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## **More Than 100 Elementary School Students To Take Part in BU's 11th Annual Festival of Nations on April 21**

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Miami Shores, Fla. - Embracing the theme, "A Tradition about Traditions," Barry University's Intercultural Center will host its 11th Annual Festival of Nations on April 21, from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the R. Kirk Landon Student Union on Barry's main campus.

International students from more than 80 countries will represent their nations via displays, performances and lectures in an effort to educate students and the local community about their countries. More than 3,000 people are expected to attend this year's event, which begins at 12 p.m. with an international mass at Cor Jesu Chapel, followed by a procession to the main stage in the R. Kirk Landon Student Union parking lot. As part of Festival of Nations, more than 100 elementary school students from Miami Shores Elementary and Miami Shores Community Church and School will be on campus from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to attend cultural workshops aimed at educating them about the various countries and introduce them to the diversity of other cultures.

"Now in its 11th year, the Festival of Nations has become Barry University's largest cultural event. It's one where students, faculty and staff join as a community to celebrate the riches of all the cultures that make up our university," said Damaris Vasquez, director of Barry's Intercultural Center. "I am especially excited this year because of the diversity in performances, food, drinks and visitors."

There will be numerous musical performances throughout the day and BU's campus radio station, WBRV, will be providing music and broadcasting live. At 5 p.m. food and beer from more than eight countries will be available for sampling. This event is open to the public.

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