The President’s Message:

Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association Salutes the Military!

This issue is dedicated to Veterans. Today, we honor Our Veterans. This is a small thank-you for your service to all those who served so proudly in the United States Armed Forces.

We should thank them for all they sacrifice so we can have a better life on these shores.

Margaret Porter-Hall
President, FMUNAA

“There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone’s life.”

Sister Mary Rose McGeady
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Fellow Alumni,

2014 has been an exciting year of development for us. We are thrilled to have launched the FMUNAA newsletter and welcome our new leadership team. In the upcoming year, we have more initiatives lined up and hope that you will continue supporting us.

FMUNAA is constantly working on how we can better communicate with our alumni and are always delighted to hear about your work, interests and accomplishments. We hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletter, and appreciate receiving your feedback. Please provide us with your most recent contact information so that we can send you regular updates on FMUNAA news and events.

Kind regards,

Nikki Orr
FMUNAA Communications Chair
2014-2016

FMUNAA Devoted Alumni Entrepreneurs

Featured Alumni: Barbara Robinson - Be U Productions, Inc.

The Florida Memorial University Alumni Association recognizes devoted alumni entrepreneurs who have pledged their support to Florida Memorial University and their community. Established on January 10, 2009, Be U Productions, Inc., founders Brenda Floyd and Bessie Campbell and the Board of Directors, wanted to give back to their community and help young ladies in the inner city area and potential students of Florida Memorial University.

Be U Productions, Inc. board members were concerned about the future of young ladies, the high crime statistics, increased teen pregnancy, and the high school dropout rate in the community were a few of their concerns. The organization sprang into action with a plan to make a difference.

This program dedicated to mentoring young ladies in developing respect for themselves and others; promote excellence in mind, body, spirit, and empower young ladies, through positive relationships. Also, it addresses issues facing today’s young women such as: self-esteem, making conscientious life decisions, and social interaction through positive group and one-on-one sessions. The group had been meeting at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church. Since the church’s relocation from 17th Avenue and 66th Street, Be U Productions is seeking a new meeting location. FMUNAA member and Be U Productions board member, Barbara Robinson, said “addressing the need for positive enforcement must continue. We are meeting in member’s homes, but we are prayerful a permanent meeting location will be found.”
Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association

Strengthening Our Community with

FMUNAA Volunteers Help Build Magnolia North Community Park Playground

More than 100 volunteers including representatives from FMUNAA joined forces on Saturday, October 11, 2014 to help the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation (OLCDC) and its partners build phase two of the new Magnolia North Community Park located at 2132 Ali Baba Avenue, Opa-locka, FL 33054. The new playground provides an additional resource for kids in the community to get the play they need to help them become healthy and successful adults. The new play space was funded through a grant from MetLife Foundation and Cypress Financial Group.

FMUNAA Volunteers Assist with Free Food Distribution

Volunteers from FUMNAA assisted with handing out food packages including fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, and other grocery items to needy families on October 25, 2014, at Charles R. Drew K-8 Center, 1775 NW 60th Street, Miami, FL 33142. FMUNAA was honored to provide assistance to Florida State Representative for District 109 Cynthia Stafford and Farm Share in distributing food to families facing hardships. Farm Share, a non-profit organization, provides surplus food and distributes it free of charge to individuals, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, churches, and other organizations feeding the needy in our state.

FMUNAA Volunteers

What is a FMUNAA volunteer? A FMUNAA volunteer is an active member of FMUNAA or a family member or friend of an active FMUNAA member who gives without compensation, of his or her time and talent to aid in activities, programs, and events of worthy community organizations on behalf of FMUNAA. Volunteers help make it possible for FMUNAA to complete its mission to provide the best service possible for Florida Memorial University and the alumni association.

Don’t forget to wear your FMUNAA paraphernalia when you volunteer for our upcoming volunteer opportunities!
Regional Vice-President Corner

Ann McNeill, FMUNAA Southern Region VP, 2013-Present

As a successful entrepreneur in the construction industry and being the very 1st African American woman with a General Contracting license in the State of Florida, Ann McNeill has been blazing trails since the very beginning. With her unique background and unprecedented success, Ann McNeill is now focusing on building people to have stronger and better quality lives. As a professional speaker and life coach, Ann speaks to audiences both locally and nationally, as a living example of what it takes to maintain a commitment to the work-life balance success principles that stem from Napoleon Hill’s Think & Grow Rich. Consequently, she has been featured in Black Enterprise Magazine, USA Today, and ABC’s World News.

As the renowned leader of the International Mastermind Association, Ann McNeill challenges others to lead lives that include an array of work-life balance principles that teaches people to reach their potential with the help of accountability partners. This has helped people achieve their goals and enjoy a successful life that gives them freedom and balance.

Not long after receiving her undergraduate degree in accounting from Florida Memorial University, and her graduate degree in finance from Barry University, Ann started her own company, MCO Construction & Services, Inc., known as “a small company with a large presence,” which has performed construction with a combined value in excess of $110 million and offers general contracting, construction management and outreach & compliance services.

Ann’s experience has also led her to start two non-profits, the International Mastermind Association and the Association of Black Women in Construction.

Ann is happily married to Daniel McNeill. They have two daughters, Danielle and Ionnie McNeill, and one grandson, Malachi Monroe.

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National Alumni Spotlight

CPT Eric “KO” Wilson Sr

CPT Eric “KO” Wilson Sr. MBA attended Miami Carol City Senior High and graduated in 1986. Soon after High School he enlisted in the US Navy and served on Active Duty for 10 years. After the Navy, he returned home and joined the Florida Army National Guard in 1996. After numerous deployments overseas, he then attended Officer Candidate School at Camp Blanding Reserve Training Center, Starke, Fl., where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He attended the Ordnance Officer Basic Course and earned his branch qualification in Ordnance.

CPT Wilson served one tour in Afghanistan, one tour in Bosnia and two tours in Iraq. For his final tour in Iraq he was assigned to 15th Sustainment Brigade, Combined Security Transition Command-Iraq and served as a Route Recon advisor, in support of Convoy missions out of Mosul, Iraq.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Florida Memorial University, A Master of Arts in Transportation & Logistics Management from American Military University and another Master of Science in Business Management from the University of Texas.

CPT Wilson is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and he serves as his local chapter Treasurer, and the Florida Sigma’s South East District Director. He was nominated as the Chapters Sigma Man of the Year, as well as Florida Sigma Man of the Year.

His awards and decorations include, the U.S. Army Parachutist Badge, the Combat Arms Badge, Bronze Star (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, The Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one campaign star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2 device) and the NATO Medal.
E. Randy Dupree
Civic Community Leader

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Dupree was educated at Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine. Mr. Dupree worked over 26 years where he was Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Programs. Randy sits on numerous boards of directors and has multiple awards including the Presidential citation for exemplary work for the National Association of Equal Opportunity and Higher Education and the Rockefeller Award for distinguished public service. Although officially retired Randy serves as Commander of Harlem’s famous American Legion, Colonel Charles Young Post #398 on West 32nd Street, as Chairman of the Board of Harlem Commonwealth Council, as board member of Last Coast Development Corporation in Washington, DC and he and his wife own a consulting firm, Dupree Environmental Consultants.

Colonel Norma J. Ely

Colonel Norma J. Ely, is the second child of four and grew up in Columbus, Ohio and graduated from Mifflin Senior High School in 1981. She enlisted into the United States Army Reserves as a private as a light wheel vehicle mechanic and left Columbus Ohio in 1982 to attend one of the historical black colleges Florida Memorial University in Miami Florida. COL Ely is a 1986 graduate of Florida Memorial University where she was one of the first two graduates to earn a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in the Aviation Science Program. COL Ely is the second Florida Memorial student commissioned to Second Lieutenant in one of the best leadership courses in the country, the United States Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). COL Ely has served in the United States Army Reserves for twenty nine years and is currently serving as the Group Commander of the 206TH Regional Support Group (RSG), in Springfield IL.

In COL Ely’s civilian occupation, she has been an Air Traffic Control Specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration for the past twenty six years in the Air Traffic Organization’s Terminal Air Traffic Control Towers and is currently working as the Air Traffic Manager at one of our world’s highest visibility airports, Andrews Air Traffic Control Tower on Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland and is responsible for all departures and arrivals of our President of the United States, the Vice President, their families and all Distinguish Visitors into the Washington DC area.

Colonel Walt Weatherington
Veteran of the Navy and Army

Walt entered Florida Memorial College in September 1967 in St. Augustine, Florida and assisted in moving the college to Miami during the summer of 1968. Drafted into the military in 1970, he returned to FMC in 1975, graduating in 1977 with a degree in Physical Education. He returned to Sarasota, Florida and founded the Sarasota Alumni Chapter in 1978. Reentering the military in September 1979, he continued to support college activities whenever possible and collaborated with other graduates to form the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter in 1989. In 1995, he volunteered to serve on the Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association (FMUNAA).

Lisa Weatherington

A retired United States Army is a Medical Service Corps Colonel who served in command and staff positions over a span of almost 30 years. Prior to this assignment, she was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, the installation G-1 and Troop

Autley F. Salahad-Din
Specialist 5th Class

*Autley Reid pictured center:

Raised in a military family, he grew up in Jacksonville, FL and graduated from Florida Memorial College. His father also served in the Army and younger brother retired from Army, 101st Airbourne Division.
Honoring Our Heroes
Florida Memorial University's National Alumni Association Honors Our Veterans

Levan Porter, Jr
United States Marine Corp.

Eddie Horne, Jr.
United States Coast Guard
Brother of FMU alumni Michael Horne.

Marcus Horne
Grew up in Miami, FL and graduated from Carol City Senior High School. In 1990, he enlisted in the United States Army.

Robert Tucker
Brother of FMU alumni James Tucker, served in Germany and retired postal worker.

Willie Brinson, FMU graduate and veteran of the United States Army

Darren Bryant, FMU graduate and veteran of the United States Army

Willie Walker, FMU graduate and veteran of the United States Army

Welcome Lifetime Member
Mr. James Tucker!

It's Time To Renew Your Membership

The FMU National Alumni Association depends on YOU to
Carry on the operational expenses of our organization.

Regular membership $56
June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015

If you are not a member of the association, please join!

Please turn to page 8 of this newsletter to fill out the Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association Application.
Nine students received a total of $7,400 from the Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association (FMUNAA) Tag Scholarship fund. The Tag Scholarship is an initiative established by National Alumni in recognition of the financial need of students to complete their education while matriculating at FMU. The Tag Scholarship is a needs-based, community-supported endeavor with the goal of enabling students who attend FMU to receive assistance. Over the past 5 years more than $100,000.00 has been awarded to students. The funds are generated from the sale of FMU Tags from alumni, family and friends.

Incomplete applications are not considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Awards were made during the Fall 2014 Term. Next awards will be given in Spring 2014. Autley F. Salahud-Din -Scholarship Committee Chairman- said “we are very proud of the support Alumni, family and friends give to the students through the purchase of FMU Tags.”

If you have any questions, please call Alumni Affairs Office at 305.626.3658.

News from Atlanta:

Georgia Alumni Chapter

From: Sandra James, President of the Georgia Alumni Chapter By: Nikki Orr

The Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association Georgia Alumni Chapter is booming and we are thrilled to have new members get involved. We thank all of those alumni who came out to support the Georgia Alumni Chapter. The chapter not only celebrated having new members but the 91st birthday of one of our Florida Memorial University Alumni from the class of 1946. It’s truly an honor to have the opportunity to celebrate 91 years of life and be able to apply years of knowledge when tutoring and mentoring our young alumni, as well as the potential for the intergenerational transmission of wisdom.

We can develop an understanding of pertinent issues with our university that have been relevant for a matter of years and provide a basis for the creation of methods to better our alma mater, give back to our students and enhance the efforts of the

Florida Memorial University’s National Alumni Association as a whole.

Pictured Above: Florida Memorial University Alumni , Fannie Hart Class of 1946
Left: Junior Year at FMC
Right: Nov 1st, 91st Birthday

“Those who improve with age embrace the power of personal growth and personal achievement and begin to replace youth with wisdom, innocence with understanding, and lack of purpose with self-actualization.”

-Bo Bennett

Criteria Requirements:

- Must be in good academic standings (2.5 and above GPA)
- Must be currently a full time student (all classifications allowed)
- Must have a financial need considering only shortage to register or to clear for graduation
- Freshmen (second semester only) and Sophomore scholarship award max. $500; Junior scholarship award max. $1000.00; Senior scholarship award max $2,500.

FMUNAA Awards Tag Scholarships to Students

Help Students Stay on Track

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Applicants are only eligible to receive a ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIP award. Students must complete and submit the FMUNAA Tag Scholarship Application and provide documented evidence of financial need.
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join Florida Memorial University’s Alumni Association Today!

SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION - Please provide the requested information as appropriate.

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________ (Last, First, Middle, Maiden)

Address_________________________ City ______________________ State ________ Zip ___________

Telephone: h. (    ) _______ - _______ Cell (    ) _______ - _______ Email _____________________________

Class Year _____ Sex: M /F _____ DOB ______________ Organization Affiliation ___________________

Occupation: ____________________________________________________________________________

SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP (check only one)

FMUNAA fiscal year is June 1 through May 30. All renewals are due August 1 of each year. You will receive a renewal notification prior to July 1st.

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Please make check or money order payable to: Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association.

Mail to: ATTN: Office of Alumni Affairs 15800 NW 42nd Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054

Amount Enclosed $ _________ Payment Type: (  ) Check  #______(    ) Money Order/Cashier/Check

I am making this application to become a financial member of Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association. I agree to comply and abide by FMUNAA Constitution and Bylaws.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

National Dues & Life Membership Payment(s) please select and indicate amount below:

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See below for National local chapter membership (for chapter use only):

Alachua Chapter
Atlanta/Greater Georgia Chapter
Bahamas Chapter
Brevard Chapter
Broward Chapter
Central Florida
Ft. Lauderdale Chapter
Historical St. Augustine Chapter
Jacksonville Chapter
Miami North Dade Chapter
New York City/Eastern
North Florida Chapter
Palm Beach/Pompano Chapter
Panama City/Tallahassee Chapter
St. Petersburg Chapter
Southwest Florida Chapter
Tampa Chapter
Trinidad & Tobago Chapter
Virgin Island Chapter
Washington, D.C.
Don't see your city, state or country? Are you interested in starting an alumni chapter in your area? It is our responsibility and honor to assist new group leaders and work with them to identify other alumni who will support the chapter. Please contact Florida Memorial University Office of Alumni Affairs at 305-626-3658 to start the process.

MEMBERSHIP

The mission of FMUNAA is to maintain lifelong relationships between the University and its alumni. Collection of FMUNAA membership funds is a vital source of support for our work in helping develop alumni chapters across the nation, assisting the university in recruiting students, recognizing and rewarding distinguished alumni, raising scholarship funds for current Florida Memorial students, giving to the UNCF and supporting various university initiatives.

Categories of Membership:

**Alumni:**
All persons who have enrolled for a minimum of 15 academic hours as a student at Florida Memorial University or who have participated in any academic program at Florida Memorial University.

**Recent Graduate:** within one year of graduation date from University with Degree

**Lifetime:**
An alumnus paying the $1,500.00 assessment will acquire Life Membership status with the payment of $1,500. All persons with Life Membership status shall be exempt from paying national dues for the remainder of their life, but are required to pay all applicable annual region and chapter dues to be considered an active member (member in good standing) of the FMUNAA. Applications may be filed through the national office, chartered chapter or Office of Alumni Affairs.

**Affiliate/Associate Friend:**
Persons who have an interest in the University and support the mission of the FMUNAA, regardless if they are Florida Memorial alumni or not, will be considered a Friend. Friends may include current student, parents of students and faculty of the University.

**Honorary:**
Persons who have evidenced an interest in, or who have rendered outstanding serve to, the University and the FMUNAA and who have been selected by the FMUNAA Board of Directors as Honorary Alumni. Each member agrees to be bound by the FMUNAA Constitution, Bylaws and by any rules and regulations adopted the FMUNAA Board of Directors.

Why become a MEMBER?
- Membership in the FMUNAA strengthens our alma mater and is a tangible way to show LION pride. Your membership enhances the value of a FMUNAA education and enables the NAA to do great things for our students and alma mater.
- University ranking organizations, such as U.S. News & World Report, look at alumni engagement as one of several measures used to rank universities in the United States. Your membership in the FMUNAA increases the university’s prestige.

To join online, visit www.fmu.edu. For more information, call the FMUNAA Office of Alumni Affairs at 305-626-3658.

Show your Lion’s Pride! Join & become active in FMUNAA today!!!

*Chapter dues are paid directly to the individual chapter and not the National Association.*

**BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

As a member of FMUNAA, you will receive:

- Membership card
- Voting privileges at all national meetings
- Ability to nominate candidates for national office
- Eligible to hold national office if elected
- Eligible to serve on national committees