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Media Announcement

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY ALUMS NAMED TOP EDUCATORS



FMU Interim President Jaffus Hardrick celebrates the recent recognition of FMU alumna Stephanie Pierre (center) and Latoya Porter (right) as two of Legacy's Top Black Educators in South Florida.

Miami Gardens, FL- Florida Memorial University (FMU) alumnae are being recognized for their contributions in and out of the classroom. Legacy South Florida, the publication of record for South Florida's Black influencers, has selected two FMU alumnae Stephanie Pierre and Latoya Porter among its 2018 class of Top Black Educators. The recipients were formally honored with their pictures published in Legacy's Education issue and showcased during a recent reception.

"The FMU family applauds Ms. Pierre's and Ms. Porter's accomplishments. Having these educators recognized with this prestigious honor is proof that FMU prepares its students to reach any desired professional ambition and compete in the global marketplace," said FMU Interim President Jaffus Hardrick. "I am proud our Lions are being highlighted for their years of hard work and dedication to training tomorrow's leaders."

Both alumnae graduated from Florida Memorial University's School of Education. The award-winning Lions are Stephanie Pierre, an educator with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Ms. Pierre, a member of the class of 2013, earned her B.S. in Elementary Education/ESOL; and an M.S. in Reading/ESOL, both from FMU. She also serves on the university's adjunct faculty. Latoya Porter is a 2010 graduate and reading coach with M-DCPS. Ms. Porter earned her B.S. in Elementary Education/ESOL; an M.Ed. in

Elementary Education; and an M.S. in Reading/ESOL, all from FMU. She is currently pursuing an education doctorate at a local university.

FMU's School of Education produces highly qualified teachers that are capable of providing quality instruction to K-12 learners in a diverse society. Led by dean, Dr. Idriss Abdoulaye, the school offers State of Florida-approved bachelor's degrees in Combined Elementary Education/ESOL, Exceptional Education ESOL (K-12), English / ESOL (6-12), Mathematics (6-12), Biology (6-12), and Social Science (6-12). On the graduate level, the school offers master's degrees in Computer Education Technology, Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education, and Reading.

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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.
