

# **PRESS RELEASE - NBS**

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The Miami Dade College Chapter of the **National Broadcasting Society** is a professional organization for students with career interests in broadcasting and electronic media. The chapter sponsors professional activities such as media field trips and professional speakers at chapter meetings. Students have the opportunity to network with media professionals at the society's regional and national conventions. Students also have the opportunity to compete for national scholarships and production and scriptwriting awards.

The National Broadcasting Society goes beyond the classroom to prepare college students and entry level professionals for careers in the electronic media by providing advanced media education programs, promoting excellence, providing opportunities for ethical and responsible leadership, providing exposure to the electronic media industries, assisting in career preparation, and encouraging community service at the local, regional and national levels.

Assistant Professor Billy Oliver has served as Regional Director over the last year, which included the planning of the Regional Convention held on the campus of the University of Florida.

The National Convention was held this past March in Miami Beach. Professor Oliver and TV Producer Jay Sandhouse (along with Cable TAP Executive Director Drew Cummings) scheduled and produced two tapings of the Mun2 television program "Chat". The attendees of the National Convention were able to not only see the students from Miami Dade College produce a television program from start to finish, but were able to participate as a studio audience as well. In addition, Professor Oliver was elected as the National Vice President of Chapter Development, and Jay Sandhouse was named the new Regional Director.

The students from Miami Dade College videotaped over 15 hours of convention highlights, and are in the process of producing a promotional video for the national organization.

The Miami Dade chapter also kicked off the taping of "NBS Presents", a half hour talk show which will debut on Cable TAP in June.