

## Urban Affairs Personal Mention

### Florida Memorial University Personalities Wed



Florida Memorial University 1997 graduates Erhabor Onaiwu Ighodaro of Nigeria and the former Shannan Hanna of Nassau, Bahamas tied the knot on December 21, 2002 in a tropical courtyard setting at the Coco Plum Women's Club in Coral Gables with the Rev. Dr. Robert B. Ingram officiating. Dr. Ingram serves as pastor of the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church where the couple worships, as well as being the President's Assistant for Urban Affairs at Florida Memorial University.

The bride was stunning in a pleated white off-the-shoulder gown and 'given away' in marriage by her mother, Mrs. Faydora Hanna who wore African attire. Shannan wore a tiara in her hair which cascaded in ringlets, framing her radiant smile. Erhabor, the son of Chief and Mrs. Onaiwu Ighodaro, both deceased, was resplendent in a white tuxedo and tails, accessorized with a gray vest and bowtie. He was escorted by Mrs. Delores Ingram, Vice President of Bank of America.

Before approximately 150 guests, the Rev. Dr. Ingram exhorted the groom to take good care of his wife. In an emotional ceremony with the bride and bridesmaids maids shedding tears, the couple exchanged rings. They were joined by members of their families from the Bahamas and Nigeria and the U.S. and colleagues and friends from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Florida Memorial University, including Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Karl S. Wright and Mrs. Wright.



Dinner was served inside a beautifully decorated and romantically lit room where entertainment, music and toasts by family and friends of the couple later took place. After, the bride and groom switched from their traditional Western wedding attire and changed to African wedding dress and joined the Ighodaro family in a Nigerian dance ceremony. The wedding was featured in the society pages of the July 14, 2003 issue of JET magazine.

The couple met when Erhabor came to Florida Memorial University on a basketball scholarship and Shannan came from the Bahamas to complete an accounting degree. Erhabor graduated with a B.S. degree in Criminal justice while Shannan graduated with a B.S. degree in Accounting.

Both went on to post-graduate studies with Shannan completing a MBA from Nova Southeastern University and Erhabor completing a Masters Degree in Justice Administration from St. Thomas University. He is currently in his second year of Law School at Nova Southeastern University.

Both Shannan and Erhabor were active on Florida Memorial University's campus with Shannan being an honor student and member of the Ambassador Chorale. Erhabor served as captain of "Lions" Basketball. Both received several honors while on campus - Erhabor was the 1997 recipient of the Bryant Gumbel/UNCF Scholarship and Shannon received the National Association for Black Accountants (NABA) award in 1996.

Shannan and Erhabor continue to be active in the community. Erhabor was recently elected President of the Rotary Club of Opa-Locka while Shannan, is a United Way Ambassador and NAACP member.

The couple honeymooned in Brazil and reside in Miami, Florida