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FIU alumni Justo Pozo and Joseph Caruncho started a company from the ground up that has since grown into one of the country's leading managed health care providers. With their success, the two entrepreneurs have also made philanthropy a priority, giving back generously to Florida International University.



Alumni

On building a company:

Pozo: From August 2002 until now, we have gone from a start up to \$330 million in annual revenues and 265 employees. In 2007 we made the Inc. 500 list.

CARUNCHO: We never doubted ourselves. One of the attributes necessary to be an entrepreneur is to be naive. It's not so much a conscious decision to take the risk; it's a calling.

On FIU:

CARUNCHO: I love the impact that FIU has on the community. In relation to the business school, it graduates business-ready graduates. Its high quality professors have been in the business world and add that reality factor. We have a number of FIU alumni working for us at the highest levels of the company. They're well trained and disciplined.

Pozo: As entrepreneurs we're looking at how fast FIU has grown with the development of the medical school, football program, and the new alumni center. It's the perfect trifecta. We know what it's like to be a start up and keep striving for more. It's just great to be part of it.

My dream:

Pozo: I'm living the dream. I've been married for 27 years; my wife and I met as students at FIU. I have four beautiful children. On the business side, we've got one of the largest health care companies in Florida. To be able to give back to FIU is a big dream.

CARUNCHO: We really are living our dreams. The company has given us the ability to change lives and the opportunity to give back. My personal dream is to continue growing so that no one tells me 20 years from now that I was a lot more fun when I was 40.

Joseph Caruncho '81

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FIU Foundation Board of Directors, Chairman
Chairman of the Dean's Council, College of Business Administration
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Justo Pozo '80

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"FIU is the foundation of everything we have done."

Joe Caruncho & Justo Pozo



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