FIU Portuguese Program Wins Prestigious Award

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On May 2, 2014, Professor Augusta Vono of the Department of Modern Languages and Portuguese Program Director at Florida International University (FIU), accepted an award on behalf of FIU in the category of “Promotion of Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture in the United States.” The award was announced by two organizations: The American Organization of Teachers of Portuguese, a non-profit organization created by Florida teachers whose aim is to enhance and promote the teaching of Portuguese and to guide teachers in the process of obtaining certification to teach in the U.S., and Press Awards, an initiative created in 1977 whose mission is to honor the personalities, institutions and initiatives committed to promoting artistic, cultural and positive images of Brazil.

The 17th Annual Brazilian International Press Awards 2014 commemorated FIU for its outstanding contribution to the teaching of Portuguese Language in the United States. Press Awards, an event that happens every year in Fort Lauderdale and is prepared by the Brazilian media in the state of Florida, recognizes those in the community who have been working to promote the Brazilian Culture in cases of education, initiatives, schools or programs. This award marks the second time that the Brazilian community recognizes FIU with the best Portuguese Program and the second time that Augusta Vono is recognized, having been awarded the previous year.
“There was an election for this award and FIU got it. There is no doubt that this brings even more exposure to FIU, both in our community and in the media—especially social media,” Vono said. “And it shows that FIU carries a strong program and is known by the community as one of the best in the United States, if not the best.”