

Dear CARTA Students,

To our nearly 500 incoming students, **Welcome to FIU and the College of Architecture + The Arts (CARTA)**. To our more than 2,000 returning students majoring in one of our 7 academic departments earning one of our 8 undergraduate or 9 graduate degrees, **Welcome Back!**

Whether you're a new or returning student, we're glad you've decided to pursue your goals here at CARTA. If you haven't heard, our mission is *to engage the global community by deploying the power of architecture + the arts to create, innovate, and inspire solutions to social, economic, and environmental problems*. We're proud to provide the unique opportunity to study with award-winning faculty members, in nationally acclaimed academic programs, in the heart of Miami!

This semester, make it a goal to get involved both on campus and in the community. Fortunately, there are several great options available for you. I encourage you to visit our homepage at carta.fiu.edu for a listing of over 200 events offered on the MMC Campus, the BBC Campus, and at our Miami Beach Urban Studios on Lincoln Road. Whether you like concerts, plays, musicals, operas, master classes, song writing workshops, lectures, exhibitions, panel discussions, or design charrettes, CARTA has something for you!

We even have our own news service, [CARTANews!](#) Here you can follow the daily activities of your home department, your favorite faculty members, and your fellow students. You can also follow us on social media.

So are you ready to show your Panther Pride?

To "kick-off" the year, join us at the [CARTA Welcome Back Student, Faculty, and Staff Tailgate Party](#) on **August 30 at 4:30pm in Lot 6 of the FIU Stadium before going to our first home football game**. In addition to free pizza, there will be plenty of CARTA giveaways and prizes, and we will be joined by the College's own School of Music Marching Band!

Please feel free to stop by my office in PCA 284 to introduce yourself or email me at schriner@fiu.edu. You can also follow me on Twitter ([@FIU_CARTA_DEAN](#)) and on [LinkedIn](#).

I, like you, am looking forward to a great year!

Go Panthers!



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