

## OUTREACH

### Euro Challenge

The European Union Center of Excellence facilitates the participation of Miami-Dade schools in *Euro Challenge 2012*. The competition has been created by the Delegation of the European Commission to the United States and was launched with the help of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. It is designed to give students an understanding of the European economy and the euro, the currency shared by many of the 27 countries of the European Union (EU). Previously targeted to high schools in New York and in the Northeast, *Euro Challenge 2012* for the fifth time this year has been opened to students in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties. **Twelve** Miami-Dade, Broward, and St Lucie counties high schools participated in the competition.



### Participating High Schools

- Archimedean Upper Conservatory
- Coral Gables Senior High School
- Coral Reef Senior High School
- Felix Varela Senior High School
- FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy
- G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School
- Gulliver Preparatory High School
- Hialeah Garden Senior High School
- International School of Broward (ISB)
- International Studies Charter High School
- Miami Palmetto Senior High School
- Western High School



A total of 100 teams from seven U.S. states (Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and Pennsylvania) competed for cash awards. Regional competitions led to the final rounds at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



In addition to providing scholarships, the Moody's Foundation also sponsored a one-day trip to Washington DC for the top two teams to visit the Delegation of the European Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, and the International Monetary Fund.

► [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



► [Official Euro Challenge Website](http://www.euro-challenge.org/) - <http://www.euro-challenge.org/>

## Regional Competition in Miami – Tuesday, March 20, 2012

The regional competition for Miami-Dade high schools was held at Florida International University on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.



Judges 2012

At the end of the day, the judges selected three high schools to compete nationally:

- **Coral Gables Senior High School,**
- **FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy, Fort Pierce,**
- **Miami Palmetto Senior High School**

They chose the following country and challenge:

School	Country	Challenge
Coral Gables Senior HS	Germany	Aging (Including health Care)
FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy	Greece	High Government Deficits and Debt
Miami Palmetto Senior HS	Germany	Sustaining the Social System (Welfare State)

These three Floridian high schools have been given an expense paid trip to compete in the national competition in New York City on April 30.

For more details on the competition in Miami, click on the following link:  
<http://casgroup.fiu.edu/miamieuc/events.php?id=1705>



## MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (1<sup>st</sup> place)

- Allen Liu
- Zishi Wu
- Yujia Zhou
- HaoJie Zhuang
- Sherry Zhang

*(Daniel Corradino, Teacher)*



## FPW MARINE & OCEANOGRAPHIC ACADEMY (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

- Rhyan Grant
- James Rhees Kaufman
- Zachary Taylor
- Nyah Tennell
- Nathan Wyche

*(Denny Dawson, Teacher)*



## CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

- Cristian Diaz
- Roy Howie
- Tia Plagata
- Francesco Sautto
- Eduardo Villoch
- Monica Moreno (*alternate*)
- Evan Opland (*alternate*)

*(Kathryn Landsea, Teacher)*



**Recognition Award for the 3 Florida High Schools Winners  
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta – Miami Branch  
Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**



Coral Gables Senior High School Students receiving their certificates from Dr. Volker Anding, Ambassador (ret.) and Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence



FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy students receiving their certificates from Dr. Volker Anding, Ambassador (ret.), and Alexander Behrens, Chief Operating Officer, Euro Channel Inc.



Miami Palmetto Senior High School students receiving their certificates and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophée from Dr. Volker Anding, Marycela Diaz-Unzalu, and Juan Juan Jose Cogolludo



Local Euro Challenge Competition 2012 Recognition Awards at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta-Miami Branch. Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, FIU (center) and 2012 Euro Challenge Competition judges; On the left: Gloria Guzman, Economic Education Specialist, FED; and Lon Lazzeri, Public Information, FED

## National Competition in New-York on Monday, April 30, 2012



The three Florida teams with their teachers: Coral Gables Senior HS, FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy, and Miami Palmetto Senior High School



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At the **Recognition and Awards Reception**, on the 20th Floor of the Moody's Foundation (7 World Trade Center), the Florida teams had the privilege to meet and talk to Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, Head of Delegation, European Union Delegation to the United States of America.



Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, FIU (left), Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States (center); and Coral Gables Senior High School team



## **FPW MARINE & Oceanographic Academy**



**Dennis Dawson**  
**FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy**  
Teacher, Social Studies Department,  
and Coach of FPW Marine & Oceanographic Team

The Euro Challenge has become an extremely valuable tool in my AP Human Geography classroom. Students are applying geographic concepts as they are learning economic principles to understand a present day, real-world situation. Our school team was selected from volunteers following our classwork assignments. The team devoted 45+ hours to researching, developing, and practicing their presentations. The challenge this year was that the Euro issues were changing on a daily basis, with our chosen country Greece right in the middle of the confusion. We learned about macroeconomic economics along with the differences and applications of monetary and fiscal policies. My students also gained greater sophistication in decoding and understanding how the political process drives most economic decisions. As we continued to research, I could see their confidence and ability to articulate questions raise.

The Miami-Florida European Union Center for Excellence, AKA Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, and the Euro Challenge/WISE group did a fantastic job of taking care of the details so that our team could focus on the challenge. All of my team members felt appreciated for their scholarly skills. Bringing the team of 9th graders to New York is always an interesting experience. Fortunately through our team building preparations, we were all able to enjoy Manhattan and Brooklyn. The accommodations were very nice and the entire staff was very attentive to any questions or need for assistance. We all were made to feel that our work is important, even to the European Union Ambassador to the United States. I will continue providing this exciting educational opportunity to my students.

## **FPW MARINE & Oceanographic Academy**



**Rhyan Grant**  
**FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy**  
Grade 9

The Euro Challenge was a phenomenal experience reflecting on economics and finances in the euro area. Being able to meet students from all across the United States made it interesting. Over the past years as a student participating in Scripps and Florida competitions I am able to develop an understanding in various academic areas. As a ninth grader hearing about the competition in the beginning of the year made me feel enthusiastic. As soon as possible I started studying and researching newspaper articles right away. Public speaking is my passion so to have the opportunity to compete at regional/state is wonderful. We were able to get a tour at the Federal Reserve Bank in Miami and explore the money transactions. That same afternoon we didn't get any results from the Florida International University about our presentation. When our coach finally reached the city of Port St. Lucie everyone was picked up by a parent or guardian then during the evening that same day my phone rang. The news came in saying that I and my team members are going to the National Euro Challenge in New York City sponsored by the Moody's Foundation. That was truly amazing because the next day, my coach was optimistic. The week of the nationals was intense; only 5 schools could make it to the national finals. The questions that were asked by the judges stunned most of my teammates, some were actually nervous.

As a competitor it was important to maintain composure alongside with sportsmanship towards other students and officials. The best part in New York was meeting the Houston, Texas champions. They were really nice, intelligent, and humorous throughout the day. Talking to this tenth grader from Miami Palmetto High School was even better. The Euro Challenge competition will definitely look impressive on my college applications in the future. This is certainly not going to be my last time competing in local/national competitions. Most of all I thank god and my parents for supporting me in everything that is positive and sensible. Economics is very important in our daily life; it will be even more magnificent if students in all areas of the United States can get involved depending on their interest.



**Zachary Taylor**  
**FPW Marine & Oceanographic Academy**  
Grade 9

My experience in Euro Challenge was very interesting. I learned an extreme amount of knowledge about the European Union and economics. What I learned help me be more aware of what goes on in the world and how to interpret it through the eyes of a professional economist. Before Euro Challenge my knowledge of the Euro Area and its processes were almost zero. Afterward I could distinguish all the Euro Area and Euro Zone countries and specific statistics about them. Other than the informational side of my experience, my time at the Federal Reserve in Miami and in New York was a great journey. It was a wonderful time in both locations, whether it was enjoying the sites, or the slightly exotic new foods, I loved every minute of it. I will definitely consider doing this again next year.

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## **MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**



**Yujia Zhou**  
**Miami Palmetto Senior High School**  
Grade 10

Before Euro Challenge, neither I nor my peers who accompanied me in this competition were deeply involved in economics. Most of us had little to no background in the Eurozone and European Union, and were ignorant of the important events in Europe. Euro Challenge was very well organized and has provided us with a background and interest in economics, as well as a valuable experience in the New York semi-finals.

Entering the competition requires dedication, teamwork, in-depth research, and clever problem-solving that exceeds typical presentations in school. It needed us to analyze databases provided by the European Union, organize a coherent presentation, and speak confidently to knowledgeable judges. I had none of these before entering Euro Challenge, but with the help and support of Mr. Corradino and my team, I was able to become a contributive teammate and even to some extent, a leader.

The effort involved in Euro Challenge rewarded our team with victory in the regional competitions, and allowed us to enter the Semi-finals and travel to New York. Even though we were unable to make it into the Finals, our experience there was amazing and allowed us to bond with both our teammates and competitors in the economic center of the world. Once Euro Challenge ended, it remained as one of the best parts of my life, and has certainly shown me a new international view on the world we live in.

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## **CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**Francesco Sautto**  
**Coral Gables Senior High School**  
Grade 10

Truly it was a great experience to be able to participate in this Euro Challenge competition. Through it, I am not able to fully comprehend the extent of the problems that the Euro Area is facing. Without this experience, I would have probably been left to ponder why my mother took away all of my lovely Italian Lira and instead switched it to the Euro currency we know today. Participating in the competition also gave me the opportunity to meet new people I otherwise would never have known and to finally see New York in person. The experienced was added in enjoyment when I was able to meet and present our group's findings towards prominent political, economical and social figures such as former and current German diplomats and ambassadors, delegates from around the Euro Area, and even the head of the delegation of the European Union to the United States. If I could relive it, I would take the chance in a heartbeat. I will definitely recommend this competition for all students who come after me.