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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIBUTE



Rev. Dr. Matthew W. Gilbert  
1891 - 1892



Rev. George P. McKinney  
1892 - 1903



Rev. John T. Brown  
1894 - 1896



Dr. Nathan W. Collier  
1896 - 1941



Dr. Robert H. Holley  
1926-1941



Dr. William H. Gray, Jr.  
1942 - 1944



Dr. Willie C. Robinson  
1977-1989



Dr. Willie J. Wright  
1975-1976



Dr. Royal W. Puryear  
1950-1975



Rev. Robert M. Pugh  
1949-1950



Dr. John L. Tilley  
1944 - 1949



Dr. Lee E. Monroe  
1990-1992



Dr. Albert E. Smith  
1993 - 2006



Karl S. Wright, Ph.D.  
2006 - 2009



Henry Lewis III, Pharm D  
2011 - 2012



Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis  
2014 - 2017



Dr. Jaffus Hardrick  
2019-present

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# WORDS *of* ENCOURAGEMENT

## **Our story is history!**

Florida Memorial University joins the nation in commemorating and affirming Black Americans' resilient and vital contributions to create a more inclusive and perfect country. We can look throughout FMU's noble history to see that the path to creating the world we deserve is paved with sacrifice, commitment, and excellence.

As global leaders, FMU has a 142-year track record of developing graduates that transform communities for all. We are still edified by the same prayers that encouraged civil rights leaders and FMU alum Harry T. and his wife Harriette Moore to demand voter rights for all Floridians. We deliver the same academic rigor that prepared FMU alumnus Dr. Von D. Mizell, one of Broward County's first Black surgeons, to challenge authorities to desegregate the county's beaches. We still marvel at the same skies that Norma Ely and Barrington Irving learned to master while attending this University. And, we provide the same support systems that nurtured FMU alumni Dr. Vanessa Sanders and Dr. Tenisha Meadows on their path to become the nation's only Black women to earn doctorates in Radiochemistry. These individuals and others affirm our heritage of transformational excellence.

Now is the time to draw from their experience to own our excellence and work to create the world we want our children to inherit. While we cannot grasp the gravity of our ancestors' sacrifice, we can all do more to match their service. We remain committed to our mission of preparing the next generation of global leaders, entrepreneurs, researchers, lawyers, educators, artists, and more. The chronicle that is the FMU story is teeming with numerous moments of trials and triumph. Nevertheless, our future is even more exciting. Your continued support will help us achieve our goals more expeditiously. Our FMU is ascending to excellence.

***Go Lions,***

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

**Dr. Jaffus Hardrick**  
*President*

# GOD LOVES BLACK PEOPLE TOO

ACTS 8:26-38

“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road — the desert road — that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading to Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. 31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 This is the passage of scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” 34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” [38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.”

March 2021 marks my 60th year on the planet. Given the times we are in, I am thankful to our Lord God who is from everlasting to everlasting. I was recently very ill, very ill; so, this celebration of Black History Month has special significance for me. I am also grateful beyond measure to be Dean of the Susie C. Holley Religious Center here at Florida Memorial University where I have the opportunity to speak as an elder in the university community .... **CLICK ON PLAY VIDEO TO HEAR SERMON**



Dr. Jeffrey Dean Swain,  
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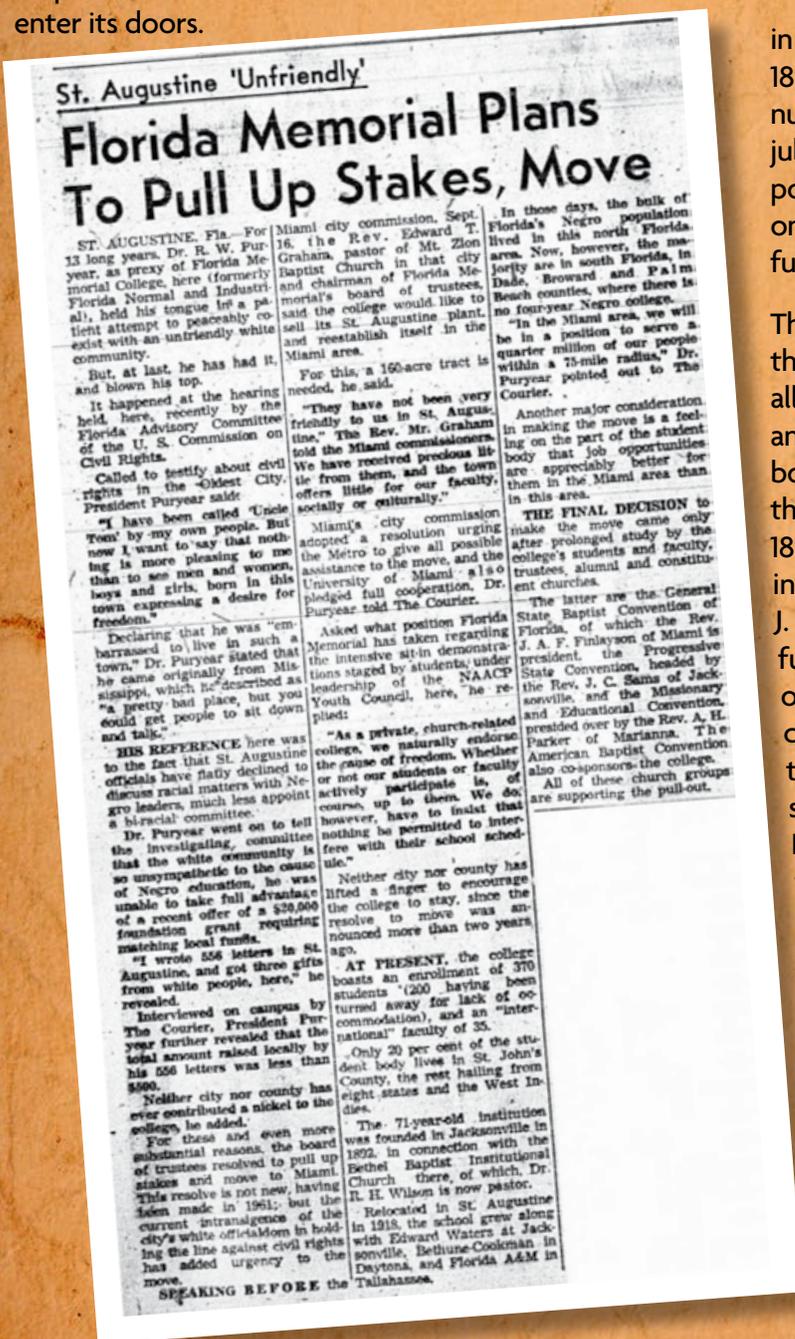
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# The Evolution of Florida Memorial University

BY TAMEKA BRADLEY HOBBS, PH.D.  
Associate Provost For Academic Affairs

The story of FMU is replete with examples of endurance and persistence in the face of difficulties, and the power of faith and determination in the pursuit of excellence. From its founding in Live Oak in 1879, through its subsequent relocations to Jacksonville in 1892, St. Augustine in 1918, and finally Miami-Dade County in 1968, FMU has endured in its mission to provide social mobility and educational empowerment to all who would enter its doors.

The spark that gave birth to Florida Memorial came during the most momentous period for Black Americans



in the history of the US: the end of chattel slavery in 1865. As the formerly enslaved population in the South, numbering some 62,000 in Florida, transitioned from jubilation at the fact of their liberation, into the vast possibilities of the future before them, they understood one clear fact: educational attainment was key to their futures as free people.

The momentum for action on this impulse came from the Black church, and was materially supported by White allies. As the first independent organizations founded and led by Black people, Black churches generated both political and educational leaders. Leaders with the Bethlehem Baptist Association, itself organized in 1869, set their sights on the creation of an educational institution to serve the needs of its constituents. Rev. J. N. Stokes and Rev. James Page were charged with fulfilling the 1871 resolution mandating "the formation of a College of instruction for our ministers and children." With their own resources, and support from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, land was secured in Live Oak, the seat of Suwannee County. Dr. Henry Lyman Morehouse, head of the Mission Society, wrote to the leaders, blessing their efforts in Live Oak, providing funds and assigning Rev. Joseph Leroy Atwood Fish and his wife Ada as the president and teacher, respectively, for the institution in 1880.

Unfortunately, the progress of the Florida Institute, and specifically the interracial teaching staff, drew the ire of the local White community. After a series of violent attacks on the school, the principal, Rev. Matthew Gilbert, left the operation in Live Oak and founded the Florida Baptist Academy at Jacksonville. He was joined by Rev. J. T. Brown and Sarah Blocker. Between 1892 and 1918, the academy thrived in

Jacksonville before relocating to St. Augustine in 1918.

For the next fifty years, St. Augustine served as the home of the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute. Following the model of Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute, Nathan W. Collier provided a curriculum that fostered self-sufficiency rather than subservience. In addition to their classroom studies, students operated the sawmill on campus and constructed many of the buildings. They made furniture and brooms, ran the farm, and ran the kitchens. These skills and trades, along with their education, empowered the graduates of FNIN with a level of independence that brightened their futures, despite the realities of Jim Crow in Florida.

Students from Florida Normal played a critical role in the fight to end segregation during the Civil Rights Movement. Inspired by the lunch counter sit-ins staged by students from North Carolina A&T College in Greensboro that February, in March 1960 six students from Florida Normal took over a lunch counter in downtown St. Augustine. Their actions provided the spark for years of protests that, under the leadership of Dr. Robert Hayling, a local dentist and activist, would bring Andrew Young, Hosea Williams, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the city. Students from the recently renamed Florida Memorial College were a part of the interracial movement that led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

That victory, however, came at a high price for Florida Memorial College. Faced with violence and hostility from the local White power structure, and declining enrollment, President Royal Puryear, along with Rev. Edward T. Graham, then chairman of the FMC Board of Trustees, led the effort to relocate the campus to a friendlier environment. In 1968, for the third time in its history, Florida Memorial College relocated to Miami-Dade County.

Fifty-two years since its last relocation and 142 years after its founding, Florida Memorial University embodies its long history of perseverance in its mission to educate and empower all who would enter its gates. In the midst of the economic downturn brought about by the global Coronavirus pandemic, FMU President Jaffus Hardrick launched the FMU Construction Trades Program. The move harkens back to the days of its foray as an



industrial institute in St. Augustine but offers a much needed answer to South Florida's current economic crisis. When 2020 clarified the current crisis for racial inequality in America, FMU answered with its Social Justice Institute, tapping into the legacy of its outstanding alumni such as community activist Eartha M. M. White (Jacksonville, 1896), civil rights leader Harry T. Moore (Live Oak, 1925), and theologian Rev. Howard Thurman (St. Augustine, 1919).

Like many institutions of higher education, Florida Memorial University has been challenged by the pandemic. History has proven, however, that FMU is able to adapt and evolve, embodying its values of leadership, character, service, scholarship, and accountability. During the present challenges, and with the support of its allies and stakeholders, FMU can tap into its legacy of adaption and survival as it embarks into its new era.

# Timeline: The History of F

## Origins

Live Oak ~ Jacksonville 1879-1918

Following the Civil War, educational institutions were established across the South to provide former slaves and other African Americans the education they had been denied for so many years. Two of these institutions include the Florida Baptist Institute, located in Live Oak, and the Florida Baptist Academy in Jacksonville. Ultimately, these schools would merge to become Florida Memorial University.

Both institutions' curriculum focused on industrial education, domestic arts, teacher education, and agricultural, mechanical, and religious training. The main purpose was to prepare leaders within the post-Reconstruction African American community.

In 1918, Florida Baptist Academy relocated from Jacksonville to St. Augustine. The move allowed for more space to accommodate the growing population of students, and also for civic support from the host community.



Reverend John N. Stokes was a member of the Florida Baptists Convention and an early, ardent supporter of the establishment of a "Denominational School."



The Old Florida Baptist Institute in Live Oak.

**Timeline Legend**

- Florida Baptist Institute Milestones
- Florida Baptist Academy Milestones
- African American History Milestones

1892 Reverend G.P. McKinney appointed Principal of Florida Baptist Institute. He would serve again in 1911.



1896 Nathan W. Collier elected Principal of the Florida Baptist Academy and served in that capacity for forty-five years.



The original MAP indicates the site occupied by the large industrial shop. The location of both institutions are shown and that where they were to be merged.



Florida Baptist Institute was established originally on the premises of the First African Baptist Church of Live Oak (shown above).



Florida Baptist Academy of Jacksonville's student population in the early years.

**Principals of Florida Baptist Institute**

1879 Dr. R. T. Pollard, Professor S. A. Owens, and Professor A. C. Carnegie from 1883 to 1918, respectively.

1914 Florida Baptist Academy named in honor of 25 private schools in the state that played "an important part in the educational education of the State."



1917 Professor A. C. Carnegie named Principal of Florida Baptist Institute.

Timeline from 1880 to 1920 with various milestones and portraits of key figures.

## St. Augustine 1941-1952

# Merger-Expansion Years

The next decade brought much change to the Institute. Under the direction of President Reverend R. L. Holley and the Southern Baptist Convention, the Live Oak and St. Augustine institutions merged in 1941. The limited curriculum offerings as a junior college expanded to create a four-year liberal arts institution.

In 1944, the college was renamed Florida Normal and Industrial College. The next year, the first four-year class graduated. By 1950, the College's name changed again, to Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College.

In 1951, the institution was accredited as a baccalaureate degree granting institution by the Florida Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The College also opened extension divisions throughout the state.



**Timeline Legend**

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- Indicates Historical Milestones for Florida Normal and Industrial College in St. Augustine in 1944.
- African American History Milestones



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1942 Dr. William H. Gray, Jr. named President.



1944 Florida Normal and Industrial College was a result of the previous academic year (1941-42) and included announcements for the upcoming academic year (1942-43).



1946 Dr. John T. Taylor named President and the school was renamed Florida Normal and Industrial College.

Students had the opportunity to participate in several trade programs and extracurricular activities at the College.

Timeline from 1940 to 1950 with various milestones and portraits of key figures.

## College Years

Miami 1968-2002

The move to its present location in northwest Miami-Dade County proved successful for Florida Memorial College. In 1972, the college graduated the first class at the site.

The College celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1979 and initiated a series of expansion projects on the 44-acre site, including the Susie C. Holley Religious Center and a \$7 million Aviation Center.

By 2002, several campus buildings and additions were dedicated culminating a significant facilities expansion and enhancement program at the Miami Campus. New facilities included the Student Services Building, the International Flag Promenade, and a Clock Tower.

3D architectural rendering of the Florida Memorial University campus in Miami, showing various buildings and landmarks.

The William Lohman Aviation Center was completed in 1980.



Additional buildings and enhancements were dedicated in the expansion program at the Miami Campus.



The Clock Tower rises nearly 10 feet, and sits on a small base of concrete.



Plans for the renovation and construction for the new Miami campus.



The Susie C. Holley Religious Center.

**Timeline Legend**

- Indicates Historical Milestones for Florida Memorial College in Miami
- African American History Milestones

Timeline from 1970 to 2000 with various milestones and portraits of key figures.

## Formative Years

Live Oak ~ St. Augustine 1918-1940

The Florida Baptist Academy moved to a large 110 acre tract two miles west of St. Augustine in 1918.



A high standard of leadership was set by Nathan White Collier, who served as both Principal and President from 1896 until his death in 1941. He and other leaders worked hard to maintain "an institution of learning under Christian auspices for the education of colored young men, women, and children," as outlined in the school's charter.

From 1924 to 1940, the Institute achieved numerous milestones, including construction of several buildings: Bacon Hall, Fisher Hall, Pickford Hall, August Heckscher Gymnasium and Pool, Coleman-Westfall Dining Hall, and Jonathan Sewell Library. The beautiful campus also boasted formal gardens, curvilinear walkways, and the A.L. Lewis Arch.



Constructed around 1925, the A.L. Lewis Arch was named for Abraham Lincoln Lewis, a prominent philanthropist and businessman. Lewis founded American Beach, a popular beach for African Americans during segregation.



Aerial view of Florida Memorial



Bacon Hall (shown at left) and Fisher Hall (not shown) completed around 1921.

Sarah A. Blodgett, a co-founder of the institution, supports the education of individuals to learn, to grow, to prosper, to lead, and to contribute to the betterment of the world.



An early Campus Plan Drawing of the present-day Florida Memorial campus.

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- Florida Baptist Institute Milestones
- Florida Baptist Academy
- Florida Normal and Industrial Institute Milestones
- African American History Milestones

The Anderson Hall Administration building at Florida Memorial and Industrial Institute.



Dr. R. R. Howell, second Principal of the Florida Baptist Institute.



1919 Group photo of faculty and staff.

1929 The Florida Normal and Industrial Institute's Lotts baseball team won the Conference Championship. Change and Blue adopted as the official colors.

1931 Florida Normal and Industrial Institute accredited as a junior college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and Florida Department of Education.

1932 The Public Health Service began the college's Tubercle Experiments.

1933 The National Council of Negro Women is founded in New York.

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1918 Florida Baptist Academy merged Florida Normal and Industrial Institute. Property purchased in St. Augustine.

1920 Andrew "Bob" Foster joins the National Negro League (Baltimore).

1922 St. Augustine property coverage ended (land in MA) after only two years.

1924 Anderson Hall erected, marking the first permanent building on campus.

1926 Professor F. G. R. Everett appointed as Principal of the Florida Baptist Institute.

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## Civil Rights Movement

St. Augustine 1951-1968

The institution's faculty and students actively participated in the civil rights struggle since its early origins in Live Oak, where violence was often directed against the school. Across the country, racial tensions continued to escalate during the post World War II era. Florida Memorial was connected to the modern civil rights movement in many ways.

In December 1951, Florida Memorial graduate Harry T. Moore and his wife Harriette Moore were violently murdered in an act of racial terrorism. Later on, a number of civil rights activists and organizations visited the campus, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and representatives from both the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

By 1968, the institution, now Florida Memorial College, relocated to Miami, due in part to increased racial tensions along with other reported acts of racial violence. This site is the present day location of the college.



Harry T. Moore (pictured right) with his wife, Harriette, was an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He is often considered the first martyr of the modern civil rights movement.

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1960 Dr. William C. Coker, a faculty member, wrote the first history of the college.



1962 James Meredith becomes the first Black student to enroll at the University of Mississippi.



1964 The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is passed, banning discrimination in all public accommodations and by employers.



1967 Marguerite Marshall takes her seat as the first African American Supreme Court Justice.



1968 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphis.

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1944 In Brown v. Board of Education, the U.S. Supreme Court declares segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

1944-51 The college founded team and the Southern Athletic Conference (SAC) Championship.

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## University Years

Miami Gardens 2003-Present

In 2005, the institution was renamed Florida Memorial University (FMU), reflecting the more than 40 undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered through its six academic schools. The University continues to expand not only the campus, but also the curriculum.

Today, FMU continues in its tradition as a historically black, Baptist-related higher education institution. It is one of 105 historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) throughout the country, and the only HBCU in South Florida.

Under the leadership of its twelfth President, Dr. Henry Lewis III, Florida Memorial University has embarked on a transformational journey in order to move the University "from Good to Great" over the next ten years.



The Lou Bonds Center for the Performing Arts, named for the first African American to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, was dedicated in 2008.



Community Service: The institution has been instrumental in several community service projects, including the annual "Lions Tale" event.

FMU's Men's Basketball Team won the Sun Conference Tournament Championship for the 2003-2004 season.

History Made as FMU Becomes FMU: The institution's name change from Florida Memorial College to Florida Memorial University was a significant milestone.

Name Change in 2005: While the institution's name change over the years, it emphasizes an institution's core values of leadership, character, and service for all.

2006 Dr. Karl S. Wright is appointed President.

2006 The National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) granted full accreditation to the FMU's Music Program.

2008 Barack Obama is elected the first African American President of the United States.

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142 YEARS  
OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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*Reflecting on the Past –  
Delivering the Promise of a Better Future*



## Honors Black Philanthropists

**Florida Memorial University honors Ulysses and Emilie Howard for their commitment to support education. The Howards have donated nearly \$500,000 to Florida Memorial University to advance educational programs.**

Cory Witherspoon, vice president of University Advancement said, "Ulysses and Emilie have helped hundreds of students remain in school and earn a college degree. We are truly grateful for their support."

Ulysses Howard met Emilie after he performed a tour of duty with the Army. He enrolled at Savannah State College (now University) and won a trip to the Orange Blossom Classic in Miami. Soon after, he returned frequently to Florida to be with Emilie. He transferred from Savannah State to Dade Junior College (now Miami-Dade College) to be closer to her. They dated for four months and married April 8. More than 54 years later, the Howards created a family that includes sons Ulysses, Jr. and James, and cultivated an inspiring legacy of generosity and community services.

Mr. Howard attributes his generosity for his church, community, Florida Memorial University and most of all, to his mother, a midwife. The third of 12 children, Howard says his mother taught philanthropy and kindness through her actions. Helping those in her community without means was her mission. He recalls a couple who insisted she take their last bushel of corn as payment for bringing their child into this world. "She laid my foundation to give back, and she also taught me not to hate. Life is a race, and hate is a shackle holding you down." He says growing up in the church strengthened his spiritual foundation. "To whom much is given, much is expected," Mr. Howard says. "God blessed me so I could bless someone else."

As a manager at UPS, frequent travel impacted his life. He missed PTA meetings and events while his wife raised their two sons. Mr. Howard remains grateful to his lovely wife for standing in the gap so that he could provide for his family and excel professionally. "As parents, we know the value of education, and if we can help others, we will," Mrs. Howard said.

Mr. Howard says he chose to give generously to FMU because of his godson, FMU Trustee Ray Smith, a graduate of FMU, his beloved alma mater. A member of the notable Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Mr. Howard says being a philanthropist is a two-way sword. "Some are jealous, others are happy. You must know what cause is important and see it through."

His greatest wish is to support high standards of education, treatment, and training for our children. He attended a one-room school until fourth grade. This experience molded him into the person he is today. "The worth of any race will depend on the education of its people," he noted.

He is particularly concerned with our young boys and the absence of organizations like the Boy Scouts that taught values and worth. "As you progress, reach back and pull someone up with you. Don't forget from whence you came. In our community, our children are our responsibility. Do not expect anyone from other races to do what must be done. It is our responsibility. Loving and caring are what matters. Nothing beats the bonds of great family ties. Be the change that you want to see and it will grow with you."



# Barbershop Speaks

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BY NOEL JEFFERSON

The purpose of Barbershop Speaks is to engage in intelligent discussions to enlighten, educate, and empower the community. Given poor access to information and resources in underserved communities, there must be innovative approaches to bettering our livelihoods. Barbershops and beauty salons are hubs in every neighborhood that does not discriminate against race, religion, political persuasion, socio-economic status, age, etc. This makes them the perfect place to build spaces to spur financial, relational, and educational growth.

Barbershop Speaks' first event took place in North Miami Beach on July 10, 2016. There was no elaborate plan to reach the masses, gain media attention, or attract influential leaders. We simply had the desire and will to make our community better. During the first discussion, we discussed the state of the community. That topic was broad — but intentionally so. We touched on issues that were deeply important to the average person. Subjects such as education, financial literacy, local/state/national politics, criminal justice, mental health, and more. We realized the profound importance in bringing in subject matter experts and influencers on specific topics from that first dialogue. Over the past years, our events were accompanied by gubernatorial candidates, sitting senators and representatives, sitting judges, licensed mental health professionals, professors, financial experts, civil rights attorneys, and more. These conversations took place in barbershops and beauty salons in Tampa, North Miami Beach, North Miami, Little Haiti, Opa-Locka, Liberty City, and Tamarac.

Barbershop Speaks will continue to impact the community in barbershops and beauty salons in Miami, the state of Florida, and eventually throughout the United States of America. Now, we partner with the Children's Trust and the Kiwanis Club to build bookshelves inside barbershops throughout Northwest Dade-County, then supplying those bookshelves monthly with children's books. We aim to combat childhood illiteracy rates by giving every kid who steps into barbershops a free book each time they come in for a haircut. Moreover, Barbershop Speaks is partnering with Audastio, a multilingual podcast network that aims to make the podcast industry more diverse and inclusive through storytelling, to launch the official Barbershop Speaks Podcast. Jefferson Noel is the founder of Barbershop Speaks. He believes society can and will achieve measurable success through one intentional discussion at a time.

[barbershopspeaks.com](http://barbershopspeaks.com)



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VIDEO 3

## 12th Annual

# Black Pioneers in Aviation Day

### Guest Speaker



*Dr. Sheila Chamberlain*

Dr. Sheila L. Chamberlain grew up in West Germany and graduated from Fort Knox High School. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Spelman College, M.P.A; University of Oklahoma, J.D.; University Of Miami School of Law; distinguished military graduate; and General George C. Marshall Award Winner. She held internships with the United Nations and the United States Senate, Public Affairs/Press Secretary. She is a former newspaper owner/filmmaker, minister, former political appointee (Palm Beach, FL) and former chief of staff to two Florida State senators. She is the first African-American woman to run for county commissioner in the Florida Keys and a congressional local political appointee on Veterans Affairs. She always helps everyone the best she can. Chamberlain became the United States Army's first African-American woman Combat Intelligence Aviator/pilot and has been a commercial instrument rated pilot since 1985. She served during Grenada and Panama Invasions and is a Persian Gulf War Veteran. She served: four hardship tours in South Korea and is credited with streamlining all Combat Aviation Intelligence in the entire region. She was a Special Intell/Ops Reconnaissance Chief in Latin America; Threat Aviation Officer, credited with her work on the now AH- 64 Apache Longbow, Comanche aircraft, V-22 (before Marines/Navy was given the project), Worldwide Close Combat Heavy Mission Area Wargamer and Material Acquisition. A pioneer, she rewrote the U.S. Army's Air Traffic Control Force Modernization Plan. Prior to leaving the Army, she went before select members of the U.S. Congressional Armed Service Committee to discuss why women should fly in combat. She said, "...because we have been already doing it!" One year later, the Department of Defense finally declared that women would be allowed to fly combat aviation aircrafts throughout all services. Dr. Chamberlain has received numerous honors, awards and international and national recognition. She is a National Aviation Hall of Fame Pioneer and inductee and the first woman pilot ever elected to the National Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated as its national parliamentarian. Her cousins were the famous LTC (ret.): including Luke Weathers, Jr., who was featured in the documented original Tuskegee Airmen, REDTAIL. She is cousin of Emmett Till, whose lynching/murder sparked the Civil Rights Movement in 1955. Chamberlain is the former president of the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, the current official national chair for the 100th Anniversary of Bessie Coleman, a charter member and senior advisor to Sisters of the Skies, Inc.. She was recently elected president of the Historic Los Angeles Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated. She has been active in aviation for more than 40 years and in the South Florida community for more than 28 years. A member of many local, worldwide organizations/ boards, she continues to mentor those who seek careers in the aviation and aerospace industry and other professions. Her name is in the Congressional Records twice. Dr. Chamberlain is a true American SHERO!

## Black Pioneers in Aviation Day

### Corporations Partner with FMU Aviation



**Loretta McNair** celebrated as FMU Aviation Advisory Board Chair





*Daughters of Zion & Men of Valor*

# A BLACK HISTORY MONTH SYMPOSIUM

Representing the past, Commemorating the present, and Motivation for the Future

*Saturday*  
February 27th  
11 a.m.



Dr. Jaffus Hardrick  
FMU President



William McCormick  
FMU Chairman



Dr. Rudolph Darden



Dr. Dar'ien J. Davis



Dr. Rose C. Thevenin



Dr. Deborah Barlett



H.E. Nana Ampah



Christin Dawkins



Shelia Powell Cohen



Chris Brown

## Moderators

**Natalie Bruner**  
YWCA

**Jerome Hutchinson**  
CSO of ICABA World Network





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## Even though we are Socially distant, our youth still need a Big of their own!

Over 1,000 youth are waiting for a Big of their own!



### The Commitment:

- Adult volunteers are paired one-on-one with a child between the ages of 5 and 18 and meet twice a month.

Learn more & Apply online at:  
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Questions or need more information? Contact:  
Marcia Hanna  
Community Engagement Director  
Email: [mhanna@bbbsmiami.org](mailto:mhanna@bbbsmiami.org)



# The South Florida **SOCIAL** **JUSTICE** COMMON READ

*A conversation series based on readings that explore racial inequity.*

## **FEATURED BOOK:**

***White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide***

**Author: Carol Anderson**

## **SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Melba Pearson, Esq.**

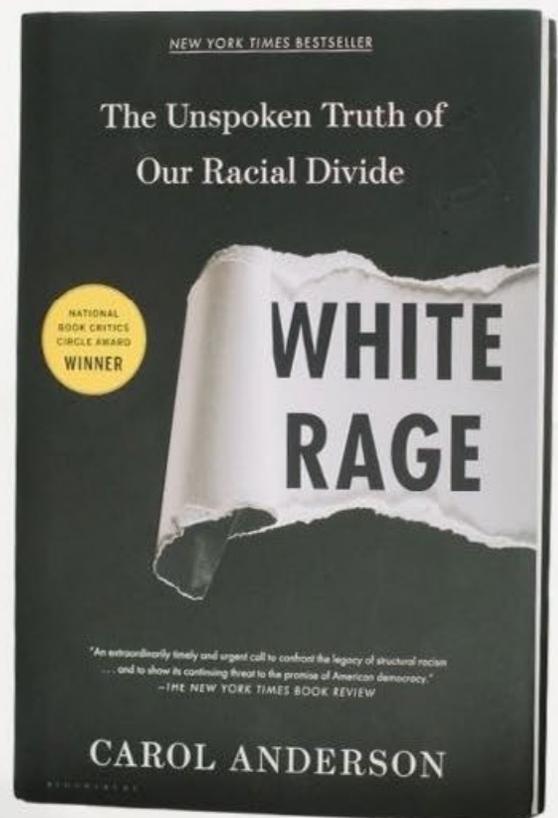
***Director of Policies and Program,  
Center for the Administration of  
Justice, FIU***

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021**

**3:00PM | Live Stream**

**Facebook: @FMUSJI**

**YouTube: [bit.ly/fmulive](https://bit.ly/fmulive)**



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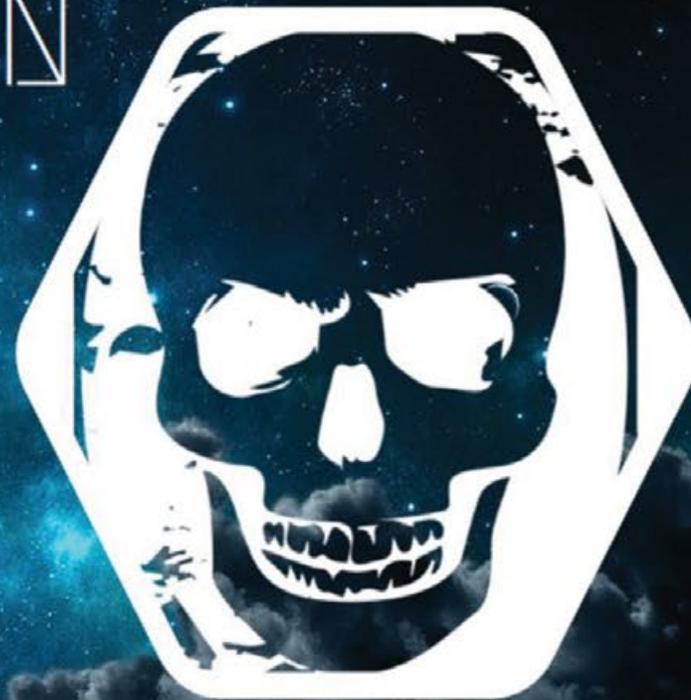


# NIKE HACKATHON

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

**S.T.E.A.M Week: April 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Hackathon: April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

To participate in the Hackathon, sign up here  
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27TH



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MARCH  
27TH



**KEISHA HOWARD**

*CEO/ Founder, Sugar Gamers*

**DAVINA MACKEY**

*Director, Support Services, Operations for Worldwide Studio Quality Assurances; PlayStation*

APRIL  
24TH



**DR. MATHEW KNOWLES**

*Father of Beyoncé and Solange, Manager of Destiny's Child, CEO of Music World Entertainment, Public Speaker, Best Selling Author, Professor*



For more information, contact Miss. Florida Memorial University (Meaurie Pickett): [jPic0221@fmuniv.edu](mailto:jPic0221@fmuniv.edu)



# ESPORTS MASTERCLASS

## What is Esports?

- *Esports is the fastest growing globally! Revenue is expected to reach \$2.3 billion by 2022 and a global audience of over 350 million.*

## What is the Esports Masterclass?

- *Students will learn how to plan and execute small and large scale events utilizing the latest in streaming technology, develop business plans to develop teams, create online communities, and promote events through digital technology.*
- *5 lucky students will have the opportunity to earn an internship in the esports and videogame industries at the conclusion of each masterclass*

## How Do You Apply?

Submit a 60 second video explaining why you want to take the course to Meaurie Pickett: [jPic0221@fmuniv.edu](mailto:jPic0221@fmuniv.edu)

Saturday, Feb 27th // Submit video by: Feb 17th

Saturday, March 27th // Submit video by: March 17th

Saturday April 24th // Submit video by: April 14th





# Greek Life

FEBRUARY 11, 2021



Constance Jones  
NBC6



Bianca Bennett  
FMU

**PLAY**  
VIDEO 



# FMU COLLEGE BRIDES WALK PANEL & VIGIL



On February 11, 2021 college students representing various campuses in South Florida, including Florida Memorial University, united with Barry University to participate in the Annual College Brides Walk. The College Brides Walk was developed to bring awareness to the problems of domestic and dating violence on and off college campuses.

This virtual event was produced by FMU Head Cheer Coach Kalyn James to educate and raise awareness about how domestic violence affects women and men of all ages, cultures, races, and sexual orientations.

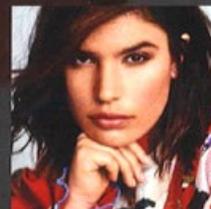
The event was hosted at FMU's Smith Conference Center and consisted of a panel of speakers who have survived domestic or dating violence or who are advocates who have worked with domestic violence cases. The panel included FMU Assistant Cheer Coach Judge Ayana Harris, Dade County Judge from the Domestic Violence Division; Sandra Gipson, National Council of Negro Women, Inc; Clementine Desseaux, model, activist, entrepreneur and survivor. The panel was moderated by Dr. Jason-Anthony Prendergast, FMU's mental health counselor. There was also a candlelight vigil in honor and the memory of those who have suffered from domestic or dating violence.

TOGETHER, WE CAN END THE ABUSE.

## FMU COLLEGE BRIDES WALK PANEL & VIGIL



Judge Harris



Clem Desseaux



Jason Prendergast



Sandra Gipson



February 11, 2021  
11:00am - 12:00pm



Smith Conference Center, Banquet Hall

# TRUSTEE

## MRS. AUDREY AUSTIN WHITE

**Mrs. Audrey Austin White resides in Orange Park, Florida and is a certified retired teacher of Duval County Public Schools. She was nominated "Teacher of the Year" in 1991 and again in 1992.**

**Mrs. White holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Administration Supervision where she did studies at Florida A&M and Florida State Universities. Mrs. White holds an active State of Florida Department of Education professional educator's certificate and director's credential from the State of Florida in Childcare and Education. She is presently the elementary principal of Austin Christian Vocational Academy, Inc., in Jacksonville Florida.**

**She is a member and First Lady of Greater Israel United Missionary Baptist Church, where her husband, Dr. E.L. White, is pastor. She serves as business manager and is president of the Missionary Society of Greater Israel Missionary Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir. While an active member of Daughters of Isis and Eastern Stars, The Golden Ladies, Mrs. White also holds the position as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.**

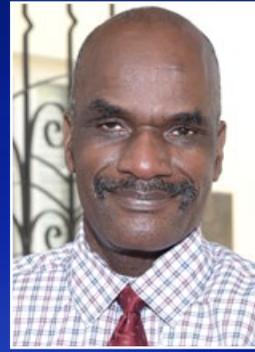
**A Christian leader in every way, Mrs. White is a member at the local, state, and national Ministers' Wives organizations, and 1st vice chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Florida Memorial University.**

**Mrs. White is presently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Florida A&M University.**



# Alumni Spotlight

*Celebrate Alums Working at FMU!*



**ALFONSO BREWSTER**  
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**ANN PAYNE-NIMMONS**  
Lou Rawls Center for the  
Performing Arts



**CAPTAIN VENA SYMONETTE,**  
Assistant Professor of  
Aeronautical Sciences



**CHERYL WILCHIRE**  
Interim Director of Library  
Services



**COLBY CHESSMAN**  
Acquisition Technician,  
Nathan Collier Library



**ED WILLIAMS**  
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**GERALD PATILLO,**  
Webmaster, Information  
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**KATRINA BLUE**  
Student Accounts



**NATALIE KNIGHT**  
University Advancement  
Coordinator



**NATHANIEL HOLMES, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor of  
Religion and Philosophy



**OTTLEY BRATHWAITE**  
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**SHELIA POWELL-COHEN**  
Faith-Based Initiatives,  
University Advancement



**SIDRA SARGENT**  
Academic Advisor, Center  
for Academic Resources  
and Support



**TREVOR LEWIS**  
Counselor-Recruiter  
International Admissions



**WESLEY JEFFERS**  
Help Desk, Information  
Technology



**WILLIE KEMP**  
Assistant Controller



**WINIFRED JONES**  
Associate, Office of the  
Registrar

## NOT PICTURED

**SHERYL THOMAS**, Accountant, Office of the Assistant Vice President's Controller's Office  
**TANYA LYNCH-SAMUEL**, Accounts Payable Manager, Office of the Assistant Vice President's Controller's Office

# JELONIA “LONI” RUMPH, B.S.

is a future doctor and is publishing in scientific journals.  
*FMU is extremely proud!*



Jelonia “Loni” Rumph, B.S.  
Graduate Student, Bruner-Tran Lab

Jelonia Rumph graduated from Florida Memorial University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology in 2018. Following graduation, she matriculated into the Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. Program at Meharry Medical College. In an effort to pursue a career as an environmental toxicologist, Rumph now participates in a joint appointment with Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. At VUMC, she conducts research under the mentorship of Dr. Kaylon Bruner-Tran, a reproductive pathologist, in the Women’s Health Research Center. Rumph’s dissertation project investigates how males exposed to dioxin contribute to pre-term birth in their unexposed mates and necrotizing enterocolitis in their offspring. In the future, Rumph plans to study the physiological effects of toxicant exposure in communities subjected to environmental injustices.

## LECTURE SERIES



For more information, please contact Haki Halisi at 954.527.3315 or [Haki.Halisi@uncf.org](mailto:Haki.Halisi@uncf.org).

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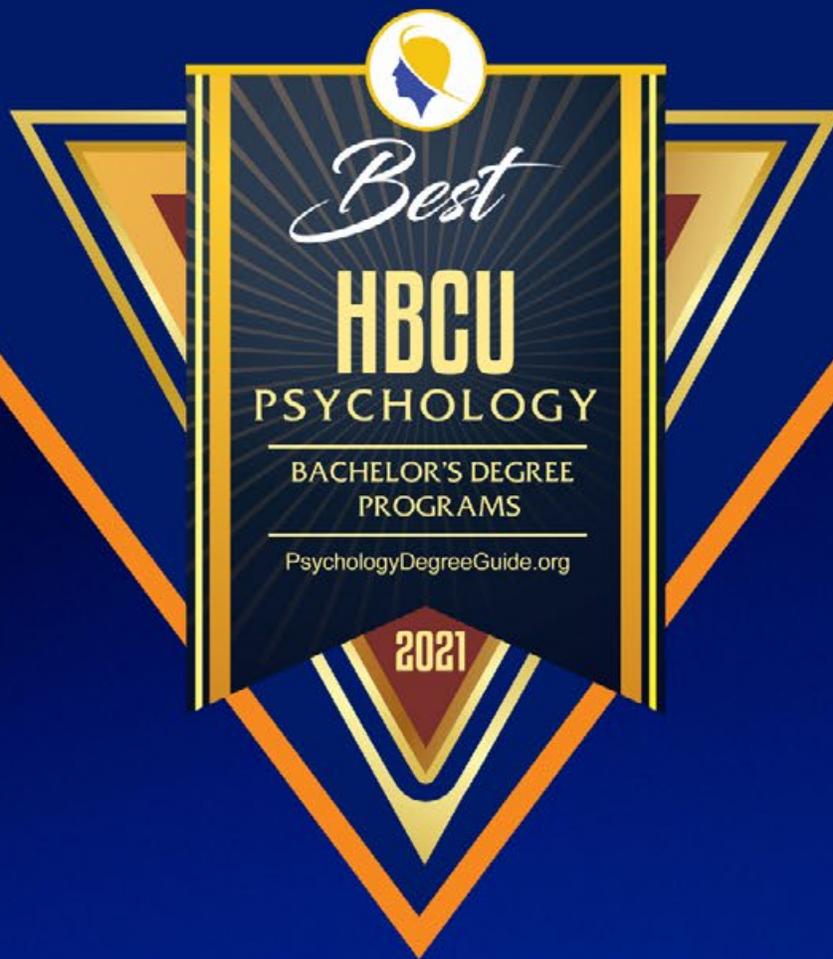
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Florida Memorial University

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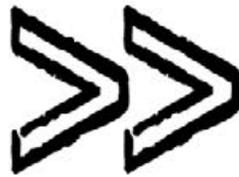
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Has been listed amongst  
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*Keep Striving for Excellence Lions!*



Friday Feb 26 3 pm



# FORWARD RIDAYS

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Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Ph.D.  
Associate Provost For Academic Affairs;  
Founder Florida Memorial University  
Social Justice Institute

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



**FMU/DOZ/MOV MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021  
 SYMPOSIUM 11:00AM - 4:00PM  
 FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY - SMITH CONFERENCE CENTER

**Morning Moderator- Master Jerome Hutchinson, ICABA**

**TIME SCHEDULE**

11:00 - 11:30 AM..... Chairman WILLIAM MCCORMICK  
 11:30 - 11:35AM..... FMU CHORALE  
 11:35 - 12:00PM..... DR. JAFFUS HARDRICK  
 12:00 - 12:30 PM..... DR. DARIEN J. DAVIS  
 12:45 - 1:00 PM..... H.R.H NANO AMPAH & DR. DEBORAH BARTLETT

**LUNCH BREAK 1:00-2:00PM**

**Afternoon Moderator- Madam Natalie Bruner, YWCA**

2:00PM-2:30PM .....MR. RUDY DARDEN  
 2:30-2:40PM - .....MR. CHRISTOPHER BROWN  
 3:00-3:30 PM ..... DR. ROSE THEVENIN  
 3:30 -3:40 PM .....MS. CHRISTIN DAWKINS  
 3:40- 4:00 PM ..... MRS. SHELIA POWELL COHEN

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



## Dave Lawrence visits FMU...

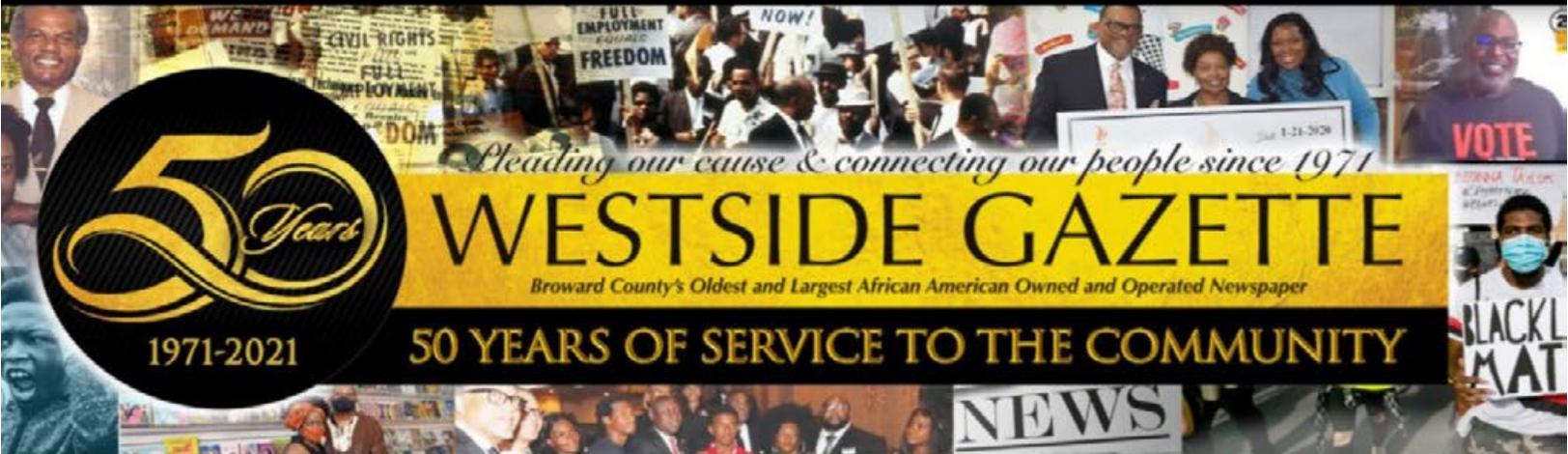
Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, president, and Dr. Tameka Hobbs, associate provost, hosted Dave Lawrence and Valencia Gunter, Advocate-in-Residence for the FMU Social Justice Institute, for a wide-ranging discussion about the landscape of social justice in South Florida and the need for strategic partnerships to solve our community's most pressing problems.



President Jaffus Hardrick, Dr. Tameka Hobbs, Valencia Gunter, Advocate-in-Residence, SJI and Dave Lawrence



President Jaffus Hardrick and Dave Lawrence



*Congratulations*

*FMU Alum Bobby Henry  
and the Westside Gazette on 50 years of publication!*



## The Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies Opportunities on the Horizon

**Masterclasses**  
LEARN FROM EXPERTS

**Continuing Education**  
Become a LIFELONG LEARNER

**Experience Counts**  
Let experience EARN you college CREDITS

**Leisure and Personal**  
LEARN FROM EXPERTS

**Workforce Certificates**  
LEARN NEW SKILLS AND EARN MORE MONEY

Florida Memorial University has opened the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies (CEPS). CEPS at FMU is committed to providing quality training and learning experiences through masterclasses, continuing education courses, certificate programs, industry certifications, corporate training, Experience Counts for Credit (EC4C) pathways, personal enrichment and leisure studies, and community education programs.



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- ✓ LEARN A NEW SKILL
- ✓ EARN MORE MONEY

**ENROLL NOW  
SEATS ARE LIMITED!**

### FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY Certificate Program in Construction Trades

#### Certificate Program includes:

Plumbing  
HVAC  
Electrical

#### Eligibility Criteria:

Miami-Dade County Resident  
Valid Driver's License, a Federal or Florida State issued ID  
Ages 17 - 70  
Proof of Citizenship Required

Enroll in our 12-week program by completing an application at [www.fmuniv.edu/trade](http://www.fmuniv.edu/trade) or contact the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies at (305) 626-3151 or Email: [Ceps@fmuniv.edu](mailto:Ceps@fmuniv.edu) for additional information. Visit our office located at Florida Memorial University, FIU Building in Room 160.



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# NEW WORKFORCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**Expand your horizons through pathways to success and lifelong learning**

## OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) is committed to providing quality training and learning experiences through masterclasses, continuing education courses, certificate programs, industry certifications, corporate training, Experience Counts for Credit (EC4C) pathway, personal enrichment and leisure studies, and community education programs. The mission of CEPS is to provide innovative experiences that will enrich, expand, inspire, and extend interests of life-long learners of all ages.

## Areas of interest

### MASTERCLASSES

Shared information and experiences by experts in various fields

### WORKFORCE CERTIFICATES

Acquire the skills and knowledge to advance or enter the workforce and/or industry. Our courses are designed for adults seeking to upskill, reskill or find a new career path.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Courses offered with at least 10 contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education experience, under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction.

### LEISURE AND PERSONAL

Explore and develop your talent, imagination, and creativity through diverse courses such as visual and performing art, health and fitness, sports, cooking, and creative writing.

### EXPERIENCE COUNTS FOR CREDITS

Because quality learning can happen in many ways, FMU's Experience Counts for Credits (EC4C) pathway will evaluate your experience outside the classroom for college credits. Your certifications, corporate or military training, continuing education, on-the-job experience, and volunteer work can potentially earn you college credit at Florida Memorial University. At FMU, your experience can count for credits towards your bachelor's degree through our EC4C program.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# First Official Orientation for Trade School



Florida Memorial University welcomes first cohort for its Certificate in Trades Construction Program. Participants pose with Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, president of Florida Memorial University, Mr. Jason Jenkins, senior vice president for Miami Dolphins and Mrs. Ruth Tirado, vice president for ABC Construction.



# Commencement

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Saturday, May 8, 2021*

*8:00 a.m.*



Florida Memorial University  
Clock Tower Pavilion  
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DR. JAFFUS HARDRICK, PRESIDENT



# You've Always Got VCC!



**YOU've Got VCC!** FMU-CSSF Career Development Center brings you the Virtual Career Center to help you discover new career paths and find amazing jobs and internships.

We know you are busy, so we've pre-populated some general profile information for you. All you have to do is sign in and initialize your account. Let's get started! \*If you are a returning FMU student, please use the New Account Initialization instructions. If you are new to FMU this semester 2021, please proceed with the Register Now instructions.

*\*Please note you must use your FMU email address to activate or register for access to the system.*

## New Account Initialization for Returning FMU Students

**CLICK HERE:** <https://careersource.fmuniv.edu/vosnet/default.aspx>

- Log in with your Username (your FMU email address) and this temporary Password (Password1@)
- Enter information to initialize account
- Click Submit
- System should indicate an email was sent successfully

- Log into your FMU email account
- Click link
- Enter new password
- Go to homepage
- Log in with new password
- Click to accept Terms and Conditions and Privacy Agreement
- Click Save
- Start exploring

**PS: DON'T FORGET TO LOG OUT**

## Register Now for New 2021 FMU Students

**CLICK HERE:** <https://careersource.fmuniv.edu/vosnet/default.aspx>

- Click Register
- Enter information to register an account (enter your student ID and use your FMU email address)
- Click to accept Terms and Conditions and Privacy Agreement
- Click Save
- Start exploring

**PS: DON'T FORGET TO LOG OUT**

Please contact [Megan.Aderele@careersourcesfl.com](mailto:Megan.Aderele@careersourcesfl.com) with any questions or concerns.

# JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Lashawntay T. Howard Youth Offender Center (LTHYOC) is **hiring immediately**. Some FMU students completed this internship last semester.

**All students can apply, but there is preference for certain majors.**

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Please be prepared to respond via phone and email for call backs and interviews.

## OVERVIEW

The Lashawntay T. Howard Youth Offender Center (LTHYOC) provides at-risk youth services and events throughout the year. New children cycle into the program every two weeks for 60 days; there's a 1:10 adult to youth ratio with a maximum of 20 children at a time. The youth are 11-17 years old and are either expelled or suspended, but are seeking an alternative option. There are four adults who currently work for the agency (counselors and educators).

The program started in 2012 and began operating in 2015 mostly in Broward, but then there was a need for assistance in Miami. Due to COVID-19 we are operating virtually for the safety of our staff and clients. Once we get the clear to go back to our facility student assistants would be working at the Alternative Outdoor Suspension Center in Miami (6825 NW 20th Avenue, Miami, FL 33147 which is 7.9 miles away from the school, or, a 20 minute car ride).

## DETAILS FOR STUDENTS

Hours of operation are Tuesday to Thursday 10am-3pm and select Saturday's for special events. Students will need transportation and to complete an Agency for Health Care (AHCA) Level 2 background check on their own (more details will be given). Students will also be required to take a CPR course at no cost to them.

The agency prefers students with work experience who are majoring in social work, counseling, education or criminal justice. Students will receive \$150 per month and service hours. The position is temp-to-hire which means that this is an opportunity for you to be hired full time after observation of good performance.



## 2021 TDIS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM! TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND SCIENCES (TDIS)

Offered in partnership with The National Science Foundation for undergraduate & graduate students

Like all applications, you should work on a rough draft and get feedback before submitting. Respond to this message for support.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students
- Major: mathematics, science (life or physical sciences, computer science, behavioral sciences, or social sciences), technology, or engineering.
- Must have a significant interest in raising the level of awareness about: the circumstances that prevent minority communities from receiving a quality education; programs and strategies being implemented to address these issues; and policies and legislation that have an impact on STEM education.
- Must be committed to participating in the program for the full ten-week period.
- Must be willing to participate in a telephone/video interview if chosen as a finalist.

### BENEFITS:

- Undergraduate students will receive taxable stipends of \$6,000 and graduate students at NSF will receive taxable stipends of \$7,000.
- Funding of up to \$1200 to attend conferences and other professional development activities during the summer and the next academic year.

### APPLICATION:

1. A completed Internship Application Form
2. A current resume that includes any volunteer/service-learning activities and research experiences
3. A current transcript (an unofficial photocopy is acceptable). Graduate student applicants also must submit a copy of their undergraduate transcript.
4. Two recommendations with supporting narratives (one recommendation must be from a faculty member in the applicant's major department) must be included in your application.

The completed application and recommendation forms, transcript, essay, and a resume must be submitted through our online application form to the QEM Network before our final deadline Friday, March 12, 2021. Transcripts may be mailed separately, if necessary, but also must be postmarked by the deadline date.

**QEM/NSF Talent Development and Innovation and Sciences (TDIS) Summer Internship  
May 24 – July 30, 2021**

**Link to application** <https://form.jotform.com/QEMNetwork/2021-TDISInternshipapplicationform>

**Application Deadline – Final deadline Wednesday, March 12, 2021  
Decision Notification – Friday, April 2, 2021**

# *Lifting Our Voices* A Celebration in Song

Showcasing the talent of various members of the

**Florida Memorial University**

*Visual & Performing Arts Department*

Wednesday, February 24 | 12pm-1pm

*Limited Seating Available*  
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Florida Memorial University  
15800 NW 42nd Ave  
Miami Gardens, FL 33054

JBL/HARMAN, in collaboration with the Black-owned agency Culture Creators, is launching JBL Campus SoundSessions. The new mentorship program will focus on expanding opportunities for minority college students aspiring to build careers in music production, marketing, business, technology or engineering. The chosen students will also be given a chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship toward their education.

Starting Jan. 26 and running through April 6, 2021, select HBCU will be able to virtually attend six curated conversations featuring JBL executives, engineers and influential music industry speakers who will share their respective career journeys, challenges and other insights. Accepted students who participate in all of the 60- to 90-minute SoundSessions will receive an official certificate of completion to cite on their CVs. In turn, they will also become eligible to apply for \$50,000 in JBL SoundScholarships through a business case study competition.

### **How the Academy's New Black Music Collective is Dismantling the 'Disconnect' With Its Community**

“As a brand dedicated to elevating life’s experiences, it is important that we invest in the evolution of equality and representation in the music industry by breaking down barriers and providing access to resources that will inspire and teach the next generation of industry changemakers,” said **Ralph Santana**, chief marketing officer at HARMAN, in a statement. “We are thrilled to launch the JBL Campus SoundSessions as a way to support HBCU students and provide them with resources that will help elevate their career paths. A major challenge for people of color is the limited availability of mentors within their communities. Together we hope to motivate these young students to visualize the options for their future and ensure anything they dream is attainable.”



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“A mind is a terrible thing to waste.”

# Welcome

## EMMA CARIS FRANÇOIS Professor



Emma Caris François is a professor of Haitian Creole and French in the Language Department at Florida Memorial University. She received her bachelor's in French and master's in TESOL from Florida International University. She is a doctoral student in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Program at FIU in the Department of Arts, Sciences and Education.

Professor François also works for Miami-Dade County Public Schools as a Curriculum Support Specialist for the Department of Bilingual Education and World Languages. As a CSS, she coaches the Haitian Creole Language Arts teachers. She collaborated with McGraw-Hill to develop the Haitian Creole Collection for grades K-5. She also reviews Haitian Creole books from different companies and most especially from EducaVision for the district.

Professor François conducted several seminars in Haiti to aid elementary school teachers for the Hope for Haiti organization. She was the past secretary of the Association of Haitian Educators of Dade and in 2019 she was honored as the best bilingual promoter. She is the president of Les Nord-Louisiens en Action, an organization that has the objective to provide financial aid to adopted elementary schools in the communal sections in Saint-Louis du Nord, Haiti. She travels twice every year to Haiti with LNLA to visit the schools and to conduct activities for the children, their teachers, and their parents. Besides activities with LNLA, she also coordinates a humanitarian mission trip to prisons in different department in Haiti. In 2016, the organization Haiti First recognized her for her humanitarian work.

Professor François is dedicated to promoting Haitian Creole in Miami-Dade County. She believes in essential elements that are conducive to learning. She is always open to new ideas because she believes that teaching is a process of learning and it is a lifelong process where you always learn new strategies and new philosophies to meet your students' needs.

# FMU

## Tolbert Named All-TSC First Team; Barnett On Second Team

Florida Memorial had two players receive All-Conference honors Wednesday.



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## Ali Named All-Sun Conference First Teamer; Kebe & Mack On Second Team - Florida Memorial University Athletics

Florida Memorial had three players receive all-conference honors – including a second straight nod for Mubashar Ali.



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# Chantel Barnett Named Sun Conference Freshman of the Year - Florida Memorial University Athletics

Freshman Chantel Barnett had a stellar freshman season, finishing as Florida Memorial's second-leading scorer.



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THE FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF BANDS  
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# SUNNY WINTER

A CONCERT BY THE FLORIDA MEMORIAL WIND ENSEMBLE

Richard Beckford, Director of Bands  
Michael D. Scott, Wind Ensemble Conductor

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY  
25TH**

*Music by*

Carter, Mackey, Tschesnokoff, and more!

7:00PM - FREE ENTRY - MASKS REQUIRED

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TUESDAY | MARCH 16 | 2021

10:30 a.m.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Kilan C. Ashad-Bishop

*Biomedical Scientist and Co-Founder of STEMNoire*

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Identity, and Diversity  
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GUEST SPEAKER

*Minister Cheryl Coleman*

SUNDAY, FEB 28TH 11:00AM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# VIRTUAL WRITING & MATH TUTORING



1.- Email us at [writinglab@fmuniv.edu](mailto:writinglab@fmuniv.edu)

2.- Include the following information: your name, name of your professor, and your student number.

3.- Attach your work along with the instructions and/or the rubric.

The writing lab is still here to provide assistance. You can contact us at [writinglab@fmuniv.edu](mailto:writinglab@fmuniv.edu) and send in your essays for revisions and feedback.

# SPOTLIGHT YOUR MESSAGE IN THE ROAR

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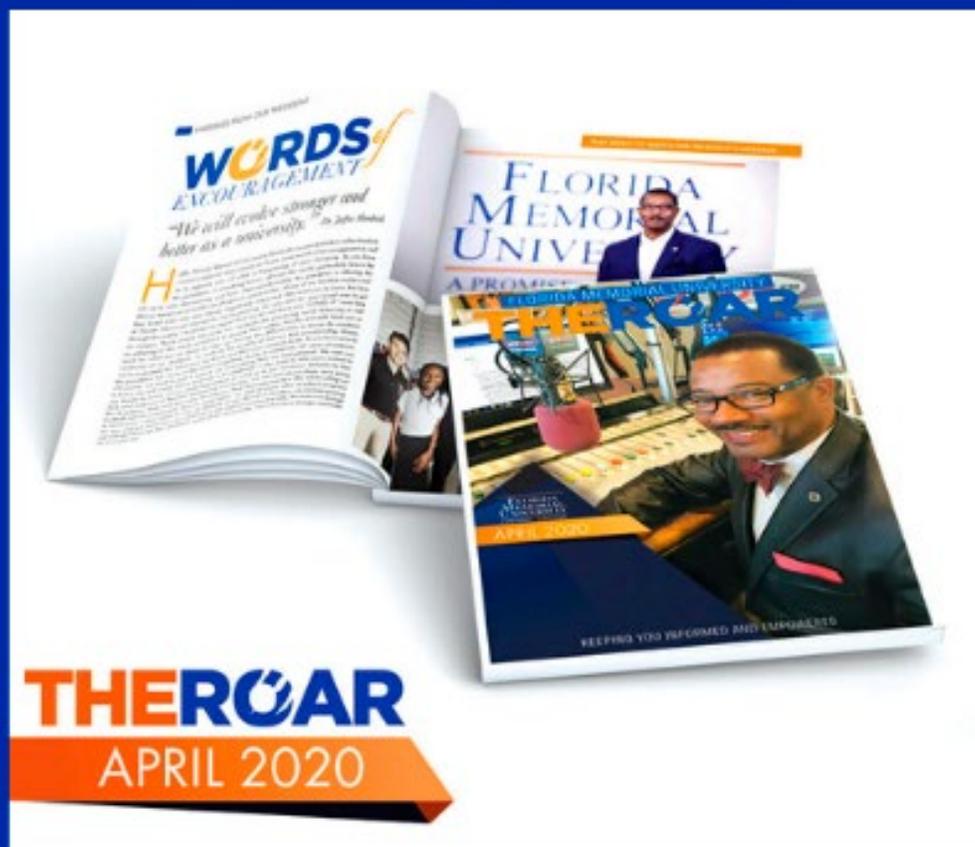
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# COME AND WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAYS

at Susie C. Holley Religious Center



Dr. Jeffrey Dean Swain, JD, PhD  
Dean of Campus Ministry

11:00 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE

Campus ministry livestream

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