

PRESIDENT DEGIOIA, GEORGETOWN ALUMNI,  
PARENTS, AND FRIENDS...

IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE  
GEORGETOWN FAMILY TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FOR JOHN CARROLL WEEKEND 2014.

NOT ONLY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THE MOST  
BEAUTIFUL TIME OF THE YEAR TO VISIT MIAMI...

YOU'VE ALSO CHOSEN ONE OF THE MOST  
BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN ALL OF MIAMI FOR THIS  
EVENING'S RECEPTION - VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND  
GARDENS.

BUILT AS A WINTER HOME BY INDUSTRIALIST  
JAMES DEERING OVER 90 YEARS AGO, VIZCAYA  
HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "THE FINEST PRIVATE  
HOUSE EVER BUILT IN AMERICA."

IN THE 52 YEARS SINCE BEING CONVEYED TO THE  
PEOPLE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...

OUR TREASURED JEWEL HAS BEEN HOST TO  
KINGS, QUEENS, POPE JOHN PAUL II, AND  
COUNTLESS HEADS OF STATES.

SO, YOU STAND IN GOOD COMPANY!

AND WHILE VIZCAYA IS A BEAUTIFUL REMINDER OF OUR HISTORY...

JUST MINUTES FROM HERE IS THE BUSTLING AND GROWING FINANCIAL DISTRICT AND DYNAMIC URBAN CORE.

WHILE MIAMI IS NOT TOO MUCH OLDER THAN VIZCAYA, WE ARE NOW AN INCREDIBLY VIBRANT WORLD-CLASS COSMOPOLITAN CITY.

WHERE WE ARE PROUD TO SAY, MANY OF YOUR ALUMNI AND THEIR FAMILIES CHOOSE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.

I WANT TO THANK ALL GEORGETOWN ALUMNI WHO ARE LOCAL MIAMI-DADE RESIDENTS AND WHO CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IN FACT, A GOOD NUMBER OF HOYAS WORK FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING TWO IN MY OFFICE.

ALL OF YOU LIVE THE INSTRUCTION OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA TO "SET THE WORLD ON FIRE" WITH YOUR PASSION FOR SERVICE.

OUR GOAL IS TO CONTINUE TO HAVE MORE OF YOUR GRADUATES COME TO MIAMI, OR MORE IMPORTANTLY, COME BACK TO MIAMI.

WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO BETTER COMMUNITY WHERE GEORGETOWN'S MISSION TO PREPARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL CITIZENS TO LEAD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD CAN COME TO FRUITION.

OUR DRAMATIC GROWTH IS A RESULT OF PEOPLE COMING FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, BRINGING THEIR DREAMS AND TALENTS, MAKING US WHO WE ARE TODAY.

IN FACT, MIAMI IS A CITY WHERE OVER 60% OF OUR POPULATION IS FOREIGN BORN.

THIS CREATES A CULTURE THAT IS A UNIQUE BLEND OF LANGUAGES, FLAVORS, AND PERSONALITY.

THIS ALL HELPS TO MAKE US A LEADER IN FINANCE, ART, TOURISM, AND TRADE.

IT'S ALSO THE PERFECT PLACE FOR YOU TO ENJOY ALL THAT JOHN CARROLL WEEKEND HAS TO OFFER.

WE'RE THRILLED TO SHARE OUR HOME WITH YOU...

AND WE HOPE THAT YOU FIND YOUR STAY HERE TO BE ONE THAT ENGAGES YOU INTELLECTUALLY, PERSONALLY, RELATIONALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY.

THANK YOU AND HOYA SAXA!

