COMMUTER STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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The Department of Orientation and Commuter Student Involvement (OCSI) is located on the second floor of the Shalala Student Center, suite 203. OCSI offers a variety of services and programs for students from Miami-Dade and Broward Counties who live at home and commute to the University of Miami. For more information, please visit the department’s website (http://miami.edu/csi/).

Great Start Pre-Orientation Program for Incoming Commuter Students

Great Start is an overnight, pre-orientation program designed to promote and emphasize college adjustment and campus involvement opportunities for incoming commuter students (first-year, transfer and spring admitted students). The program’s goal is to help students feel like a part of the University and give them a chance to meet other commuter students. Students who participated in Great Start have said the program greatly contributed to a positive transition from their previous institution, whether that be high school or a previous college to the University of Miami. Commuter student leaders serve as Program Coordinators, Steering Committee members, and Counselors. Registration for the program is available via Canelink for incoming commuter students with a Miami-Dade or Broward County home address. For more information, please visit the program’s page (https://orientation.studentaffairs.miami.edu/commuter-students/great-start/).

Commuter and Transfer Assistant Program

Commuter Assistants and Transfer Assistants specialize in helping off-campus students transition to collegiate academics and find a niche on campus, as well as creating a welcoming, inclusive environment. Through newsletters, social events and intentional one on one meetings, CAs and TAs, help pave the way to a successful transition for new 'Canes. All first-year commuter and first semester commuter transfer students are assigned to a CA or TA. Signature events hosted by the CAs and TAs in collaboration with various campus resources are Hey Commuters!, a monthly commuter appreciation program, the Newman Arsht Cultural Program, where students get to experience a free show at the Adrienne Arsht Center along with a faculty member once a semester, monthly Lunch and Learns touching on first-year and transfer student needs and trends, SportsFest, a university-wide sports competition in February and more. For more information about the CA/TA Program, please visit the department’s website (https://orientation.studentaffairs.miami.edu/).

Association of Commuter Students

The Association of Commuter Students (ACS) is a second home for its members. ACS, a student organization, provides social support, service opportunities, school spirit involvement, and a physical space through which commuters bond with fellow students and to participate in all that the University has to offer. ACS provides its members with a working knowledge of UM that gives them the opportunity to become fully involved in campus life. Brought together by a simple fact of life, commuting to campus, ACS members have forged bonds that extend beyond this commonality. For more information on ACS, please visit the organization’s page (https://orientation.studentaffairs.miami.edu/commuter-students/association-of-commuter-students/).

Tau Sigma

Tau Sigma is an academic honor society designed specifically to “recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students.” By establishing chapters at four-year institutions across the country, Tau Sigma is able to recognize the academic achievement of the most outstanding transfers nationwide and, in the process, help universities better serve their transfer populations.