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ON THE COVER: *From Left, FMU's President, Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, Dr. Earlene Dotson and FMU's First Lady, Mrs. Janet Hardrick*



WORDS *of* ENCOURAGEMENT

At FMU, we believe education is the pathway to mental, economic, and spiritual transformation. While some may long for the nostalgia of yesterday, we choose to focus on meeting the challenges of today and prepare our students to conquer the demands of tomorrow. Whether it is serving as a vaccination center or investing another class of leaders into the global marketplace, Florida Memorial is committed to delivering solutions that drive our community toward the prosperous future it deserves.

The summer months are upon us and while the campus may not be buzzing with the usual throng of students going about their daily routine, the campus is still vibrant with activity. Summer camps, admissions tours, and a myriad of events are taking place weekly as excitement builds for the fall term. The month of June saw our Inaugural Construction Trade Completion Ceremony celebrated by those who completed the program as well as those who played integral parts in the planning and execution of this proud accomplishment. In line with our aspirations of enriching the collegiate experience of our students, FMU and Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole & Bierman announced the Legal Scholars Pipeline Program designed to assist students who are considering careers in the legal profession.

Most notably, this summer we had the distinct honor of dedicating a campus building to Dr. Earlene and Dr. Albert Dotson. The Dotson family has a long, respected, and admired history in the South Florida community. Known for their trailblazing entrepreneurship and civic activism, Earlene and Albert Dotson also demonstrated the importance of family and having a relationship with God. Sadly, days before the building dedication, Dr. Albert Dotson passed away at age 83, making the dedication ceremony a very poignant event. The Dotson family, including Dr. Earlene Dotson, was present to honor and celebrate this very proud moment in FMU's history.

In this issue of Roar Magazine, you can discover the many opportunities and services we are delivering for this community. Our transformation is an enduring journey that will always require excellence and commitment. For more than 141 years, we nurtured learners in an environment that embraces their diversity, harnesses their potential, and equips them to disrupt the world for good. Our Florida Memorial is Ascending to Excellence. We invite you to ascend with us. Finally, we are looking forward to seeing our students back on our beautiful campus this fall.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Jaffus Hardrick
President

Coping in Crises

Psalm 46:1-3 –

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. . . .”



Dr. Jeffrey Dean Swain,
Campus Ministry

No matter how long we live, we never get used to trouble. Crises disrupt the tranquility of our daily lives. We would rather not have mishaps, disasters, annoyances, miseries, sorrows, distresses, problems, or vexations. The world and the times we live in are constantly changing (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Television and the movies constantly present a picture of life as an endless time of fun, parties, relaxation, joy, and smiles. Life does have its moments of ineffable bliss and happiness. We should embrace and savor each moment of goodness we encounter. However, life can go from calm and peaceful to utterly chaotic in moments – almost like the day Job lost everything in a series of calamities (Job 1:12-22). The Lord removed the “hedge” of protection from around his servant’s life and Satan proceeded to dismantle existence, family, wealth, and possessions (Job 1:11-12 – “Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, doth Job fear God for naught? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.”). Although believers, we are still in the world; and problems are allowed to permeate our lives as much as anyone else. Faith does not insulate us from trouble.

Psalm 46 is a testament to the Lord’s help in moments of crisis, literally saying “God is our refuge (a safe place) and strength (for his people), a very present help (close by and available) in trouble.” Isn’t this a wonderful assurance that believers can count on? Psalm 90:9-10 says, “The Lord is a safe place for the oppressed – a safe place in difficult times. Those who know your name trust in you because you have not abandoned anyone who seeks you, Lord.” We are not immune to troubles because we are saved; but we always have the assurance that the Lord is with

us (Nahum 1:7 – “The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.”). The Lord is our place of protection (Psalm 59:16 - “But I will sing of your strength, in the morning. I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.”). We can place our trust in the Lord, and toss our concerns in his direction (1 Peter 5:7 – “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”), and receive the protection of his power (Psalm 62:8 – “Trust in him at all times, you people. Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”). What separates believers from non-believers is we stand on the promises of God in our most difficult moments. We don’t need proof to know things will work out (Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”). We have a place to turn where we can feel secure and cared for (Psalm 23). We can be at ease in God (Proverbs 1:33). We can be confident that the Lord will not allow us to fall into the traps of our enemies (Proverbs 3:26). The Lord will even protect us from the devil himself (2 Thessalonians 3:3 – “But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”). The Lord can dispatch angels to watch over us (Exodus 23:20; Luke 4:10; Psalm 91:1 – “Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.”). We should be able to go through any situation and know that the Lord will support us. Psalm 27:1-2 goes so far as to declare we should not be afraid of anyone or anything by saying, “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?” Psalm 46 is about our confidence in God.

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Happy Birthday

Dr. Jaffus Hardrick

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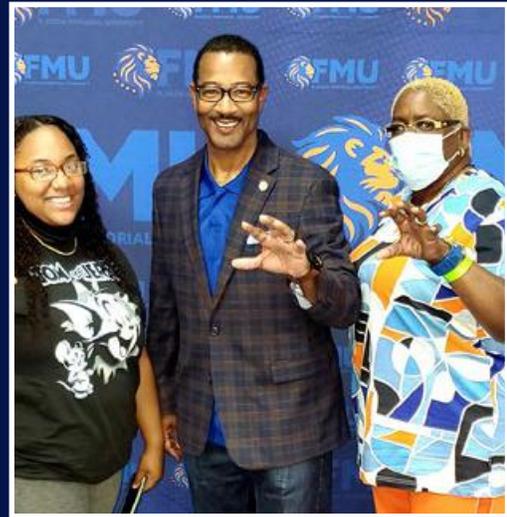
community stands with our neighbors in Surfside as the tragedy of Thursday's building collapse continues to unfold. We offer our deepest condolences and wish comfort and peace for all those affected by this unimaginable loss.



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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



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A conversation with accomplished Black leaders across South Florida

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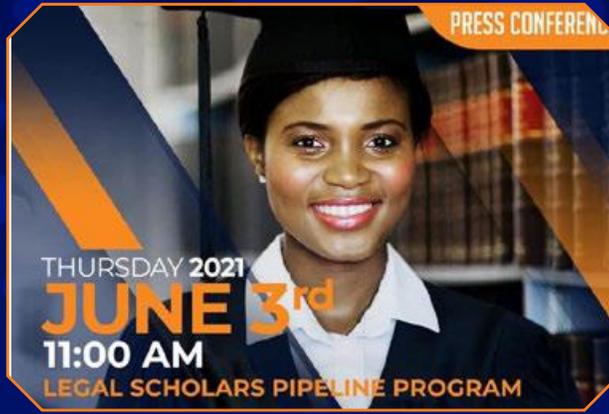
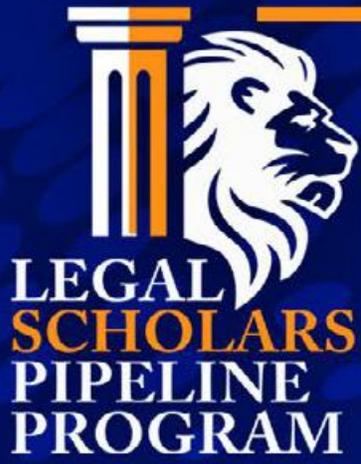
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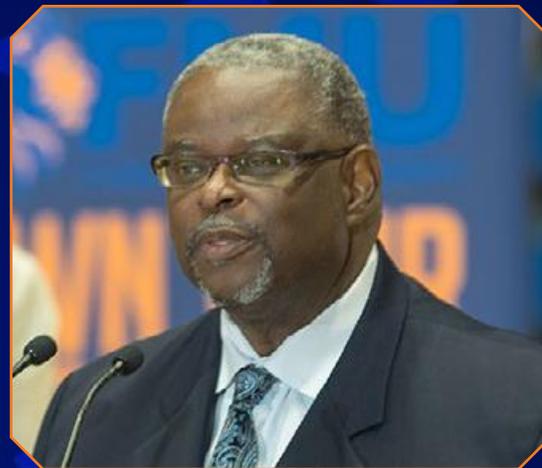




PRESS CONFERENCE

Florida Memorial University and Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman kicked off the FMU Legal Scholars Pipeline Program. The program is designed to inspire and assist students to consider careers in the legal profession.







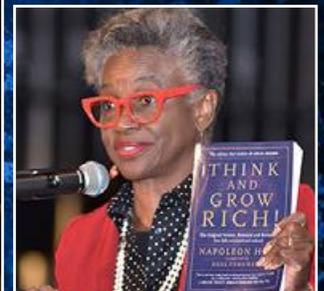
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We are very excited to announce **Florida Memorial University** is teaming up with Cisco to turn our campus into a #wireless campus come July!

What does this mean for students, faculty and staff? This means students are able to study and use a wireless connection in their dorm rooms, among other remote locations. In addition, faculty and staff have the option of teaching a class outside without worry! Stay tuned... as more details are forthcoming.



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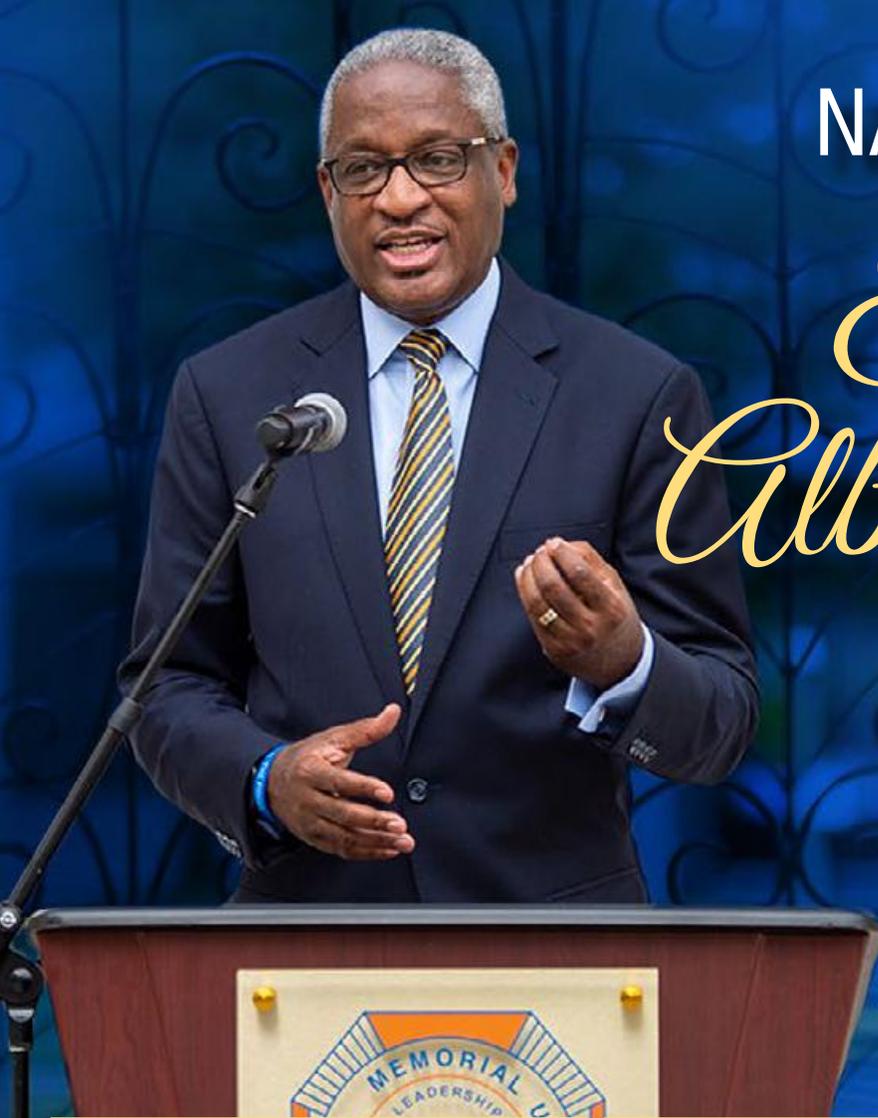




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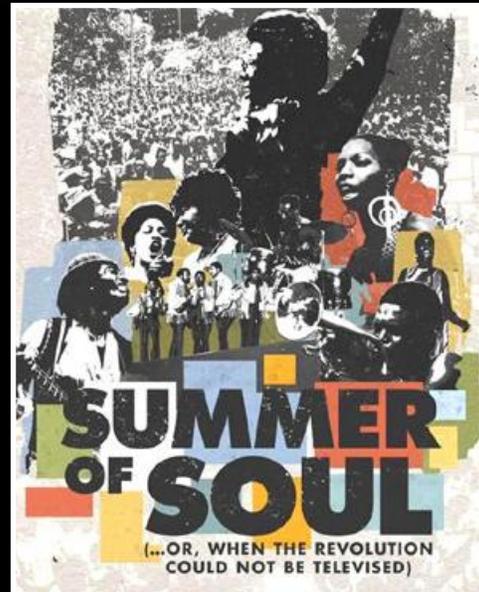
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Happy
Father's
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EMPLOYEES

Appreciation Picnic





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Glenn M. Parker M.D.



Glenn M. Parker M.D. is the founder and CEO of NationsBenefits, LLC., a leading supplemental benefits company that provides managed care organizations customized healthcare management solutions based on clinically focused interventions that maximize quality and deliver value-based outcomes.

Dr. Parker brings more than 20 years of experience in healthcare, including central roles with several entrepreneurial ventures, and a deep-seated, long-standing vision to make the healthcare system better for payers, providers, PBMs and patients.

HISTORY

From 1996 to 2001, Dr. Parker specialized in internal medicine while in private practice in South Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and M.D. from New York Medical College. He completed his medical

training through the University of Miami with his internship and specialization in internal medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital. During his medical training and time in private practice, Dr. Parker witnessed the systemic inefficiencies of the healthcare system. It was during this time that he decided he could contribute more to the general wellbeing of individuals if he treated the healthcare system instead of treating one patient at a time.

It was this vision that encouraged Dr. Parker to create and be a founding partner in ParkStone Medical Information Systems, Inc., a healthcare technology company where he pioneered the e-Prescribing marketplace with the first handheld electronic prescription pad/prescription records device. The device connected to plan formularies to allow the doctor and patient to choose the correct medication at the lowest possible cost. The e-Prescribing device won numerous awards, including the national Microsoft Healthcare Industry Solutions Award in 1999 and 2000. This technology has now become commonplace in the healthcare industry and is utilized by national PBM companies such as Express Scripts and Caremark.

In 2001, Dr. Parker founded Convey Health Solutions (formerly NationsHealth) and created a company with a multidimensional focus. The first was providing the senior market with a simplistic and cost-effective way to receive medications and medical supplies at both retail and through the mail. The second, initially in partnership with Cigna, was to address the challenges created by the passage of Medicare Part D. Dr. Parker assembled a senior management team responsible for developing one of the first Medicare Part D end to end processing systems. Convey Health Solutions continues to be one of the largest technology and business process outsource providers in the healthcare arena. Convey Health Solutions was sold to New Mountain Capital in 2017.

In 2013, Dr. Parker co-founded Centauri Health Solutions (a company backed by a private equity firm). Centauri delivers data-driven services, private cloud-based solutions, and comprehensive data management for risk adjustment and quality-based revenue programs. He currently serves as an adviser to the chief executive officer.

SPOTLIGHT

Glenn Eichelberger

Director of Bands & Coordinator of the Division of Instrumental Music at Stillman College

2011 Graduate



Mr. Glenn Eichelberger currently serves as the director of bands and coordinator of the Division of Instrumental Music at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Mr. Eichelberger also serves as the CEO of Virtuoso Production & Consulting, Inc., a company that helps bring quality music and arts programming to underserved urban and rural communities around the country. Mr. Eichelberger is a native of Miami, Florida, where he graduated from Miami Carol City Senior High School. He

started his undergraduate studies at Florida A&M University, where he was a member of the FAMU Marching 100, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band 1, Brass Ensemble, and Trombone Choir. In 2000 and 2002, Mr. Eichelberger was selected for the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) Southeast Intercollegiate Honors Band. He is also a former member of the U.S. Marines Basic Musician Enlistment Program where he studied at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Eichelberger also holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies from Florida Memorial University. Mr. Eichelberger is also the founder and president of the Palm Beach Band Director Coalition.

Prior to his appointment as the director of bands at Stillman College, Mr. Eichelberger served as the director of bands at Park Crossing High School in Montgomery, Alabama (2020-2021), music teacher/director of 6th grade band at Holabird Middle School in Dundalk, Maryland (2017-2019); department chairman and director of bands at Jeaga Middle School in West Palm Beach Florida (2015-2016), director of bands and music coordinator at N.E.W. Preparatory High School of Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2014-2015), and director of bands at American Senior High School in Hialeah, Florida (2008-2013). Mr. Eichelberger has also served as the assistant to the director of band and music arranger at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC (2005-2006) as well as for James S. Rickards High in Tallahassee, Florida (2002-2003). During his tenure Rickards, the band was selected as the honor band for the Veterans Day Celebration and was selected to perform a post-game performance at Florida A&M University. During his time as assistant to the director of band and arranger at Thomasville High School in Thomasville, Georgia (2004-2005), the band was featured in a commercial for White Wheat Bread for the Hostus Bread Company. In the summer of 2006 Mr. Eichelberger was asked to serve as the assistant director of Bands and music arranger at his alma mater Miami Carol City Senior High. In April of 2007, he was asked to serve as the interim director of Bands at Miami Carol City Senior High after the promotion of Fedrick C. Ingram to secretary/treasurer of United Teachers of Dade. Mr. Eichelberger has been a guest clinician at the Savannah State University Summer Band Camp, (2012), Florida A&M University Marching 100 Summer Band Camp (1998-2002, 2004) Dade County Parks and Recreation Annual Summer Performing Arts Camp (1999), Miami Northwestern Senior High (1999), North Miami Beach Senior High (2004) and Florida Memorial University Miami All-Star Summer Band Camp (2003-Present), and several high schools in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He has served as a guest conductor at Miami Carol City Senior High, Thomasville High School, Florida Memorial University, and Savannah State University.

Mr. Eichelberger is a member of the HBCU-National Band Director Consortium, Music Educator National Conference (MENC), Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA), Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA), International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE), FAMU Marching 100 Alumni Band Association, (DAC) Diaspora Arts Coalition, (UTD) United Teachers of Dade, Florida Education Association (FEA), National Education Association (NEA), Teacher Association of Baltimore County (TABCO), Maryland Music Educators Association, and an honorary member of the Eta Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma.

FMU WELCOMES

JASON HORN

**AS ATHLETICS
DIRECTOR**



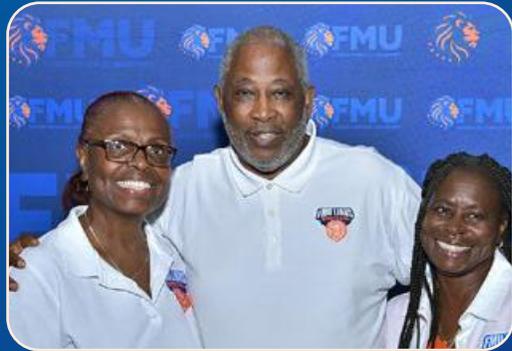
After a national search led by Brentwood Partners, Florida Memorial University is excited to announce the selection of Jason Horn as its new director of athletics. Mr. Horn brings a wealth of experience in critical leadership roles in collegiate athletics. He will galvanize the athletic team around a renewed sense of purpose and mission. Mr. Horn will serve as part of FMU's leadership team and foster greater student success with his motto, W.G.G. - Win, Grow and Graduate.

"We are delighted to have such an experienced leader who is highly respected in his field and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He will help us ascend to the next level of competitiveness and excellence in athletics," said FMU President Jaffus Hardrick.

"Congratulations to Florida Memorial University on selecting Jason Horn as its next director of athletics. Jason's leadership, knowledge, and skills as an accomplished athletics professional will significantly enhance your institution's ability to meet its mission of preparing the next generation of global leaders, both on and off the playing surfaces," said Stan Johnson, executive director of the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association.

Horn's professional career spans nearly 30 years in athletics, marketing and promotions. His experiences include working with organizations such as the Detroit Pistons, the NBA Development League, UCF, the University of Miami, Conference USA, and the Olympic Winter and Summer Games.

Horn most recently served as the assistant vice president and director of Athletics and Recreation at Xavier University of Louisiana from 2014-2021. Xavier has grown to be a model athletic program during his leadership and has been recognized across the country. Accomplishments in this role include: tripled student-athlete and spirit squad enrollment and participation, improved department Grade Point Average each year; expanded university sports offerings; experienced athletics revenue growth; expanded the corporate partnership portfolio; increased alumni engagement; won the conference All-Sports trophy six of seven years; including three teams finishing ranked in the top 10 nationally (2019-20), as well as won nearly 40 conference championships. He was named NAIA National Athletic Director of the Year in 2020 and the NACDA National Athletics Director the Year in 2021. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, and the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association. He is also a member and 3rd Vice President of the NAIA Athletic Directors Association and serves on the NAIA National Administrative Council. Mr. Horn also served as conference president of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference.



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Alexis-Wood and Harris Receive Mid-South Conference Recognition

Florida Memorial had two football players receive recognition from the Mid-South Conference this past week



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FMU Football Blue Jersey Ranked In Top 5 In College Football



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FMU Announces 2021 Women's Volleyball Schedule

Florida Memorial will play a full slate in 2021, including a trip to the Magnolia State



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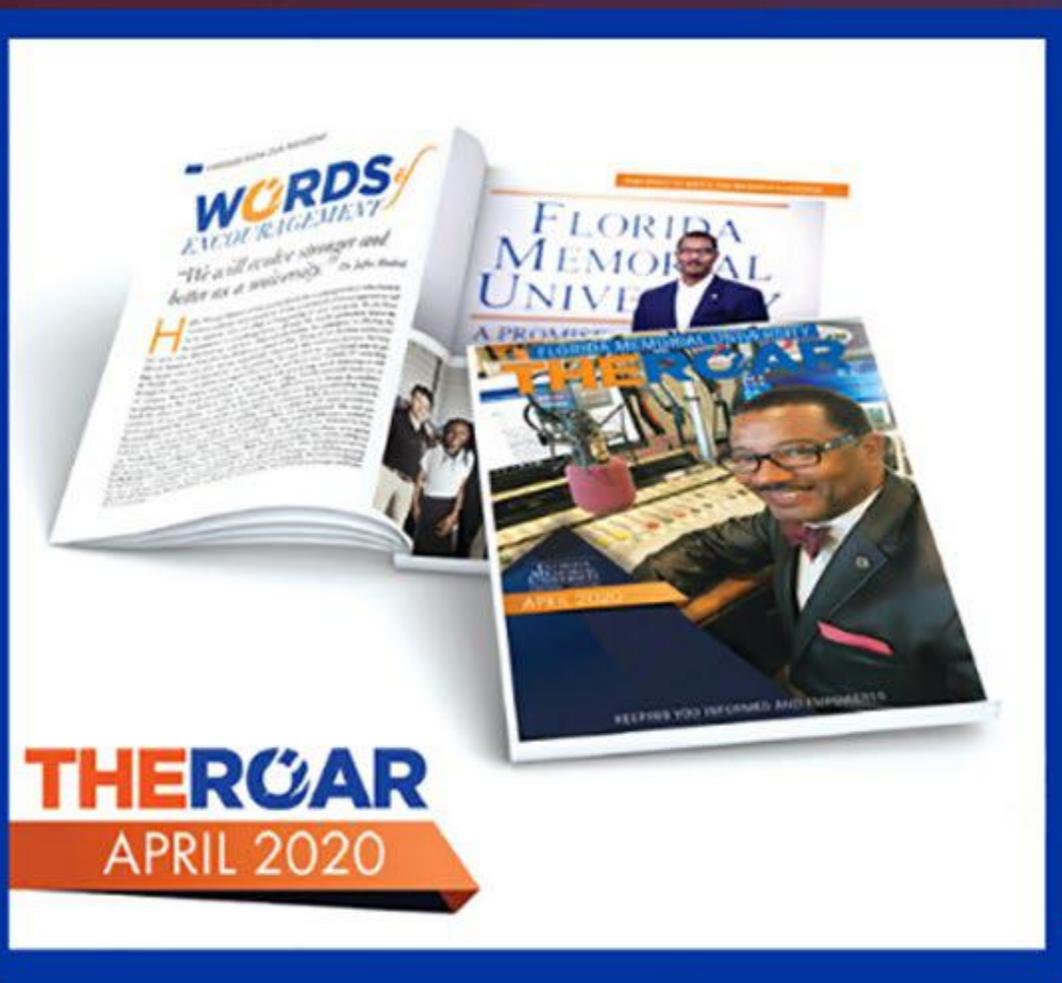
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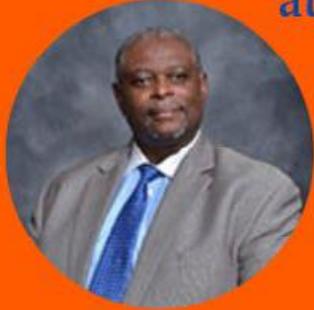
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