



With over twelve years of philanthropic and alumni engagement experience, Raphael Walters is currently the Senior Director of Alumni Engagement at the University of Miami. He manages a robust team of regional engagement officers to support engagement and fundraising objectives.

Prior to his role at the U, Raphael was the Executive Director of The Greater Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Commerce and Davie-Cooper City Educational Foundation. In his role, Raphael was responsible for the oversight and management of all aspects of Chamber business and activities as it aligns with the mission statement.

Raphael also served in various roles at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Joining the shark family as the Assistant Director of Annual Giving raising over 3 million in philanthropic dollars, soon after as Associate Director of Alumni Relations managing several ambassador groups totaling over 200 members and most recently, Director of Alumni Relations and Major Gifts Officer overseeing the experience and cultivation of over 193,000 alumni across nine regional campuses while exceeding alumni engagement goals.

Ralph is an engaged University citizen, serving on numerous committees and task forces and a member of several community organizations such as the Florida Children's Theatre, Young at Art, and Emerge Broward.

Raphael earned both his bachelor's degree (B.A Communications) and master's degree (M. Ed. Higher Education Leadership) from Valdosta State University. Just recently he was nominated amongst several other community leaders as Man/Woman of the Year for Fort Lauderdale with the LLS organization and 2024 Men of Style representing Florida Children's Theatre. In his spare time, he spends a lot of time with his wife Sameena, daughter Nia and fur son, Jack.

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