

Media Announcement

FMU's Tino Burgos earns Miami Marlins' 'HBCU Coach of the Year' honors



FMU Baseball Coach Tino Burgos (Courtesy of FMU's Sports Information Department)

Miami Gardens, FL (September 21, 2018) – Major League Baseball's Miami Marlins recently honored Florida Memorial University's Baseball Coach Tino Burgos as HBCU Coach of the Year. The Marlins will present the award to Burgos tonight before the first pitch of its game against the Cincinnati Reds. Coach Burgos and his coaching staff had an outstanding season finishing third in the Sun Conference for the first time in school history. During the regular season, his team knocked off three top-ranked conference rivals, including the NAIA National Champions.

"Coach Burgos is an outstanding coach and a great developer of young men," said FMU Athletic Director Percy L. Caldwell, Ph.D. "Having Coach Burgos recognized as the HBCU Coach of the Year is a tremendous honor for us here at FMU. We are proud to celebrate his accomplishments."

Burgos is entering his third season at the helm of FMU's Baseball program. The Miami-native earned All-County and All-State honors while playing baseball at Dade Christian School. He played collegiately at a local university earning All-Regional Team honors and was an NCAA Division 1 Regional Champion. Following his collegiate career, he was signed by the Kalamazoo Kings of the Frontier-Independent League. In 2002, he earned All-Star honors. Additionally, Burgos operates Tropics Baseball, which organizes fall baseball leagues.

"I appreciate this recognition from the Miami Marlins. The 2018 season was exciting and we achieved great success. I am proud that we are headed in the right direction toward establishing a premier baseball program

and building a tradition of winning within our Florida Memorial community,” said Burgos, a 1996 Gatorade Player of the Year Finalist. “I thank FMU for giving me the opportunity to lead its baseball program. And, I also thank everyone in the athletic program for their help and support in our success.”

For more information on the program or media inquiries, contact FMU Sports Information Director Alfonso Alvarez, at alfonso.alvarez@fmuniv.edu or 305-626-3194.

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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.
