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Press Announcement

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY (FMU) AVIATION STUDENT RECEIVES \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM COMMISSIONER KEN RUSSELL AND THE CITY OF MIAMI

(Miami Gardens, FL, August 28, 2018 – On March 20, 2018, Bahamian Sculpture Antonious Roberts, unveiled a work of art in the likeness of Mariah Brown, in a courtyard on FMUs campus. Brown, originally from the Bahamas, was the first Black to ever purchase property in Coconut Grove after her arrival around 1886.

Today, FMU President Jaffus Hardrick, held a special luncheon for: James Jackson, Special Aide to Commissioner Ken Russell, Linda Diane Mackey, Bahamian Consul General, Sandra P. Carey, Deputy Consul General; Horace Hord and Elena Carpenter-Smith, both members of FMUs Board of Trustees, along with several members of FMUs staff, and one very happy FMU aviation student, Danisha Green.

When Green, who is attending FMU, woke this morning she had no idea, she would receive \$5,000 by lunchtime. “I’m grateful to be at this University and to be the recipient of this scholarship,” said Danisha.

“This tribute has galvanized a group of people who have been underserved in our community,” stated James Jackson.

“It’s a great source of joy that this statue came from Mariah Brown. Imagine, back in that day being a Black woman and buying property? You (Danisha) can be Mariah Brown and change the world, one step at a time,” said FMU Trustee Elena Carpenter-Smith.

From finding a home for the artwork at FMU, to awarding Danisha the scholarship, both FMU Trustees Hord and Carpenter were instrumental in bringing this significant project to FMU.

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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 37 undergraduate degree programs and four graduate degree programs to a culturally diverse student body. Since its inception in 1879, the University has upheld a commitment to provide an academic education solid foundation built upon the pillars of leadership, character, and service. As South Florida's only Historically Black College or University (HBCU), it is widely recognized as the birthplace of the Black National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing. For more information call 305 623 1452 or visit www.fmuniv.edu.

FMU is among the leading HBCUs in the nation leveraging partnerships with public and corporate partners to develop academic training and certification programs in emerging markets such as Energy and Environmental Science, Cybersecurity, Homeland Security and Computer Information Technology. FMU also offers a robust study abroad program and award-winning Broadcast Communications and Public Relations programs.

The university is also part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Sun Conference and offers eight collegiate sports programs, including men/women's basketball, men/women soccer, men/women's track and field, baseball and volleyball.

FMU offers 28 undergraduate degree majors and three graduate degree majors. The University holds a 92% retention rate for program participants. More than 14% of the student population are international students representing Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and Africa.