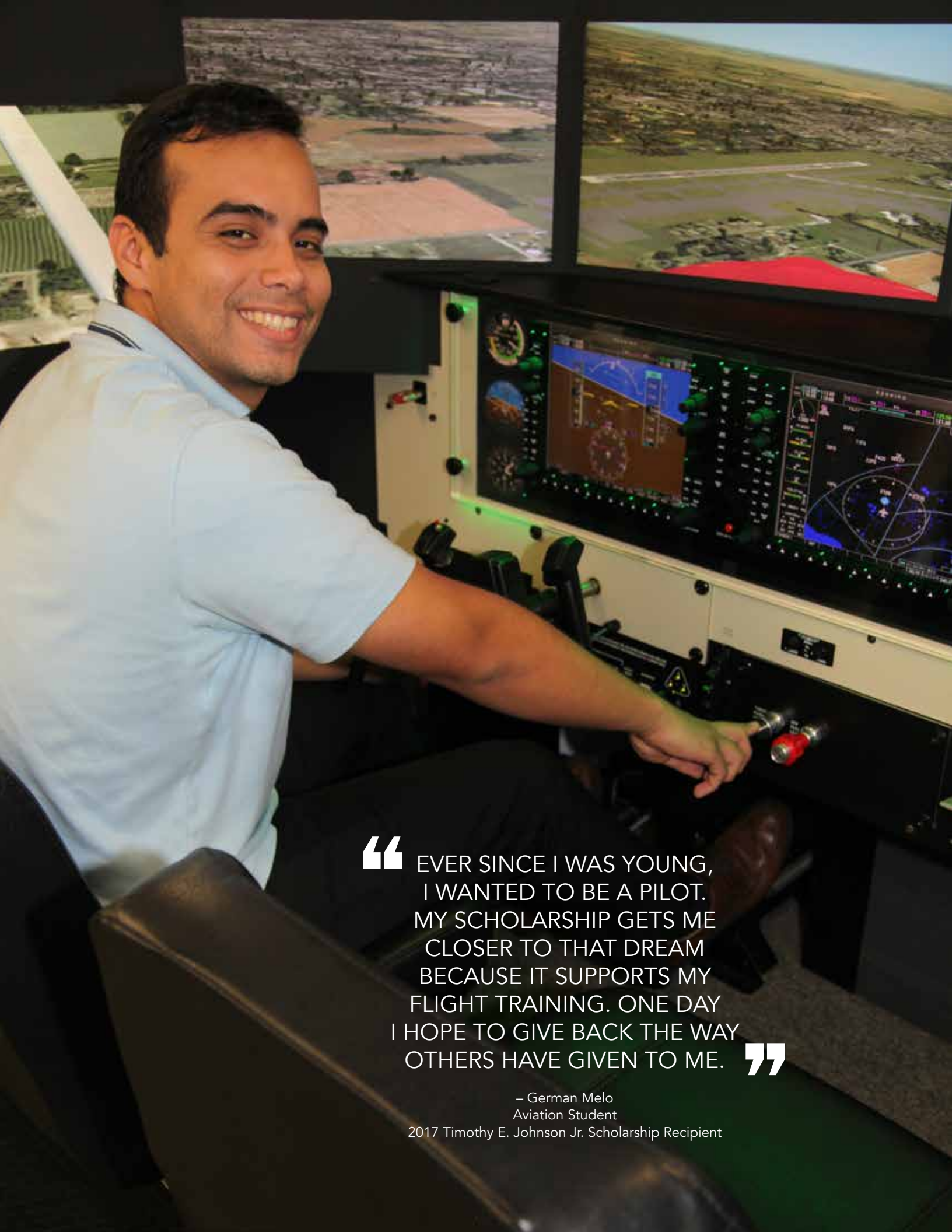
Students who work while going to college

Students from low-income households

Students from households below the federal poverty line

Students whose native language is not English

With your help, MDC students have a greater chance of overcoming obstacles to achieving their goals. Today 92% of MDC students graduate debt-free.



“ EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG,
I WANTED TO BE A PILOT.
MY SCHOLARSHIP GETS ME
CLOSER TO THAT DREAM
BECAUSE IT SUPPORTS MY
FLIGHT TRAINING. ONE DAY
I HOPE TO GIVE BACK THE WAY
OTHERS HAVE GIVEN TO ME. ”

– German Melo
Aviation Student
2017 Timothy E. Johnson Jr. Scholarship Recipient

WE IMPACT LIVES

MDC students who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend college are able to achieve their dreams, thanks to generous individuals like you. Your gifts help deserving students overcome obstacles to success and become the changemakers of tomorrow.

\$5.19 MILLION

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS
AWARDED IN 2016-2017




“ I’M THE FIRST IN MY FAMILY TO GO TO COLLEGE AND PROUD TO SAY “I AM MDC”! I’M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR MY SCHOLARSHIP BECAUSE IT’S ALLOWING ME TO WORK LESS AND FOCUS ON SCHOOL WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT TUITION.

– Raveen-Symone Young
Business Student
2017 Errol Brown Sr. Scholarship Recipient



Contact us at foundation@mdc.edu
to set up a scholarship.

WE INNOVATE

A woman with long brown hair is wearing a black VR headset. She is smiling broadly with her mouth open, showing her teeth. Her hands are positioned in front of her, as if interacting with a virtual environment. She is wearing a white t-shirt and a black necklace. The background is a solid, vibrant green color.

Innovation is in the DNA of Miami Dade College. We continually embrace new technologies and teaching methods as we prepare the next generation of innovators and creators to be fully equipped for the careers of tomorrow, such as those that will use virtual and augmented reality technology.



“ WE’RE TEACHING A GENERATION OF STUDENTS WHO GREW UP WITH TECHNOLOGY. IT’S OUR JOB TO FIND NEW WAYS TO ENGAGE THEM. ”

- Associate Professor Senior Davia Hudson-Holness
Department of Natural Sciences, Health & Wellness

With grant funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Professor Hudson-Holness implemented a pilot program in her class that uses text messaging, one-on-one tutors and a tailored improvement plan for under-performing students.

WE BUILD TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

Miami Dade College partners with South Florida's business community to ensure our programs align with industry needs and that graduates are ready for the 21st century knowledge economy. From baccalaureate and associate degrees to accelerated certificates across 300 areas of study, we offer career pathways for everyone, from youth to seasoned professionals.



7 TARGET INDUSTRIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Beacon Council's economic development initiative for Miami-Dade County, *One Community One Goal*, identified seven target industries with the most potential for growth based on local assets and industry trends. Miami Dade College's programs meet the education and training needs for all seven industries.

*"The foundation for growth in all industries is education,
one of Miami's greatest assets."*

- One Community One Goal Report

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I TAKE PRIDE IN DEVELOPING MY STUDENTS AS PROBLEM SOLVERS AND CRITICAL THINKERS, SO THEY'RE READY FOR THE HIGH-DEMAND CAREERS OF TOMORROW, ESPECIALLY IN THE SCIENCES.

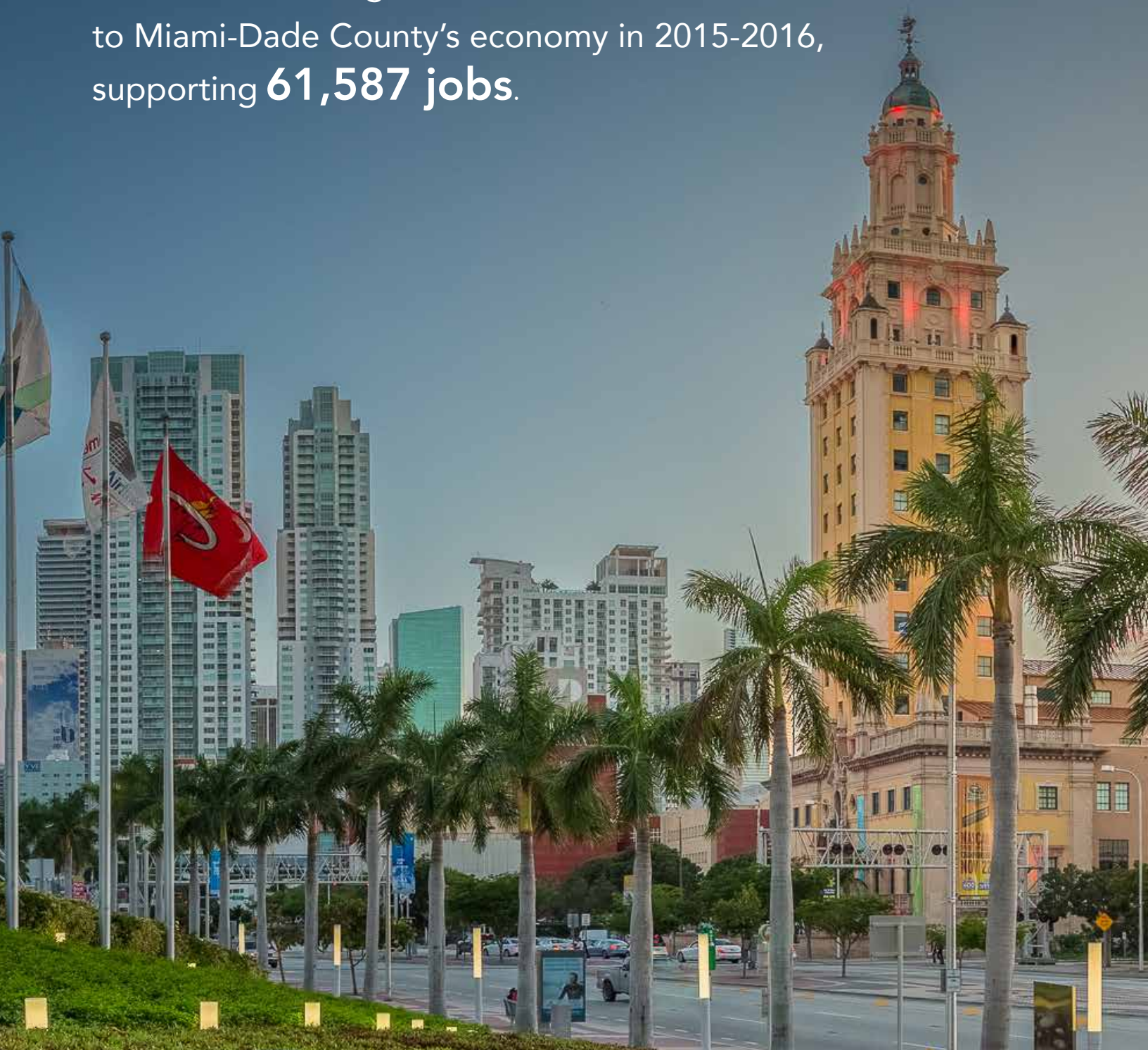
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– Professor Alfredo León
Department of Biology, Health & Wellness



WE FUEL MIAMI'S ECONOMY

Miami Dade College contributed **\$3.4 billion**
to Miami-Dade County's economy in 2015-2016,
supporting **61,587 jobs**.



WE DRIVE SOCIAL MOBILITY

“ 1960 is the year that changed my life and perhaps yours, too...

The year symbolizes freedom and opportunity for myself, my family and for two million of us throughout South Florida. I was only 13 years old at the time.

It was the year that my family and I emigrated to the United States from our home in Cuba to escape communism.

1960 was also the founding year of Miami Dade College.

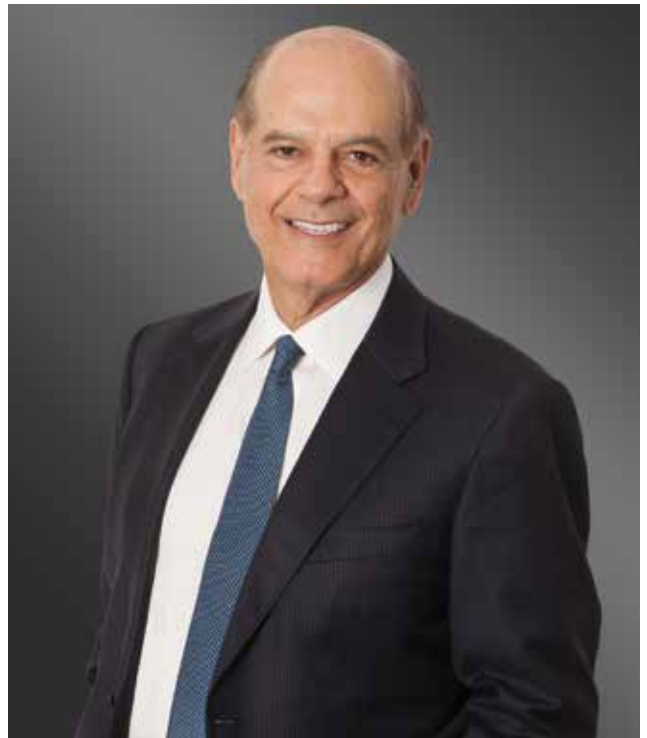
To put it plainly, 1960 was the year that the American Dream opened up for so many of us.

I am very grateful for the open doors I found at MDC, affording me the opportunity to go to college, paving the way for my future when no other college would take me.

MDC is the only institution of higher learning in our community that gives everyone -- and I mean everyone -- a chance to achieve and succeed.

It did that for me.

- César Alvarez
MDC Alumnus, Class of 1967



MDC alumnus **César Alvarez** is the Senior Chairman and past CEO and Executive Chairman of Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Alvarez is credited with transforming the firm into an international powerhouse and the largest firm in the United States.

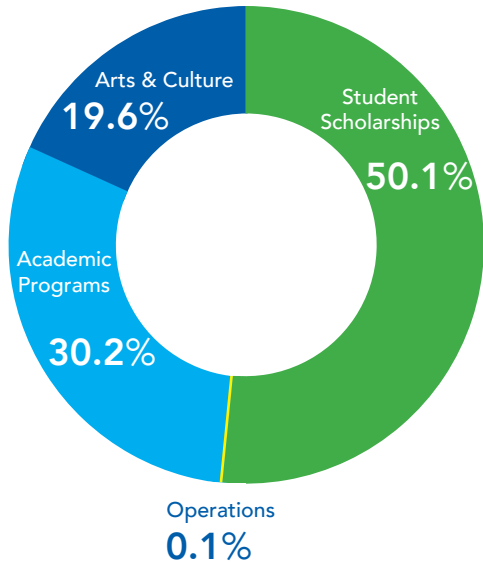
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BY THE NUMBERS

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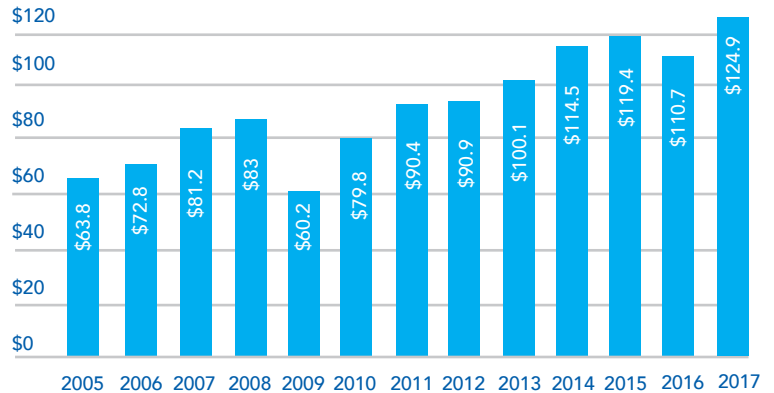
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Total Distributed: **\$10,357,023**



Foundation Balances

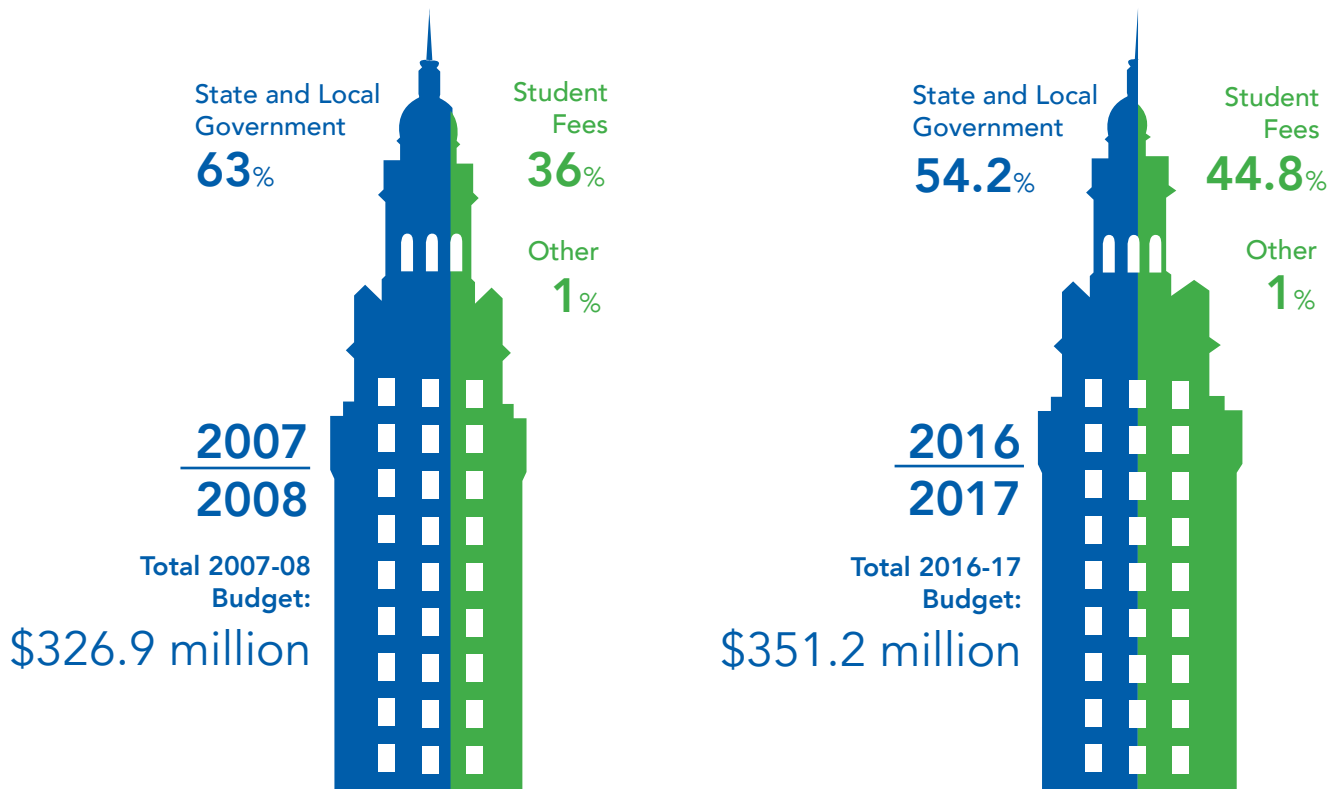
as of March 31 (in millions)



Note: Foundation balances are invested in a diversified portfolio comprised of domestic and international equities, fixed income instruments, and alternative investments. These investments are governed by Foundation policies and managed by local investment professionals.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

FUNDING SOURCES



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



Now more than ever, private contributions are essential. In the face of decreasing public state funding, we need your support to help close the funding gap between student need and the opportunity to succeed.

Let us connect you with your passion at Miami Dade College.

There are many ways to make a meaningful impact at Miami Dade College now and in the future. To learn more about giving opportunities and funding priorities, please visit mdcfoundation.com or contact Elaine Blattner directly at 305.237.3247 or eblattner@mdc.edu.

We change the world.



Miami Dade College Foundation raises essential private funds to enable Miami Dade College to change lives, families, communities and the world through the opportunity of education.

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