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Sixth Annual BE Smart Hackathon Winners



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WORDS *of* ENCOURAGEMENT

Our founders built Florida Memorial University on a tradition of equipping students with the tools to transform their lives and communities. We all share a responsibility to transform our communities by exercising our right to vote. I am encouraging everyone to help FMU achieve 100 percent voting among the Lion family. Our votes win elections.

Universities can also transform communities when they offer students pathways to prosperity and develop skills that help them graduate into lucrative careers in high-tech sectors, prestigious graduate and professional programs, or successful businesses. FMU recently unveiled its Ascension Plan to help elevate our institution and community to global preeminence. The Ascension Plan provides details and strategies on my five strategic operation pillars of Student Success, Academic Quality, Financial Solvency, Operational Excellence, and Relationship Development. This plan incorporates feedback solicited from the University and community stakeholders. I appreciate the Strategic Planning Committee's hard work and contributions from FMU students, alumni, faculty, and staff in creating our Ascension Plan. We envision an FMU that attracts and educates more than 3,000 talented students, a premier faculty of subject-matter experts, an Athletics Division that brings Lions pride to South Florida, and as an economic engine that helps close socio-economic gaps in our community. This is the FMU we deserve. The Ascension Plan will actualize that plan.

I am pleased to announce the recent promotion of Chevonne Mansfield as FMU's interim athletics director. This appointment makes Mansfield the first woman to lead our Athletics Division. She brings more than 15 years of progressive and leadership experience at the collegiate level. Athletic programs help us train, retain and entertain our students.

We are thrilled to officially recognized our 2020 FMU Student Government Association leaders. I recently welcomed SGA's executive board to the President's Boardroom for a brief reception. I am looking forward to working with SGA President Denisha Culver and other student leaders during the academic year.

MSNBC recently showcased FMU professors and students. The cable network broadcast their perspectives on the final 2020 Presidential Election debate to a nationwide audience.

Great things are happening at Florida Memorial University. Our ascension becomes possible when we write our vision and make it plain. Our ascension becomes inevitable when we invest effort, resources, and intention into our work. Together, we can transform our University and our community. Thank you for supporting us as we work toward this transformative ascension. Our FMU is ascending to excellence.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Jaffus Hardrick

It's Only a Season



Hear the Word of God in the poetic eloquence of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

***To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:***

A time to be born,

And a time to die;

A time to plant,

And a time to pluck what is planted;

A time to kill,

And a time to heal;

A time to break down,

And a time to build up;

A time to weep,

And a time to laugh;

A time to mourn,

And a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones,

And a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace,

And a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to gain,

And a time to lose;

A time to keep,

And a time to throw away;

A time to tear,

And a time to sew;

A time to keep silence,

And a time to speak;

A time to love,

And a time to hate;

A time of war,

And a time of peace.

Other than the 23rd Psalm, perhaps no other Old Testament scripture resonates in the ears and the memory of believers than these rhythmic verses in the Book of Ecclesiastes. Each phrase is a dyad, pair, or set of diametrically opposed conditions that reminds us that life never stays the same. It is always in flux. The theme of the Book of Ecclesiastes is that people are helpless in the face of life's constant change; and as much as we like to believe we control things, life changes every time we think we have it mastered. This does not mean that life is hopeless but it magnifies the fact that if we are to live in this world, we must recognize that we need the Lord to help us. You can't have life without death. You can't have laughter without tears. You can't build without tearing down. There is no gaining without losing something. You can't have love without hate. There is no peace without war. These diametrically opposed statements prompt us to remember that our circumstances never stay the same. Life is fickle and is always shifting, moving, fluctuating, vacillating, mutating, expanding, contracting, convulsing, contorting, turning, morphing, and changing incessantly.

Even the people who claim to be living their best lives hide the fact that some days are not their best. On one hand, today could be the best day of your life; but tomorrow or even by that night, you might find yourself wishing you had never gotten out of bed. We've got to learn that life is fluid, never static. Knowing that norms are variables that shift continuously, a good strategy for living is to develop a plan for how to respond when what's normal changes. My purpose today is to remind you that we need God and the solution to life's constant changing is a God who is the same yesterday, today and forever – a God who supersedes time and place. You aren't living your best life until you embrace a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Ecclesiastes 3 begins with the words: "To everything there is a season . . ." Our Lord is a God for all seasons (Revelation 22:13 – "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last:").

Life is just a series of seasons. George Benson, the jazz guitarist, had a popular song called "Everything Must Change." Two stanzas of that song say, "Everything must change. Nothing stays the same. Everyone must change. Nothing stays the same. There are not many things in life you can be sure of except rains comes from the clouds,





and suns lights up the sky and hummingbirds do fly.” We begin life crawling on all fours, eventually learning to walk upright on two legs, then old age makes us rely of two legs and a cane. These are the seasons of life. We fall in love, get hurt sometimes, split or reunite. Those are seasons. We graduate high school, come to college, learn friends can be fickle, graduate, get jobs and mature into adults — seasons. Even as adults, school and our work present various dilemmas that must be dealt with as we progress. School is not for the faint of heart. It requires stamina and determination. Work can be a great lift in your life if you have a good job with reasonable pay; but work can also break your heart or break your spirit. Those are seasons. So, the truth is we are used to change. In fact, every day we live is a new day, different from the one before it. The point is when change happens, we are either entering or exiting a new season.

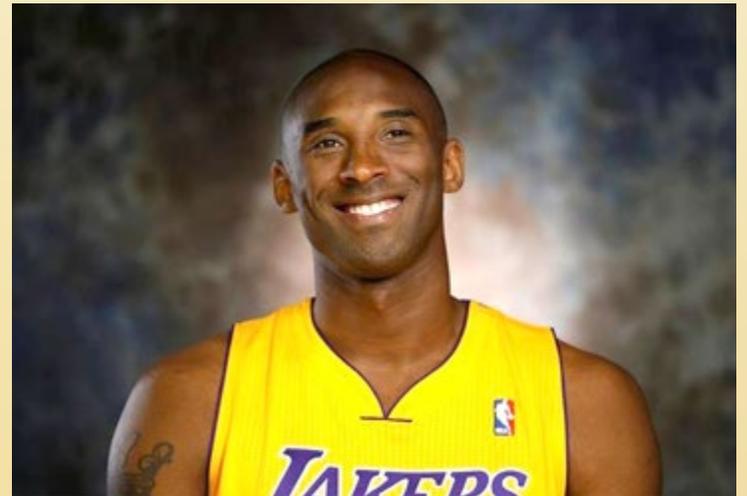
Just a few nights ago, I received a call from one of the young ladies who graduated last May. She was frantic and began to share a litany of problems whirling around in her life. She was frustrated that COVID-19 was keep her away from the person she loved. She was struggling to find a job despite numerous applications. She was lonely and angry and finally declared life is horrible. I listened in anguish because she was beginning to realize as an adult when the protections of your parents are taken away and you have to deal with life for yourself, the seasons become real. My heart broke as I tried reminding her of God’s word and she declared God useless. I knew she loved God but her life is in flux and the joy and pain were real. There are two scriptures that come to mind when I think of her pain: (1) 1 Peter 5:8 - “Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour;” and (2) Luke 22:31 - “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as. . .”

What she was missing from her personal struggle was the corollaries to both these verses. Right before 1 Peter 5:8, is verse seven (7), which tells us: “Cast all your care upon him [the Lord] for he careth for you.” Right after Luke 22:31, Jesus says to Simon in verse 32 says, “But I have prayed that your faith fail you not and when you are converted, strengthen your brother. What these two supplemental verses mean is that even in your darkest season, you are not alone and you do have help in the Lord. Despite my former student’s problems and not knowing what to say to her in her crisis, the Lord led me the following morning to text her these words: “I love you. Pray and your answers will come. She texted me back. I love you too. Okay.” She had spent four years listening to me preach. I know she knew what to do. She did not have strength in that season of hurt and confusion.

We have to count on the Lord. This is a lesson that black folk have learned over time. Yes, we may have are problems but the Lord is always there. We live in a country that is not always kind. In fact, we are seeing right now that America refuses to be fair to its people of color. Black Americans – not originally thought of as humans or citizens – have been through slavery, segregation, lynching, police violence, injustice and voter suppression. We are continually disappointed that we are not afforded the basic protections of the Constitution although black folk have fought in every war for freedom in American history. Right now, we’re caught in a period of personal upheaval about why – as Dr. Cornel West would say - “race matters” so much in America. This period has lasted since 1619 until now. Some of us have even asked Lord, why us why so much pain? We have survived a season of slavery, a season of segregation, a season of lynching, a season of police brutality and murder, and now we’re dealing with a season of injustice. But at the same time, we can see that the lord has taken care of us. We can truly say from Psalm 23, “He prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. He anoints my head with oil. My cup runneth over.” Even though times are tough, we’ve had seasons of success with athletes

and entertainers, seasons of progress in civil rights, and seasons of progress in movies, in higher education, and in political power – with black female mayors in Atlanta, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. America has given black folk some bad seasons we would all rather forget; but it is important to remember – especially when you’re in a dark season – that the Lord never leaves us.

The year 2020 has been a series of seasons. Although it seems like a long time ago, last January, we had a season of mourning when Kobe Bryant and Gianna, his daughter were tragically killed in a helicopter accident. The whole nation grieved because it just didn’t seem right that a young father and daughter – as well as the other families who



were impacted by that event – should lose their lives. That was a season of grief. Grown men cried. Children cried. Mothers held their children and cried. Then the Lakers entered a new season. Just a few days ago, the Los Angeles Lakers won the NBA Championship after living in a self-imposed exile for nearly four months away from their families. They are enjoying a season of joy. About 10 months ago, we began to hear about a new virus that has now caused untold deaths to mount, presently, just in America, reaching more than 214,000 deaths and 7 million infections. We’ve been locked down and put on curfews, compelled to wear masks, and we’ve grown leery of anyone we don’t know. Even family members cannot see one another because life has shifted and answers are few. This is a season of separation. Yet, in the midst of the struggle, some people still have jobs; colleges and universities have tried to restore normalcy; public schools have reopened and business are emerging from their hiatus. The Lord has allowed some people to stay in good health and others never lost their jobs. Some families have lost no one. Each of us is searching our souls to find the strength to adapt to the fast-paced changes that have made us come to grips with the phrase “the new normal.” My point is, we must not forget that this is just a season.

Now, two pertinent questions present themselves for our consideration: (1) What season is it in your life and (2) How do you handle it? The Apostle Paul had an answer for this. He was under house arrest and going through a difficult period in his life when he wrote in Philippians 4:11-13: “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to be abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” The Apostle was saying no matter what season you’re in, keep your balance and trust that the Lord will equip you to survive. You need not panic, because he tells us that God will supply whatever it is you need as long as you continue in his will. Seasons can be beneficial or harmful. We really don’t complain about the blessings of our lives, rather, it is the

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It's Only a Season



difficult moments that give us trouble. As believers, however, we must understand that the Lord provides us with the ability to endure — no matter what season we're in. Romans 8:28 tells us "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The answer to dealing with the difficult seasons is to rely on the Lord who can make the crooked ways straight and level mountains. In Philippians 4:6-7, Paul provides another instance of wisdom when he writes: "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Then in verse 8 he says put your mind on good things by writing: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Paul says pray, then put your mind of good things despite your present circumstance or season. The point he is making is that God will carry you through the various seasons of life because he has promised to take care of us.

Don't be afraid to face your problems head on. Putting your head in the sand, ignoring problems, or hiding from them keeps you in fear. When you're in an arduous season, pick up your Bible and search the scriptures. If you are in a fight, look to Exodus 14:14, which says, "The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." If you are facing a season of fear, remember the words of the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." If you are in a space where it seems like your enemies are multiplying and your strength is waning, open your Bible and avail yourself of Psalm 27:1-3 which says: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident." Then David wonderfully captures our reliance upon the Lord over time by saying in Psalm 37:25 "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." These scriptures are an affirmation that we can survive the season of life no matter what they bring.

Finally, if you don't want to deal with your problems but need a place to hide and recover, Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." There are times when you will need to withdraw from everyone and spend some time with God. We have to know that God is a source of peace and a place to recover (Exodus 33:14 – "... My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." The Lord will even come to your bed to talk with you and help you heal when you're dealing with a difficult season (Psalm 4:4 – "Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still."). Another promise God makes to

us is that we can literally place our worries and concerns before him (Psalm 55:22 – "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee" he shall never suffer thy the righteous to be moved." Whatever season you find yourself in, the Lord is able to sustain you.

What separates us as believers is that we know we will survive the season. We have to be aware that life is filled with swift transitions. Believers are never alone because we stand on the promises of a God who assures us that he's always with us (Deuteronomy 31:6-8 –



"Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Life's seasons can lift you up and cause you to believe nothing can ever go wrong. Be thankful to God for days like that. But in those times when the unspeakable happens, when COVID-19 impacts your life or those of the people you love, when racism rears its ugly head and tries to limit your possibilities, when economic hardships press you down, when school seems like it's more than you can bear, do like our fore parents who relied on a hymn that said, "Father, I stretch my hands to thee. No other help I know. If thou withdraw thyself from me, oh, whither shall I go." There is no season that God is not God. There is no trouble or problem or hardship too great for the Lord.

The seasons of life are nothing more than hills and valleys we have to endure. Can I just add something? Sometimes, we act like one problem means a life of woe but it is only a season. Breaking up with a person you loved, no matter how tough, is just a season. Even if you have to lose your job and you don't know what tomorrow holds, you just keep holding on to the Lord. In closing, I am reminded of Romans 8:31-39, which contains a number of spiritual nuggets: (verse 31 – "What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against?"); (verse 35 – Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?"); (verses 37-39 – "Nay in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, not powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.").

Dr. Jeffrey Dean Swain
Florida Memorial University
Sunday, October 18, 2020



Florida Memorial University's ASCENSION STRATEGIC FIVE-YEAR PLAN



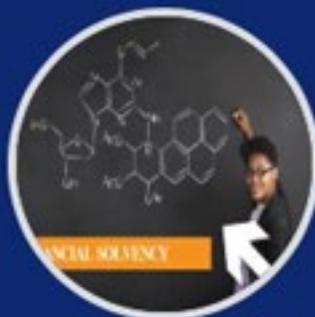
Student Success - Create a student-centric environment where everyone is responsible for student success and students have rich learning and



Academic Quality Create an environment where academic excellence is the standard and where faculty provide exceptional learning environments and produce



Operational Excellence - Strengthen operations to ensure that students, internal and external constituents consistently receive exceptional service Implement initiatives to



Financial Solvency - Create and expand a sustainable financial base to fund future growth of the university Brand and market



Relationship Development - Improve current relationships and develop new partnerships Improve community and donor relations - Be fully engaged in

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Student
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SHELLIANE WIJMAN
Senior Class President
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Bonaire
Career Goal: Obtain a job
as a tax specialist



MILICA PETROVIC
Sophomore Class President
Major: Marketing
Hometown: Belgrade, Serbia
Career Goal: Return to Serbia to apply the
knowledge learned and give
back to the community

CLASS



DAIJANAY ROLLE

Junior Class Vice President
Major: Aeronautical Science Air Traffic Control; Minor: Homeland Security
Hometown: Freeport, Grand Bahamas
Career Goal: Become a certified air traffic controller



KEIAJNAE LEWIS

Junior Class President
Major: Aviation Management
Hometown: Freeport, Grand Bahamas
Career Goal: Work in the aviation field and eventually own an airport



CHARLISSIA FERGUSON

Sophomore Class Vice President
Major: Biology
Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas
Career Goal: Attend medical school to become a doctor and start an organization for young ladies to uplift and empower

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Breast Cancer WALK





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Junior



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Assistant Professor of Music
Director of the
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le Sang with The HBCU National Concert Choir



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JEMEKA LIGHTBOURNE
Junior





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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BLACK VOTE

FEATURING



Dr. Tameka Hobbs
Associate Provost
Florida Memorial University

**TONIGHT
7:30PM**

STREAMING LIVE



BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK

The Black College Sports Network is the first online media outlet dedicated to live coverage and broadcasting of HBCU sporting events on a weekly basis. The BCSN is the flagship product of the JERICO Broadcast Networks (JBN).

FMU students in a TV Production class — “Thank you Roy Eavins II, for taking the time to inform my students about the Black College Sports Network and encourage them to take what they learn in my class to the next level. This is what helps to make our small communications program so valuable.”

- Professor Russell Motley
FMU Broadcast Journalism





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**Tuesday, October 20, 2020
1pm on Facebook Live**



Discussing

**Partnership with
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**Dr. Adrienne Cooper, Provost
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THURSDAY
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IMMEDIATELY AFTER
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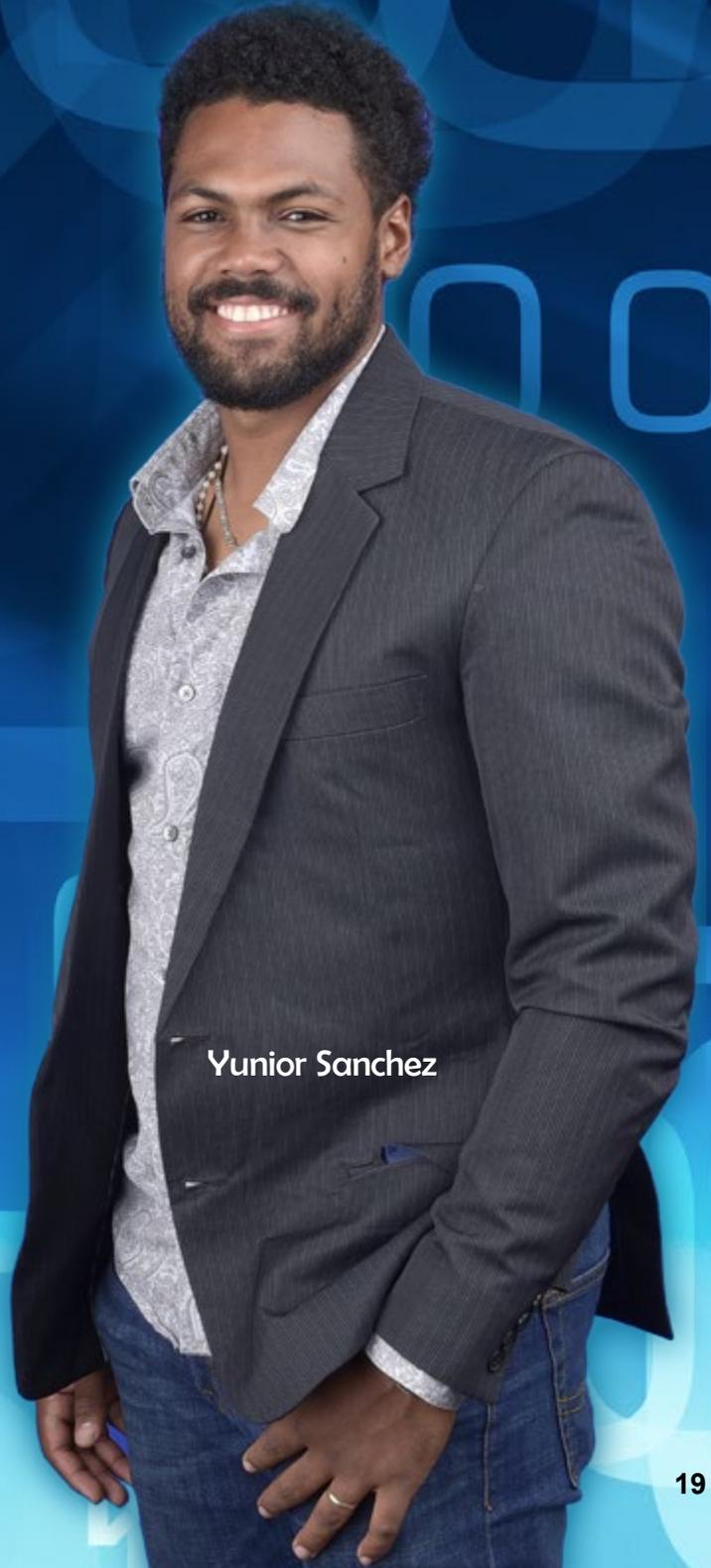
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6th ANNUAL BE SMART HACKATHON WINNERS

Team from FMU Yunior Sanchez and Ricardo Saurez, computer science majors, won during the Sixth Annual BE Smart (Virtual) Hackathon, hosted by Black Enterprise and American Airlines (Oct. 9-10). Both have more than \$2,000 value laptop and invitation with all expenses paid to visit Silicon Valley and Nvidia Headquarter at Palo Alto, California.



Ricardo Saurez



Yunior Sanchez

LET'S GET IT IN!

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Tuesday, October 27 || 7pm-8:30pm

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Syndy Colebrook

*Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
Beta Tau Zeta Chapter
Get Engaged Co-Chair*



Jefferson Noel

*Visiting Professor of
Communications,
Florida Memorial University*

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*Principal,
The Norwood Consulting Group*



Stephanie Sylvestre

*Organizer,
Vote the Future*



Francesca Menes

*Founder,
CommUnity Strategies*



Dwight Bullard

*Political Director,
New Florida Majority*



Bianca Bennett

*Florida Memorial University,
Student*

CALL TO ACTION



Marilyn Holifield

*Holland & Knight,
Harvard Black Alumni
Society of South Florida,
Miami MoCAAD*

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Angela Rivero
*Miami-Dade County
Board of Elections*

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FMU AVIATION AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT STUDENTS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY:

On Saturday, October 10, the spirit of giving back was in high gear with FMU Aviation and Safety Department students working with FMU's aviation partners. The community event was held at Signature Flight Operations, Opa Locka Airport. Operation SAFE Flight (an organization designed to educate and assist young people access aviation careers) organized this food sharing event with the noted Florida non-profit, Farm Share. SAFE Flight worked in partnership with the FMU Aviation and Safety Department Chair, Dr. Guerra, and Capt. Symonette to facilitate the student participation. Also included in this community effort was other FMU aviation stakeholders, including: Aviation Department Advisory Board members, FAA and Embry Riddle employees, and the Latino Pilots Association. It was a great community involvement and aviation community networking opportunity for FMU students. Pictured above: Darrell Roberts, director, Operation SAFE Flight, with FMU students.



Loretta McNeir

Chairwoman, FMU, Aviation and Safety Department Advisory Board





Dr. Wesolowski held an administrative position at Florida Memorial University as Chairman of the Division of Business, Economics and Aviation. He also was a Professor of Business and Economics at Florida Memorial University in Miami, Florida.

He facilitated the creation of the Department of Airway Science at Florida Memorial University, where he held the position of director until his retirement. He received a grant of 12 million dollars from the Federal Aviation Administration for the construction of the William Lehman Aviation Center to house the Department. He also developed the majors in Airway Science and Aeronautical Science, including the Air Traffic Control program.

In Remembrance of

DR. ZDZISLAW PAWEL (PAUL) WESOŁOWSKI



Dr. Marc Williams
Global Scholar Practitioner
Florida Memorial
University
& Commissioner
HBCU esports League

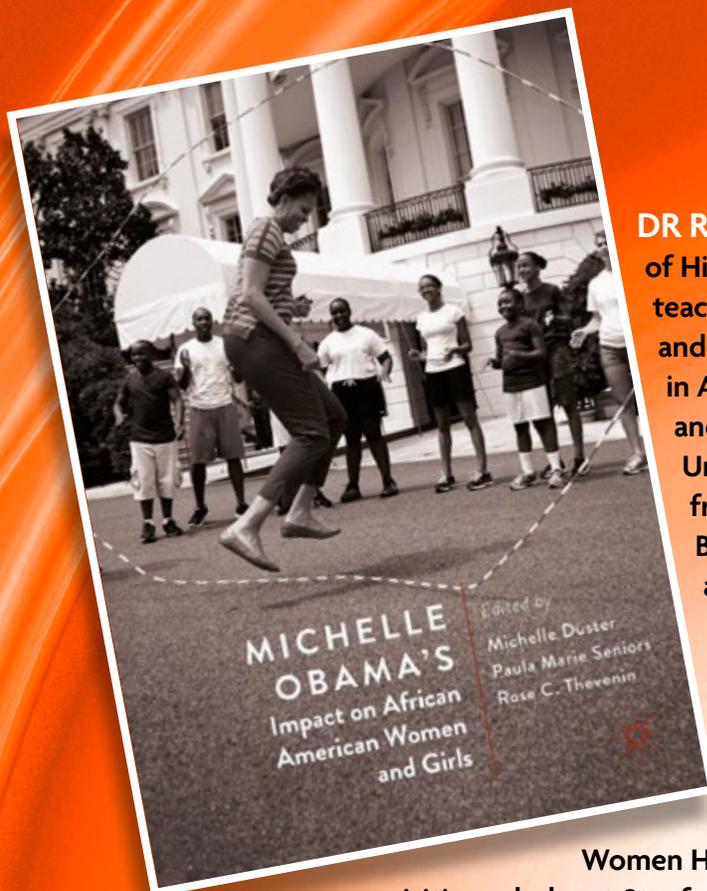
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26-29 October

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operations & technology**

Dr. ROSE C. THEVENIN

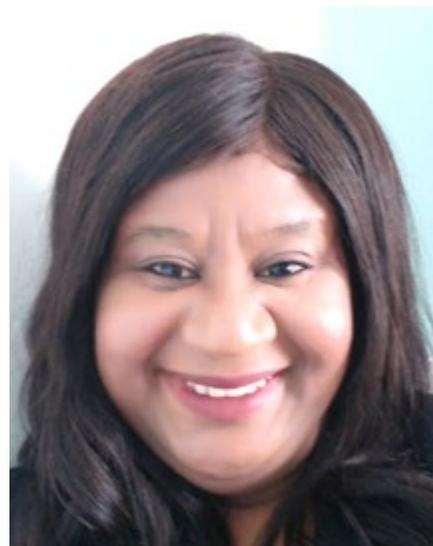


DR ROSE C. THEVENIN is an associate professor of History at Florida Memorial University, where she teaches American, African-American, Black Women and Caribbean History. Her degrees include a Ph.D. in American History from Michigan State University, and a Master of Arts in American History from the University of Miami. She received two degrees from State University College at Buffalo, a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Arts in American History, and a minor in African-American History.

She is the co-founder and coordinator of Academic Institutions of the Florida Africana Studies Consortium. She served as national vice-director of the Association of Black

Women Historians (2010-2016). Dr. Thevenin has been a visiting scholar at Stanford University, Harvard University, Columbia University and the Rockefeller Archive Center. She is the co-editor of the three-volume Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora and has authored several articles on the Black Panther Party and Florida history. She recently published the book Michelle Obama's Impact on African-American Women and Girls in 2019.

She was the 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007 Scholar of the Year at FMU. Dr. Thevenin has received multiple awards for her scholarship, leadership and community service, including various research grants and fellowships. She is an executive board member of the Southern Historical Association, a committee member of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, a member of the Southern Association of Women Historians, and the Florida Historical Association.



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MEET ANTHONY HARRIS AND DAWN FULLER-HARRIS OF HUNNY'Z KITCHEN



DAWN FULLER-HARRIS AND CHEF ANTHONY HARRIS, FMU alumni, are owners of Hunny'z Kitchen BBQ and Catering Service, a minority-owned and operated business that enjoys sharing what they love — some “Good old Backyard BBQ”. Hunny'z Kitchen was birthed from Mrs. Carrie Harris (AKA Hunny'z) Kitchen in Miami. It became incorporated as Hunny'z Kitchen in 2016. The company is currently based at the Yellow Green Farmers' Market in Hollywood, Florida.

Hunny'z Kitchen has that “Mom and Pop” comfort that specializes in Southern Style dishes, including: BBQ ribs, fried chicken, pork and chicken souse, jerk chicken, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, and pigeon peas and rice. Chef Anthony is also known for his delicious loaded baked potatoes, which some call a “game-changer.” Choices include: Philly cheesesteak; grilled chicken accompanied by his secret sauce; grilled salmon or shrimp with his seasoned tri-colored peppers; broccoli with sour cream and melted cheese. It will change your life (Lo!). Since its opening,

it has become a staple in the community and it's a favorite spot. “Here at Hunny'z Kitchen LLC, we want you to feel a part of our family. It is our desire that our food is a place where many laughs, conversations, and memories are shared with family and friends at the table,” the couple shared.

They also added the nonprofit organization, Hunny Cares Inc. , to their portfolio. “We make it a point to align ourselves with giving back in helping our communities. We have participated in food drives, giving donations to back-to-school events and organizations for the underprivileged. We have partnered with local charities in providing holiday food baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas for families in need.” Chef Anthony uses his story to encourage and convince at-risk people that they all have gifts, traits, and the ability to create their own business. “We have participated in several City Food Pop-ups for our followers locally like Perrine (Miami), Gainesville, and Orlando (Florida) and even some out of state followers in Atlanta, Georgia.” Hunny'z Kitchen has also received support and referral for businesses from city officials of Broward and Miami counties, Jill Tracy, radio host (Hot.105), and Evander Holyfield, just to name a few.

What sets Hunny'z Kitchen apart from others? It's simple! “We stand out from the crowd of other barbecues or food stands or businesses because we are consistent in quality and presentation on everything that comes out of the kitchen. We have repeat clientele and we aim for excellence in our customer service, fresh ingredients, herbs and spices, and food. We didn't change the BBQ game, we just elevated it.”

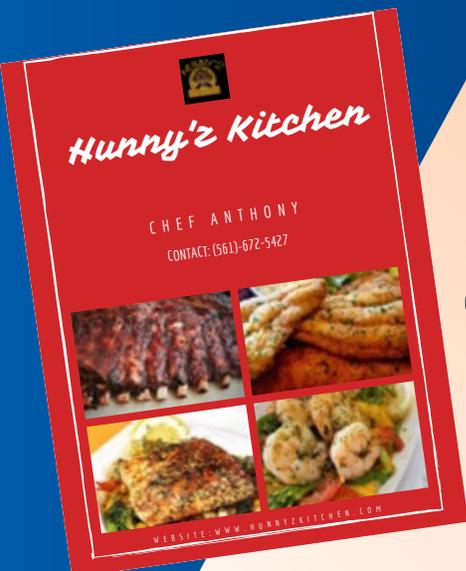
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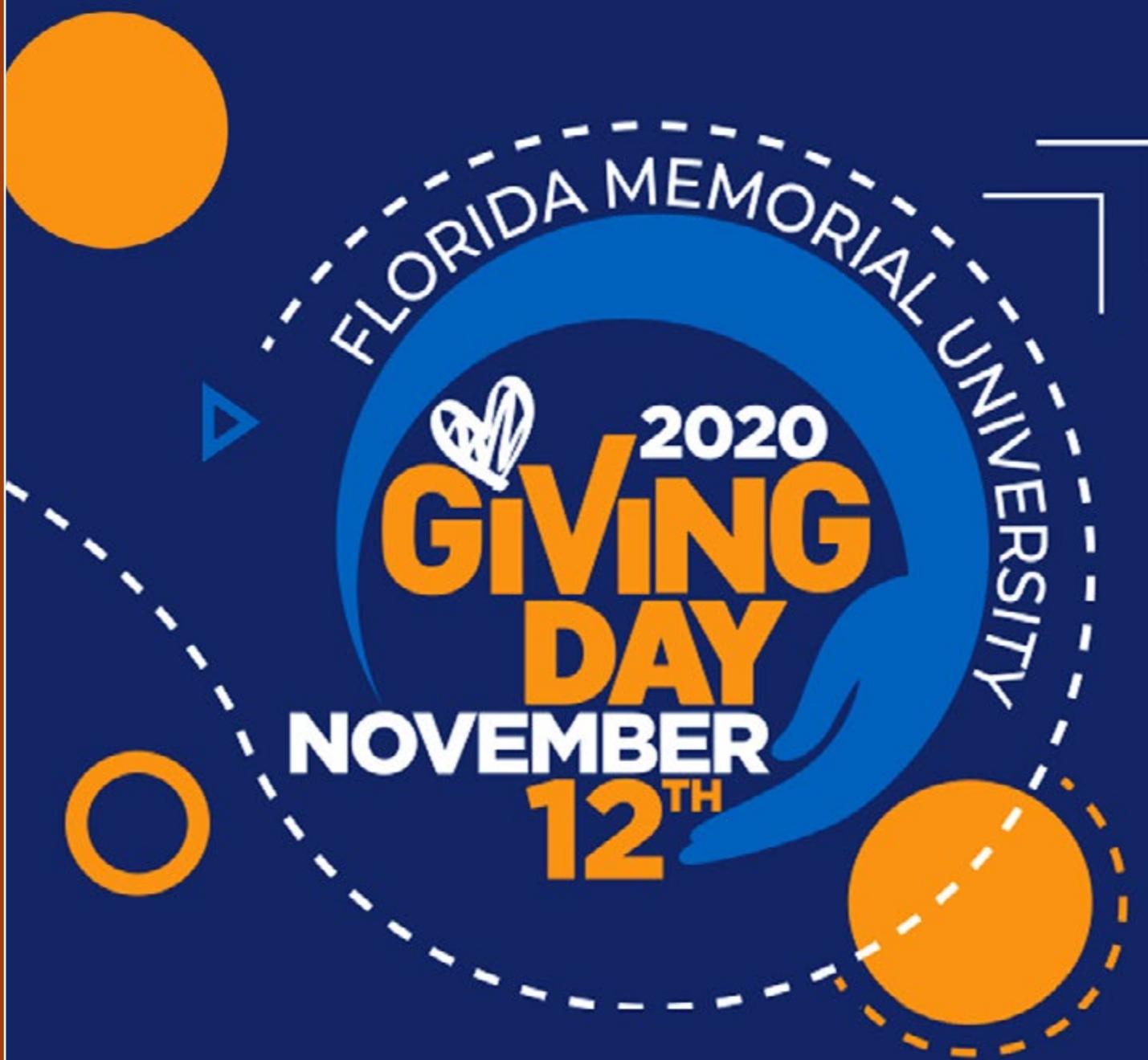
BERNARD W.H. JENNINGS



BERNARD W.H. JENNINGS is president and CEO of the Biscayne Gardens Chamber of Commerce. Jennings is also a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator who holds a Loss Mitigation Specialist certificate from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has worked in the mortgage banking industry for more than 10 years. He successfully garnered Title 4 grant funding, whereby FMU received more than \$2.4 million in funding; renamed 42nd Avenue “Florida Memorial College Avenue;” and initiated the state plates for FMU. The University continues to receive thousands of dollars annually for this initiative. He successfully lobbied the Florida Legislature to increase the Florida Tuition Voucher affecting all private colleges and universities statewide, saving students millions of dollars annually. He is also credited for phones and cable television in the campus dormitories. He has recruited countless numbers of students to FMU and served in varying valuable positions with the National Alumni Association, including: executive director, vice president and presently sergeant at arms.

Professionally, he successfully negotiated one of the largest private commercial aviation leaseholds and development contracts in Miami-Dade at Opa-Locka Airport. He served as a mediator for the Collins Center for Public Policy Managed Foreclosure Mediation Program, and American Arbitration Association. He is a mediator for the Florida Department of Financial Services Mediation Program. Jennings is founder and president of the Biscayne Gardens Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the Incorporation and Charter Committee for the Incorporation of Miami-Dade's next municipality to be named as the City of Biscayne Gardens Village. Jennings is also chairman of the Miami Alumni Kappa Foundation, Inc. a local not-for-profit.





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FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES CHEVONNE MANSFIELD TO SERVE AS FMU INTERIM ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

In a field dominated by men, FMU names its first woman as athletics director

Florida Memorial University proudly announced Chevonne Mansfield as interim athletics director. Notably, Mansfield is the first African-American woman to serve in this position at FMU.

Mansfield joined FMU as the deputy athletics director and senior woman's administrator in July 2019, where her responsibilities included oversight of the department's communications and promotions, and several athletic programs. She has provided vision and leadership to advance the athletic department's fundraising efforts. She currently serves on the Student-Athletic Advisory Committee and all life-skills programming for FMU Athletics.

"Athletics are a vital part of life at FMU. I'm honored to be asked by President Hardrick to serve as interim athletic director and look forward to helping our department and our university meet challenges and embrace new opportunities."

Mansfield has 15 years of experience in college athletics and higher education and has worked in all three subdivisions of NCAA Division I athletics.



FMU Interim AD, Chevonne Mansfield

She served as director of communications at the LEAD1 Association, which represents athletics directors and programs of the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision. Before joining LEAD1, she spent four years as communications director for the American Athletic Conference.

Mansfield spent nearly three years at the Southeastern Conference as assistant director of media relations during a pivotal time of transition when the league expanded and added Missouri and Texas A&M, announced the creation of the SEC Network, and was instrumental in the formation of the College Football Playoff.

Prior to her time at the SEC, she was assistant director of communications at the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Her career in athletics began at Howard University as the assistant sports information director.



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Main Lobby area.



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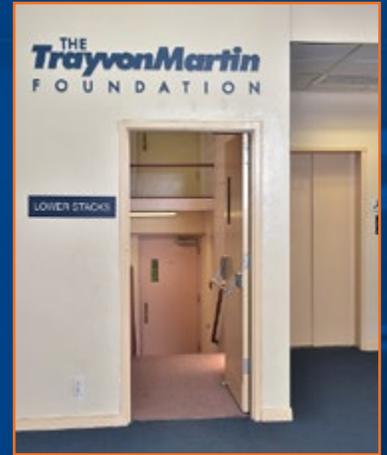
Archival Gallery: J. Rosamond Johnson, James Weldon Johnson, authors of "Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing."



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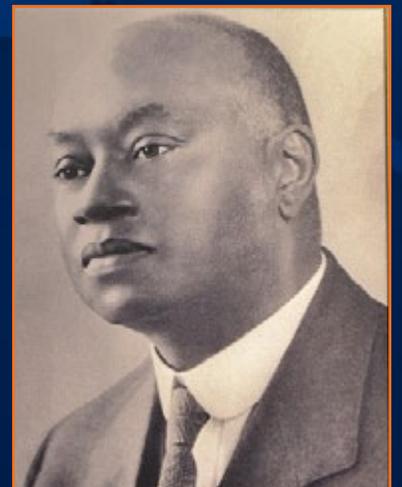
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Cheryl Wilcher, interim director of Library Services.



Nathan W. Collier, philanthropist who served as the third president of Florida Baptist Academy for 45 years.

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MYRA MCPHEE

Assistant Director of Housing and Operations



Myra M. McPhee is a higher education administrator with more than 16 years of experience in student support services and residence life. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication and a Master of Education degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of South Carolina, and a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre from Sarah Lawrence College. She has worked at large, small, private, and public higher education institutions and for the U. S. State of Department at the U.S. Embassy Nassau as education and cultural specialist. She is originally from Nassau, Bahamas but has lived throughout the United States for more than 20 years, most recently in New York. She is also an experimental theatre artist and playwright who has performed and had her work published in New York City and The Bahamas.

McPhee recently received the inaugural Outstanding Professional of Color Award from the Northeast Association of Colleges and University Housing Officers for her contributions to higher education, her advocacy for supporting students and staff with marginalized identities, and her leadership as the co-chair for the NEACUHO Strategic Plan Task Force.

DELAUREN DAVIS

Residence Hall Coordinator



DeLauren Olivia Davis is originally from Virginia, where she attended William and Mary and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies. She recently worked in multicultural programming and student organization advising while earning a master's of Education in College Student Affairs Administration from the University of Georgia. She loves to dance, roller skate and is an avid foodie. Her purpose in this life is quite simple — to serve others. Davis is excited to be serving FMU as a residential hall coordinator. Go lions!

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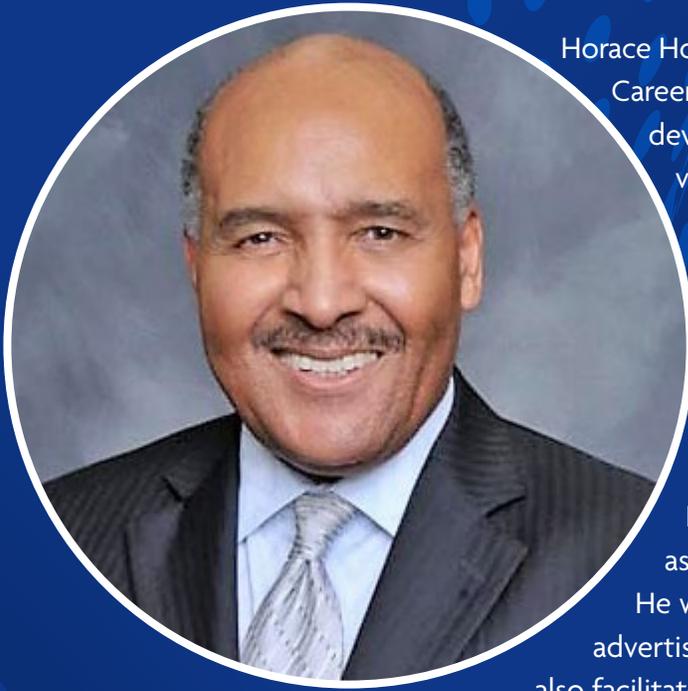
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HORACE C. HORD, JR.



Horace Hord is senior vice president with International Career and Business Alliance. His responsibilities include developing impactful partner relationships that add value to ICABA® in increased membership. Hord is also president of HCH Marketing & Consulting Associates, Inc.

Hord has the distinction of holding top executive positions in the airline, hotel, and cruise line industries. Hord's career in travel and tourism begins with American Airlines in New York, where he was recruited, and served as the director of marketing, Atlantic/Caribbean. He was essential in launching the first cooperative advertising campaign for the Caribbean region. Hord also facilitated introducing new air transportation to new Caribbean destinations for American Airlines. After transferring to Miami, Hord served as the co-chair for the Miami 10-year Long Term Tourism Plan committee, and initiated the first Miami coop advertising campaign.

In 2000, Hord was recruited to serve as president and CEO of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, where he lived and worked in Aruba for more than four years. Upon his return to the USA, Hord was recruited by Royal Caribbean, serving as regional vice president of Government & Community Relations, Caribbean Region, and later vice president of Global Community Relations for Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Hord instituted a formal mentoring initiative at Royal Caribbean to assist youth in foster care.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Hord attended Lincoln University, PA. He currently serves as the secretary of the Board of Florida Memorial University. Hord has four daughters, five grandsons and one granddaughter. He is married to Darlene Davis Hord, of Nassau, Bahamas. They are both ordained ministers and are members of The Faith Center in Sunrise, Florida. Hord, with his wife Darlene, are co-directors of The Daughters of Zion/Women of Destiny, Men of Valor/Men of Distinction full-service Mentoring Program, currently operating for six years, serving men and women ages 21 and older.

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John Owens focuses his practice on the formation, financing and general corporate counseling of startup, growth-stage, and emerging companies with operations based both domestically and abroad. Owens enjoys building long-standing relationships with companies beginning at their earliest stages, and assisting them through critical periods of growth and challenge. His experience includes seed and venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings of securities, PIPE transactions, equity line financings, and transactional work across a variety of industries, including technology, FinTech, telecommunications, e-commerce, financial services, medical technology, health care, manufacturing, retail, media, agriculture, hospitality, sports and entertainment. Owens has significant experience advising issuer clients in compliance with the requirements of federal securities laws. He regularly counsels clients in domestic and cross-border transactions in emerging markets. For all of his clients, Owens provides day-to-day client support and coordination of corporate governance issues, transactional needs and specialty counsel. He also has extensive experience in the negotiation and documentation of a wide variety of corporate and commercial transactions.

KIMBERLY M. CHAPMAN

Kimberly Chapman, a graduate of Central Wesley College (Now Southern Wesley University), lives and breathes the word “visionary” as the co-creator of Chapman Products Inc. An extraordinary company, Chapman Products Inc. is an umbrella that houses Nairobi Professional, Congo Professional, Kerefena Natural Hair Smoothing System, Chapman Foundation Inc., and SHEEN Magazine, all entities that Chapman oversees. With Chapman Products Inc. on the rise as a prominent hair care company in the industry, it was important to expand the brand awareness into media and community outreach. In 1999, she founded the Chapman Foundation, which provides scholarships to high school students, delivers school supplies and toys to the less fortunate and much more. As the publisher of SHEEN Magazine, founded in 2006, Chapman combined all of her favorite things: beauty, fashion and hair, to create the Ultimate Beauty Guide for the modern-day women while also promoting self-love. Chapman is the epitome of turning a dream into reality. She is married to chemist William P. Chapman and has two children, William “Tre” Chapman and Antonia Chapman-Merced, along with three grandchildren Rafidyn, Sophia and Sasha.



DR. MONA-LISA PINKNEY, CISSP, CISM, CISA, PMP

Dr. Mona-Lisa Pinkney is an accomplished leader with demonstrated ability to deliver mission-critical results. Pinkney has extensive experience working in the technology field and has been responsible for building new groups and teams in diverse industries. She has worked internationally for Fortune 500 companies and identifies herself as a lifelong learner. As a person who has benefited from having strong mentors, Pinkney serves as a mentor and imparts her 5Be's for succeeding in a male-dominated field: Be Relentless, Be Fearless, Be Connected, Be Global, and Be Authentic.

Pinkney is seeking opportunities to share her extensive and diverse cybersecurity, governance, risk, compliance, and technology knowledge.





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Yolanda Cash Jackson

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I have heard her referred to as one of the best female lobbyists. I have heard her referred to as one of the best Black lobbyists. I have heard her referred to as one of the best Black female lobbyists. All of these things are true, but the real truth is that **Yolanda Cash Jackson** is one of the best lobbyists in Florida, period.

Yolanda is a take-no-prisoners advocate for her clients, but what makes her so special is her advocacy for her community. She likes to call herself "just a girl that grew up in Liberty City (a historic African American area of Miami)," because she never forgets it. As a managing partner at Becker, she fights for cities and communities that many times don't have the resources to fight for themselves. In 2019, she started the National Black Lobbyist Association to promote diversity and inclusion in the lobbying corps at state capitols. Yolanda Cash Jackson has left a legacy for all to follow.

— **Oscar Braynon**, *state Senator, District 35*

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