



Jim Araiza ('76) is running for Mayor of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida in the November, 2010 election. Araiza, who has lived in Palmetto Bay for 43 years, is a former CPA and CFP and currently serves as the Director of Operations for SailAway Yacht Charters Consultants, a business owned by his wife, Jana Sheeder. His campaign can be followed on Twitter, Facebook, and through his website: jimaraiza2010.com.

Jose Manuel Diaz ('82) was recently featured in the *South Florida Business Journal* for his company, Compass Office Solutions, winning a Business of the Year Award. Jose co-founded the company in 2006 and it is now recognized as a leading provider of office furniture, ergonomic tools, modular walls and floor coverings.



Edward Feenane ('89) business development and client relations manager at the law firm EpsteinBeckerGreen, has been elected president of the Barry University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Judge Jose L. Fernandez ('81) was appointed by Governor Crist to the Miami-Dade Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court on May 7th. Judge Fernandez filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Norman S. Gerstein. Judge Fernandez has served on the Miami-Dade County Court since 2007.



Nelson Hernandez ('03) is running for Miami Lakes Town Council Seat - 4. Currently a senior analyst with Irving J. Diaz & Associates, he has served Miami Lakes on their Economic Development Committee since 2008 and has also worked for the Office of State Representative Rene Garcia. The Miami Lakes Town Council election will be held on October 5, 2010. Nelson can be reached at nelsonhernandez2010@gmail.com.

Jonathan Jay ('03) made his major league baseball debut with the St. Louis Cardinals on April 26th. He was on an eight-game hitting streak in July hitting 14-for-29 and tied for first in the National League for rookies with three outfield assists. As of the All Star Break, he was hitting .385 for the Cardinals.



John O'Rourke ('83) was chosen as the chairman of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce on June 25th and will take on the official duties of Chair as of September 1, 2010. John and his wife Marichi own Montica Jewelry located on Miracle Mile.

Alfonso Portela ('82) and his wife Marti Acosta were pictured on the front cover of the Miami Herald celebrating the news that Lebron James would sign with the Miami Heat. Alfie is the Operations Director of Deco Productions, a special events and destination management company.



Gabriel Rodriguez ('96) has recently been named Manager Latin America for Under Armour, Inc., based out of the corporate headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland.

Carlos Salup ('99) recently joined the Coral Gables Law Firm of Culmo Trial Attorneys, which specializes in civil trial practice. Carlos will be handling cases involving serious personal injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death. The firm also has extensive experience with contract and business disputes, and insurance denial claims.

