The Hurricanes football team has been awarded the Meadowlands Lambert Trophy as the best college football team in the east, marking the fourth year in a row that UM has won the award.

Miami was selected by a poll conducted weekly throughout the season by the Eastern College Athletic Conference. The honor comes on the heels of the team’s 16-14 win over Florida State in the Orange Bowl, a victory that helped the UM Hurricanes close out the season with a No. 5 national ranking in both major polls.

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University takes aim at education in Latin America

The School of Education has formed a partnership with a consortium of multinational and local companies operating in Latin America to improve the quality of education throughout that region. UM will work with the Latin American Basic Education Initiative (LABEI), comprised of senior executives from such companies as IBM, Motorola, AT&T, and MasterCard International, on a variety of strategies aimed at raising the standard of basic and secondary education for all Latin American children.

“Some of these strategies are focused on increasing awareness of the importance of involvement in education reform efforts; providing education leadership training and skill development, academic standards, and accountability as specific areas that need to be addressed to achieve a quality basic education in the region. LABEI’s collaborative efforts will focus on increasing awareness of the importance of businesses involved in education reform efforts; providing education leadership training and support; identifying, sharing, and replicating ‘best practices’ from the region and beyond that are making a difference and address LABEI’s goals.

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The University of Miami Ethics Programs have helped launch a new initiative aimed at reducing poverty in Miami. With the help of the civic, business, government, academic, and philanthropic sectors, the Greater Miami Prosperity Initiative is committed to raising Miami from No. 1 in poverty to No. 1 in prosperity.

UM Ethics Programs, in conjunction with the Human Services Coalition, the Knight Foundation, and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, recently released the publication Building Community Prosperity in Miami-Dade: Civic Engagement, Dialogue and Action, which is an analysis of data by the Brookings Institution about the city and its demographics. The report features essays written by leaders from the five key sectors mentioned above, including Anita Cava and Kenneth Goodman, codirectors of the UM Ethics Programs.

A UM outreach effort is seeking to increase organ and tissue donation among Miami’s Haitian community.

In his new documentary, Raúl Ruiz revisits the infamous prisons of Cuba that once housed his father.

Studies focus on reducing medical errors

Four years after a Washington-based research group reported that more people die each year as a result of medical errors in the United States than breast cancer, AIDS, or car accidents, the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital Center for Patient Safety has been selected by the state to find ways to reduce errors and hold hospitals more accountable.

A $950,000 grant from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) is funding two studies mandated by recent malpractice legislation. One study is examining how Florida residents choose health care and identify the information they need to evaluate and select a hospital, while a second study is targeting patient safety initiatives and looking at ways to implement a system statewide.

The studies also will examine how best to track and analyze safety data and how to effectively educate doctors, nurses, and the public. A report is due this month.

The School of Medicine began sending a strong signal that ensuring patient safety is a top priority when it recruited Paul Barach, a national leader in patient safety.

Alliance seeks to improve the quality of education for all children in the region

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Targeting patient safety

Safety Overview: UM’s Center for Patient Safety, led by Paul Barach, left, is taking part in a study to reduce medical errors.

Bright futures: The University of Miami’s new partnership with a consortium of multinational and local companies has set a goal of improving the education of all children in Latin America.