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BERNNADETTE STANIS SCHEDULED TO VISIT UNIVERSITY FOR BOOK SIGNING



BernNadette Stanis

MIAMI GARDENS, FL [FEBRUARY 19, 2007] – BernNadette Stanis, the multi-talented actor best known for playing Thelma Evans on the 1970s sitcom “Good Times,” will visit the Lion Shop and Café Bookstore on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. to promote her new book entitled Relationships- The Good, The Bad . . . and The Ugly. During the visit, Mrs. Stanis will sign copies of her new book and explore the controversial subject during an in-depth discussion with guests in attendance. “We are thrilled to welcome BernNadette Stanis to our campus,” stated Mr. Hopeton Anderson, Director of Auxiliary Services and event coordinator. “I am certain that the campus family and general community will make it a priority to attend this special occasion,” he continued.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, BernNadette Stanis began performing as a dancer at the age of five. Once she realized her potential and exceptional acting ability in high school, she was accepted to The Julliard School and received her B.A. Degree in Drama. After winning the Miss New York Beauty Pageant, she was discovered by a director who was casting for “Good Times,” one of the first television sitcoms to feature an African-American family in prime time. Mrs. Stanis remained on the popular history-making sitcom for seven consecutive seasons playing the Evans family’s sassy, dramatic, and glamorous daughter Thelma, where she emerged as a 1970s icon symbolizing Black beauty, sex appeal,

and chic fashion. Once her sitcom days came to an end, she proceeded to expand her career in television, film and stage productions and later produced a couple of off-Broadway plays.

The “meet and greet” book signing featuring BernNadette Stanis is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (305) 626-3726.

Located in the City of Miami Gardens, Florida Memorial University is a private, historically Black institution offering 41 undergraduate degree programs and 4 graduate degree programs to a culturally diverse student body. Since its inception in 1879, the university has upheld a commitment to providing a solid foundation for thousands of young people and opening doors to educational opportunities that may have otherwise been closed to them. As South Florida’s ONLY Black university, it is widely recognized for being the birthplace of the Negro National Anthem, “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.” For more information, please contact the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs at (305) 626-3624.

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