

best *in class*

**More valedictorians (16)
from our community
chose FIU than any other
university in the country.**

Valedictorian

What it took to be the best in my class:

Passion. Determination. Perseverance.

On starting college at FIU:

I'm ready for the opportunity to break away from the crowd and make my own way.

Where I see myself in five years:

Using my degree to impact our community in a positive way. When I told my parents that I was going to be valedictorian, they gave me "the talk". They told me that anything is possible and that I should use all that I've been given to help people. I believe in that.

My dream:

I would like to unite people, create a domino effect. I help people and those people help others to create a change. I'd like to touch people's hearts.



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*“FIU has a strong academic reputation.
That’s why I’m here.”*



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