



Joe Natoli, senior vice president and CFO of the University of Miami, received a NIAF Special Achievement Award for Business at the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) Ambassador's Ball.

David Lawrence Jr., former publisher of The Miami Herald, who worked closely with Natoli during his tenure as president of The Miami Herald Publishing Company, presented the award to Natoli. Lawrence, a longtime respected community leader, now heads the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation.

“Joe Natoli’s dedication to public service is filled with innumerable achievements. His work is a direct reflection of NIAF’s mission. It is truly an honor to recognize his work at this year’s Ambassador’s Ball,” Arthur J. Furia, Esq., NIAF regional vice president for the Southeast, said.

A Brooklyn native, Natoli moved to South Florida as a teenager. Following college, Natoli joined Knight Ridder, the parent company of The Miami Herald, as a staff accountant. At the age of 28, he was named the paper’s controller and became its general manager at age 38, and president one year later. In 2001, he relocated from Miami to California, where he served as publisher of the San Jose Mercury News and in 2004 to Philadelphia to serve as publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News. In 2006, he returned to Miami to join the University of Miami as its CFO.

Natoli has worked to improve communities in Miami, San Jose, and Philadelphia, focusing on children’s causes. He has supported Miami Children’s Hospital, the YMCA, March of Dimes, Beacon Council, and Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He currently sits on the boards of the Miami-Dade County United Way, the Orange Bowl Committee and Perry Ellis.