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Johana Dueñas, M.S.; Albizu University Interim Chair of the Alumni Network Luna Otero; Albizu University Chancellor of the Miami Campus Dr. Tilokie Depoo; Seth Grossman, Psy.D

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## Albizu University Rinde Homenaje a Distinguidos Ex Alumnos de Doral y Fort Lauderdale



Dos ex alumnos de Albizu University, Johana Dueñas, M.S. y Seth Grossman, Psy.D, fueron premiados durante la ceremonia del Programa de Red de Contactos y Reconocimiento de Ex Alumnos (Alumni Network and Recognition Program) de la universidad el mes pasado en el pabellón de estudios de grado del campus principal en Doral. Este prestigioso reconocimiento es otorgado a profesionales de alto nivel que se han graduado de Albizu University y es una de las muchas iniciativas nuevas que el Alumni Network (Red de Contactos de Ex Alumnos), anteriormente conocido como la Asociación de Ex Alumnos, está promoviendo para impulsar el reconocimiento a ex alumnos e incentivar el orgullo del alma mater entre ex alumnos que se han distinguido en sus carreras y han contribuido a la comunidad.

"Fue una noche memorable y estuvimos encantados de lanzar el Programa de Red de Contactos y Reconocimiento e interactuar con un gran número de ex alumnos," dijo el Dr. Tilokie Depoo, canciller del Campus de Miami. "Esta red de contactos será el mecanismo para que los ex alumnos estén conectados con su alma mater y contribuyan a educar a la próxima generación de estudiantes. El programa les brindará maravillosas oportunidades de establecer contactos para el desarrollo profesional y personal," agregó el Dr. Depoo.

Orgullosa de ser latina y pertenecer a la tercera generación de su familia en graduarse de la universidad, **Johana Dueñas** obtuvo su diploma de Bachiller en Psicología de Albizu University en 2005. Tres años después, obtuvo su Maestría en Psicología Industrial y Organizacional, graduándose con honores y recibiendo el *Premio a Estudiante Distinguida del Año* mientras trabajaba a tiempo completo como Coordinadora de Programa y Especialista en Abuso de Sustancias en Recapturing the Vision International – una organización sin fines de lucro que ayuda a jóvenes en riesgo a mejorar sus vidas en la escuela, en casa y en sus comunidades. En 2010, Dueñas recibió el premio South Florida Business Journal Excellence in Human Resources Award por su distinguida trayectoria en recursos humanos. En la actualidad, Dueñas se desempeña como Directora Corporativa de Recursos Humanos en AlphaStaff, donde ayuda a dueños de negocios con desarrollo organizacional y de liderazgo, gestión de talento y esfuerzos de trabajo en equipo. Durante su carrera, Dueñas nunca olvidó a su alma mater y ha servido como mentora de varios estudiantes y ex alumnos en Albizu University, ayudándoles a encontrar pasantías y oportunidades de empleo en las compañías donde se desempeñó como Directora o Gerente de Recursos Humanos. Dueñas es una residente de Doral y también está involucrada en proyectos de servicios sociales y es voluntaria en varias organizaciones sin fines de lucro que sirven a poblaciones vulnerables.

Cuatro años después de graduarse de Syracuse University en 1990 con un Diploma de Bachiller en Artes Visuales y Escénicas, el **Dr. Seth Grossman** cambió de carreras y obtuvo su Maestría en Psicología de Albizu University. Mudarse a la diversa comunidad cultural del Sur de la Florida ayudó al Dr. Grossman a expandir sus ideas y visión del mundo. Dos años después, el Dr. Grossman obtuvo su Doctorado, también de Albizu, en Psicología Clínica. El Dr. Grossman es un Psicólogo Licenciado en el Estado de Florida y es también el Fundador y Director Clínico del Center for Psychological Fitness en Cooper City y un Psicólogo de Personal en el Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine de Florida International University. Un ex pupilo del psicólogo de renombre mundial y experto en trastornos de personalidad, Dr. Theodore Millon, el Dr. Grossman es coautor de varios libros, artículos científicos y pruebas de personalidad con su difunto mentor. El Dr. Grossman reside en Fort Lauderdale y también ha sido invitado a dictar clases en personalidad y evaluación clínica en varias universidades y en reuniones profesionales a nivel nacional e internacional.

Albizu University tiene más de 9,000 graduados que promueven la institución alrededor del mundo. La Alumni Network (Red de Contactos de Ex Alumnos), que se rige por una junta directiva voluntaria, es la organización más antigua del campus que no está directamente relacionada con lo académico. La organización sin fines de lucro, compuesta por miembros, promociona a la universidad e interactúa con ex alumnos a través de sus programas, que incluyen una página web, un boletín informativo institucional (*Universitatis*), talleres gratuitos de educación continua, becas, reuniones y actividades, y oportunidades de viaje.

Todos los ex alumnos de Albizu University están invitados a unirse al Alumni Network y ayudar crecer a la organización registrándose aquí: albizu.edu/Alumni/Update-Information. Para más información acerca de Albizu University Alumni Network, visite albizu.edu/Alumni.



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By Eileen Cukier – Associate Editor, South Florida Business Journal Apr 16, 2020, 6:09am EDT

*Editors Note: South Florida Seen is a weekly photo feature on business events hosted by local companies.* 

## Albizu University Alumni Network event

Miami-based Albizu University held its kick-off Alumni Network and Recognition Program on Feb. 20 in Doral.



Albizu University Alumni Network event: Judith Morales, Teresita Garcia and Teresita Ibarra.





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# Albizu University's Doral Campus to Work Remotely Through 3/31

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With the best interests of its students, faculty, staff, and the South Florida community in mind, **Albizu University** is offering academic and administrative services remotely until **March 31, 2020**. This decision was made by the University's administration to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this period, students are instructed not to visit the Miami Campus. Academic activities will continue via an online pilot mechanism developed for this emergency.

The Goodman Center will not provide psychological services to the general public through March 31. The University's Chancellor will share the clinical services continuity plan.

Employees are instructed to contact the Director of Human Resources to coordinate procedures to collect resources they need to complete tasks remotely. Students in need of access to a virtual connection should contact the Dean of Students immediately.

"Nothing is more important to us than the well-being of our students, faculty, and staff," said Albizu University President **José Pons Madera**, **Ph.D**. "Our mission is to educate individuals capable of serving the diverse populations of our global community, and in these challenging times, our community will be best served by engaging with our students and continuing our administrative tasks remotely."

The University urges everyone to use only reliable sources of information about COVID-19 and echoes the request made by health authorities and government to implement social distancing strategies to control and reduce the spread of the pandemic in our community. Any member of the University community experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 is required to notify the institution directly through the Dean of Students or the Office of Human Resources.

For the most up-to-date information about operations, please visit www.albizuinfo.com or call the University's official 24-hour hotlines at 305-702-7875 (students and the general public) and 305-702-7880 (faculty and employees).





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