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## Looking Toward the Future at FMIU



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# IT'S AN EXCITING TIME TO BE A PART *of* FMU!



It's a great time to be an FMU Lion!

From our motivated students who are always eager to learn, to our talented faculty and dedicated staff, our school is thriving. Every day we become more integrated into the local community and are seizing all of the opportunities that come with it. We kicked off the Summer watching our 167 graduates taking their first steps into a post-college world, fully prepared for whatever challenges may come their way.

The hard work we've been doing lays the foundation to build on our accomplishments. There is so much to be done, as well as so much to be excited about, here at FMU. For the second consecutive year, enrollment has increased as we continue to develop new and exciting courses, programs, and activities – all designed to set our university up for success.

Here you will read all about the recent achievements of our community. From our Class of 2023, to our baseball team's Black College World Series championship win, our ROAR Marching Band traveling to France, and our Lion Scholars recognized at the White House and Duke University – our Lion Pride – is never short of accolades.

I hope you enjoy this special edition of The Roar as much as we enjoyed creating the memories within it.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dr. Jaffus Hardrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Dr. Jaffus Hardrick  
President



# *Congratulations* CLASS OF 2023

## Baccalaureate 2023 Ceremony

On Thursday, May 4, Florida Memorial University held its Spring 2023 Baccalaureate Ceremony. The Baccalaureate is a well-established college and university tradition where degree candidates are honored. Rev. Dr. Alphonso Jackson offered words of inspiration at the ceremony.

Rev. Jackson is the Senior Pastor/Teacher of Second Baptist Church in Richmond Heights, Florida. An educator at heart, Rev. Jackson was an instructor in the Miami-Dade County Public School System from 1980 - 2000, where he was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1993.

A noted community leader, Rev. Jackson currently serves as a member of the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board, President of Richmond Heights Community Alliance, Chairman of Second Baptist Church Community Development Corporation, and is a member of the Children's Learning Center Board of Directors.

Rev. Jackson completed his graduate studies here at Florida Memorial and is fulfilling his dream of being an adjunct professor at South Florida's only HBCU.





## Spring 2023 Commencement

On Saturday, May 6, FMU held its Spring 2023 Commencement. We are so proud of our 167 graduates, who took their first steps out into the professional world. We look forward to seeing all they will accomplish.

Our commencement speaker was Ms. April Ryan, a renowned political activist and journalist who acts as a voice for change for social injustices. With more than 25 years as a seasoned White House correspondent and Political Analyst, Ms. Ryan has the unique vantage point as the only Black female reporter covering urban issues from the White House – a position she has held since the Clinton era and spanning five presidential administrations. In an era of unparalleled polarization in politics and society, Ms. Ryan represents an increasingly rare middle ground committed to upholding the integrity of fact-based journalism.

Ms. Ryan's accomplishments and contributions have been recognized with various awards and accolades. She is a recipient of the "Journalist of the Year" award by the National Association of Black Journalists, as well as the "Freedom of the Press" award winner by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the National Council of Negro Women's Mary McCleod Bethune Trailblazer award. Ms. Ryan previously served on the board of the prestigious White House Correspondents Association – one of only three African Americans in the association's 100-year history to do so and is an esteemed member of the National Press Club.



# Congratulations



**AMIRA JOHNSON**  
2023 Healthcare Administration

Amira Johnson, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., graduated on Saturday, May 6, with a bachelor's in healthcare administration. Growing up in Clinton, Maryland, in a military family, working in the children's hospital of the nation's capital has always been an aspiration of Amira's. Amira's academic achievements have not only allowed her to be elected as the Student Government Association's vice president for 2022-2023, but they have also granted her the opportunity to work in her field of healthcare administration before graduation. Her dream is to become a radiologist.



**DALVIN BOND**  
2023 Marketing

Dalvin Bond, a transfer student-athlete from Tampa, Florida, played for FMU's football team as a defensive back. Dalvin studied marketing with aspirations to network and create ways to help generate wealth and revenue for his family. His goal was top make Dean's List and graduate with a 3.5 GPA.



**LA'KARLA MOORE**  
2023 Aviation

Daytona Beach, Florida, native La'Karla Moore majored in Aeronautical Science with a concentration in Air Traffic Control. During her free time, the 78th Miss FMU, worked in the dining hall as a server, as a residential assistant, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Moore would like to leave a few words of advice for FMU's future Lions, "Remember that college is an unique and transformative time in your life, so make the most of it! Take advantage of the opportunities available to you, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Good luck with your studies and have fun!"



**KIMBERLIE CORREA**  
2023 Business Administration

Kimberlie Correa, an international student-athlete from Brazil loved playing volleyball ever since playing with her sisters as a child. Since coming to the United States in 2018, she has won two state championships, and made the All-American first team in her first year. Kimberlie's major was business administration and plans to pursue a master's degree in business.

# TO THE GRADUATES



**DRIADE FREITAS**  
2023 Business Administration

Driade Freitas, an international student-athlete loves playing soccer and has been a passionate player ever since she was a child in São Paulo, Brazil. Since coming to the United States in 2019, Driade has won two National Junior College Athletic Association Conference and State Championships, including a @njcaa D1 National Championship. In addition to her athletic achievements, Driade also was recognized for her outstanding academic performance. Driade majored in business administration with a minor in finance, communications, and public relations. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA since her freshman year, she made the President's List for four consecutive years. Driade plans to pursue a master's degree after graduation.



**JALIL LEE**  
2023 Aviation

Jalil Lee, the spring 2020 initiate of the Epsilon Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is from Plainfield, New Jersey. Jalil served as the 12th Mister FMU; he was on the student advisory board, a member of the Alpha Eta Rho Aviation fraternity, and also a member of the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals. Mister FMU is studied Aviation Management and intends to attend flight school to ultimately become an airline pilot.



**REANDRA MABLES**  
2023 Psychology

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Reandria Mables was the president of the Iota Alpha chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, and co-captain of FMU's Cheerleading team, and pursued her degree in psychology. Reandria's aspiration is to become a marriage and family therapist dedicated to the Black community is commendable, particularly in light of the stigma that still surrounds mental health in many minority communities.



**TAJAY RUSSELL**  
2023 Cyber Security

Since he was a child, St. Catherine, Portmore, Jamaica native, Tajay Russell has always had a passion for playing soccer, which led him to three successful seasons at FMU. In addition to his athletic achievements, Tajay has also been recognized for his academic performance. He was the outstanding scholar for the department of Computer Science and Technology, and a member of the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines. Tajay received his Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity. His dream is to become a cybersecurity analyst.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Sophomore Kristyn Lyles** is Florida Memorial University's representative in the White House 2023 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Scholar Recognition Program!

The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity is a program that recognizes outstanding student leaders from the nation's finest institutions. Students in the HBCU Scholar Recognition Program will serve as representatives of their respective institutions, communities and to the Initiative.

The Initiative will provide outreach and engagement opportunities as well as information and resources for the university. Lyles will participate in regional events, virtual meetings, and monthly master classes with the Initiative staff and other professionals from a wide range of disciplines across the HBCU spectrum.

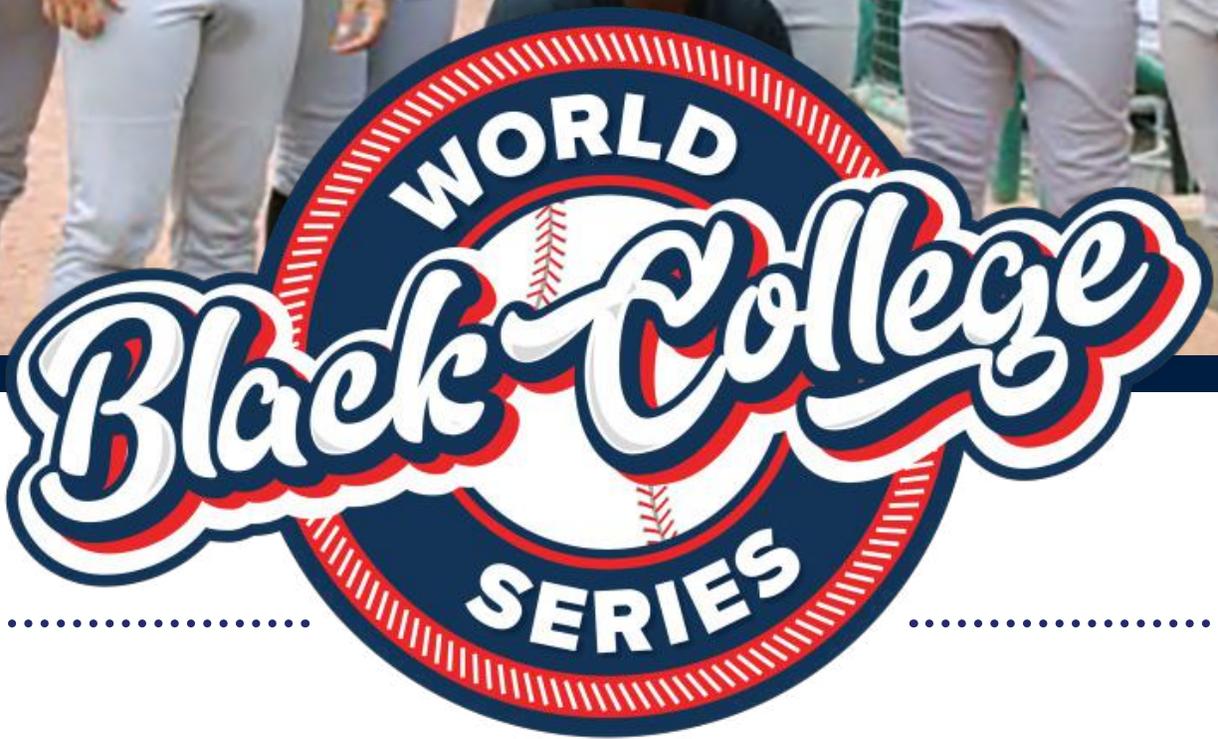
"When the opportunity to apply for the HBCU Scholar Recognition Program emerged, I was immediately drawn to grasp this opportunity," said Lyles. "As a participant in this program my objectives extend beyond academic and professional development. I am eager to develop lasting relationships both personal and professional. I am positive this will provide me with numerous opportunities to engage with diverse groups of individuals, which will broaden my perspectives and enhance my communication skills, thereby boosting my confidence as I navigate my future endeavors of establishing a career as a dermatologist, focusing specifically on African American skin."

Lyles is a proud 2022 graduate from Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, Ind., and is an example of academic excellence and service-oriented leadership. She has achieved honor roll status each year in high school and earned a spot on the FMU President's List with a 4.0 GPA. She also serves as Student Ambassador and leads campus tours for prospective FMU students.

In recognition of her values and dedication to the student community, Lyles received the prestigious Value Award from FMU's Student Affairs, which celebrates students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the core values of the institution and who make significant contributions to the university community. Her promotion of positivity has led to her selection as an upcoming Resident Assistant for the 2023-2024 academic year. Lyles stated that she's looking forward to serving her fellow students, maintaining her academic excellence, and fostering a positive impact on her Lion community.

*We look forward to seeing her future accomplishments with great pride!*





## **FMU LIONS WIN BLACK COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our FMU Lions are the 2023 Black College World Series Champions! It took more than five hours and 19-innings before FMU pulled out a one-run victory over Albany State University in the 2023 Black College World Series on May 13, 2023. FMU's Max Charnin was named 2023 Black College World Series Most Outstanding Pitcher while Jalen Young was named 2023 Black College World Series Most Valuable Player. A big congratulations to the entire baseball team, coaches, and staff!

***Go Lions!***



# EQUAL AI

## SYMPOSIUM

Closing the gap on the digital divide was the overarching message of the inaugural Equal AI Symposium.

On June 14, dozens of students, faculty, staff, and community members were a captive audience in the Smith Conference Center for the speakers with Venture Miami, University of Miami, Morehouse School of Medicine, AIM-AHEAD, and Miami-Dade College of Medicine.

Each speaker addressed the good, the bad, and the ugly of Artificial Intelligence, stressing the importance of this transformative technology.

There were several video presentations that outlined how everyone is impacted by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in one way or another.

Because indifference is not an option to be left behind or left out, Florida Memorial University announced the creation of the FMU-Lion AI Institute.

The FMU-Lion AI Institute will be dedicated to advancing the understanding and the application of AI and ML technologies, ensuring equitable access and participation for our underrepresented communities.

An Oculus Quest II Virtual Reality Headset was presented to two students, one from FMU and one from Broward College, who drew the winning raffle tickets during the event.





# Amplify Your Future Hosted by: **Deloitte.**

Deloitte, the nations largest accounting firm invited FMU students to amplify their team building skills on Monday, June 19, 2023.

There were round table conversations with students, in addition to team building activities, students had the opportunity to engage with Deloitte leaders and professionals to learn about Deloitte's MADE (Making Accounting Diverse and Equitable) commitment, accounting career opportunities, and other interactive activities including a Q&A session.

Students also enjoyed food, giveaways, and networking opportunities.



# The Royal Kickback Welcome Back Day Party



FMU's Royal Court held its welcome back party in the Marketplace Dining Hall in August with Thompson Hospitality.

Students, faculty, and staff got better acquainted with the members of the Royal Court as sounds by DJ Mani filled the air.

Miss Sophomore, Miss Junior, Miss Senior, along with Mister and Miss Florida Memorial University posed for pictures and introduced themselves to the Lion Pride!

*(Pictured above left-to-right) Alecia King, Miss Sophomore; Aleah Killebrew, Miss Junior; Efinity Crawford, Miss FMU; Miles-Jordan Smartt, Mister FMU; Quenay Woody, Miss Senior*

# Making Way for New On-campus Housing

**Brown and Coleman Residence Halls  
have come down.**

In February, Florida Memorial University got approval to demolish the old Brown and Coleman Residence Halls. In March, the fencing went up, and in June the demo began. It has been the vision of Dr. Hardrick since 2018 to revitalize FMU which includes creating new housing for our increasing student population.







# AFFIRMATIVE ACTION RULING

On Thursday, June 29, the Supreme Court struck down admissions programs at Harvard and the University of North Carolina that relied in part on racial considerations in the admission of students.

The ruling to end affirmative action could end the ability of colleges and universities, both public and private, to use race as one of many factors in deciding which of the qualified applicants is to be admitted.

FMU President, Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, was invited to appear on NBC6's "Voices with Jawan Strader" to discuss the fallout of this ruling and what this could mean for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.



# UNITE 2023

## UNCF SUMMIT FOR BLACK HIGHER EDUCATION

Faculty and staff representing Florida Memorial University were among the attendees of the nation's 102 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and 64 Predominantly Black Institutions at the UNITE 2023 Conference in Atlanta, July 17- July 20, 2023. Powered by the United Negro College Fund, UNITE brings together presidents, faculty, researchers, students, alumni, funders, advocates, and champions to accelerate the missions of HBCUs and PBIs through professional development, strategic collaboration, and amplification of best practices by Black college communities and universities.





# South YB Pic





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## FMU Hosts 7th Annual HBCU Picnic

Florida Memorial University hosted the 7th Annual South Florida HBCU Picnic on Saturday, July 8.

Thousands of alumni and current students, representing HBCUs from across the country, gathered at the Clock Tower Pavilion.

The South Florida HBCU Picnic unites our HBCU family to support our institutions.





# HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Our ROAR Marching Band took to the skies and headed to France after being selected to perform in the 26th Annual Bandafolie's Festival.

The four-day festival took place in Bessines-sur-Gartempe, which is in western France, about three hours from Paris, July 13 - July 16, 2023.

The ROAR became the first American college band to perform in the festival's history.

GO LIONS!





# Family EXPO

THE FLORIDA  
CHILDREN'S  
TRUST

## FMU Hosts the Children's Trust Annual Family Expo Series

The Children's Trust brought their annual Family Expo series to Florida Memorial University!

The Family Expo is the community's largest, free family resource event and took place on August 5, in the FMU Wellness Center.

Families and children who attended the event had the opportunity to interact with vital resource organizations, gained access to valuable program information and received complimentary items such as backpacks and school supplies to help them plan for the current school year.



# CONNECT ENGAGE ELEVATE

*Faculty and Staff Institute*

## THANK YOU LION FAMILY!

Thank you for your participation in the  
“Connect, Engage, and Elevate”- 2023 Faculty and Staff Institute.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Lion Pride, and we hope everyone is  
motivated for the current academic year.

Please feel free to download and share photos of this year’s Faculty and Staff  
Institute from [FMU's official Flickr account](#).





# Welcome to the Pride Class of 2027

The Lion Pride at Florida Memorial University is growing! For the second consecutive year, enrollment at the only HBCU in South Florida has had an increase.

With nearly 1,400 students on campus, FMU saw an overall growth of 16-percent for the current academic year.

In addition, FMU's first-year students increased by 20-percent with more than 600 enrolled at the start of the fall 2023 semester, making the Class of 2027 one of the largest.

"I am truly excited to embark on this journey of learning, growth, and shared success alongside each member of our dedicated faculty and staff," said Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, FMU President. "Let's celebrate that we are welcoming another record-breaking number of freshmen of more than 630 students! Congratulations to Dr. Clyde Lewis and the entire Enrollment Management team. I also would like to thank our university's Board of Trustees."





## Convocation

On Thursday, September 7, Florida Memorial University welcomed the Class of 2027 to the FMU Pride!

The “Ascending to Excellence: Make Every Connection Matter” Convocation was held in the FMU Wellness Center, where more than 600 freshmen, faculty, and staff listened to the inspiring words of the Honorable Dr. Gregory Ian Hanley, Deputy Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Dr. Hanley’s higher education pursuits began at FMU in 2001, known then as Florida Memorial College, he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

His detailed personal experiences resonated with the students.

Please feel free to download and share the experience with photos from FMU’s official Flickr account by [clicking here.](#)



## 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT



This fall, we welcomed five freshmen who have been named Wilson Scholars through the **5000 Role Models of Excellence Project**. The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is a dropout prevention, mentoring program committed to closing the minority male achievement (access) gap by guiding minority male students along a carefully charted path through grades K-12 and college or ensuring the attainment of other post-secondary credentials, and increasing their employability in higher wage, high skills jobs within high demand industries.

Congratulations to Andre Jackson, Charcken Joseph, Isaiah Renna, Stefan Saint-Jean, and Amauri Stratford for their marvelous achievements!

## BLACK MALE MEDIA PROJECT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

FMU hosted the **Black Male Media Project Leadership Summit**. Communications Professor Jefferson Noel served as chairman for the fourth consecutive year with National Association of Black Journalists-South Florida.

Thank you to our keynote speaker, founder of Kiddie Kredit, Evan Leaphart, as well as Jill Tracey, Yanatha Desouvre, and Yinka Majekodunmi, for participating at this year's event.

NABJ-SF president Calvin Hughes and past presidents Jawan Strader and Russell Motley are integral in the organization's leadership and support of Black male journalists. The event was generously sponsored by the Miami Dolphins.



## 2ND ANNUAL BLACK HEALTH SUMMIT



FMU's **2nd Annual Black Health Summit** convened health system, community, public, and private sector leaders to discuss the current state of Black health in South Florida and identify health equity solutions for the region's Black communities. Thank you to our keynote speaker, author Linda Villarosa, for her insightful words of wisdom.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

The Miami-Dade County Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council held a **Lunch and Learn** session on Wednesday, May 31, at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center in Miami. The event featured representatives from FIU Business, Miami Dade College - Wolfson Campus, and Florida Memorial University to promote continuing education opportunities.



## LIONS SPEND SUMMER AT DUKE UNIVERSITY



CONGRATULATIONS to FMU ROAR marching band members **Arlene Taylor** and **Ralph Elisson**, who are trainees this summer at Duke University's Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory program, one of the nation's top nuclear physics labs!

## MENTAL HEALTH HAPPY HOUR

Felicia Robinson from the city of Miami Gardens joined us along with the L3 group and 100 attendees for a **Mental Health Happy Hour** at FMU. Guests got to listen to a panel discussion on suicide prevention. Panelists provided thought-provoking insight into the world of mental health and answered questions from the audience. Guests were also treated to food, beverages, a raffle, and a calming station. The DJ provided background music which created the ambiance of a true happy hour.



## AIR FORCE JROTC SUMMER FLIGHT ACADEMY

The AFJROTC program is grounded in the Air Force core values of “integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.” AFJROTC has a huge positive impact on cadets, schools, communities, and our nation.

In July, 16 cadets from across the globe came to Florida Memorial University to culminate the eight-week training program. FMU hosted their graduation ceremony.



## NATIONAL HBCU WEEK CONFERENCE



FMU’s Dr. Hardrick was one of the nation’s premier college and university executive leadership members at the 2023 National HBCU Week Conference in DC the week of September 24-28.

During one of the seminars, Dr. Hardrick connected with Harry William, CEO of Thurgood Marshall Fund, and Dr. Michael Lomax, CEO of United Negro College Fund.

The National HBCU Week Conference featured workshops, engagements, keynote addresses and interactive exhibits that connected federal and private resources to HBCUs.

## CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS PARTNERS WITH FMU, MDC, AND STU

The vision of partnering with local universities to expand access to higher education for residents is now a reality for the City of Miami Gardens.

On Monday, October 2, the landmark collaboration with Florida Memorial University, Miami Dade College, and St. Thomas University became official at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## CLIMBING THE RANKS FROM FMU TO MIAMI BEACH POLICE CHIEF

Wayne A. Jones assumed the role of the 21<sup>st</sup> Police Chief of the Miami Beach Police Department on September 1, 2023.

With a distinguished 27-year career entirely within the City of Miami Beach, Chief Jones ascended through various roles, including patrol officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and major, ultimately attaining the position of Deputy Chief in 2019. His extensive experience has significantly benefited our city. Notably, during his tenure as a sergeant in community affairs, he laid the groundwork for the now nationally acclaimed Homeless Resource Officer Program, which employs a comprehensive approach to outreach, engagement, and enforcement.

In his capacity as a major overseeing support services, Chief Jones orchestrated a strategic initiative to bolster the recruitment of female police officers, leading to an increase in hires from 12 to 18-percent. Additionally,

while serving as a major in the criminal investigations division, he established the department's human trafficking unit. The unit subsequently went on to lead Miami-Dade County in trafficking investigations and arrests for sex trafficking offenses.

Chief Jones earned a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from Florida Memorial University, along with a master's in public administration from Florida International University. His educational journey also encompasses an associate's degree from Miami Dade College in professional piloting and technology. He is a distinguished Miami Fellows (Class II) Alumni. Noteworthy accomplishments include Chief Jones' successful completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar program and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.



# FACULTY AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MS. TYESHIA STEELE

Ms. TyEisha Steele is the Department of Aviation & Safety and Computer Science Technology's Administrative Assistant.

She was instrumental in organizing this summer's Air Force JROTC program here at Florida Memorial University.

The Air Force JROTC Flight Academy is an eight-week summer aviation training session that is conducted at partnering universities nationwide.

Upon successful completion of the program here at FMU a total of 16 students from around the globe were awarded a Private Pilot's Certification in July.

The Department of Aviation & Safety really appreciates Ms. Steele's commitment in helping to make this year's Air Force JROTC a successful experience for the cadets.



## **DR. CALLWOOD-BRATHWAITE & DR. JEROME-RAJA**

The combined efforts of Dr. Denise Callwood-Brathwaite, Professor of Exceptional Student Education, and Dr. Annamaria Jerome-Raja, Associate Professor in Special Education, secured a grant of \$1.25M from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Project PRECISE grant has the potential to be truly transformative for FMU's School of Education and Social Sciences.

Their innovative approach and tireless efforts are set to bring additional recognition to Florida Memorial University and reflect the spirit of excellence that defines the institution.

Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPOTLIGHT



## DR. MONA-LISA PINKNEY

Dr. Mona-Lisa Pinkney is a Cybersecurity Executive with over 25 years of experience working at Fortune 500 companies.

Dr. Pinkney strives to bridge technology and diversity through mentorship and sponsorship to underrepresented groups interested in pursuing a career in technology.

She is a global and local keynote speaker, named as one of the Top 30 Most Admired Minority Professionals in Cybersecurity by *SeQure World Magazine*.

She is also the recipient of the 2019 Maryland Innovation & Security Institute's (MISI) Contemporary Woman in STEM

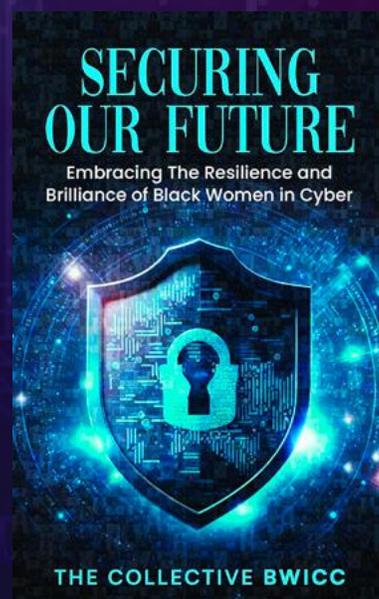
award and was listed as a Woman to Watch in Cybersecurity in *Forbes Magazine*.

As the recipient of four degrees and four certifications, Dr. Pinkney considers herself a lifelong learner and seeks to help others interested in pursuing college degrees and certifications in the technology field.

In an effort to give back to her community, Dr. Pinkney provides a college scholarship to students graduating from her hometown high school. Dr. Pinkney has also created an Endowment Fund in the College of Engineering at her Alma Mater, North Carolina State University.



“We are thrilled to introduce our groundbreaking book, *Securing our Future: Embracing the Brilliance and Resilience of Black Women in Cyber*. This exceptional book offers inspiration, solidarity, and empowerment to those who have faced marginalization in tech and cybersecurity, encouraging them to discover a supportive community and the confidence to amplify their voices. It also provides an enlightening perspective for those who have not encountered the challenges of being ‘othered’ in this industry. Join us in commemorating the accomplishments and resilience of 15 pioneering women in security and privacy. Secure your pre-order as we gear up for our grand launch in January 2024. Now available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.”



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# AWAKENING OF THE LION

TUESDAY

**10.17**

8 P.M. - 12 A.M.

**IGNITING THE PRIDE  
HOMECOMING KICK-OFF**  
Coleman Drive

WEDNESDAY

**10.18**

7:30 - 10:30 P.M.

**THE OASIS SNEAKER  
BALL & MET GALA**  
FMU Smith Conference  
Center

THURSDAY

**10.19**

7 P.M. - 11 P.M.

**40 UNDER 40**  
Smith Conference Center

THURSDAY

**10.19**

6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

**INTERNATIONAL FEST  
& CULTURAL EXPLOSION**  
JC Sams Student Activity  
Center

FRIDAY

**10.20**

12 P.M. - 2 P.M.

**THE ALUMNI LIFE-LINE  
LUNCHEON**  
FMU Smith Conference  
Center

FRIDAY

**10.20**

5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

**KINGS FEAST ALUMNI  
FISH FRY & COOKOUT**  
Wellness Center Parking Lot

FRIDAY

**10.20**

8 P.M. - 12 A.M.

**THE PROWL  
EXPERIENCE**  
Wellness Center

SATURDAY

**10.21**

TBA

**THE CELEBRATION  
HOMECOMING PARADE  
& ROAR FEST**  
Betty T Ferguson Complex

SATURDAY

**10.21**

9 A.M.

**THE HUNT, HOMECOMING  
GAME/TAILGATE**  
Betty T Ferguson Complex

SATURDAY

**10.21**

1 P.M.

**HOMECOMING KICKOFF**  
Betty T Ferguson Complex

FRIDAY

**10.21**

5 P.M. - 1 A.M.

**THE THIRD ANNUAL  
OVERTIME EXPERIENCE  
AMUMNI CELEBRATION**  
FMU Smith Conference  
Center

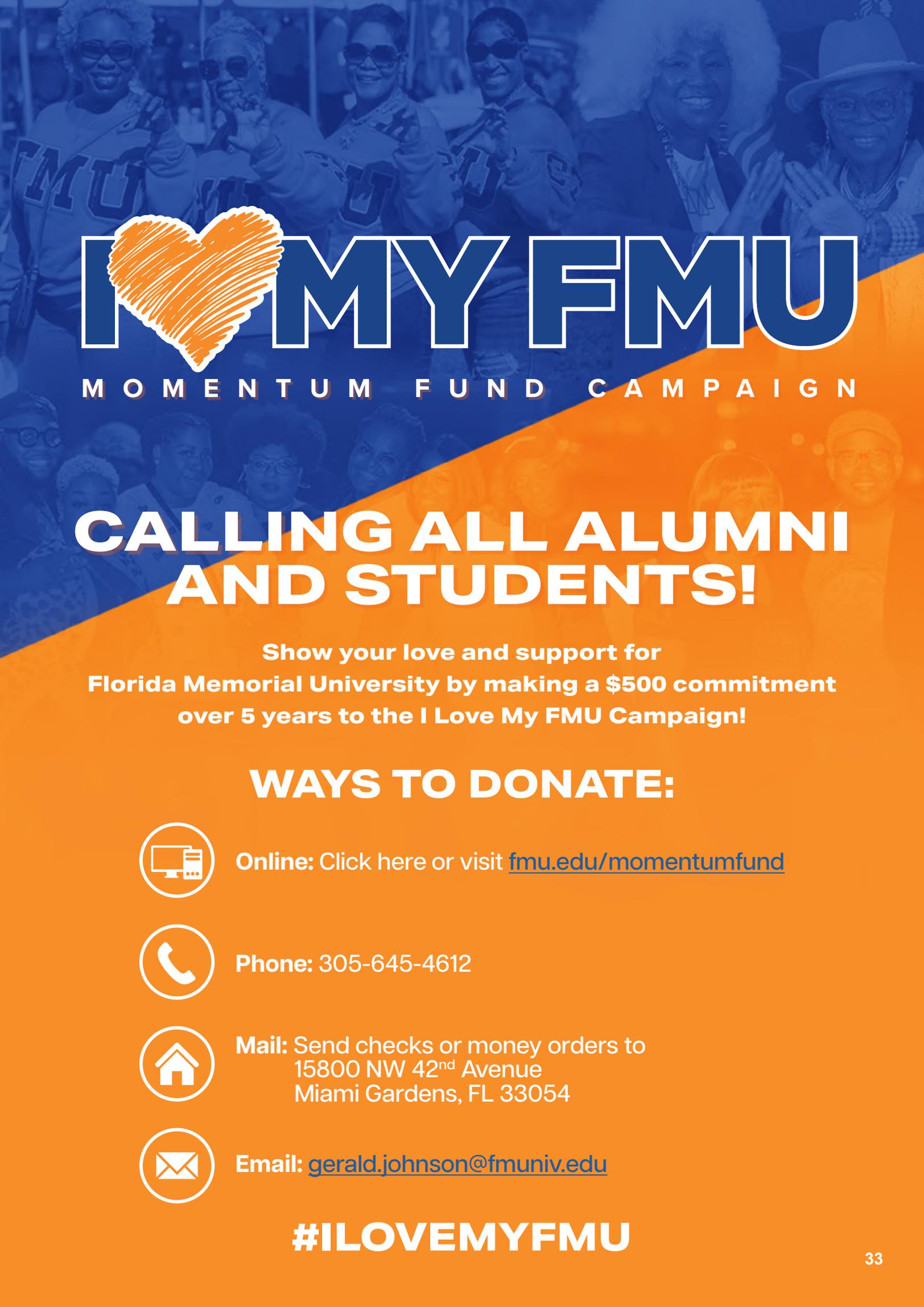
SUNDAY

**10.22**

11 A.M.

**THE HOMECOMING  
GOSPEL EXPLOSION/  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Susie C. Holley Religious  
Center





# I MY FMU

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## CALLING ALL ALUMNI AND STUDENTS!

Show your love and support for  
Florida Memorial University by making a \$500 commitment  
over 5 years to the I Love My FMU Campaign!

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## #ILOVEMYFMU

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our show highlighting campus happenings, on our  
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*So Much!*



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