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FLORIDA MEMORIAL TO RECEIVE A \$75,000 GRANT AWARD FROM BURGER KING'S "HAVE IT YOUR WAY" FOUNDATION

MIAMI GARDENS, FL [APRIL 4, 2007] – The Board of Trustees at Burger King's HAVE IT YOUR WAY Foundation, in partnership with the Tom Joyner Foundation, will issue Florida Memorial a \$75,000 grant award to fund its Corporate Scholars Program. The \$75,000 award will be disbursed to the institution in three installments of \$25,000 over a three-year period, and the first installment will be presented to university later this month.

Mr. Clyde Rucker, Senior Vice President of Global Communications and External Affairs of Burger King Corporation and a member of Florida Memorial's Board of Trustees, was instrumental in securing this monetary award for the university. He, along with Dr. Karl Wright, President of Florida Memorial University, stated that the money will be used to assist students in funding their undergraduate education and preparing for their proposed careers. "Thanks to the HAVE IT YOUR WAY Foundation, students are in a position to access an additional stream of scholarship money to prepare themselves to become practitioners in their respective fields," Dr. Wright explained. "We are committed to ensuring that the success rate of our students continues to increase through graduation, so receiving this grant award is definitely a step in the right direction," he continued.

As the charitable wing of the Burger King Corporation, the mission of the HAVE IT YOUR WAY Foundation is to impact local communities by addressing the needs of its clientele. According to www.haveityourwayfoundation.org, the foundation seeks to foster bonds across corporate barriers by supporting organizations that "alleviate hunger, prevent disease, and support youth programs." The foundation also advocates for the improvement of educational opportunities by offering scholarships to motivated students through the Burger King Scholars Program.

Over 100 Florida Memorial students are anticipated to receive a portion of the \$75,000 grant award through the Corporate Scholars Program. For more information, please contact Mr. Cory Witherspoon, Director of Development, at (305) 626-3609.

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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