

Club 1964, Inc.

PRESENTS

An HBCU Symposium
Promoting & Preserving Our Roots

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President Roslyn Clark Artis, J.D., Ed.D.



Club 1964, Inc.

Who We Are: In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson, signed into the law the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). The HEA, as amended, defines a Part B Institution as, "...any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary [of Education] to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation."

Club 1964, Inc. was founded to assure that the doors of each Part B Institution established before the year 1964 and still currently standing would remain open for all tomorrows to come. This dream to save the future of HBCUs was big and with the negative attention attracted by the media – HBCUs’ struggle for relevance in an “open and diverse” world, HBCUs’ diminishing retention rates, HBCUs’ embezzlement and misappropriation of funds – it seemed far out of reach. However, the dream to redeem and restore our HBCUs was clear, and everyone who joined shared that same ideology. No longer would our schools be second choices or backup plans. No longer would our institutions be perceived as black party spots. No longer would our students be thought of as inferior to their counterparts at Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs). No longer would our professors be looked down upon as less knowledgeable and established. These preceding statements are all just contributing factors that led to the founding of Club 1964, Inc. This organization will ensure that the doors of all our Historically Black Colleges and Universities remain open for all tomorrows to come.

What We Do: Club 1964, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded to redeem the image, restore the pride, and rejuvenate the morale of our beloved Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) through identifying interested sixth graders and working with them over their middle and high school years to mold them into the *Model HBCU Scholar*. During their collegiate years, these *Model HBCU Scholars* will take a more authoritative position in the organization and learn the skills necessary to succeed as a college student and become the *Model HBCU Grad*, so that upon graduation, they are equipped with the tools necessary to be *willing and able* to contribute back to their individual institutions and the organization as a whole. These will be the students who serve as testaments to the worth, value, and necessity of our institutions.

Through the leadership opportunities and teamwork experiences they gain as Scholars, each of our Student Leaders will graduate as not just an alum, but as the *Model HBCU Grad*. These Grads will go on to join our flourishing Alumni & Advocate Division as active alumni who are now *willing and able* to not only give back to their individual institutions, but to the organization as a whole — which will in turn benefit all of our HBCUs.

In Conclusion: Through our academic immersion days, career explorations, HBCU tours, pep rallies, tutoring sessions, and mentorship programming, we hope to develop our middle and high school Primary and Secondary Student Members into the *Model HBCU Scholars* that we know they can be. Through our workshops, seminars, community service and outreach, fundraising, and redemption projects, we hope to evolve our Student Leaders from Scholars into *Model HBCU Grads*.

Through our conferences, we hope to unite all of our HBCUs – to build a village of people who are proud of the sacrifices and investments that our founders made to assure that we have the chance to receive an education, and are dedicated to assuring that the doors of every HBCU across the land remain open today, tomorrow, and for all tomorrows to come.

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The Symposium

As a newfound organization, Club 1964, Inc. is honored to have the support of Florida Memorial University in presenting this inaugural HBCU Symposium. Themed “Promoting & Preserving Our Roots” this Symposium was convened to raise awareness of concepts and issues currently germane to our institutions as individuals, and as a whole.

There is much that needs to be done to salvage the future of our Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and that goes beyond simply reflecting on where we have come from. Oftentimes, we rely on the histories of our founding and founders to convey the message of why our institutions are still needed in today’s world. Though, our histories have played very instrumental roles in getting us to where we are today, simply reflecting on yesterdays and yesteryears will not assure our tomorrow. It is quintessential that we as Historically Black Colleges and Universities unite efforts to defend and protect each of our institutions.

Our institutions are known for their “familiar and familial nurturing environment;” however, aside from simply feeling like family on our individual campuses, our students build natural bonds with other HBCU students. Meeting another HBCU student at a conference, convention, or even the airport often brings a sense of nostalgia to our students. It is like reuniting with a long-lost cousin, or finally meeting that family member you never knew. It is our belief at Club 1964, Inc. that this natural attraction between our students can be used to the advantage of all our institutions. Let us encourage our students to not only be advocates, voices, change agents, and ambassadors for our institutions as individuals, but let us encourage them to use that same energy and suit up for battle in the defense of all of our institutions.

We aspire to see a future where an HBCU student somewhere is an HBCU student everywhere.

We aspire to see a future where if an HBCU is facing hardships, we all join together to lend a helping hand.

We aspire to see a future, 100 years from now, where all 100+ of our institutions are still alive and well.

However, this is all only possible if we start today. No longer can we rely on state and federal lawmakers to defend our existence. No longer can we rely on researchers and statisticians to prove our relevance.

We hope that this Symposium is just the platform that was needed to make room for the critical discussions of the times and what must be done for the future of all Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

It is up to us to stand in solidarity and support of each other to Promote & Preserve Our Roots!

Symposium Salutations

Marquise M. McGriff



After months and months of planning, I am relieved to finally be able to say “Welcome.”

I am looking forward to attending the various plenaries and sessions to hear our dynamic speakers, but also to engage in some very powerful dialogue. Each presentation will discuss some concepts and issues that are currently germane to either us as individuals or our institutions as a whole. It is our responsibility, to not only listen to and apply the information specifically targeted toward us as individuals, but to make note of the information that can directly benefit our institutions and begin thinking of how we can make these ideas come to fruition on our individual campuses.

Among the many conversations that will be had during the Symposium, I urge each delegate to make note of the work that we, at Club 1964, Inc., are doing and how you can get involved. Most

obviously, this Symposium is already a fruit of our labor. However, I ask that you take it a step further, and look towards the future. Consider not only what we have already done as an organization, but what it is we intend to do. When we talk about building pipelines, promoting awareness, increasing pride, these simple terms are serious. Our HBCUs are truly the last of a dying breed – look at it, we account for only 3% of institutions of higher learning. And who, besides ourselves, do we expect to preserve that 3%? We must take charge of our destiny. That’s what this Symposium is about: *Promoting & Preserving Our Roots!*

Though it was never my idea nor intention to host this Symposium, or anything like it, *especially* during Homecoming, I count it an honor that President Artis entrusted me with such a great task. However, none of this would have been possible had it not been for the overwhelming support and encouragement given, even up until the very end. To those of you who helped, even slightly: Thank you! Nothing you did or said went unnoticed.

Marquise M. McGriff

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marquise M. McGriff". The signature is stylized and fluid, with some overlapping loops.

HBCU Symposium Convener
Club 1964, Inc. Founder and CEO

Florida Memorial University

Florida Memorial University is a private, coeducational, and Baptist-affiliated institution that has the distinction of being one of the oldest academic centers in the state, and the only Historically Black University in South Florida.

In 1879, members of the Bethlehem Baptist Association founded the school, then called Florida Baptist Institute, in Live Oak to create “a College of instruction for our ministers and children.” The Reverend J. L. A. Fish was its first president. Despite a promising start, racial tensions soon cast a shadow over the Institute. In April 1892, after unknown persons fired shots into one of the school’s buildings, then-President Rev. Matthew Gilbert and other staff members fled Live Oak for Jacksonville, where he founded the Florida Baptist Academy in the basement of Bethel Baptist Church. They began holding classes in May 1892, with Sarah Ann Blocker as the main instructor. The school in Live Oak, however, continued to operate even after this splintering.

In 1896, Nathan White Collier was appointed president of the Academy, a post he held for 45 years. President Collier recruited renowned composer and Jacksonville native, J. Rosamond Johnson, to teach music at the school. While in the employ of the Florida Baptist Academy, Rosamond composed music for “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing,” a poem written by his brother, James Weldon Johnson, creating the song that has since been enshrined as the “Negro National Anthem.” It was first performed by a choir that included students from Florida Baptist Academy at a celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday in 1900.

Because of the dual pressures of a growing student body and not enough space to expand, the Academy took advantage of an offer from the City of St. Augustine to relocate the institution to the 400-acre “Old Hansen Plantation.” The school began its third incarnation at its new home in St. Augustine on September 24, 1918, as the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute. Influenced by the educational model popularized by Booker T. Washington at his Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, students were encouraged to be industrious and self-sufficient, constructing many of the campus buildings themselves, as well as growing and preparing their own food. The students received hands-on training in the practical fields which would allow them to support themselves and their families.

In 1942, the Baptist General State Convention voted to merge its two schools, closing down the Florida Institute at Live Oak and combining it with what would become Florida Normal Industrial and Memorial College in St. Augustine. Florida native and writer of the Harlem Renaissance, Zora Neale Hurston, served as an instructor for the school during this time.

Activism by FMC students, however, threatened to upset the delicate relationship between the City of St. Augustine and Florida Memorial, as well as provoking the resentment and animosity of whites in the area. Given this vulnerable financial and social situation, Dr. Royal W. Puryear oversaw the relocation of the school when, in 1965, the trustees purchased a 48-acre former air strip near Opa-locka in Dade County. On November 11, 1968, the new campus opened as Florida Memorial College. In December 2004, the institution’s charter was amended, and the name Florida Memorial University was adopted.

The FMU legacy is firmly rooted in steadfast dedication and commitment to pursue its mission “to instill in our students the values of leadership, character, and service to enhance their lives and the lives of others.”

Written by Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Ph. D.
Florida Memorial University
University Historian

University Welcome

Roslyn Clark Artis, J.D., Ed.D.



Dear Attendees/Participants:

On behalf of Florida Memorial University (FMU), I would like to welcome you to our inaugural **HBCU Symposium: *Promoting & Preserving Our Roots***. This student led initiative is hosted by Club 1964, Inc., an innovative group of student leaders determined to preserve the unique legacy of our nation's HBCUs and to ensure that future generations of students have the benefit of the transformative educational opportunities provided by these invaluable institutions. This conference is designed to bring students and members of the HBCU community together to discuss issues and topics that are currently relevant to our institutions and their futures. Program participants will gain a deeper understanding of the HBCU value proposition and be positioned to assist with recruitment and retention efforts at their home campuses.

It is my pleasure to host this unique conference on the campus of Florida Memorial University - South Florida's only Historically Black University. I look forward to joining Club 1964, Inc. in welcoming you to our campus and more importantly, to your participation in this important and meaningful dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roslyn Clark Artis". The signature is fluid and cursive, matching the name in the header.

Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis

President

The Keynote Speaker

Crystal A. deGregory, Ph.D.



Hailed "young sister leader" by Spelman College and Bennett College for Women President Emerita Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, New York Times published historian Dr. Crystal A. deGregory is the recipient of the 2014 HopeDealer of the Year Award, presented by the Washington, D.C.-based The H.O.P.E. Scholarship Initiative. She was also a finalist for the 2015 HBCU Alumna of the Year award.

Dr. deGregory is the founder and executive editor of HBCUstory Inc., an advocacy initiative preserving, presenting and promoting inspiring stories of the Historically Black College and University's (HBCU) past and present, for their future. A passionate believer in the historic mission and contemporary vision for the nation's HBCUs, she is the convener of the HBCUstory Symposium. A native of Freeport, Bahamas, she is a proud alumna of the historic Fisk University. She holds a Master of Education from Tennessee State University, and received master's and doctoral

degrees in history from Vanderbilt University.

Her newest work is an epilogue for the forthcoming book *The Athletic Experience at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. She has also written the book chapter "The Relationships of Revolution: Martin Luther King, Jr., the Civil Rights Movement and Political Change in the Bahamas" as a part of *In an Inescapable Network of Mutuality: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Globalization of an Ethical Ideal* was published in August 2013.

deGregory is also editor of *Emancipation and the Fight for Freedom* (2013), the sixth volume in the 12-part series *Tennessee in the Civil War: The Best of the Tennessee Historical Quarterly*. Her other published work includes contributions to *HBCU Experience: The Book* (2014), *The Journal of Tennessee State University* (2012), *Encyclopedia of African American Popular Culture* (2011) and *Freedom Facts and Firsts: 400 Years of the African American Civil Rights Experience* (2009). A passionate HBCU advocate, Dr. deGregory is also a regular contributor to *The HBCU Digest*.

Her advocacy work includes serving as one of four doctoral-holding black female hosts of *Black Docs Radio* and she is a member of several professional and service groups including *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated*.

Symposium-At-A-Glance

Wednesday February 10, 2016

5:00PM – 6:30PM | **Registration** | Don Shula's Hotel & Spa

Thursday February 11, 2016

7:00AM | **Hotel Pickup** | Don Shula's Hotel & Spa

7:30AM – 8:15AM | **Continental Breakfast/Registration** | Smith Conference Center Room C

8:30AM – 10:00AM | **Opening Plenary** | Smith Conference Center Room C

10:15AM – 11:00AM | **Session A** | Living & Learning Building 2 Multipurpose Room

11:00AM – 12:30PM | **Lunch** | Marketplace Dining Hall

11:00AM – 2:00PM | **Expo** | Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts Breezeway

12:45PM – 1:30PM | **Session B** | Living & Learning Building 2 Multipurpose Room

2:00PM – 5:00PM | **FMU Pep Rally/Stroll-Off** | The Front Lawn

7:30PM – 9:00PM | **Dinner Plenary** | Smith Conference Center Room C

8:00PM | **Campus Departure** | Lehman Parking Lot

Friday February 12, 2016

7:30AM – 8:15AM | **Breakfast** | Marketplace Dining Hall

8:30AM – 10:00AM | **Morning Plenary** | Smith Conference Center Room C

10:15AM – 11:00AM | **Session C** | Living & Learning Building 2 Multipurpose Room

11:15AM – 12:00PM | **Session D** | Living & Learning Building 2 Multipurpose Room

12:30PM – 2:30PM | **Closing/Keynote Luncheon** | J.C. Sams Multipurpose Room

3:00PM | **Campus Departure** | Lehman Parking Lot

Transportation will return at 4:30PM for transport to concert, final departure will be 12AM.

Opening Plenary

Thursday February 11, 2016 8:30AM – 10:00AM

Smith Conference Center Room C

Call to Order

Tarrin Gary – Club 1964, Inc. FMU Chapter Co-Founder

Special Performance

Zhia Henderson – Freshman, Music Major

Opening Prayer

Jeffrey Dean Swain, J.D. – Dean of Campus Ministry, Florida Memorial University

Welcome

Roslyn Clark Artis, J.D., Ed.D. – President, Florida Memorial University

Symposium Purpose

Marquise M. McGriff – Symposium Convener + Club 1964, Inc. Founder

Panel Discussion: Internship and Fellowship Opportunities

Moderator: Joseph Ellick Jr. – Trayvon Martin Foundation Student Director

According to study results published by HuffPost College, students who complete at least one internship during their undergraduate years are 13% more likely to attain full-time employment after graduation than those who did not. However, even with the preceding in mind, it is important to note that statistically, a black college graduate has the same chance at getting a job as a white high school dropout. This panel will examine current and upcoming internship and fellowship opportunities and programs, geared toward minority students, specifically those who attend HBCUs – this way, our students can actually graduate with a fighting chance.

Recognition of Special Guests/Dignitaries

Marquise M. McGriff

Closing Remarks + Announcements

Tarrin Gary

Meet the Panelists

“Internship + Fellowship Opportunities”

Webber Charles – Breakthrough Miami Senior Site Director



Webber J. Charles is a first generation Haitian-American, born and raised in Miami, Florida. After receiving a Bachelor’s Degree in Liberal Studies, Webber served as one of the managing principals of Concepticom, LLC - a design firm that developed marketing collateral and websites for luxury resorts in the Turks and Caicos.

Webber has spent the last twelve years working with children and young adults. Webber wears many hats. He serves as one of the associates of Breakthrough Miami while managing a number of other outreach programs.

Michelle Hollinger – South Florida Times Editor



Michelle Hollinger is a Florida State University grad and the author of *The Sisterhood Exchange* book. She serves as the editor of *The South Florida Times*; which she views as an obligation to give voice to the brilliance, determination, creativity and hope within black communities.

Her deep fondness for HBCUs led to her creating *HBCU GAP* (Graduation Action Plan), a workbook designed to help empower families to prevent their children from dropping out.

Winton Steward – American Israel Political Action Committee (AIPAC) Campus Outreach Director



Winton Steward serves as AIPAC’s Campus Outreach Director. In this capacity, he is responsible for identifying, engaging and empowering pro-Israel political activists at America’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). He is also responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with the national leadership of both College Democrats of America and College Republicans National Committee.

While attending Alabama State University, Winton served in several student leadership positions in SGA and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He was captain of the school’s football team and was nominated for the NCAA Walter Payton Award.

Michael Woodward – Teach For America Florida Manager of Recruitment



Michael Woodward Jr. is a national recruiter for Teach For America, currently he serves as the Manager of Recruitment at the University of Miami, Florida State University, and his alma mater Florida A&M University. When he is not inspiring others to join in on the fight to end educational inequity in low-income communities, he is watching SportsCenter with his four-month old newborn baby boy.

Sessions A+B

Thursday February 11, 2016 10:15AM – 11:00AM & 12:45PM – 1:30PM Living & Learning Building 2 Multipurpose Room

Session A: HBCU Alumni Advocacy

This presentation will address the importance of HBCUs and the significance of promoting HBCUs. Participants will be presented with the facts and myths associated with attending an HBCU. Dialogue will be fostered as a means to dispel the negative stereotypes associated with attending any HBCU. A discussion about the various ways in which alumni of HBCUs can promote and advocate for all HBCUs will also transpire. The session will also include a creative display about the importance of HBCUs.

Presenter: Precious Symonette – Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year



A native of Broward County, Precious Symonette grew up demonstrating a love for writing and realizing the importance of community involvement. After graduating from Clark Atlanta University with a Bachelor's of Arts in English, Precious became a world traveler, visiting such places like Costa Rica and Ghana where she strengthened her love for teaching. At the completion of her studies at Chicago State University, obtaining a Master's of Arts in English, her teaching career sparked as a result of her participation in the Miami Teaching Fellows Program. Since her involvement as a Miami Teaching Fellow, Ms. Symonette has remained dedicated to the teaching profession and active in the community with her Creative Writing Club that she implemented at Miami Norland Senior High School, the Viking Freedom Writers.

Precious Symonette is a trained official Freedom Writers Teacher, obtained a Master's of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Saint Thomas University and is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Management at Saint Thomas University.

Session B: The Opportunity of a Lifetime

Taking advantage of the collegiate opportunity and its resources to enhance yourself and your career.

Presenter: Richard Way III – Edward Jones Financial Advisor



As an Edward Jones financial advisor, Richard believe it's important to invest time to understand what you're working toward before you invest your money. Working closely with you and your CPA, attorney and other professionals, he can help determine the most appropriate financial strategy for you and your family. He can also help with your retirement savings strategy so you have more options when you retire, regardless of what you decide to do.

Richard began his Edward Jones career in 2013 as a financial advisor in Miami, FL. In April 2015 Edward Jones ranked "Highest in Investor Satisfaction with Full Service Brokerage Firms, in a Tie" in the J.D. Power 2015 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study^{SM.1}

Richard earned a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, FL and an MBA from Florida A&M University, in Tallahassee, FL. His family and myself are natives of Miami Dade County. He is an active member of the community, serving as membership chair for the Young Professionals Network of Miami, Miami Dade Chamber.

Dinner Plenary

Thursday February 11, 2016 7:30PM – 9:00PM Smith Conference Center Room C

Dinner is Served

Call to Order

Shonte Deveaux – Club 1964, Inc. FMU Director of Public Relations

Special Performance

Opening Remarks

Ashia Riley – Club 1964, Inc. Ambassador, Central Florida

Club 1964, Inc. Presentation

Marquise M. McGriff – Symposium Convener + Club 1964, Inc. Founder

Club 1964, Inc. FMU Presentation

Club 1964, Inc. FMU Chapter Officers and Members

Q+A Session

Recognition of Special Guests/Dignitaries

Marquise M. McGriff

Closing Remarks + Announcements

Shonte Deveaux

Morning Plenary

Friday February 12, 2016 8:30AM – 10:00AM Smith Conference Center Room C

Call to Order

Destiny Witherspoon – Club 1964, Developmental Researcher + Statistician

Special Performance

Chapter 3 Poetry Troupe

Welcome Back

Duran Saunders – Florida Memorial University SGA President

Opening Remarks

Marquise M. McGriff – Symposium Convener + Club 1964, Inc. Founder

They Can't Be What They Can't See

Moderator: Janeé Butler, Freshman Class President

According to the US Department of Education, 2014 marked the first year that minority students outnumbered their white counterparts in public grade-schools.

However, though the diversification of students is constantly evolving, 80% of these students' teachers are still white and that number will not change for the better any time soon. In fact, over the last 10 years or so, the number of black teachers in major cities have dropped at rates as high as 28%. It is a well-known fact that though HBCUs account for only 3% of the total institutions of higher learning in, they have historically (and still do) produce more than half of the nation's black teachers. This panel will examine the necessity in having the presence of African-American teachers in our ever evolving classrooms and what our HBCUs can do to combat this unjust disproportion of minority teachers.

Recognition of Special Guests/Dignitaries

Marquise M. McGriff

Closing Remarks + Announcements

Destiny Witherspoon

Meet the Panelists

“They Can’t Be What They Can’t See”

Meredith Anderson, Ph.D. – UNCF Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute Senior Research Associate



Meredith Anderson is a Senior Research Associate in the Advocacy Department and Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute at UNCF where she supports the research endeavors related to K-12 education reform for Black students. Prior to this, Dr. Anderson was a Program Evaluator for a school district. Additionally, Meredith was a postdoctoral fellow/lecturer in the School of Public Affairs at American University.

Meredith earned both her B.A. and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.

Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ph.D. – Miami-Dade County School Board Vice Chairwoman



Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall is a graduate Tuskegee Institute and went on to attain Masters Degrees, and several Masters-level certifications. She also received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Florida Memorial University.

On November 2, 2010, Miami-Dade voters elected Dorothy to serve as the Miami-Dade County School Board Member for District 2. She serves as Chair on the Innovation, Government Relations and Community Engagement Committee of the school board.

On November 17, 2015, Dr. Bendross-Mindingall was the first African-American female elected Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade County School Board.

Dwanita L. Fields, MBA – Breakthrough Miami Senior Site Director



Dwanita L. Fields, MBA is a Miami native, who received her Bachelor’s Degree from Howard University. She currently serves as the Senior Site Director for Breakthrough Miami’s all-girls program at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, which is a program designed to bridge the achievement gap. She is extremely passionate about mentoring young girls in her community, which she has exemplified through her work as the former Co-Chair for the CHARLEE Project, coaching multiple sports at Ransom Everglades, and as a 2015 New Leaders Council Fellow.

DeAnthony Friday – Miami-Dade County Public Schools High School Teacher



DeAnthony Friday, originally from Compton, CA is a PROUD graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. He is currently in his 4th year teaching Mathematics at North Miami Middle School. In addition to being a classroom teacher, Mr. Friday serves as the Activities/Athletics Director, the Site Director of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence, and the Girls and Boys Volleyball Coach. Mr. Friday was recently voted Rookie Teacher of The Year 2014-2015. This summer, Mr. Friday will graduate from Nova Southeastern University with a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership.

Lorenzo Johnson – Miami-Dade County Public Schools High School Teacher



Lorenzo G. Johnson Jr. is the Senior Pastor of Excel International Church located in Miami, FL. Lorenzo G. Johnson Jr. is a graduate Florida A&M University where attained his bachelor’s degree in History Education with a minor degree in Economics. Lorenzo G. Johnson Jr. is an entrepreneur and educator for the school board of Dade County where he strives to better the lives of all youth at William H. Turner Technical High School.

Sessions C+D

Friday February 12, 2016 10:00AM – 12:00PM Living & Learning Building 2 Multipurpose Room

Session C: Fabulously Fake & Beautifully Broke

As future black professionals and entrepreneurs, we continue to make great advances in our professions and businesses. Unfortunately, some of us have taken our success to an unhealthy place. Overcoming adversity has left us with a desire to flaunt our advantages. Our earning power as a demographic has increased, yet blacks continue to have little or no assets; and while many of us earn an excellent income, we have zero or negative net worth. Join this workshop to learn how the good life does not have to cost a fortune and keep you in debt.

Lynda V. Harris, CRPC – IFS Securities, Inc. Financial Advisor



Lynda V. Harris currently holds the position of Financial Advisor at IFS Securities, Inc. As a Financial Advisor with over 20 years in the financial services industry, Lynda specializes in asset management and financial advisory work.

Lynda V. Harris is currently the co-host of the radio talk show “**Understanding Money**” heard on WBIZ, 880 AM in Miami, Florida for the past 9 years. Her volunteer work includes financial literacy and social security education to the young and old.

Session D: The Graduate HBCU Experience

Tough workers with graduate degrees earn an average annual salary of 30% more than those who only hold bachelor’s degrees, African-Americans still account for less than 20% of all graduate level degree holders – and not even half of our HBCUs offer graduate programs! This panel will look at the importance of HBCU students matriculating from undergraduate to graduate levels, particularly at HBCUs, and the benefits of doing so.

Marcel E. Jagne-Shaw – Morgan State University Ph.D. in Higher Education Candidate



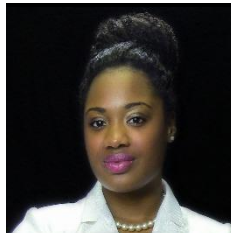
Marcel E. Jagne-Shaw, born to immigrant parents, is a native of Columbia, Maryland. Raised in the shadows of the nation’s capital, Marcel’s outlook on life was forged in the warm flames of diversity and tempered in cool waters of faith and family ties. Marcel desires a career in international education and is currently pursuing a Ph.D in higher education at Morgan State University. He serves as Assistant Director of Financial Aid at his alma mater, Philander Smith College.

Jeanni Simpson – Howard University Doctoral Candidate



Jeanni Simpson, a native of Racine, WI, is a woman of purpose and defender of the disenfranchised. She recognizes civic engagement as a tool for change. A champion of education, she’s earned a bachelor’s degree, two masters degrees, graduated from the Women’s Campaign School at Yale University, and is currently pursuing a PhD at Howard University. Jeanni is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Jeanni has served as a White House Intern in the Office of Presidential Correspondence.

Nathalie Nelson – Gammon Theological Seminary at ITC



Nathalie Nelson Parker is a certified educator in both the states of New York and Georgia. She has received a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and English Literature, a Masters in Secondary Education, and currently she is a matriculating student at the Gammon Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. At the Gammon Theological Seminary, Nathalie serves as the Assistant to the Dean for Student Services and Special Projects and the 2015-2016 White House HBCU All-Sta0.

Closing/Keynote Luncheon

Friday February 12, 2016 12:30PM – 2:30PM J.C. Sams Multipurpose Room

Lunch is Served

Call to Order

Wesley Strapp – Florida Memorial University SGA Vice President

Special Performance

AcNeal Williams – White House Initiative HBCU All-Star Student Ambassador

Opening Remarks

Atarah Yisrael – Club 1964, Inc. FMU Chapter Co-Founder

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Marquise M. McGriff – Symposium Convener + Club 1964, Inc. Founder

Keynote Speaker

Crystal A. deGregory, Ph.D. – Founder + Executive Editor of HBCUstory, Inc.

Q+A Session

Closing Remarks + Presentation

Marquise M. McGriff

Benediction

Jeffrey Dean Swain – Dean of Campus Ministry, Florida Memorial University

HBCU Roll Call

This inaugural HBCU Symposium was only made possible by each and every one who played a role – committee members, speakers, and delegates. It is our wholehearted belief, that the work that each of these institutions have done is what led us all together for this occasion. If nothing else, that is worth acknowledging!

Alabama State University | Montgomery, AL
Claflin University | Orangeburg, SC
Clark Atlanta University | Atlanta, GA
Fisk University | Nashville, TN
Florida A&M University | Tallahassee, FL
Florida Memorial University | Miami Gardens, FL
Gammon Theological Seminary at ITC | Atlanta, GA
Howard University | Washington, D.C.
Meharry Medical College | Nashville, TN
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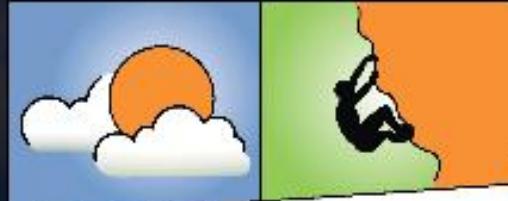
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