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WORDS *of* ENCOURAGEMENT

An investment in Florida Memorial University is an investment in our future.

There has never been a better time to be an FMU Lion!

Since the founding of our predecessor institution in 1879 until this very moment, one thing remains the same: Florida Memorial University is a vibrant and diverse community of scholars that equips students with tools to create their best lives and make a difference in their communities. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic and nationwide racial unrest, our students need your support to successfully transition to the next phase of their lives.

Your investment ensures that FMU can continue to offer the unique experience that only we can provide. We are preparing students to enter top-notch graduate schools and compete in the global marketplace. Our students benefit from small classes led by knowledgeable instructors. Nearly 40 percent of our students earn top academic honors. Roughly 76 percent of our faculty members earned terminal degrees in their subject matter. Among them is Dr. Marc Williams, an internationally renowned sports marketing pioneer and global-scholar practitioner. Starting in 2021, Dr. Williams will lead the institution's eSports offerings to usher more of its students into lucrative career pipelines in the growing and emerging Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) sectors. Students may also pursue new courses in healthcare administration, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning programs. These programs produced stellar alums like Norma Ely-Jones, former air traffic control manager for Air Force One; Dr. Vanessa Sanders, the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. in radiochemistry; and Barrington Irving, the youngest Black solo pilot to successfully fly around the globe.

Armed with a mission to “disrupt the world for good,” we launched the Social Justice Institute to research and examine issues involving the intersection of racial disparities and injustice in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida. The institute aims to serve as a resource for creating and facilitating tangible reforms to achieve a more just and fair society.

During these challenging times, FMU is very aware of the issues students and their families are facing. Our goal is to build confidence and instill a keen sense of character, leadership, and service among our students. We are committed to supporting students through life's challenges and nurturing their success.

The roster of new faculty, building improvements, robust athletics division, and exciting programs round out a banner year for FMU, as we welcome a new decade in our 141-year history.

Our challenges, notwithstanding, FMU will not compromise its resilience or high expectations. Please join our movement to usher in the next generation of leaders from our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dr. Jaffus Hardrick". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Jaffus Hardrick

LIFT EV'RY VOICE

LUKE 18:35-43

“Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies. Let it resound, loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun. Let us march on till victory is won.”



These are the opening lines to what has become known as the Negro National Anthem. They were penned as a poem by James Weldon Johnson and set to music by his brother Rosamond Johnson. It became the rallying cry for black people across America and in historically black colleges and universities because many of us found ourselves unable to sing America's National Anthem, because its words did not inspire us. The National Anthem spoke of “the land of the free and the home of the brave,” but black people had not yet experienced full freedom despite the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the 15th Amendment of 1865. Nor had we experienced its “bravery” when cowardly police officers – even then – and dishonest politicians conspired to suppress our freedom and take our lives through lynching. Our pleas for justice and fairness fell on deaf ears. So, we sang our own song, written by our own scholars that reflected our own dilemma of being black in an America that did not love us, value us nor protect our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Thankfully, here at Florida Memorial University, no formal program opens or closes without the gathering – the convocation – lifting its collective voice to sing these words that have inspired us for several generations. People have asked, why is there a Negro National Anthem? Why do you sing another song in this land? Well, allow me to invoke the words of the children of Israel in Psalm 137:4, which says, “How can we sing a song of the Lord in a strange land?” Their point was they had been asked to sing a happy song in a country that brought them pain and sorrow inflicted by their captors who had stolen them from their homeland. Even today, our national anthem is one I cannot sing. While America has been our home for nearly 500 years, in a way it still is a strange land where we cannot get collective justice, where we cannot be safe from police brutality as we move about, where our lives are not fully valued like that of other American citizens, where the president – 45 – calls us thugs, violent rioters, and insurrectionists in order to provoke other Americans to vote for him out of fear. The words “thugs, violent rioters, and insurrectionists” are meant to suggest that we are not Americans, but enemies. This is why we sing a different song. This is why we lift our voices. Our voices are vehicles of protest and the means by which we express our displeasure of being mistreated. There is power in lifting your voice.

Our voices are the one vehicle we have in common to let God know what we're going through. Lifting one's voice allows others to identify you individually. 1 Samuel 24:16-17 says, “When David finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, “Is this your voice, my

son David?” Then Saul lifted up his voice and wept. And David said, “It is my voice, my lord and king.” Our voices are instruments of identification and they are the means by which we display joy or sadness. There is power in the voice. God used his voice to speak the world into existence in Genesis 1:2, which said, “And God said let there be light, and there was light.” Just as God's voice has powerful, our voices are powerful. Proverbs 18:21 says, “Life and death are in the power of the tongue . . .” Our voices can be used for good or bad.

The voice can be misused. Just this past Thursday, I received a call from Danny Swain, my brother, who related an encounter he had with the police in Broward County on Wednesday evening. He shared that he had been stopped by the police and told his car, which he recently purchased, was stolen. Despite providing paperwork of the sale and despite his protests, they handcuffed him and detained him on the side of the road. He said they spoke to him in threatening ways using their voices. Knowing what has happened recently to other black men similarly detained by the police, he explained that he grew angry because they would not hear his voice. In sharing this encounter, I was struck by his recollection of every word they said to him, how their voices caused fear, dismay, and consternation, how their voices made him feel threatened, how their voices joked that he had nothing to be angry about. These officers – all white for the most part – were taking their frustrations out on him. He closed by telling me he hadn't been able to sleep that night because he thought he was going to die. In his mind, he kept hearing their voices. I told him we – meaning black people and men especially – have to be on guard and not allow ourselves to be provoked into confrontations that can lead to police brutality or death. I could hear the injury and pain in his voice having myself been similarly and repeatedly detained by the police for no reason. There is power in the voice for good or evil.

I am pointing out the power of the human voice because I want to implore black folk everywhere, and other folk who will support our cause, to lift their voices together so that we may let the world know we're done with being mistreated. We need to lift our voices to know the lives of every black person who has wrongfully died at the hands of police do matter and justice will be served. We must lift our voices because silence gets us nothing. We must lift our voices because the ancestors who preceded us and fought for our freedom were not quiet. We serve a just God, and when the authorities will not hear our pleas and cries, then God will hear us and do something about it. Jesus reminds us that God is

on the side of mistreated people in Luke 4:18 when he says, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free . . .” Jesus was saying God cares about how certain groups are treated. Dr. James Cone, the father of Black Theology and a prolific author, reminds us in his book, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, that we serve a God who will intervene in time and space to deliver the oppressed and the poor. What sets believers apart is we have a God who will fight for us. Exodus 14:14 says, “I will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” Those who have wronged us will not go unpunished. Psalm 140:12 says, “I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor.” We must lift our voices to let God know we need his help to overcome the things being planned against us and to let the world know we are still here, still fighting, still working, still creating, and never relenting.

In the text at hand, Jesus was approaching the city of Jericho and there was a blind man begging for alms. After hearing a buzz or stir in the crowd, the blind man asked people what was going on. Someone told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing that way. Notably, the scripture does not explain how he knew who Jesus was but he must have heard of his reputation as a healer. In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus healed ten lepers who were made outcasts because of their skin. In Mark 1:23-27, Jesus drove evil spirits out of a man at the synagogue in Capernaum. In Matthew 8:14-14, Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law of a fever. In Mark 5:1-20, Jesus drove a legion of evil spirits out of a man thought to be too wild to tame. The spirits left him and went into a herd of pigs that ran off a cliff and drowned. Jesus had performed miracles of resurrecting the dead, healing, and commanding the elements. His reputation was “noised about” and people who had not literally seen him had heard about his miraculous abilities. In John 9:1-6, Jesus healed a blind man who had been so since birth. Ironically, his own disciples concluded that the man was blind because he or his family had sinned. In those days, disabilities or deformities – in that culture – were thought to be the result of displeasing God. Ironically, Jesus reminded his disciples that the man's blindness would lead to God's glory. This reminds me that people once viewed black skin as a defect or an oddity or a curse that God placed on black people.

Still, when the blind man called out to Jesus, he used a different name. Someone said, Jesus of Nazareth was passing but the blind man said, “Jesus, thou



Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus of Nazareth was seen as a carpenter’s son.

People did not necessarily see his god-like qualities. By referring to Jesus as the “Son of David,” the blind man saw more deeply into the character of Jesus as the Messiah or the Savior. Using his voice and crying louder than everyone else, people began to demand that he be quiet. Those who demanded he be quiet did not offer help. They were blind to the opportunity that presented itself for this man, or maybe they had their own problems that they

wanted Jesus to address. They thought he was out of order. Verse 39 puts plainly the man’s sense of urgency and the crowd’s displeasure with him by saying, “Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus was passing, as Dr. Walter T. Richardson likes to say, along the way. The blind man was sitting by the way, but the crowd – who offered no help – was in the way. When you need something from the Lord, you can’t let people in your way stop you from seeking his help. They may tell you to be quiet as they are saying to the Black Lives Matter movement, but keep shouting. They may think you’re out of order and call you thugs and rioters like the people in Kenosha, Wisconsin. They may tell you to shut up and play basketball like one Fox news person told LeBron James. But keep on shouting. They may try to drown you out but keep raising your voices. Notice that the man sees a chance to be helped, so he cries out, not caring what those around him had to say. He lifted his voice that much more. The point is, the people who could see didn’t know what it was like to be a blind beggar. They did not know the embarrassment of begging. They didn’t understand the humiliation of being on the bottom and disrespected and forgotten. They are calling for order and decency, but the blind man knew he might not get this chance again, so he used his voice to make as much noise as he could until Jesus himself stopped, ordered him brought forward and asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” (Luke 18:41). I am reminded here of that saying, that the “squeaky wheel gets the oil.” His response was, “Lord I want to see” (Luke 18:42), and Jesus immediately restores his sight (Luke 18:41). The point of the text is if he had not raised his voice over the objections of his critics, he still would have been left blind. This is why lifting your voice is valuable, because even if others can’t see your need, God does.

People can’t understand why black folk march, yell, and scream when they are abused. They tell us to be quiet. They don’t know what it feels like to have slavery in your past, so they tell us to be quiet and go home. They don’t know the anguish of a black mother or father who hears that their child has been killed by a police officer who was sworn to serve and protect. They can’t understand why we raise our voices against racism or any other thing that diminishes us. They say shut up and be quiet and keep your voice down and go home. They don’t understand the power of the human voice and its ability to attract healing. In the scripture, the man had a need that none of them could solve. He raised his voice. He did not want to remain blind!

This is why I am pleading with you to lift your voices to God on behalf of immigrants, on behalf of weeping black mothers, on behalf of black communities.

Lifting your voice is not just your physical voice but your voice is any gift God has given you to do the things he has assigned to you in life when the scripture says, “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). What is your voice and what is the power of your voice?

- When Fannie Lou Hamer, a poor sharecropper’s child, lifted her voice, America paused to listen. She was a black woman in racist America who saw the plight of her people. She had no money, no power, no social standing or anyone to recommend her. Yet, her voice compelled the State of Mississippi to reckon with a woman they condemned to poverty, arrested, physically abused, and threatened to shut her mouth forever. Still, she lifted her voice and told them her displeasure and called for an end to the mistreatment of black people. She went to political conventions and raised her voice. She went before the U.S. Congress and raised her voice. There is power in your voice.

- Malcolm X lifted his voice as a Muslim. He called for black people to stand up for themselves and said shoot back if someone shoots at you. He had been a thief and been in prison and been deemed unintelligent by his teachers. In fact, he learned how to read well from studying the dictionary while he was in prison. He was not the richest. What Malcolm did have was a voice that made people listen. God had given him a wonderful instrument of protest and power and he was not afraid to use it. God gave him a voice that commanded people’s attention. Yet, he was such a powerful voice for black power and freedom that he became a perceived rival to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in terms of his influence on black people. Whites saw him as a threat because he lifted his voice in powerful speeches. There is power in the voice.

- Muhammad Ali lifted his voice against an unjust war. People told him he was just a fighter and he should stick to that. He said he could not fight against people on the other side of the world who had done nothing against him and be silent while white America mistreated Negroes. They shouted him down and took away his boxing license. He declared he was a man equal to any other man. They told him to be quiet. He stood up against an unjust war where people were being sent to needlessly die. They despised his eloquence. People hated him and said he had a big mouth. But in the end, God elevated him to regain his heavyweight championship belt two more times. He became one of the most important athletes in the world and in history. He made millions more dollars. When he died, famous people came to his funeral and talked about how much his words and actions meant all because he lifted his voice. There is power in your voice.

- Black inner-city young men and women lifted their voices against violence and police brutality and drugs. Using their voices and words, they created Hip Hop and Rap, new protest music that can now be heard all over the world. Because they raised their voices through music and dance, the world has been transformed. Young people rap all over the world to protest injustice. Because rappers lifted their voices and refused to be told they had nothing to offer the world, they have created a musical

genre worth billions of dollars. Rap and Hip-Hop music sold 21.7 percent of all music consumed in 2018. It is the largest single



brand of music today – all because they lifted their voices. Young black people lifting their voices gave us Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Queen Latifah, P-Diddy, Megan Thee Stallion, and Cardi-B. They all lift their voices in music. There is power in your voice.

- Toni Morrison, the first black woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, defied her critics, wrote about black life, and rose from being a teacher to being world-renowned. People told her she should not write about black culture, that her books wouldn’t sell, that she was not qualified to be a writer, but she lifted her voice in the pages of her books – *Sula*, *Song of Solomon*, *the Bluest Eye* – and people fell in love with her prose and stories. Her books shouted out loud that black is beautiful. Her books shouted about the beauty of black love. Her books shouted about black pain and suffering. She became an advocate for the glory of the black experience. She lifted her voice through writing. There is power in your voice.

- Preachers like me lift our voices in the name of Jesus. Folk think our story is out of date. They claim the church has no power. They wish we would shut up and sit down. But the Lord compels me to declare his Word to his people. The Lord says preach in season and out of season. Preaching – lifting your voice – has changed lives, cured drug addiction, redirected young people, encouraged discouraged people, given hope to the hopeless. I don’t have the cure to COVID-19 but I have my voice. I don’t have the wealth of Jeff Bezos who owns Amazon, but I have my voice. I don’t have the power of the president of the United States. Like John the Baptist, I am just a voice crying in the wilderness. So, every Sunday, I lift my voice because there is power in the human voice and power in the Word of God.

The point of today’s message is that if you lift your voice, the Lord will come to your aid. Despite people shouting him down, the blind man called out to Jesus and the Lord heard him. Exodus 3:7 says, “The LORD said, I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.” Psalm 34:15 says, “The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry.” Psalm 34:17 says, “The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles.” John 9:31 says, “We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.” The point I am making in closing is that if you lift up your voice in a righteous cause, God will hear and respond. Don’t worry if people don’t like it. Lift your voice. Don’t worry if they say be quiet. Lift your voice. Yell, scream, and shout if you must, but the God of heaven will open blind eyes if you call on him. The Lord will meet financial needs if you lift your voice. The Lord will stop rogue cops, tear down racism, put a black person in the White House, lift up people. Lift your voice. Lift every voice and sing. Till earth and heaven ring!



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DR. JAFFUS HARDRICK, PRESIDENT



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SENATOR KAMALA HARRIS Visits FMU

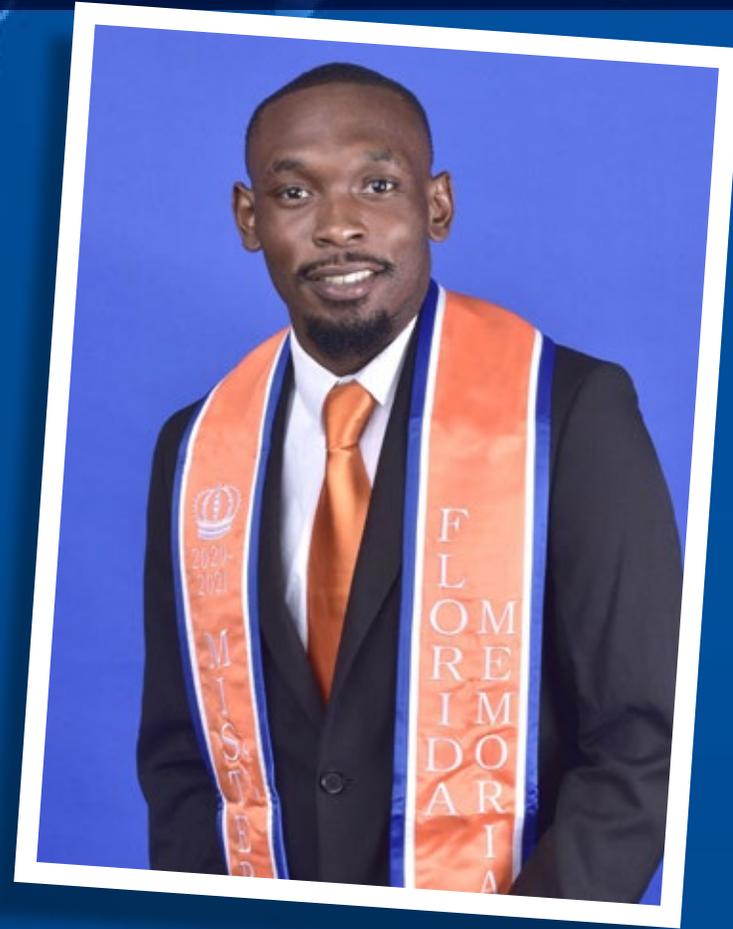


U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris is the nation's first Black and South Asian woman to accept a major party's vice-presidential nomination. Weeks after the historic nomination, FMU made history as the first university Sen. Harris visited after accepting the landmark nomination. Upon arrival at FMU's campus, Sen. Harris received a warm greeting by The Roar Marching Band. Afterwards, moderator, Mayor Crystal Wagers, City of Miami Shores; and panelists: U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson; Eric Knowles, president and CEO of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, president, FMU; the Rev. Rhonda Thomas, assistant pastor/administration, New Generation Baptist Church; and Ruben Roberts, president, Miami-Dade NAACP, rolled up their sleeves to discuss solutions to the community's problems.





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JORDAN MEAURIE PICKETT

MISS FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
2020-21

Miss Jordan Meaurie Pickett is a senior majoring in biology in hopes of one day becoming an anesthesiologist. She is a proud Lion, and member of the Women's Basketball team, videographer for the Lions Football team, and member of the National Honor Society. Born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey, she is the youngest of three siblings.

Over the past four years, Jordan has been actively involved on campus as well as the community. She strongly believes that up-and-coming leaders have a voice and play an important role. "We must do our part through community engagement in surrounding communities to enhance quality of lives."

AUBREY WASHINGTON II

MR. FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
2020-21

Mr. Aubrey Washington II is a senior majoring in criminal justice. He hails from Jacksonville and serves as the captain of FMU's Men's Basketball team, all while maintaining a 3.3 GPA. Upon graduation, Aubrey has big aspirations of becoming a Secret Service agent or a professional athlete. His motto... "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard."

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DENISHA CULVER

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT
2020-21

Hailing from the beautiful City of Orlando, Miss Denisha Culver is a senior majoring in communications with a concentration in television broadcasting. She is active in several activities and organizations on campus; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the National Association of Black Journalist, Miss Krimson and Kreme for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (2019-2020), Pride Leader for New Student Orientation, and secretary of communications for Student Government Association (2019-2020).

Denisha is passionate about helping others and encourages her peers to work diligently for what they believe in. Her words of encouragement for students state, "A great weakness lies in giving up. The way to guarantee success is to not only try once but make sure you remain positive, forthright, and try again."



GEOVANNIE EMBLETON

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
VICE PRESIDENT 2020-21

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Mr. Geovannie Embleton is a junior studying engineering. He was born in Georgetown, Guyana located in South America and later relocated to Nassau. After graduating from high school, he was offered the opportunity to study abroad in the form of a full tuition scholarship to historic FMU.

With a 3.67 GPA, Geovannie is involved in several activities and organizations such as the Honors Program. He is a second-year residential assistant, and the current vice president of the Delta Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Upon completion of his studies, he plans to attain a master's degree in mechanical engineering and solar science and innovation.

Happy Constitution & Citizenship Day

September 17th

This day is an American federal observance, that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become United States citizens.



FMU Trustee JOLINDA HERRING



JOLINDA HERRING is a practicing attorney in the law firm of Bryant Miller Olive P.A. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Public Finance Group and was the first managing shareholder of the firm's Miami office. Herring's practice is dedicated to municipal law, governmental tax-exempt financings, and blue sky securities law. She currently serves as bond counsel to the Sunshine State Governmental Financing Commission and was also instrumental in creating the Florida Municipal Loan Council, and the Florida Rural Utility Financing Commission. She currently serves as bond counsel to both entities. She has served as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, and underwriter's counsel to various governmental entities across the State of Florida, State of Connecticut, and State of Louisiana. Over the past five years, she has completed 145 transactions totaling more than \$5 billion. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, served as chairperson for NABL's 2019 Bond Attorney's Workshop and served as the chairperson of NABL's 2011 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. Additionally, she is a frequent speaker at NABL workshops and Florida Government Finance Officers

Association conferences. Herring graduated from Florida State University College of Law, received a Master of Business Administration in finance with honors from Vanderbilt and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Fisk University. She is involved in the community and is the immediate past-chairwoman and member of the Board of Trustees of Florida Memorial University; graduate of Leadership Tallahassee Class XVIII, member of the board of directors and chairwoman of the Finance Committee of the Hamptons West Condominium Association. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Miami Biscayne Bay Chapter of the Links Incorporated. She has won numerous awards for both her legal and volunteer work, most recently being honored as a Woman of Impact in South Florida. She attends New Birth Baptist Church in Miami. As a fifth-generation Floridian, Trustee Herring, grew up in West Palm Beach. "Initially, I wanted to be a doctor but was burnt out by my senior year at Fisk University. I worked for the family construction company for five years and decided that I wanted to switch careers and become a lawyer. I could talk my father into anything and thought that I could persuade others also." Her proudest accomplishments are: her talented daughter, becoming the first African-American attorney at her firm to hold a management role, and mentoring young professionals.

Trustee Herring has served FMU for more than 10 years. She strongly believes in education and wanted to give back to her community. "My tenure as chair was both rewarding and hard work. I served during a time of transition for the university, however, I learned a great deal. My greatest achievement so far was increasing board giving and engagement during my tenure and appointing Dr. Hardrick."

Fundraising for FMU, along with increasing enrollment and retention at FMU were her priorities, however, making eSports the premiere program at FMU was her top goal. "This is what Florida Memorial University should be known for."

For Trustee Herring, serving as a board member has been an experience of a lifetime. "I have met many wonderful people. I truly hope that people will feel that I made a difference."

Fall Convocation

Tuesday, September 8, 2021
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The Present

Speaker: HAROLD F. FORTNEY
Attorney



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SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES



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Here's the list of available scholarships on the iROAR website that haven't expired. The ones labeled "Scholarship List" have 10-500+ on them. Bookmark those and come back to them often.

SCHOLARSHIPS

**Pay attention to the September deadlines. They're up first! You don't have to wait until the deadline to submit them.*

**When you see two dates, the scholarship is offered twice a year.*

- HomeClean Brighter Future Scholarship – 9/15/2020 \$2,500
- Outdoorstack Scholarship – 9/18/2020..... \$1,500
- Be the Boss Scholarship – 9/15/2020 & 3/15/2021..... \$2,000
- Don't Text and Drive Scholarship – 9/30/2020 \$1,000
- Banks Family Education Fund – 9/30/2020 & 3/30/2021... \$2,000
- AES Engineering Scholarship – 10/5/2020..... \$500
- Branson Shows Inspired Scholarship – 10/15/2020 \$1,000
- Conex Boxes Inc., Scholarship Program – 10/31/2020 & 4/31/2021 \$1,000
- Valuewalk.com Business Studies Scholarship Program – 11/1/2020 \$2,000
- The Floyd Mayweather Jr. Foundation: Advancement of Women in Sports and Entertainment Scholarship – 11/17/2020..... \$1,000
- TheBestSchools.org Online College Scholarship – 11/30/2020 & 7/31/2021 \$1,000
- Ask Health News – 12/15/2020 \$1,000
- A Voice for Cats Essay Scholarship – 12/31/2020 \$1,000
- MarvelOptics.com National Scholarship Contest – 1/5/2021 & 8/15/2021..... \$1,500
- Bi-Annual Environmental Awareness Scholarship Essay – 2/1/2021 & 9/1/2021..... \$1,000
- AX Control, Inc. Academic Scholarship – 6/1/2021 \$1,000
- Birth Injury Survivor – 6/1/2021 \$2,500
- Discover Scholarship Award – (monthly)..... \$5,000 (this is a monthly scholarship so sign up every month)
- Niche Monthly Scholarships – (monthly) – [deadlines and amount vary month to month]

- Nitro Scholarship – (monthly)..... \$2,000 (this is a monthly scholarship so sign up every month)
- Scholarship Owl's You Deserve It Scholarship – (monthly) \$1,000 (this is a monthly scholarship so sign up every month)

Lists of Scholarships That Constantly Update (Check on these often for new updates)

- Affordable Colleges Scholarships
- Aviation Students
- Best Colleges Scholarships
- CollegeBoard Scholarships
- College Consensus Scholarships
- Computer Science Students
- Easy Scholarships to Apply to Every Month
- Financial Aid Finder Scholarships
- Florida Memorial University Scholarships
- Ford Blue Oval Scholarships
- Fun, Weird and Unusual Scholarships
- Get Up! Get Active! Quick Scholarships
- Graduate School Scholarships
- HCBUBuzz Scholarships
- International Students
- Minority Students
- National College Resources Foundation Scholarships
- No Essay Scholarships
- Pre-Law and Law Students: The LSATMax Fee Waiver Scholarship
- Scholarships360 Scholarships
- Scholarships and Grants
- Scholarships Online Scholarships
- Student Scholarships
- Unigo Scholarships
- United Negro College Fund (Scholarships, Programs, Internships, Fellowships)
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore Scholarship List
- Visual Impairment Scholarships
- Weirdest Scholarships

WELCOME

LARRY PEREZ

Assistant Dean of Students, FMU



Larry Perez has been committed to increasing student engagement and inclusivity throughout his professional career. He believes in creating transformative relationships that lead to life-long engagement with students and staff. Larry has actively sought work in unique and diverse communities and has served as an academic adviser, adjunct faculty member, international higher education consultant, director of housing and residential life, director of student life, and interim dean of students. He is a visionary and collaborative leader who believes in social justice, treating people with respect, and promoting and elevating students and staff by focusing on their individual talents. Larry holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois and a Master's of Education from the University of San Diego.

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VALENCIA GUNDER IS THE FMU SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE ADVOCATE-IN-RESIDENCE 2020



Valencia Gunder or as most recognize her, “Vee,” is an enthusiastic, self-motivated and driven community leader who has been branded as the “Modern Day Fannie Lou Hamer.” A Miami native, Valencia is the founder/co-director of the Smile Trust Inc., formerly known as Make the Homeless Smile Miami/Atlanta, co-founder of The Black Collective and campaign manager at Dignity Florida. Valencia assists many community-based organizations with a variety of strategies around Florida to ensure that communities feel the impact in a positive way. Though she is not an environmentalist, Valencia has led conversations around climate awareness in many communities with topics including: sea-level rise, emergency preparedness, and climate gentrification. She is a part of the Steering Committee for Greater Miami, 100 Resilient Cities, and has spoken around the country about her work around Climate Gentrification. She is the founder of the Community Emergency Outreach Center that assisted more than 23,000 residents after Hurricane Irma. After Hurricane Dorian, Valencia and the Smile Team expanded their emergency response outreach to the global south with their “One Bahamas” programs, providing more than three tons of supplies to the islands of Bahamas in less than a week, building coalitions with local Bahamian organizations, and assisting Bahamians who were seeking refuge in South Florida. After experiencing the tragedy of losing her goddaughter, Jada Page, to gun violence, Valencia worked through her grief and pulled her community together to fight against the status quo, receiving the Soros Justice Fellowship. Valencia created a Rapid Response toolkit “LIFT” to help decrease police and inter-community violence in Miami. Valencia, who is a returning citizen, was a leader on passing Amendment 4 in Florida, which restored the right to vote to 1.4 million Floridians. She works alongside more than 80 formerly incarcerated Black women (Dignity Florida) to change legislation to assist with decarcerating women in the State of Florida. Valencia has been a faithful advocate fighting alongside the residents of her community.

THE ADVOCATE-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The Florida Memorial University Social Justice Institute will engage an Advocate-in-Residence (AIR) as a part of its annual programming. The AIR will be a social justice practitioner with a demonstrated record of impact and influence within their field, who will act as an exemplar of the role and relevance of social justice for the campus community.

GOAL

To engage a social justice practitioner as a campus champion of leadership, advocacy, and community engagement

OBJECTIVES

- Orchestrate a service-learning project for the campus
- Deliver public lectures for campus and community audiences
- Provide mentorship for the next generation of change-agents
- Conduct leadership workshops for FMU students
- Serve as an ex officio member of the FMU SJI Advisory Board

BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT

- Embed the principles and practices of social justice advocacy on the campus
- Elevate the profile of social justice practitioners
- Increase awareness of the need for social justice reforms to implement systemic change
- Foster lasting partnership between the FMU campus and the community to effect positive change



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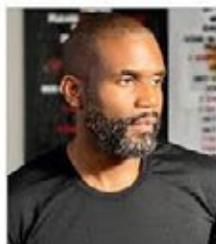
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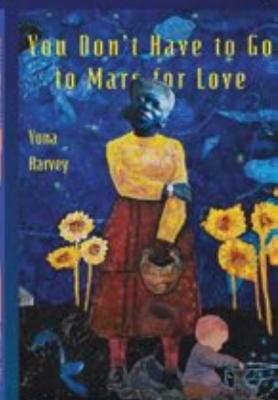
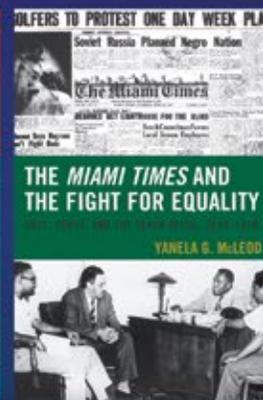
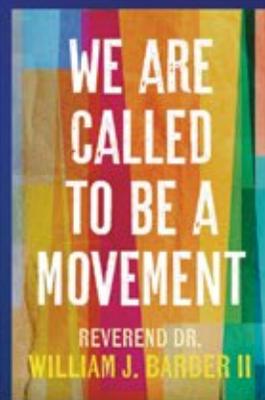
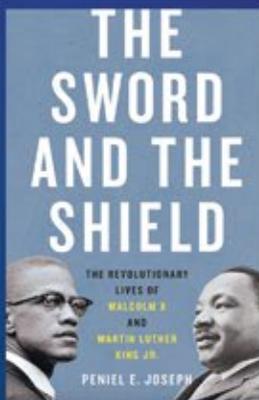
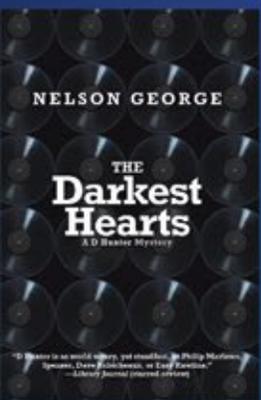
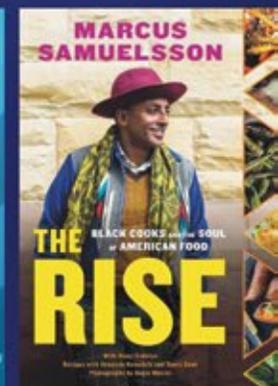
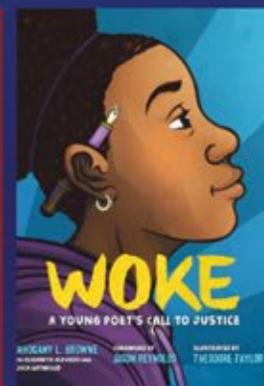
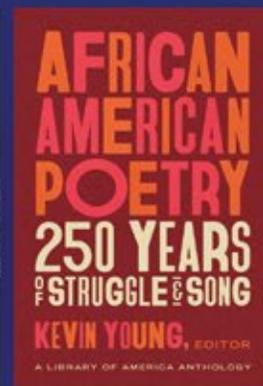
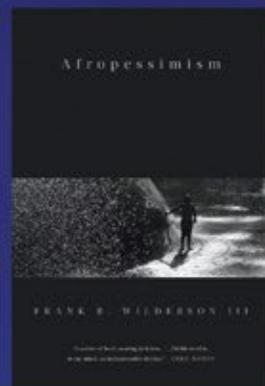
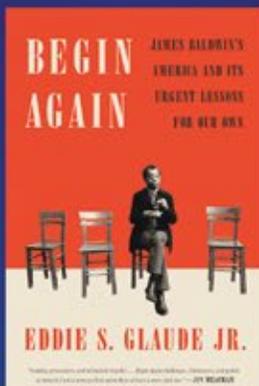
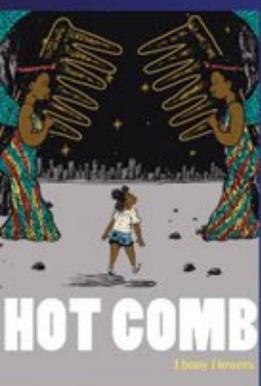




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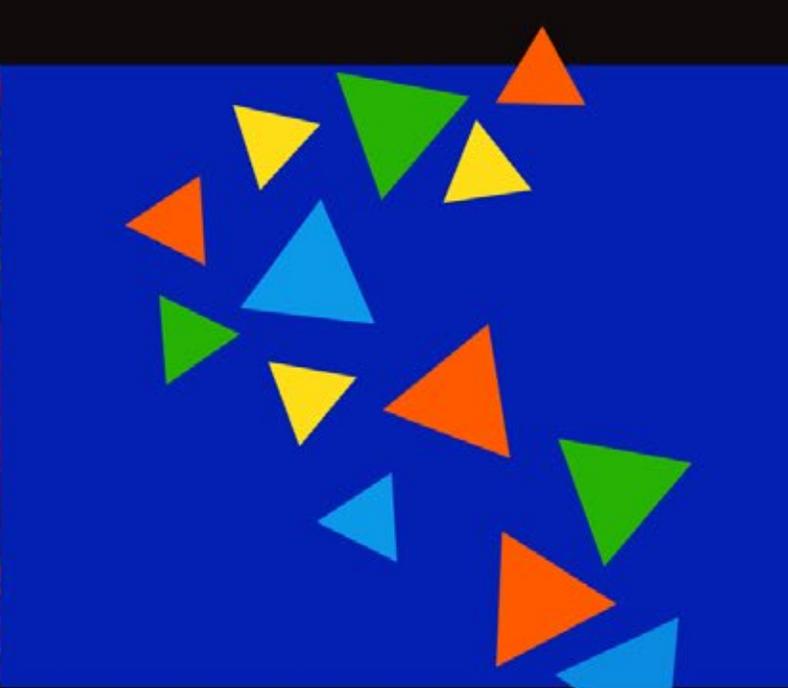
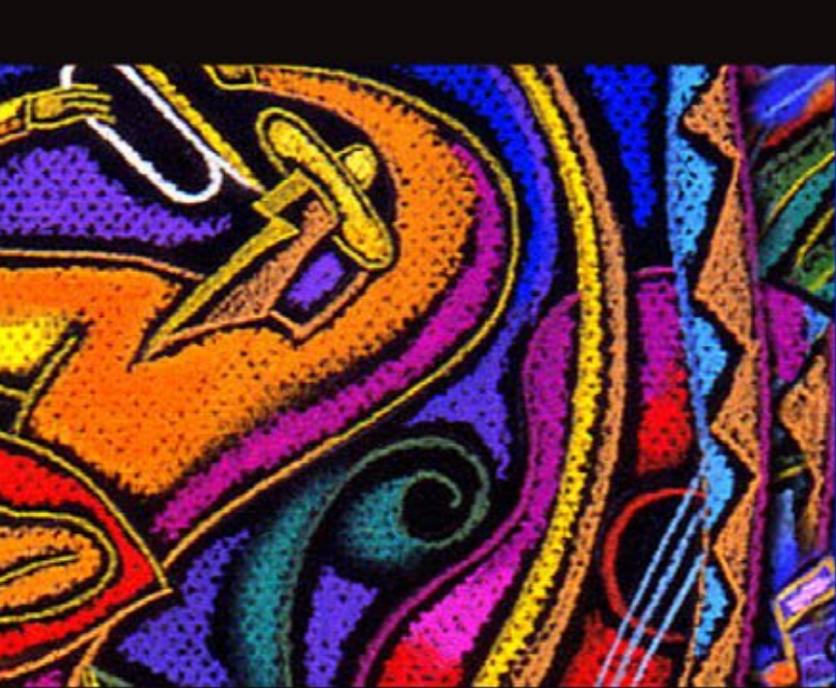
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Dr Dionne Cozier Ross is the medical director of pediatrics and a pediatric hospitalist at Lovelace Westside Hospital, Albuquerque NM. Dr Ross is a native of Trinidad and Tobago, where she received her dual medical and surgical degree from the University of the West Indies School of Medicine. She then went on to complete her pediatric residency at Kansas Medical Center, KS. There, she practiced both inpatient and outpatient medicine and was also chief of pediatrics at Research Medical Center. She has a love for exercise and healthy eating habits among children, and a heart for newborns. She enjoys marathons, obstacle races, hiking, cycling, and simply being outdoors with her husband and two daughters.

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MODERATOR: PROFESSOR JEFFERSON NOEL

- **Rodney Jacobs:** Assistant Director of the Civilian Investigative Panel of the City of Miami
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FMU SWEEPS ST. THOMAS, LIONS REMAIN UNDEFEATED

What's the best way to mitigate against a shorthanded roster? Make sure the matches are as short as possible.

Florida Memorial University's "nine strong" women's volleyball team made quick work of host St. Thomas University Wednesday night, sweeping the Bobcats 25-22, 25-19, 26-24 on their home floor.

The Lions (2-0, 2-0 Sun Conference) played their second game with just nine players as they awaited the clearance of a half-dozen players, but showed that quality is greater than quantity – evident by the fact that the Bobcats had triple the number of players available Wednesday.

Wednesday's victory also gave FMU the upper hand in this year's "Battle of Miami Gardens," with the Lions taking the first of two regular season meetings between the programs – which are separated by less than a mile. Wednesday also gave FMU its ninth win in its past 10 matchups against Sun Conference opponents – going back to the 2019 season, when Florida Memorial captured the Sun Conference title.

FMU freshman Agustina Busque turned in a strong performance for the Lions Wednesday. The Montevideo, Uruguay native finished with a team-high 21 assists, a pair of aces, and 12 digs. Seniors Sammyra Albarran and Keisha Santana Roldan continued their strong play – Albarran had 11 kills to go along with a team-high four aces while Santana, a 2019 Second Team All-Sun Conference performer, recorded 21 digs and three assists.

Sophomore Biancaliz Cruz led the team – and the game – with 13 kills.



St. Thomas (0-2, 0-2), which showed solidarity with FMU's volleyball team and its movement against social injustice and racism by joining the Lions in raising a closed fist during pregame introductions, did come out strong Wednesday – taking a 16-10 lead in the first set. However, FMU responded by scoring the next seven points as it went on a 10-1 run to take control of the set and ultimately secure the 25-22 win on a Jessenia Bonilla kill.

The second set followed a similar pattern – with the Bobcats taking a lead midway through (12-9) before Florida Memorial went on another 7-0 run and was able to cruise into the 25-19 victory.

STU showed fight in the third set, staying attached to the Lions – who will host Ave Maria University this coming Saturday – throughout. Neither team led by more than three and the score was tied seven different times. Tied at 24, the Lions closed the door on the Bobcats thanks to a ball-handling error by McKenzie Miholer followed by a kill by Adriana Soto.

FMU EARNS NAIA'S CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER FIVE-STAR INSTITUTION AWARD

Florida Memorial University was honored as a Silver Level 2019-20 Champions of Character Five-Star Institution by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics on Tuesday.

The Lions were among 181 NAIA institutions to earn the Champions of Character Five-Star Institution Award.

"I commend the efforts of our student-athletes and coaches who epitomized what college athletics is all about," said Ernest T. Jones, FMU's director of athletics. "We shined in the classroom, throughout the various competitive events as well as making the time to serve our community. This award caps off an outstanding 2019-20 academic year at Florida Memorial University."

Honorees are ranked by Gold, Silver, and Bronze status based on how well an NAIA institution performed in the pursuit of character-driven athletics. FMU was among 46 schools to receive the ranking as a Silver Level institution.

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FMU SCORES PROGRAM'S FIRST TD IN 62 YEARS, FALLS TO AVE MARIA SATURDAY



Freshman receiver Markell Lee scored the first touchdown for Florida Memorial University's football program in 62 years and sophomore quarterback Antoine Williams set a new modern-era record for longest pass completion, but the Lions couldn't overcome Ave Maria University Saturday – falling 42-6.

Lee's historic grab came late in the second quarter as the Lions, who will travel to Lake Wales, Florida next Saturday (Sept. 26) to face Warner University, drove the ball deep into Gyrenes territory. Williams scrambled to his right to evade pressure and threw back to his left. Lee went to the ground to make the catch amidst multiple defenders in the middle of the end zone.

After a brief discussion amongst the officials, they awarded Lee and the Lions their first touchdown of the season. FMU missed

the ensuing extra point, but made history and cut Ave Maria's lead to 21-6.

The Gyrenes ultimately took a 28-6 lead into halftime and tacked on a pair of touchdowns in the second half to manufacture the final 42-6 margin, in a game that was delayed 51 minutes because of inclement weather just before the opening kickoff.

Saturday's final score wasn't completely indicative of the improved performance by Florida Memorial (0-2, 0-1 Mid-South Conference), however.

Positively, FMU showed the ability to make plays through the air. Williams connected with multiple receivers, but may have found his new favorite downfield target in freshman Favion Harden. Midway through the fourth quarter, Harden got behind the Ave Maria defense and Williams dropped a pass right into his hands in stride – allowing Harden to race up the sideline for a 66-yard gain.

Harden's long catch and run set up one of two fourth-quarter red zone trips for the Lions. Unfortunately, Florida Memorial was unable to cash in on those trips deep into Gyrenes territory – including losing a fumble on the Ave Maria 3-yard line in the waning minutes.

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