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FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JAMES E.C. PERRY
TO SERVE AS GUEST SPEAKER AT FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY’S
FALL CONVOCATION CEREMONY

MIAMI GARDENS, FL (September 8, 2014) – On Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 10:30AM, Florida Memorial University President Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis will be joined by members of The Florida Memorial University Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students to welcome Florida Supreme Court Justice James E.C. Perry who will serve as the university’s Fall convocation guest speaker. Justice Perry will be introduced by celebrated South Florida attorney H.T. Smith, Esq.

Justice Perry was the first African-American appointed to the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in 2000. Following his appointment to the circuit court bench, Justice Perry ran unopposed to retain his seat. Justice Perry, who was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist, is the 85th Justice to take office at the Florida Supreme Court since statehood was granted in 1845.

The Fall convocation ceremony is the official gathering of the University family and community-at-large to welcome freshmen into the Academy as well as a time to celebrate the University’s rich historical legacy.

WHO: Florida Memorial University President, Roslyn Clark Artis
Florida Supreme Court Justice James E.C. Perry
Members of the Florida Memorial Board of Trustees
WHEN:    Thursday, September 11, 2014, 10:30 AM

WHERE:    Susie C. Holley Religious Center (Chapel)

            15800 NW 42nd Avenue, Miami Gardens,
            Florida 33054

INFO:    For more information, call Erica McKinney, JD, Director, Public Affairs

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Photographer’s Note: Faculty and staff will be dressed in academic regalia and first year
students will line the University’s main driveway to greet the faculty procession line.

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About Florida Memorial University
Located in the City of Miami Gardens, Florida Memorial University is a private, historically Black institution that offers 34 undergraduate degree programs, 15 concentrations, and five graduate degree programs to a culturally diverse student body. Since its inception in 1879, the University has upheld a commitment to provide a solid foundation for thousands of young people and to open doors to educational opportunities that may have otherwise been closed to them. As South Florida’s only Historically Black College or University (HBCU), it is widely recognized as the birthplace of the Negro National Anthem, “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.” For more information: Call (305) 626-3600 or visit

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