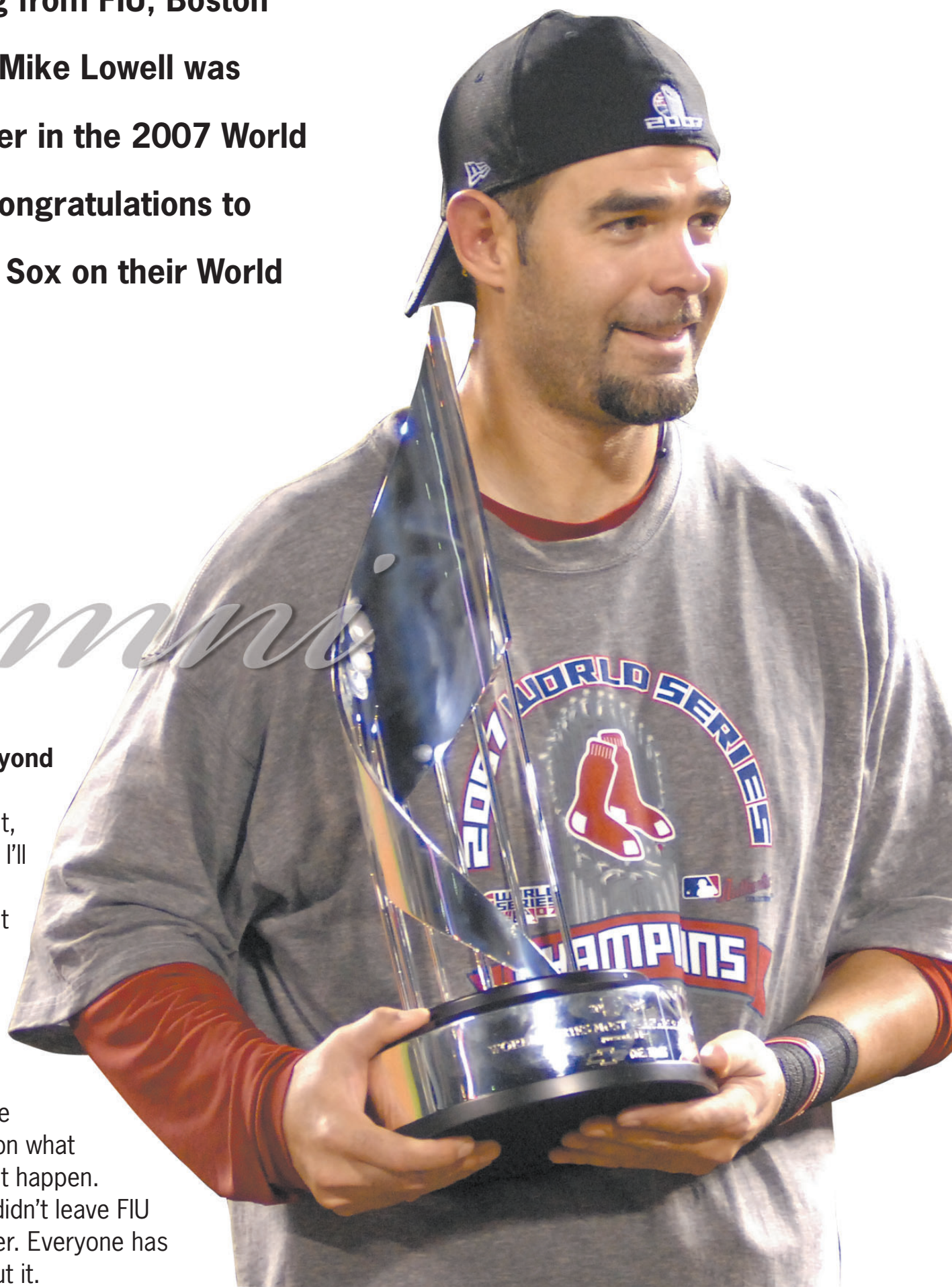


# best *in class*

10 years after graduating from FIU, Boston Red Sox® third baseman Mike Lowell was voted Most Valuable Player in the 2007 World Series Championship®. Congratulations to Mike and the Boston Red Sox on their World Series Championship.



*Alumni*

**How did FIU prepare you for life beyond graduation?**

FIU played a big role in my development, not only as an athlete but as a student. I'll never forget the feeling when I finished the last test of my last class. I really felt that I had done something positive.

**What advice do you have for college students who dream big?**

I had the dream of being a major league baseball player, but I didn't lose focus on what I needed to do in case that dream didn't happen. I signed with the Yankees in 1995 but didn't leave FIU until I finished my degree two years later. Everyone has dreams, but you have to be smart about it.

**Mike Lowell '97**  
Bachelor's degree in finance, magna cum laude  
This is the second World Series Championship for Mike; the first came with the Florida Marlins® in 2003.

*“I'm living my dream.”*



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