

WORLDS AHEAD STUDENT-PROFESSOR TEAM SCORE FIRSTS FOR FIU

Yelen Nunez, mathematics major, was a shining star among competitors from 28 universities and colleges in Florida during the Future Business Leaders Competition held in Tampa during Spring Break. Her experience, confidence and passion for teaching earned her first place in the state in the category "Business Teacher". She will be attending the national competition in June.

Yelen is the learning assistant for mathematics professor Tillie Fox, course coordinator of Business Calculus who has over 35 years of teaching excellence at FIU. Fox, recognizing Yelen's talent and potential, mentored and encouraged her to help her teach and design the only lecture hall calculus course in the department. This is also the first and only course taught exclusively with the new Starboard System. Both are also paving the way for classroom instruction by preparing training videos for this system.

This is the first time in the department that a student learning assistant has been trained to teach a course with a professor. Yelen teaches 6 additional hours of additional instruction in recitations that enhances the class lectures. The class lectures are taped and available that day on MOODLE. Fox credits Yelen: "Because of Yelen's invaluable assistance, the course is a success. She is a superb teacher and a leader in education".

We congratulate the Fox-Nunez Team in being Worlds Ahead!