Miller School Students Shine During Match Day 2023

Amid cheers and confetti, 205 students from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine’s Class of 2023 learned on March 17 at Match Day where they will complete their residency training program. Ninety-eight percent of the class matched; a record in the school’s history and above the national average of 92-95%.

Students from the Class of 2023 pose with their Match Day signs after learning where they will attend residency.

Match Day is a highly anticipated event for medical students nationwide, and one of the most important in their medical career, as they gather with classmates, friends, and loved ones for the highly anticipated news. The Miller School was no exception and the Schoninger Research Quadrangle buzzed with excitement when leadership took to the stage behind neatly sorted rows of envelopes.

“You probably still remember when you received your admission into the Miller School, and now these four years have quickly gone by,” Latha Chandran, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., executive dean for education and chair of the Department of Medical Education, told the class. “I can confidently say that you are trained well and will be great ambassadors for the school.”

Henri R. Ford, M.D., M.H.A., dean and chief academic officer
of the Miller School, counted down the final moments before the students opened their envelopes.

“We are very proud of your accomplishments. You have done exceptionally well,” Dean Ford said. “Enjoy this moment and remember that you determine your own success.”

**Class of 2023 Match Results**

The Miller School Class of 2023 students were highly competitive nationally, matching in 28 specialties across the country at institutions like Harvard Brigham and Women's, Massachusetts General Hospital, UCSF, and Yale. This year’s top specialties were anesthesiology (15), OB/GYN (22), primary care (70), and internal medicine (25). Thirty-five percent will stay in Florida for residency, including 25% at the University of Miami/Jackson Health System.

The students will be disbursed across 25 states and Washington, D.C., as in the case of Hailey Robles-Holmes, who will enter ophthalmology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

“Being in medicine makes me feel fulfilled, happy, and in the place I need to be,” Robles-Holmes said. “I approached Match Day with complete gratitude and joy.”

While Florida was the top-matched location, 23 students will
be in California, 21 in Texas, and 16 are off to New York, such as Aaron Gurayah, who matched in the competitive urology program at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

“I’m very excited to be the first physician in my family,” Gurayah said. “I feel very fortunate to have been at the Miller School and surrounded by a great, supportive network of mentors while knowing I’m making my family and myself proud.”

As students opened their envelopes, the quad erupted with shouts of joy. After embracing those who gathered to support them, classmates raced to share their news with each other. The closing of one chapter; the beginning of the next step in their medical journey.

“You accomplished more than you thought was possible; take a brief minute to appreciate your success and supporters,” Hilit Mechaber, M.D., senior associate dean for student affairs, said to the class. “You can enter residency knowing you are prepared and made all of us proud with your proven determination and perseverance.”

*Match Day photo gallery available here.*

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