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FAMU NAA Miami-Dade Chapter Newsletter
FALL 2020 (September - November 2020)

**DECEMBER 1 -
JANUARY 31**

Miami-Dade Chapter

**MEMBERSHIP
COMPETITION
EXTENSION**

The top 3 chapter members that recruit the most new members before **January 31, 2021** will win a prize!

1ST PLACE - \$500 Target Gift Card

2ND PLACE - \$100 Target Gift Card

3RD PLACE - Miami-Dade Chapter Polo

You must recruit at least 5 members in order to qualify for the prizes!

-All chapter members eligible (except Pres, VP, and Treasurer)

-Recruited member must list your name in memo area of check/money order or on referral line on application form

-Competition ends on January 31, 2021; make sure memberships are in by then! GOOD LUCK!

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Final 2019-2020 Membership: 114
 Membership Goal: 200
 Percentage of Goal: 57%

As of 12/16/2020

Current Scholarship Amount: \$2,490.88

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 19 - Chapter Meeting
- 20 thru 1/10 - MLK Day of Service Registry
- 22 - Emma Bowen Intern App Due

February

- 18 - Chapter Meeting

March

- 20 - Chapter Meeting

January

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 16 - Chapter Meeting
- 31 - End of Membership Competition



56 MILES TO INFINITY

DENETRA COLLINS - After being quarantined for a few months, working from home, and wanting to move a little, our Recording Secretary, Tracey Jackson, decided she would jump on her bike for a little exercise. Jumping on her bike back in June has turned into so much more.

On October 31, 2020, Tracey and six other cyclists took to the streets of South Florida to do a 56 mile ride! This ride was in loving memory of her brother Delroy who lived in the United Kingdom who had recently passed away at the age of 56. In this special tribute to him, "56 Miles to Infinity," money was raised for cancer research in the United Kingdom and donated in her brother's name.

The morning of the ride, Tracey was a little "antsy" as she thought the ride might not happen. Although she had been training to prepare for it, this was her first ride of this length. It rained all night long and there was water everywhere, but her cycling team was ready and encouraged her to push forward with this trek. There was a slight delay as they regrouped. It was still overcast and light rain showers were still happening. But, at about 8:55 AM, over an hour after their anticipated start time, they were off!

In the misty rain, they zig-zagged their way along the streets of Dade and Broward counties. They had a few hiccups along the way, but the team kept pedaling. What they anticipated to take three to four hours took a little longer, but they completed the ride and created an amazing bond. Might I add, this group of cyclists had only met each other about three months before this ride, at a cycling event. They have since completed several other big rides together including a one hundred mile, "Century Ride"! Congratulations to Tracey and her fellow cyclists!

Keep pedaling! Delroy Forever!



FAMU'S 133RD BIRTHDAY

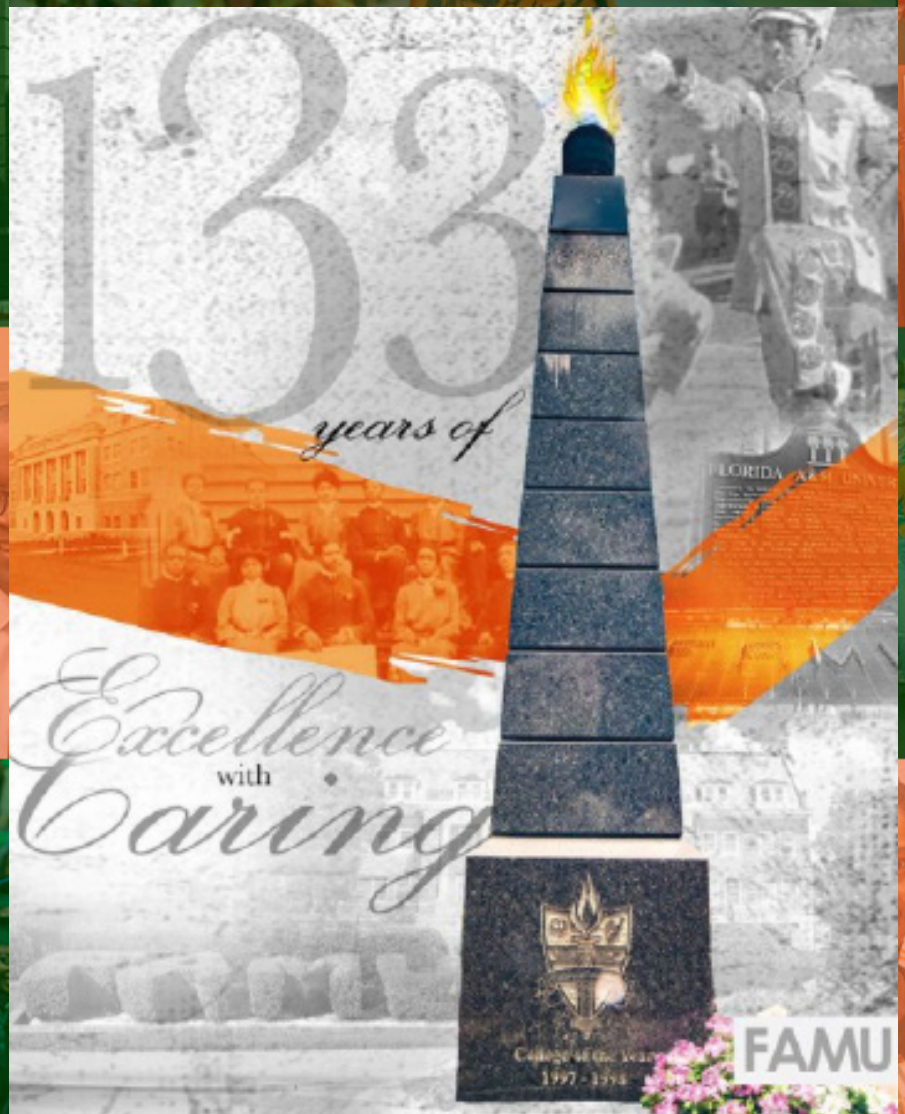
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VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP *Summit*

SAVE THE DATE | **OCT 3** | 10 AM
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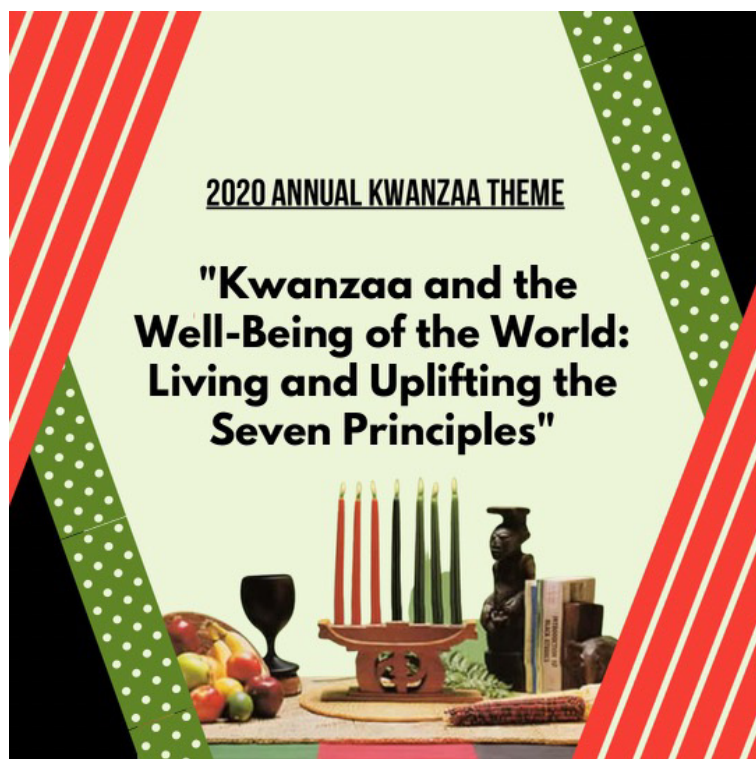
- FAMU NAA GENERAL BODY MEETING
- STATE OF FAMU ATHLETICS
- SGA UPDATE
- STATE OF FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY FUNDRAISING
- RECRUITING STUDENTS IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT
- ADVOCATING IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT
- FAMU VIRTUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



HAPPY KWANZAA!

Probably one of the most misunderstood holidays on the calendar, Kwanzaa is often mired in mystery, mischaracterized as a religious holiday or as a celebration for the ultra "woke" crowd. While Kwanzaa does have pan-African roots (hinted by the black, red, and green colors) it can be described as an African-American focused holiday that reflects on the African ancestral past, the present, the future descendants that will carry on their respective legacies, and the principles that are meant to guide life accordingly.

Founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966, Kwanzaa is derived from the Swahili term *matunda ya kwanza*, a phrase that means "first fruits". First fruit festivals are celebrated by many groups in southern Africa. These events traditionally marked a time of prosperity during the harvest seasons. Though originally created as a Christmas alternative, Dr. Karenga changed his position so that it could be embraced by all faiths – in fact many that celebrate Kwanzaa also celebrate Christmas.



2020 ANNUAL KWANZAA THEME

"Kwanzaa and the Well-Being of the World: Living and Uplifting the Seven Principles"



Probably the most notable symbol of Kwanzaa is the kinara, the candle holder that holds seven candles. The seven candles are representative of the seven life principles that are celebrated each of the seven days of the holiday. One candle is lit each day, starting with the black (Unity) candle and then alternating red and green until all of the candles are lit on the seventh day. These principles are not mutually exclusive and are to be used in combination to craft a fulfilling life. The principles are as follows:

- December 26 - UMOJA - Unity
- December 27 - KUJICHAGULIA - Self-Determination
- December 28 - UJIMA - Collective Work & Responsibility
- December 29 - UJAMMA - Cooperative Economics
- December 30 - NIA - Purpose
- December 31 - KUUMBA - Creativity
- January 1 - IMANI - Faith

Celebrate Kwanzaa everyday, not just during the holiday season!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - THE CALM WITHIN THE STORM

Well, welcome to December! What a year! Before we get too excited, it's important to remember that things won't automatically go back to "normal" on January 1, 2021. As amazing as that would be, the safeguards and precautions that are in place will likely be around for the foreseeable future.

On a more optimistic note, thank you for your commitment throughout such a difficult year! It definitely doesn't go unnoticed. Our chapter is only as strong as our membership. That being said, I hope that you all compete in our membership drive! I look forward to handing out a few gift cards at the end of January.

While the gifting of prizes is definitely a plus, the camaraderie and fellowship that we have with other Rattlers (even virtually!) is what makes the Miami-Dade Chapter so special to me. My hope for 2021 is that Rattlers and Rattler supporters across Miami-Dade County come to realize

that our Chapter is truly the conduit to what happens in Tallahassee and that together we can affect change on a magnificent scale – within our chapter, our region, our neighborhoods and communities, our University, and our society.

Finally, I hope two things. I hope that amongst all of the chaos and frustration and distress that 2020 has brought you that you somehow still saw the good in your fellow man, though it may have been difficult to detect. I also hope that during this upheaval that you were able to find a sense of calm and were able to channel that into personal growth. As the legendary Maya Angelou proclaimed, "Nothing will work unless you do".

Thanks for all that you do Miami-Dade. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Masekela II

How many FAMU related phrases can you find? Test your skill!

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CONGRATS TO THE FALL 2020 GRADS!



WRITERS AND CONTENT WANTED!

Do you have a penchant for writing opinion pieces?

Would you like to flex your short story chops? Maybe you have a riddle or a joke that you want to share with the readership?

Do you have any pictures from Rattlers "back in the day"?

We'd love to showcase your talents and/or keepsakes! Send an email to info@miamidadefamunaa.org and put "Thy Noble Shrine" in the subject line.

We hope to hear from you!



OFFICIAL CHAPTER POLOS & SHIRTS



We know how eager our members are to share the great news of the Miami-Dade Chapter. To accentuate that eagerness, the chapter has embroidered polos and screen printed t-shirts available for sale! The polos are \$35 each and come in a dark green or orange color and the shirts are \$20 each and are black or white. See the payment information to the right. Make sure to include your size and color when you submit payment!

All donations/payments can be submitted via:

Mail (check and money orders only!) to
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Miami, FL 33168

OR

PayPal: paypal.me/mdfamunaa

OR

Cash App: \$MDFAMUNAA

Happy Holidays

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