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FAMU NAA Miami-Dade Chapter Newsletter
WINTER 2020 (December 2020- February 2021)



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ORANGE BLOSSOM CLASSIC
**SUMMER
BREEZE**

Soirée

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

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As of 3/15/2021

2020 - 2021 Membership: 143
 Membership Goal: 200
 Percentage of Goal: 72%

Current Scholarship Amount: \$3,430.99

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - FROM THE HEART

Welcome to 2021, Miami-Dade! It's hard to believe that at the release of this newsletter, we are already about 25% through this year. Still, so much has happened over these past three months, while some things have stayed the same.

The COVID-19 pandemic rages on and South Florida is once again a hotspot. Don't let your guard down Rattlers! Keep those masks up and get vaccinated! I was fortunate enough to be at the right place and right time and have gotten my first dose (at Miami-Dade College North Campus) but I was appalled at the lack of black representation that was getting vaccinated along with me. Our communities have been hit the hardest by COVID so it is imperative that we encourage our family, friends, and loved ones to schedule time to get vaccinated. The proverbial light seems to be at the end of the tunnel. It would be a shame to be so close only for cases to spike back up and force closures nationwide again.

Also, chapter elections are on the horizon again. Technically, it hasn't been two full years since our last elections – we amended our bylaws to be more in line with the NAA fiscal year. But 2020 was a very different year with challenges we've never seen before. Still, our membership has responded beautifully and kept our chapter intact throughout it all.

Sure, I may be the president, but it means nothing if we don't have a concerned and dedicated membership body to help us execute the vision. That being said, I truly believe that any of our members can serve the Miami-Dade Chapter in a leadership position. Yes, this is an labor of love, serving in this capacity. Yes, there are meetings to attend and business to take care of. But, whom among us doesn't have a job to go to, or errands to run, or family to attend to? We're all busy! That's what makes the progress and advances that we create within this chapter so stellar. We make magic happen, essentially out of thin air – just like Rattlers do.

So, with approaching elections, I encourage chapter members to step up and be leaders within this amazing organization. Rattlers are always prepared to lead the way. Remember: we may be near the bottom of the map, but we're always Striking from the Top!

Masekela Mandela II

KNOW YOUR BYLAWS!

Article III - GENERAL

Section A - DUES

Did you know that “The Chapter will establish annually during the month of March the specific amount for dues to be paid during the ensuing year. The period covered by annual dues will be July through June. The amount set by the Chapter will include assessments by the state, regional, and national offices for allocating membership.”?

Remember, our Chapter dues are \$100/year for Regular and Associate Members. Current Life Members only pay \$50/year. Those wanting to become Life Members pay a one time fee of \$800 and then \$50/year going forward. We also have a subscribing Life Membership where members pay \$62.50/year plus \$50 for the current membership year..

Be sure to send those interested to MiamiDadeFAMUNAA.org to join our Chapter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

20 - Chapter Meeting
 27 - Virtual Spring Preview
 31 - Chapter Scholarship Applications Due

April

1 - FAMU Day at the Capitol
 17 - Chapter Meeting

May

15 - NAA Annual Mtg
 22 - Chapter Mtg/Elections

June

No Chapter Meeting

July

1 - Start of '21-'22 Fiscal Year

All donations/payments can be submitted via:

Mail (check and money orders only!) to
 P.O. Box 680938
 Miami, FL 33168

OR

PayPal: [paypal.me/mdfamunaa](https://www.paypal.me/mdfamunaa)

OR

Cash App: \$MDFAMUNAA

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Recap

Each year, on the third Monday of January we observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and reflect on the work that still needs to be done for racial/gender/social/economic/academic equality. On January 18th, the FAMU NAA Miami-Dade Chapter made the holiday more than just a day off, even in the midst of a global pandemic.

This year, FAMU NAA Miami-Dade Chapter partnered with PrayInPink, a grassroots 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization. This entity, provides support to women who have survived the ravages of ovarian, breast, lung, cervical, stomach, and oral cancer. Many are financially stressed, yet they have bonded together to support one another during their pre and post medical crisis. PrayInPink provides comfort items, hygiene products as well as adult coloring books, puzzles, and journals to minimize the mental and physical burden of the womens' health condition.

Miami-Dade alumni, humbly extended themselves and established a registry that enabled chapter members to purchase needed items for the ladies who are experiencing the devastation of cancer. The registry was established via the Amazon Smile platform. This enabled alum to support our beloved FAMU, as a portion of all purchases will be donated to The FAMU Foundation.

In addition, the FAMU Miami-Dade Chapter 2021 Day of Service event was registered on the "Biden-Harris Wall of Service", entitled, United We Serve!

Thank you Ms. Cummings for your continued support and initiating projects that provide alum the opportunity to give back. In addition, chapter President Mandela and Rattler Velvatia Wanton, who has co-chaired the FAMU Day of Service event with me for the past four (4) years, provide so much energy and creativity.

#PRAYINPINK
"This Tee Shall Pass"

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EMPOWER ~ SUPPORT ~ EDUCATE ~ MOTIVATE

Our Mission: to empower individuals and families affected by cancer through education, support services and motivational support.

WHY WE DO IT:

- AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN THE U.S.**
Die from breast cancer nearly 40% more than Caucasian women
Are often diagnosed at later stages & the prognosis is poor
Are often diagnosed younger & with more aggressive breast cancers
- WOMEN & CANCER: REDUCING YOUR RISK**
ESOPHAGEAL CANCER, BREAST CANCER, LIVER CANCER, GALLBLADDER CANCER, KIDNEY CANCER, ENDOMETRIAL CANCER, ORAL CANCER, STOMACH CANCER, PANCREATIC CANCER, COLORECTAL CANCER, OVARIAN CANCER
- THE BIG 5 CANCERS AFFECTING WOMEN**
#1 Breast Cancer
#2 Cervical Cancer
#3 Colorectal Cancer
#4 Uterine Cancer
#5 Lung Cancer

In February, we showcased some of the local heroes that are a part of Black History in Miami.

How many do you know?



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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Investing in what you believe in!

It's a new season, and the Miami-Dade Chapter of the FAMU NAA is excited about what our future holds. Your generosity helps to provide a solid foundation for that future. With the support of committed chapter members, FAMU will continue to provide the Rattler Experience to deserving Miami-Dade students!

There are many ways to contribute:

A. Legacy Scholarship (monies are due by 05/30/21)

Scholarships are a wonderful way to support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Legacy scholarships is a meaningful way to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, or family members. A legacy scholarship account will be submitted to the FAMU Foundation and properly established for annual giving.

B. 10 x 10 Team (Members may choose a team and each team member's contribution is \$100 - monies are due by 04/30/21)

1. Butler Family (Ron Butler)
2. The Divas (Denetra Collins)
3. Albury & Albury-Williams
4. The Steppers (Barbara Gardner)
5. Rattler Athletes
6. The Divine 9
7. "I represent!"

C. General Chapter Donations (monies are due by 03/31/21)

Suggested amount is at least \$50 for those members not providing a legacy scholarship or on a 10 x 10 team

Can you unscramble these FAMU related words. Test your skill!

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RUTECK

MALTPOET

CYMULE

NOBORINS

ADDMONI

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