

UM Earns Designation as a Bike Friendly University

The University of Miami is among 51 universities recently recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly University. With its BFU bronze award, which cited UM's high bike registration, BikeSafe curriculum; UBike Committee; Bike Expo and Safety Fair; and involvement in Gables Bike Day, the Dolphins Cancer Challenge, and the DCC Fall Family Fest, UM joins 164 universities in 44 states and Washington, D.C., that have been designated as BFUs over the past five years.

“We applaud this round of BFUs for raising the standard and being innovative in making bicycling a safe, convenient, and enjoyable option for students, staff, and visitors alike,” said BFU Programs Director Bill Nesper.

The University of Miami has been awarded the Bronze Level designation by the League of American Bicyclist for the second time in five years. UM encourages bicycling as an affordable, healthy, and environmentally sound transportation option by providing bicycle parking across campus, and other amenities, such as free bicycle locks, and bike repair stations. Other incentives include free showers at the Herbert Wellness Center for students, faculty, and staff who ride their bikes to campus.

“There are so many good reasons to promote cycling to campus,” said Lluvia Resendiz, Mobility Manager for Parking & Transportation. “We decrease our carbon footprint, promote exercise and healthy living, reduce health care costs, reduce transportation cost, connect our communities, and boost our fun and healthy campus culture.” According to Resendiz, over 2,000 faculty, staff and students living within one mile of campus have elected to purchase a parking permit and one of the University's goal is to encourage these individuals to give up their parking permit and try biking or other alternate modes of transportation. In addition to saving on the cost of a parking permit, fuel and other related costs, the parking department will even provide a limited number day passes for those occasions when one may need to drive to campus. For more information, contact UBike at, ubike@miami.edu, or call 305-284-1547.

The university's UBike Committee will have access to a variety of the [League of American Bicyclists](#)' free support with educational materials and as technical assistance to become even more bicycle-friendly. Founded in 1880, the league is dedicated to creating a [Bicycle Friendly America](#) for everyone. Its [Bicycle Friendly University](#) program evaluates university efforts to promote bicycling in five primary areas: engineering, encouragement, education, enforcement and evaluation/planning.