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HOMECOMING 2008 IGNITES PRIDE IN THE PAST, VISION FOR THE FUTURE



Hip-hop star Lil' Boosie (left) and reggae artist Wayne Wonder are slated to perform during the Homecoming Greek Step Show and Concert.

MIAMI GARDENS, FL [JANUARY 11, 2008] – The annual Homecoming festivities will take place between February 1, 2008 and February 10, 2008 on the campus of Florida Memorial University (15800 NW 42nd Avenue in Miami Gardens). This year's theme is **“PRIDE IN THE PAST, VISION FOR THE FUTURE,”** which aims to set the tone for an energetic, student-centered celebration while offering diverse activities in which the school's valuable alumni and community supporters can also participate. In light of the intergenerational theme and Homecoming's placement within Black History Month, the Homecoming Committee looks forward to delivering a memorable affair that reflects the institution's rich heritage and highlights new traditions that educate and entertain.

J. Walter Hale, Director of Alumni Affairs and Homecoming Committee Co-Chairperson, expressed his desire for Homecoming to serve as an outlet for increasing students' school spirit and cultivating relationships among alumni. “Each year, we strive to move Homecoming to a plateau where it becomes more attractive for our alumni to see how far we have come to encourage their participation,” he said. “This year, we were just as determined to make Homecoming more of a student-friendly activity because we need their enthusiasm to keep the spirit of the school alive,” he added.

The Homecoming 2008 schedule can be viewed in its entirety at www.fmuniv.edu. Major events scheduled include the following:

Friday, February 8, 2008- “Spirit Day”

Event: Greek Step Show and Concert featuring Lil' Boosie and Wayne Wonder

Time: 7:00 pm

General Admission: \$25.00 in advance, \$50.00 at the door

Location: A. Chester Robinson Athletic Center at Florida Memorial University

Tickets can be purchased at the Lion Shop and Café (Campus Bookstore).

Saturday, February 9, 2008- “Lions Day”

Event: Homecoming Basketball Games: Florida Memorial University vs. College of the Bahamas

Time: 5:00 pm (Women’s Game), 7:00 pm (Men’s Game)

General Admission: \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door (for both games)

Location: A. Chester Robinson Athletic Center at Florida Memorial University

Tickets can be purchased at the Lion Shop and Café (Campus Bookstore).

Sunday, February 10, 2008- “Worship Day”

Event: “Gospel on the Green” Concert & Family Picnic

Special performances from Florida Memorial Ambassador Chorale, Florida Memorial Gospel Choir, and many more!

Time: 2:00 pm

General Admission: FREE

Location: Campus Front Lawn

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 historically Black University, it is widely recognized for being the birthplace of the Negro National Anthem, “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” and the home of student Barrington Irving, Jr., the first Black pilot and youngest pilot ever to fly solo around the world. For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (305) 626-3624 or visit www.fmuniv.edu.

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