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WORDS *of* ENCOURAGEMENT

Greetings FMU family:

Today, we enter a new academic year much different than any in our history. In the past year, we supported our friends and family impacted by Hurricane Dorian, endured the Coronavirus crisis, and witnessed the unnecessary killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Atatiana Jefferson. Despite natural disasters, global pandemics, and injustices, we at Florida Memorial University always rise to the occasion and aim to disrupt the world for good.

More than 140 years ago, in the face of racial terrorism and a multitude of unfavorable circumstances, our founders dared to lift audacious prayers for our beloved Florida Memorial. They prayed for an institution that would help lead and create solutions to the world's most challenging problems. While we cannot match their sacrifice, we can match to their commitment to leadership, character, and service. It is our time to rise, accept this responsibility, and continue the "good work" that leads to change and equity for all.

Part of this call to action resulted in the creation of the FMU Social Justice Institute to serve as a resource for understanding and facilitating tangible reforms to achieve a more just and fair society. Through the galvanization of diverse thought-leaders, the SJI aims to forge change in these critical areas: economic justice, criminal justice, educational justice, environmental justice, race, health and COVID-19, gun violence, civic engagement, and systemic racism.

This missive also serves as a clarion call to action to get out and VOTE. So much is at stake in the upcoming election. Our vote determines if we stay the current course or send a resounding message that the integrity of our democracy is paramount. Your vote shall announce to the world that we will elect leaders who are committed to building a stronger and inclusive America — leaders who will dismantle the systemic racial barriers that have subjugated and denied equity for millions of Americans for hundreds of years.

During this past year, we've welcomed new administrators, faculty, and staff members to help us enhance our student experience and strengthen academic offerings that provide opportunities in emerging industries like eSports and other STEM segments. We adroitly expanded online learning opportunities to ensure educational continuity. Florida Memorial remains a vital resource within the South Florida community. We received historic levels of donations and allocations from current and new friends, and business and governmental partners.

As we enter a new academic year, let us follow the tradition of the canonical founders, alumni, and leaders who found their calling at Florida Memorial University. I challenge us — students, faculty, staff, and alumni — to engage in the noble work necessary to elevate our university to global preeminence. Remember, our FMU is ascending to excellence.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Jaffus Hardick

ONENESS *A Plea to*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10: “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”



We are in a moment of reckoning in America. This past week, we saw the emergence of U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, the product of a South Asian-Indian mother and a Jamaican father. For the first time in our history, there is the prospect

that a person of such heritage could become vice president of the United States of America and possibly president. Interestingly, this comes at a time when the nation is rancorously divided – some say perhaps as much as it was during the Civil War of the 19th Century or as much as during the Civil Rights struggle of the mid-20th Century. It is interesting that now the Lord presents us with a choice that is unprecedented. So, the question of the hour is can America unite at last? Some might ask can it re-unite because there is a viable point of view that racism has never allowed a true union. Will we agree or will be continue down the path of division and destruction?

Somewhere, America lost its way. Amidst the success of our athletes, entertainers and entrepreneurs, veered astray. As we've grown in stature in the world, we've allowed gun violence to become commonplace and now accept 30,000 plus deaths per year from guns as acceptable. While we've touted our exceptionalism, we ignored police violence that devours black life via gang-minded police who seem themselves as something other than protectors of the people. We've become accustomed to the abuse of women and children. We've settled for division between people because of color, social class, ethnicity and money. We've embraced billionaires who pimp the poor and hoard hundreds of billions of dollars while other Americans wonder where their next meals will come from. Wherever this has happened in history, that country has met its demise. America is no exception. Even black folk have to assess how we got to a place where we condemn white officers for shooting us then our young men kill folk every day amidst our collective silence. The time has come to change.

The truth is, we are all being asked to re-evaluate who we are and what we want to be as people, as communities, as a nation and even as a university. I am in my 10th year – a decade – at Florida Memorial and we have others like Dr. Mildred Berry and Dr. Denise Callwood, from our School of Education, who have surpassed two decades, and others like Dr. Marilyn Ross, an English professor in our School of Arts and Sciences, who is approaching four decades on this campus. Next spring, our university will celebrate its 142nd year – more than 50 years on this location. Just like our country, we have struggled with unity and oneness. However, I believe it is time for us to make a conscious decision as we all return to campus — students, faculty, staff, administrators — with the mind to become one university with a singular mission in the Lord to become a globally recognized university.

Florida Memorial University is an experiment in higher education that was launched in 1879 by a few faithful believers who could not possibly have foreseen it standing in the place where it sits today or with all of

its aspiring students, highly skilled faculty, and caring staff. We have inherited a legacy that we must bequeath to a new generation — the Class of 2024. This must be done in spite of the calamities of 2019-2020, which saw hurricanes and even the deaths of two young men who died by gun violence on this historically black college campus. Our campus has never grieved so deeply as it did in the Spring of 2020 when students gathered daily at the site of those two shootings and stood in silence, prayed, cried and held on to each other for strength. For people who have said in the past that our students don't care, I say, our students are smart, loving, and mature. In fact, they showed more maturity than we ever expected and they should be celebrated for that. In my 10 years on this campus, I have never seen such an emotional and spiritual outpouring. Our students led the way. We were in the midst of grieving that loss when COVID-19 rewrote our quality of life and caused us to shut down to prevent more loss of life; and, sadly, the class of 2020's graduation was delayed. If God permits, they will get their chance belatedly with a formal graduation in December.

We have to acknowledge that the world is different now and we must be different too. I am writing to issue a “Plea to Agree.” Our campus can be more united, purpose-driven, focused and God-centered than it's ever been. However, we must capitalize on the momentum of a united front as the Apostle Paul pleaded for in the text “that there be no divisions among” us . . . that we “be perfectly united in mind and thought.” But the fact remains, that we had moments of disunity that led to those shootings. Before that, there were fights, disputes with security, attacks on students, and disagreements about whether the university cared about its students. So, again, I am here to plead, as Paul pled with early church leaders, that we be one. Being a great university takes great people who want to do great things. For 2020-2021 to be a new beginning, we have to agree that Florida Memorial University is not just another university; rather, it is a powerful legacy for black people. We must embrace the traditions of black students being at the forefront of change and revolution, black students leading the fight for justice for Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Elijah McClain and so many others too numerous to name. We must draw ourselves closer to the traditions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities that did not let their commitment to education make them blind to social injustice. Thank God for the founding of our Social Justice Institute this summer. We must also seize our place as one of the finer institutions with highly motivated students, studious faculty members and devoted staff members.

Our goal is not a far-fetched aspiration. Our students work and go to school, trying to make it. Staff members use their own vehicles to transport students to the store and airport and feed students when it is needed. Faculty members have supported students through the loss of siblings, parents, and grandparents. Faculty and staff members have helped students pay graduations fees. There is a love on this campus that sometimes goes unnoticed but epitomizes what Jesus said in John 13: 34-35, which says, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.



Agree

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” We are on a history-making campus where Howard Thurman, once voted one of America’s greatest preachers, attended school; Zora Neal Hurston, whose legendary novels and work in anthropology are taught; where James Weldon Johnson and Rosamond Johnson were inspired to write “Lift Every Voice and Sing; where Harry T. Moore was inspired to fight for our right to vote; where Barrington Irving was inspired to fly around the world and where, more recently, Dontricia Jones, who graduated from the School of Education,

became Rookie Teacher of the Year in Miami-Dade County. We are part of that great HBCU tradition. HBCUs represent only 3 percent of all American colleges and universities and enroll only about 9 percent of all black students; but, 20 percent of all black Americans earn their degrees at HBCUs. HBCUs produce 25 percent of blacks in STEM fields. Eighty-five percent of black doctors, 75 percent of black Ph.D.s, 40 percent of black dentists and 50 percent of all black attorneys, engineers, and pharmacists, and more than 40 percent of black executives and teachers have earned their degrees on black college and university campuses. Florida Memorial is a special place for special people; but it’s time to go higher.

Our theme, again, for 2020-2021 is “Agreeing in God.” The prophet Amos said, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” I am exhorting all of us here at FMU to agree in God that we’re finally going to become the university we’ve been hoping for, the people we’ve been aspiring to be, and the students we need to be. We can if we want it bad enough. The scripture in 1 Corinthians 1:10 says special people only get to special places when they agree to work together. They have to have a common purpose, a common mind, a common spirit and they have to put division aside. There is no better time to come together than during a crisis. We have three now: racism, rampant illness, and economic hardship. So, let’s agree to rise to the president’s challenge of “Ascending Toward Excellence” by agreeing on three things: (1) adopting a conqueror’s mind; (2) elevating our behavior; (3) and adopting a posture of oneness.

Let’s agree in God to be conquerors. Romans 8:37 says, “Nay in all things, we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” It is my prayer this year that we overcome things that hinder us. Hebrews 12:1 says, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” The “witnesses” talked about in this passage are our spiritual ancestors who have preceded us in going to heaven and the passage implies that they are watching us and cheering like an audience in a stadium as we run the race of life. Then, it talks about laying “aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us.” This means there are some things in our lives that we need to shed in order to move forward. Florida Memorial University, and everyone in it, has some things we could shed, some things that hold us back and hinder our progress.

We need to be conquerors because we still lead in too many negative categories:

- Only 5 percent of doctors are black but black people make up 13 percent of the population
- Highest rate of infant mortality and mothers in child birth
- Infant mortality 2x the rate of Whites, Asians, and Latinos
- Second highest rate of COVID-19 infection
- Highest rate of COVID-19 infection rate per 10K people
- Highest hospitalization and death rate from COVID-19
- Least executives in corporate America
 - Only 5 of the 279 executives of largest 50 companies (=1.8 percent)
 - Nike = 22 percent of employees and 10 percent of VPs
 - Netflix = only 9 top executives
 - Apple = 1 of 16 top executives
 - Verizon = 1 of 11 top executives
 - Amazon, Microsoft, JP Morgan, Walmart = 0 top executives

Let’s agree in God to elevate our behavior. In Ephesians 4:1, the apostle Paul says, speaking to leaders of the church, “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.” Paul was saying live in such a way that your words match your actions. Paul called himself a “prisoner of the Lord.” Please don’t miss that. What he means is that his actions are constrained by the Holy Spirit so that he could not do what he wanted to do all the time. He was compelled to do right. In Romans 7:15-23 Paul tells us that inside every person there is a war going on between good and evil. He points out that without God’s influence, we are inclined to do all the wrong things. He said, he could not resist doing things that were bad because that was in his nature. Then, he acknowledges that with God’s power (Romans 7:23-24), he could overcome. If we are to grow, our language and our actions have to reflect the things to which we aspire. Each of us is a light whose shine on this campus gives God glory.

You can’t live an unholy life and do holy things. It won’t last. People in positions of power and trust must be able to maintain good character. Teachers and principals need integrity. Bankers have to be honest. Medical professionals need compassion. Lawyers need decency. Information Technology needs to be trustworthy. Presidents need credibility. Preachers have to be spiritual. Professors need rigorous standards. Politicians need character.

Let’s agree in God to be united as one. In our text from 1 Corinthians 1:10, Paul says, “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.” Our quest for excellence means we have to unite. Departments must work together. Faculty members must work together. Staff must work together to direct our students. Students must agree to welcome the help provided inside and outside the classroom. The only way we get to excellence is together. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.”

Abraham Lincoln foresaw how the specter of slavery might tear the country apart and cited these words from Matthew 12:25, “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” A bifurcated church dies. A fractured friendship withers. A schism ends relationships. A divided school fades. A split company will collapse. A dissected animal cannot live. A love torn asunder hurts.

NEW STUDENTS OF

Opening

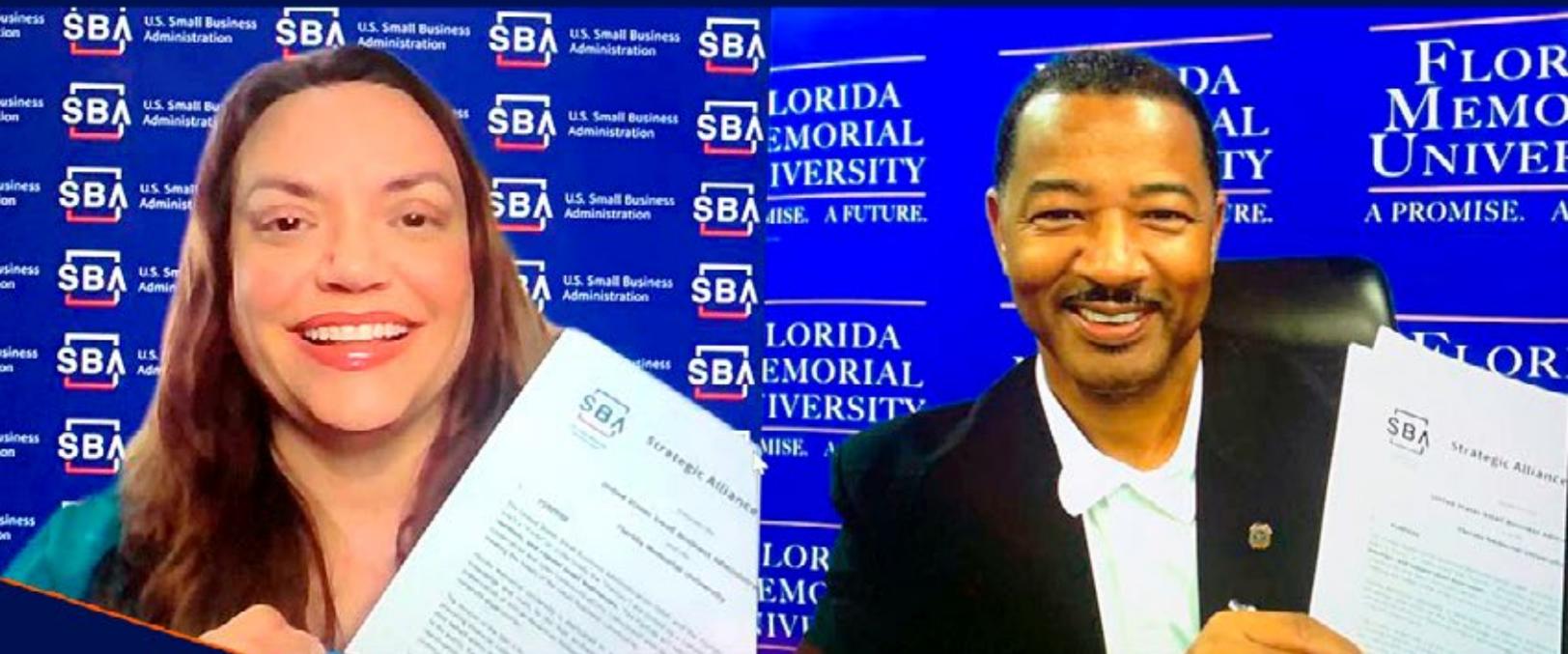


ORIENTATION Session





(Top, clockwise) Victoria Guerrero, the Small Business Administration (SBA)-SFDO district director; Althea Harris, SBA-SFDO supervisory outreach and marketing specialist; William McCormick, FMU Board of Trustees chair; Dr. Rosalie Payne, FMU associate professor of management; and Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, FMU president.



Victoria Guerrero, SBA-SFDO district director; and Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, president of FMU.

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• ALUMNUS

CHRISTOPHER BENJAMIN, ESQ.

Christopher is a native of South Floridian and the oldest of six siblings. He is the only child born to his immigrant father, Jean Benjamin (from St. Martin, FWI) and African-American mother, Jacqueline Benjamin (Flagler – from Kingstree, S.C.). From the ages of 2-14, Christopher lived with his single mother and four younger brothers. Being the oldest, Christopher developed a strong sense of familial responsibility and importance of being a good role model. Christopher's maternal grandfather was an important figure in his young years, as he served as an early example of a dutiful husband and a providing father. His grandfather worked hard and instilled a strong work ethic in Christopher and the principle of working for what you want even if it means having multiple jobs – an honest wage for an honest day's work. Growing up, Christopher faced the usual obstacles found in the inner city but because of these struggles, he obtained inner strength, discipline and integrity.

Christopher was 14 when he came to live with his father, Jean, his step-mother, Susie (from St. Kitts/Nevis) and his two younger sisters. Because his parents are immigrants, they had different cultural views than the ones he had come to know from his earlier years. His parents immigrated to the United States in hopes of better economic opportunities and worked hard to make a good life for their children. They would impart upon Christopher the importance of an education and a job done well. Once again, he would see examples of hard work, pride in doing a good job and emphasis on being the best that he could. By the time Christopher graduated from high school, he found himself a part of two very distinct, but connected cultures. Experiencing this duality helped give him a unique perspective of community and a greater empathy to identify with others in his community.

As Christopher prepared to graduate high school (1991), he chose to join the U.S. Army and served three years before coming back home and enrolling in South Florida's only historically Black college, Florida Memorial University (birthplace of the Negro National Anthem). Christopher led many of the campus organizations such as the Kappa Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the College Division of the NAACP, and the Pre-law Society. He was class president and attorney general of the Student Disciplinary Council. He went on to earned his bachelor's degree in political science/public administration. Christopher advanced his education by obtaining a juris doctorate from St. Thomas University School of Law. While at St. Thomas, Christopher was elected a senator of the Student Bar Association and treasurer of the southern region of the National Black Law Students Association. Upon graduation, successful passage of the Bar and acceptance to practice by the Florida Supreme Court, Christopher opened his own private practice now known as The Barrister Firm.

As a practicing attorney with his own firm, Christopher has chosen to provide services to the most needy segment of his community, the working class. Christopher learned that working-class residents are the most in need of legal services and are the most likely to go without these needed services for lack of affordability and inability to qualify for free services through the legal aid programs. In light of this, Christopher designed his fees to be based on the client's financial capabilities. This type of practice allowed for more people who needed access to the courts to get a chance at the justice they deserved. In 2005 (with just two and half years of practice), Christopher received the Dade County Legal Aid's Pro Bono Award in recognition of the several indigent clients whose cases he assisted for free. Christopher's career has led him to become a certified mediator, qualified arbitrator, special magistrate with cities in Miami-Dade and Broward counties and a hearing officer with the Traffic Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court. His public service has led him to be president of the Wilkie Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, a vice president of the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP, a member of the 100 Black Men of South Florida, and legal counsel to the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida. He has also been appointed to boards for the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, Dade County School Board and the City of Miami Gardens.

For 17 years, Christopher has given of his time, resources, and talents by building a law practice responsive to the needs of the people, being a fair and empathetic figure on the bench, serving on community boards to further their causes in addressing the internal needs of their communities, and serving on civic advisory boards

with government agencies to assist in making sure they have community input and advocacy that makes government more responsive to its constituents. Today, Christopher remains hard at work helping small businesses and entrepreneurs get access to needed resources, education, and a fair opportunity at government contracting while still helping everyday residents navigate their legal needs and providing advocacy for equal justice, equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all.



LEGAL

THE HONORABLE JUDGE KENNETH L. GILLESPIE

Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie was appointed as a circuit judge to the 17th Judicial Circuit in 2009, and was re-elected in 2010, and 2016. Judge Gillespie currently serves in the Dependency/Unified Family Court Division of the 17th Judicial Circuit and has served since January 2011. In this capacity, Judge Gillespie presides over abused, neglected, and abandoned children to ensure the permanency, safety, and well-being of children are met. For his work in the area of child advocacy, Judge Gillespie received the Elected Official of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers, and the Judicial Advocate of the Year Award from the Broward County Guardian Ad Litem Office in 2013. Judge Gillespie has also served as a visiting associate judge with the Fourth District Court of Appeal for the State of Florida, and has authored several opinions on a wide range of issues.

Prior to his appointment to the 17th Judicial Circuit, Judge Gillespie served as a general magistrate in the Family and Dependency Divisions of the 17th Judicial Circuit for five years. In addition to his judicial experience, Judge Gillespie worked as a senior trial attorney for the United States Employment Opportunity Commission and as a Broward assistant state attorney.

Judge Gillespie holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting with summa cum laude honors from Florida Memorial University. He received his juris doctorate from Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University. Judge Gillespie also earned an LL.M. with honors as well as the Faculty Award from Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law.



POTLIGHT •

EAGLES

THE HONORABLE JUDGE PATRICE WILLIAMS MOORE

Judge Patrice W. Moore is the current Unified Family Court administrative judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. She presides over delinquency, dependency, domestic violence Injunctions, family law matters involving families in Dependency Court, Girls Court, Crossover Court and Dependency Drug Court. She is the current co-chair of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives in Pinellas County and former co-chair of the Florida Youth Justice Commission.

She was appointed by the chief circuit judge to the Juvenile Welfare Board in September 2014, and was appointed to the Steering Committee on Families and Children in Court by The Honorable Ricky Polston, Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court, in September 2014. She was appointed to the Florida Board of Psychology in 2009 by Gov. Charlie Crist and remained until resigning in December 2010 after being elected as a circuit judge.

She served as an assistant public defender in the Sixth Judicial Circuit for 14 years.

She was elected August, 2010 as the first African-American woman Circuit Court Judge in the 6th Judicial Circuit. She received her undergraduate degree from Florida Memorial University and her juris doctorate degree from Stetson University College of Law. She is a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and the Links Incorporated.

She is married to Vincent and has two daughters, Chase and Jordan.



GORDON WEEKES

For more than 20 years, Gordon Weekes has dedicated his life to public service and the pursuit of justice. In 1994, he earned a bachelor of science degree in Air Traffic Control from Florida Memorial University. Mr. Weekes went on to earn his juris doctorate in 1997 from Nova Southeastern University School of Law.

In 1997, he also began his career as an assistant public defender at the Broward County Public Defender's Office where he represents the poor, the mentally ill and children of our community. For a brief period, Mr. Weekes ran his own office in private practice but returned to his passion – public service at the Public Defender's Office.

Under the leadership of "Help Me" Howard Finkelstein, Mr. Weekes became the first public defender to specialize in representing children charged as adults. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Weekes was appointed as the chief assistant public defender in charge of the Juvenile Division. Mr. Weekes has been instrumental in implementing a host of programs that have drastically reduced the number of young people entering the system.

As chief assistant, he has tackled head-on abusive practices in juvenile jails. As a result of his efforts, Florida ultimately cut ties with one of the nation's largest for-profit prison contractors. He also shed light on the deplorable conditions within foster homes and mental health facilities. He further forced the implementation of new procedures that would prohibit the excessive sedation of youth and successfully shuttered abusive residential commitment facilities. His expertise on the conditions of confinement, prison privatization and the reduction of the school house-to-jail house pipeline has been recognized statewide.

In addition to his work with children, Mr. Weekes has been a tireless advocate against police misconduct and excessive use of force. He has championed community efforts to address predatory policing that results in minority over-representation and disparate treatment in the justice system. He was also at the center of the push to stop reality television shows like "COPs" and the "Police Women of Broward County" from exploiting the mentally ill for ratings. Mr. Weekes has also been a watchdog for wrongdoing and has uncovered a number of problems in the Crime Lab that have directly impacted the public's confidence in the judicial system.

Mr. Weekes has appeared as a panelist on a number of community forums and has lectured throughout the state on various topics ranging from ethics and scientific evidence to police relations. He currently serves as a community stakeholder on several boards including the Circuit Seventeen Advisory Board, and the FPDA Juvenile Subcommittee. He also serves on the Broward Schools' – Prison Pipeline Committee, which has been nationally recognized for reducing the number of children arrested, expelled, or suspended from school. He also chairs the Juvenile Disproportionate Minority Contact & Zero Tolerance Committee.



Dr. Jaffus Hardrick &
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Primary Win
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DR. HEATHER MUNNNS

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For more than 17 years, Dr. Heather Munns has been a noteworthy leader in higher education admissions, known by her colleagues for her integrity and commitment to helping students achieve their educational goals. She has experience developing successful strategic enrollment strategies to increase student enrollment and retention while serving in various campus and regional roles. She has received several awards, including one for Excellence in Leadership.

Campuses under her direction have been recognized nationally for their diversity. She currently serves on the Education Advisory Board for the City of Fort Lauderdale and has volunteered for four years as Principal for a Day with Miami Dade County Public Schools. Her educational background includes a B.S. in Management and Marketing, an MBA, and a doctorate in Education with an emphasis on organizational leadership. Her research focused on the interrelation of organizational culture and leadership style with ethical behaviors in admissions teams and their influence on student success outcomes.

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"I am extremely proud to be Haitian, so I always try to represent well and be a role model, especially in school. I do believe education is important."

Florhuns is a Florida Memorial University secondary English major from Miami Gardens, FL., and she is proud to also represent Petitgoave, Haiti.



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ATHLETICS



SPORTS RECEPTION

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY “Welcome Back” BANQUET



On August 26, Florida Memorial University student-athletes, coaches, and athletic staff members dressed to the nines Tuesday – including coordinating face masks – as the athletic department hosted its annual “Welcome Back” Banquet in the FMU Wellness Center.

A night recognizing the accomplishments and achievements of the student-athletes in each of FMU’s athletic programs, it was women’s volleyball that arguably had the best night.

Lions head volleyball coach Marrita Crockett-Moulton, who led FMU to its first-ever Sun Conference championship this past November, was named the overall Coach of the Year. The first-year head coach led the Lady Lions to a 22-11 regular season record and a magical run through the Sun Conference postseason tournament, with FMU rallying back from 2-1 deficits in each round to capture the Sun Conference crown and advance to the NAIA national volleyball tournament.

Two volleyball players also took home overall awards Tuesday night.

Rachele Mancinelli was named the overall Female Athlete of the Year and Yulianna Charris was named the Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Mancinelli was a force for the Lions all season, but elevated her play to another level during the Sun Conference tourney – scoring pivotal points for FMU in each round. The Deruta, Italy native also starred for FMU’s beach volleyball team before its season was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Charris’ selection as Scholar Athlete of the Year was well-deserved as her talents shined both on and off the court this past year. While playing her part in the Lions’ success as an outside hitter, Charris also became a Ross Initiative In Sports For Equality Leadership Ambassador – which earned

her a trip to Super Bowl LIV. Charris also served on FMU’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee while also earning Sun Conference All-Academic honors 2017-2019.

Crockett-Moulton’s team also took home the award for highest team Grade Point Average. The women’s volleyball team compiled a cumulative GPA of 3.43, narrowly edging the women’s track and field team – which finished with a cumulative GPA of 3.42.

Other winners of the night included Lions baseball player Yunior Sanchez winning the Male Athlete of the Year award; the women’s soccer team winning the Team Courage Award; and the cheerleading team earning the coveted Lions in the Community Award – given to the program that completed the most community service initiatives during the school year.

The Lions cheerleaders, led by head coach Kalyn James, not only served as spirit ambassadors at FMU sporting events and around the campus, but also logged hundreds of miles trekking around the South Florida area as they participated in events.

Florida Memorial athletics also showed its appreciation for the other university departments for their acts and service towards the overall success of FMU athletics, giving each department an award of recognition.

The Lions also gave the Service Award to Florida Memorial University Director of Student Activities C. Vernon Martin, who serves as the public address announcer for men and women’s basketball and volleyball. Martin was also instrumental in executing fan bus experiences for FMU students to travel to various Lions away games.

FULL LIST OF 2020 WINNERS:

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| BASEBALL | | CHEERLEADING | | | | | |
| Most Valuable Player | Josue Sanchez | Most Valuable Player | Tiana Houston | Best Newcomer/Rookie | Shemar Chambers | Male Athlete of the Year | Yunior Sanchez |
| Most Improved Player | Manny Mollinedo | Most Improved Player | Kayla Williams | Most Valuable Player | Shemar Chambers | Lions in the Community Award | Women’s |
| Lions Award | Yunior Sanchez | Lions Award | Ebony Williams | Best Newcomer/Rookie | | | Cheerleading |
| Defensive Player of the Year | Malik Shinozaki | | Aerial Johnson | | | | Volleyball |
| Offensive Player of the Year | Joseph Renovaes | MEN’S SOCCER | | | | | Yulianna Charris |
| Best Newcomer/Rookie | Josue Sanchez | Most Valuable Player | Caleb Acosta | Offensive Player of the Year | Keisha Santana/ Azmabeth Infante | Highest Team GPA | C. Vernon Martin |
| | | Most Improved Player | Lautaro Blasco | Lions Award | Rachele Mancinelli | Scholar-Athlete of the Year | Financial Aid |
| FOOTBALL | | Lions Award | Grant Peebles | Most Improved Player | Jazmin Molina | Service Award | Admissions |
| Lions Award | Joshua Roland | Defensive Player of the Year | Nicholas Thompson | Most Improved Pair | Jesennia Bonilla | Department Recognition | Campus Police |
| | | Offensive Player of the Year | Jose Isaac Romero | | Francheska Rivera/ Alanis Santana | Department Recognition | Facilities |
| MEN’S BASKETBALL | | | | VOLLEYBALL | | Department Recognition | Transportation |
| Most Valuable Player | Jordan Martin | WOMEN’S SOCCER | | Most Valuable Player | Rachele Mancinelli | Department Recognition | Human Resources |
| Most Improved Player | Quovondo Johnson Jr. | Most Valuable Player | Mariana Rincon | Defensive Player of the Year | Keisha Santana | Department Recognition | Registrar |
| Lions Award | Kase Carrera | Most Improved Player | Thalita Azevedo | Lions Award | Yulianna Charris | Department Recognition | Thompson’s |
| Defensive Player of the Year | Kaleb Darrett | Lions Award | Diviana D’Cesare | Most Improved Player | Dayla Hall | | Hospitality |
| Offensive Player of the Year | Jordan Martin | Defensive Player of the Year | Brenda Agnon | Best Newcomer/Rookie | Biancaliz Cruz | Department Recognition | Business Office |
| Best Newcomer/Rookie | Freddy Reeves Jr. | Offensive Player of the Year | Thalita Azevedo | | | | |
| | | Best Newcomer/Rookie | Emerita Garcia | SPECIAL AWARDS | | | |
| WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | | | | Coach of the Year | Marrita Crockett- Moulton | | |
| Most Valuable Player | Isis Lane | TRACK & FIELD | | | | | |
| Lions Award | Nashley Zayas | Lions Award | Armani Seale | Team Courage Award | Women’s Soccer | | |
| Defensive Player of the Year | Brittney Howard | Most Improved Player | Armani Seale | Female Athlete of the Year | Rachele Mancinelli | | |
| Offensive Player of the Year | Isis Lane | | | | | | |



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