



# THE SOURCE

University of Miami

Camner Center for Academic Resources

## The Final Act: A student's guide to balancing it all

*Jose Vazquez is a current Senior majoring in Music Business and Entertainment Industries. Jose provides us with an inside look on how he plans to make his last semester at the U his most successful yet, balancing academics, extra-curricular activities, and a part-time job at the Camner Center.*

In the opening scene of the first act, Jose Vazquez can be seen at the Camner Center, checking in student's for appointments and managing inquiries about services and resources offered at the center.

Joining the Camner Center in Fall 2015, Jose has been a crucial part of the front desk staff and daily operations. Considered a vital part of the team, Suzanne Nelson, Camner Center Office Manager, describes Jose as a fast learner and responsible student. "Jose is a team player and is also a lead student worker, responsible for training and mentoring the other student staff members," said Nelson.

"I love working with the Camner Center Staff and assisting students during my shifts. The atmosphere allows me to clear my head and take a break from other things," said Jose in describing his experience working at the Camner Center. Camner Center student workers greet guests, assist students with checking in for appointments, and assist with clerical tasks as needed.

In between the morning and afternoon rush, student workers are encouraged to catch up on

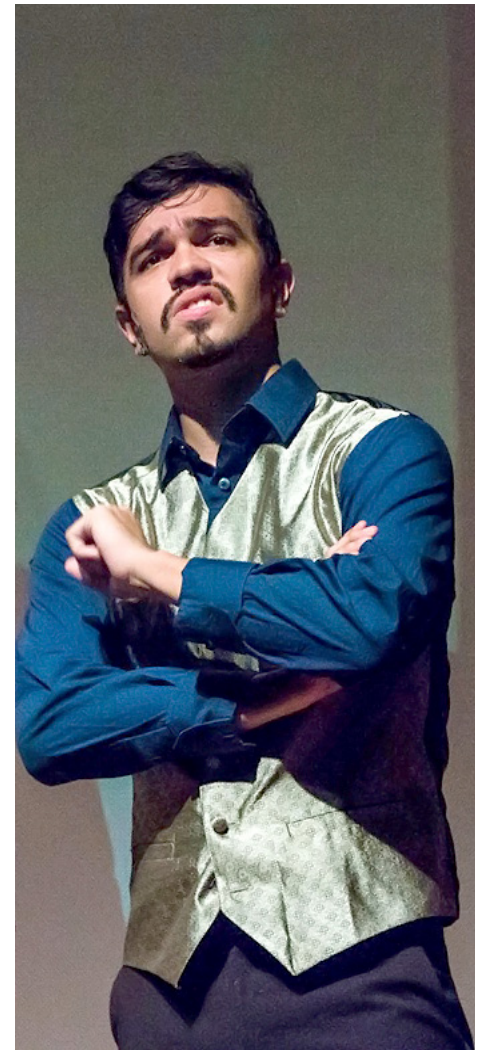
assignments. Jose uses the downtime to review material for upcoming classes and to rehearse lines, work on set designs, and plan for upcoming CaneStage Theatre Company performances.

Majoring in Music Business and Entertainment Industries, Jose aspires to launch a career in music publishing or theatre. "My mom once told me that I learned to sing before I could talk," said Jose.

Determined to leave a legacy at UM outside of the classroom, Jose devotes much of his time not spent in class or at the Camner Center by focusing on honing his talents and passion for the performing arts and music by being actively involved in the CaneStage Theatre Company.

The CaneStage Theatre Company was founded in 2003. Providing free performing arts-related programming for the UM student body, it is one of the seven committees that makes up Hurricane Productions. UM students handle all aspects of design, production, management, and performance.

When asked how he balances school, work, and prepares for upcoming



Jose Vazquez  
Into the Woods

performances, Jose emphasizes the importance of waking up early



# A student's guide to balancing it all

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and prioritizing obligations throughout the day. "Waking up early establishes a routine that allows you to get the most out of the day," he says. Jose also recommends that students develop strong time management skills and specifically devote specific blocks of time to accomplish one thing at a time.

The CaneStage Theatre Company will showcase two major productions this semester,

The Rocky Horror Picture Show: October 26th - 28th, and Little Women: November 9th - 12th. Jose will serve as director for Little Women.

Students interested in getting involved in with the CaneStage Theatre Company should email [canestagetheatrecompany@gmail.com](mailto:canestagetheatrecompany@gmail.com). More information about upcoming productions can be found at <http://clubs.miami.edu/org/hurricaneproductions/CaneStage>.

Whether you're balancing a full course load, working part time, or involved in clubs and activities, see these tips below to maximize your time and meet your goals!

1. **Use a planner.** Make note of important dates such as assignment due dates, exams, events, and meetings. Be sure to review and update your calendar frequently.
2. **Set an academic and/or personal goal to accomplish for the semester.** Goals should be specific and measurable. Incorporate activities that will help you in accomplishing your goals.
3. **It's okay to say NO.** Try not to over commit yourself. Utilize to-do lists to prioritize throughout the day.
4. **Take time to relax and recharge!** Managing your stress level is essential in balancing multiple priorities.
5. **Ask for help.** Schedule an appointment with a Camner Center Learning Specialist for additional tips.



## Schedule Free Tutoring Now

*University Center 2400*

Mon - Fri 9 AM - 5 PM

*Richter Library 1st fl*

Mon - Thur 5 PM - 10 PM

1. Go to <http://umiami.gradesfirst.com> use your CANEID and Password to login.
2. Select "**Schedule Tutor Appt.**" next to the course(s) you would like tutoring for.
3. Click on the "**Choose a Location**" drop down and select the location desired.
4. Look through multiple days and select "Open" slot that best fits your schedule.





# Where Are They Now?

*Recent Graduate, Anna Ivanova, shares her story of life beyond the U! Ivanova is a former Camner Center Lead Tutor and recipient of the Shelia Dube Outstanding Tutor Award.*

**Undergraduate Major:**  
Neuroscience & Computer Science

**Undergraduate Minor:**  
Chemistry & Modern Languages

**Courses Tutored:**  
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, and Statistics

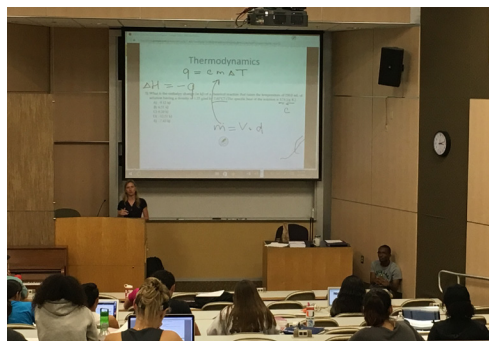
**Where are you now/Post-Graduation Description:**  
Ph.D. Program in Cognitive Neuroscience at MIT

**How do your previous experiences at the University of Miami and/or Camner Center assist you in your new role?**  
I haven't started yet! However, I already miss tutoring and will be seeking out opportunities to tutor in the future. Also, as a graduate student I will be working as a Teaching Assistant for several courses, and my tutoring job has given me excellent training for working with students one on one

or in small groups.

**What advice would you have given to your younger (freshman) self?**  
Don't be afraid to reach out and make friends at the workplace :)

**What advice do you have for current students?**  
Find clubs and communities on campus that enrich your college life and support you throughout your years at UM. If you need to, create one!



**Anna Ivanova**  
Fall 2016 Biology Final Exam Review Session



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## Camner Center Website Gets a New Look



**ABOUT THE CAMNER CENTER**

The Camner Center for Academic Resources at the University of Miami

[SCHEDULE TUTORING APPOINTMENT](#)

[REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS](#)

The Camner Center for Academic Resources launched its new website this past summer on June 9th. The new website was created through the University of Miami's Cascade Web Management System and is in line with the overall look and feel of the miami.edu website. The new website can be found at [www.camnercenter.miami.edu](http://www.camnercenter.miami.edu). The web pages are mobile friendly, making it easy for anyone to view information about the many services offered at the Camner Center.

# News & Events

## UMX 100 Fall 2017



Course term is July 1st - Dec. 13th

## Tutoring Begins September 5th



Now Accepting Tutoring Requests  
via [umiami.gradesfirst.com](http://umiami.gradesfirst.com).

## Deadlines for ODS

**June 1st:** Last day to request accommodations for the Fall semester.

**Sept. 6th:** Last day to request notes for the Fall 2017 semester.

**Nov. 17th:** Last day to schedule a final exam for the Fall 2017 semester.

**Dec. 1st:** Last day to request accommodations for the Spring semester.

\*Accommodations for summer and intersession courses must be submitted 6 weeks prior to the first day of classes.

## Let's Get Social!



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## Study Skills

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## Academic Workshops for U

The Camner Center for Academic Resources workshop is designed to instruct students on specific academic skills and strategies to enhance academic performance.

**Location: University Center Suite 2400**

### Time Management & Organization



**Wednesday**

9/6/2017

at 1:00 PM

### Note-Taking & Reading Strategies



**Wednesday**

10/4/2017

at 1:00 PM

### Test-Taking Strategies



**Wednesday**

11/8/2017

at 1:00 PM



*Please be advised that dates are subject to change. For location, date and time verification visit the Camner Center website.*

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