

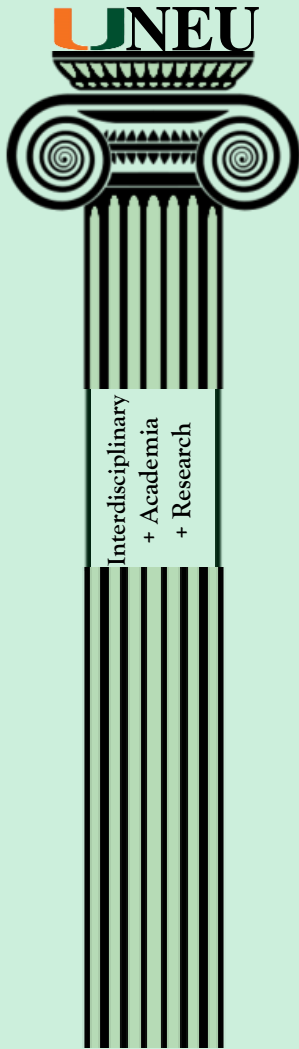
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A Newsletter for UM Neuroscience Undergraduate Students and Alumni

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## *Letter from our Director, Dr. Helen Bramlett*



Welcome Neuroscience Undergraduates to the new academic year at the University of Miami. I would like to send a special welcome to our incoming neuroscience undergraduate class. You should be quite proud of yourselves for not only being accepted to the University of Miami but also as a neuroscience major. This major is one of the most competitive majors to declare at UM. Also, a warm welcome back to our returning neuroscience students. I know you will all continue to perform academically well while also participating in research if you have the time as well as the numerous extracurricular activities that are available to you at UM. Please reach out to me if you would like to discuss your future plans or would like to gain experience in a research lab. As you know, I am always available and your advisor, Martha Medina, is also an excellent resource for questions about planning your studies at UM. Have a fantastic semester and GO CANES!!!!!!

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# Sunposium 2023



UM Neuroscience students were present at the 2023 Sunposium. The event was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> at the West Palm Beach County Convention Center in Florida. Dr. Ami Raval, Miller School of Medicine Research Associate Professor, accompanied 6 of our neuroscience students, chosen to attend based on their academic and research excellence. The 2023 chosen participants were:

*Zoe Bassett*

*Kiara Khemani*

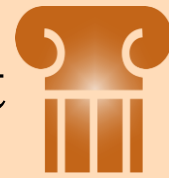
*Priyanka Khushal*

*Gina Perez*

*Bhavya Sharma*

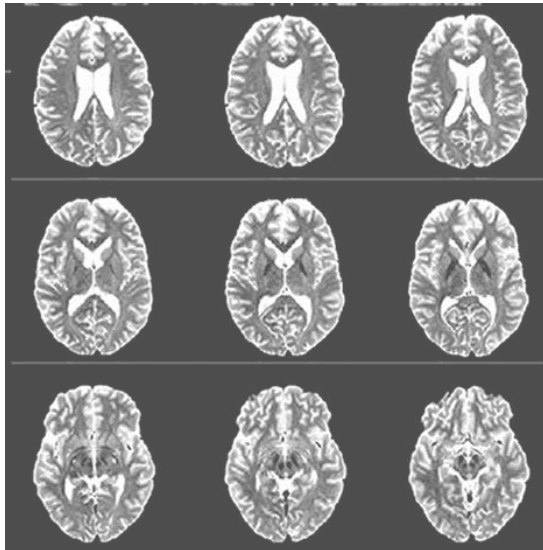
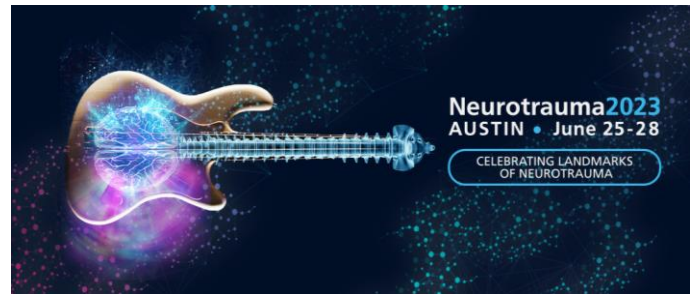
*Lauren Tierney*





UM NEU student Zoe Bassett was chosen to present her research at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium of the National Neurotrauma Society held at the Marriott Downtown in Austin, Texas on June 25<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>.

She was awarded the 2023 NNS Women in Neurotrauma Research Award for her research on Longitudinal Structural Brain Changes Following Moderate-Severe Traumatic Brain Injury.



***Congratulations Zoe!***

# Spring Orientation 2023



We welcomed our new NEU Spring 2023 Cohort at the Orientation held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Physics Library. This was a joint orientation with Psychology.

Dr. Bramlett and Dr. Lieberman (Assistant Chair for Academic Affairs, Psychology Department) presented to the new students. They also met their Academic Advisors, Tony Williams and Martha Medina who went over key requirements and important dates.



# Nu Rho Psi 2023 Induction



The Spring 2023 Nu Rho Psi Honor Society inductees ceremony took place on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> place at the Shalala Student Center Iron Arrow Room.

We welcomed Dr. David McMillan, guest speaker, Director of Education and Outreach of The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and Research Assistant Professor of Neurological Surgery at Miller School of Medicine.

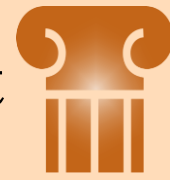


*Congratulations to our Inductees*

DANIEL ALARCON  
MARYLOURDES ANDREU  
MADISON CAPOTE  
UNA FORSYTHE  
ANDREW HEFLEY  
TYLER JAQUAYS  
NAYNIKA JUVVADI  
ALEXANDRYA KOZLOWSKI  
MARIANNA LEKAKIS  
SOPHIA MEIBOHM  
NISHAL NARAIN  
SYDNEY PEARL  
ARIANA REJAS  
MILLY RHUDY  
EMILY RODMAN  
BHAVJEET SANGHERA  
ABBY SNIPES  
LAUREN TIERNEY  
SEBASTIAN VARGAS-GEORGE  
SHINELLE WILLIAMS







We are so proud of our UM NEU Alumna Khushi H. Shah who graduated this May 2023. She graduated Summa Cum Laude, 4.0 GPA and is now continuing her studies at the UM Miller School of Medicine and at the UM Herbert Business School as an MD/MBA candidate.

Not only is she a superior scholar but she has excelled in research and leadership. Khushi has worked at the Neurology, Interventional Radiology and Urology departments at the Miller School of Medicine as well as at the UM Science Made Sensible Program, Department of Biology and Student Activities and Organizations. She has 7 peer reviewed publications in several medical journals. Khushi was President of our Honor Society, Nu Rho Psi, and VP of Selection for the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, Vice Chair for both the Committee on Student Organizations and the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee. She was also on the Appellate Board for the University Disciplinary Cases at the Dean of Students Office, among other posts.

Khushi has received many awards throughout her undergrad years. She was the recipient of the Edward Green Undergraduate Outstanding Neuroscience Major Award, The David Lin Unsung Hero Award, the Vice President's Award for Service, the 2021 Antonio Orlando Neuroscience Award, the 2021 Academic Enhancement Research Scholarship, plus the Presidents Honor Roll, Provost Honor Roll and Dean's List in every semester!

Yet, Khushi finds the time for her favorite hobbies: ceramics, painting, reading books, and going on long walks.

Khushi you are a great role model for all our current and incoming students!

We can't wait to hear what you will accomplish next!



Incoming M.D./M.B.A. students pose for a group photo during an orientation held on Monday at the Miami Herbert Business School. *Photo: Michelle Tulande/University of Miami*

