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Benefits Administration is pleased to announce that the Weight Watchers at Work program is back! An informational session took place on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, hosting less than the required number of participants.

If you are interested in participating during this fall, please come to PC-224 to complete and submit an enrollment form along with your payment (check or credit card) by **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. [Click here](#) for pricing options and additional information, or feel free to contact the Human Resources Service Center at 305-348-2181.



Nominations are now open for this year's FIU Service & Recognition Awards Ceremony. This is a special opportunity to recognize our distinguished faculty and staff for their outstanding contributions, and we invite you to submit nominations to help us recognize their achievements.

To review this year's seven award categories and established criteria, please [click here](#). **The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The annual FIU Service & Recognition Awards will take place on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. This exclusive ceremony is by invitation only. For additional information, please contact Trudy Fernandez, Director of HR Relations, at 305-348-0101.

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Honor and recognize your colleagues by writing the best nomination possible! We invite you to attend a special writing workshop before submitting your nominations for the 2013 Service & Recognition Ceremony. Hosted by the FIU Center for Excellence in Writing, the workshops will focus on how to write a strong nomination on the following dates:

- Wednesday, September 4, 2:30 p.m., GL-124, MMC
- Monday, September 9, 12:00 p.m., GL-124, MMC
- Wednesday, September 11, 2:00 p.m., HL-122, BBC

To register for a workshop, please visit [professionaldevelopment.fiu.edu](http://professionaldevelopment.fiu.edu) and search under HR Relations.

In addition, one-on-one sessions will be available on a first come, first served basis or by appointment. To schedule your appointment, please contact their center at MMC (305-348-6634) or BBC (305-919-4036). For more tips on how to write a strong nomination, please [click here](#).



**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> | 12:00 p.m. | Graham Center Ballrooms**

People who give are happier. But why? Join us as our speaker, Lourdes “Luly B.” Balepogi helps us understand how giving contributes to our own happiness. During this seminar, she will share tips on how to find opportunities for giving in everyday situations and demonstrate how putting others first can actually catapult your own success.

Luly is the founder and president of Luly B. Inc. and Chispa Marketing. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication from FIU and an M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix. As a proud alumna, she also serves in an important leadership role on the FIU President’s Council.

Join us at this seminar and experience Luly’s contagious energy. To save your seat and register, please [click here](#) and select HR Relations; **RSVPs will be accepted through Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your lunch and stay with us immediately following S.T.E.P.P. for the 2013 United Way Kick-Off event. Light refreshments will be served. Should you have any questions, please contact Trudy Fernandez, Director of HR Relations, at 305-348-0101.



### **Friendly reminder: Application deadline is fast approaching – Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>!**

The [Berta D. Villares Book Scholarship](#) was established to honor the legacy of our esteemed colleague, Berta D. Villares. This scholarship will provide eligible faculty/staff members currently using the FIU tuition waiver, a one-time cash award based on the established criteria and available funding.

Applications are now being accepted through Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. To review the criteria and to apply for the Berta D. Villares Book Scholarship, please [click here](#). Should you have any questions, please contact Trudy Fernandez, Director of HR Relations, at 305-348-0101.

### **SAVE THE DATE | UNLEASH THE SPIRIT DURING HOMECOMING 2013**

Homecoming week is right around the corner, and registration is now open for the Homecoming Spirit Decoration competition and the Panther's Got Talent Show. Get ready to unleash your Panther spirit and plan to join the festivities this fall! For more information, call HR Relations at 305-348-0101 or visit the [FIU Homecoming website](#). Be sure to visit often for the latest updates!



### **Register Your Department/Office Today!**

Get ready to showcase your creativity and sign up today for the Homecoming Spirit Decoration Contest. University offices/departments will have the opportunity to "Unleash Their Spirit" and creativity by decorating their work areas with Panther items and FIU Blue and Gold!

The 2013 Homecoming Council will cast their votes for this year's winner based on the following criteria:

- Homecoming slogan "UNLEASH THE SPIRIT"
- FIU Panther Items
- Team Spirit-Faculty / Staff Participation
- Creativity

Sign up today, and submit your unit's pictures by the deadline date, Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. To register, please [click here](#). Looking for some tips and decorating ideas? [Check out last year's entries](#).



**Doors open at 5:30 p.m. | Show starts at 6:30 p.m. | US Century Bank Arena, MMC**

It's back by popular demand! Mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Panthers Got Talent show! Our students, faculty, staff and retirees will take center stage and dazzle the audience as we celebrate FIU spirit during Homecoming week.

A variety of vocal, instrumental, and special performances will be lined up for your entertainment. You will not want to miss this special occasion filled with great FIU family fun!

Got talent? Register today for the Panthers Got Talent show! [Click here](#) to register your solo or group performance today! Hurry space is limited for performances!!

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