The University of Miami admitted its first black students in 1961, 35 years after opening for classes in 1926. Black students, faculty, staff, and alumni have enriched the University's culture, academic vigor, and overall excellence in countless ways throughout the 56 years since our desegregation. The UTrailblazers Gala and related events are a celebration of unprecedented size and scope to honor black graduates of the 1960s and 1970s as well as faculty and staff members who helped blaze a trail of inclusion at the U.

Launched by members of the UM Black Alumni Society in 2013, the First Black Graduates Project is an initiative to unearth the powerful voices, experiences, and contributions of the University's first black graduates and ensure they are embedded into the fabric of our beloved Hurricanes history. Years of sifting through yearbooks, researching archives in the Richter Library, and grassroots outreach have yielded precious material and human connections that will continue to shape the University's identity and aspirations in the years leading to its 100th anniversary and beyond.
PROGRAM

Welcome
Antonio Junior, A.B. ’79 • Denise R. Mincey-Mills, B.B.A. ’79 • Phyllis E. Tyler, B.B.A. ’79
Chairs, First Black Graduates Project Committee

Invocation, Blessing of Meal, and Singing of
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Reverend Walter T. Richardson

Opening Remarks
Finesse Mitchell, B.S.C. ’95
Master of Ceremonies

Welcome from the University
Thomas J. LeBlanc
Executive Vice President and Provost

Remarks
Sergio M. Gonzalez
Senior Vice President for University Advancement and External Affairs

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
H. T. Smith, Jr., J.D. ’73
Vice Chair, University of Miami Board of Trustees

Keynote Address
George F. Knox, J.D. ’73
Attorney, Educator, and Community Leader

Dance Performance
OLEKU Dance Team

Top of the Class Presentation and Special Recognition of Faculty, Staff and Administrators
Margery S. “Bunty” Johnson, B.S. ’79
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Vickie M. (Battle) Horn, B.S. ’82
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Musical Performance
Nicole R. Henry, B.S.C. ’00
Recording Artist

First Black Graduates Special Recognition
Thomas J. LeBlanc
Executive Vice President and Provost

Spoken Word Performance
Speak What U Feel

First Black Graduates Endowed Scholarship Announcement
John M. King, B.S. ’78
Arlene Johnson, M.A.L.S. ’06
Troy Odom
First Black Graduates Project Committee Members

Presentation of the Inaugural First Black Graduates Endowed Scholarship
In honor of Ruth Taylor Giles
Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., B.S.C. ’89
President and CEO, Thurgood Marshall College Fund

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University of Miami Alma Mater
Closing Prayer and Blessing
Reverend Melissa A. Rolle-Scott, B.S.I.E. ’79

Musical break entertainment proudly provided by the Frost School of Music.
Top of the Class

These Top of the Class UTrailblazers have a distinguished record throughout their lives of blazing the trail and building the dream of inclusion and diversity.

Benny O’Berry, B.Ed. ’62 (posthumously)
Dorothy M. Wallace, M.Ed. ’63
Harold Long, Jr., A.B. ’68, J.D. ’71
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Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson, M.Ed. ’73
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C. J. Latimore, B.F.A. ’76
Kim Y. Sands, B.Ed. ’78

UTrailblazers Gala Master of Ceremonies
Born and raised in Atlanta, Finesse Mitchell, B.S.C. ’95, was a walk-on player for the Miami Hurricanes football team and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. After graduating from the U, he followed his passion for comedy and landed center stage on shows like Saturday Night Live, Disney’s A.N.T. Farm, and Showtime’s Roadies, to name a few. He has also appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, and NBC’s Today Show. Mitchell is also a devout supporter of the men and women in the armed forces, appearing in Ron White’s Comedy Salute to the Troops, which aired on Country Music Television (CMT) to benefit the Armed Forces Foundation.
Special Honorees

The following faculty and administrators represent just a few of the many individuals who impacted the lives of those who attended the U during this time.

William Butler, Hon. ’02
Student Affairs

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(posthumously)
Department of English

Ronald A. Hammond, M.Ed. ’74
(posthumously)
Student Financial and Career Planning

Whittington B. Johnson
Afro–American Studies and Department of History

Henry King Stanford, Hon. ’81
(posthumously)
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School of Architecture

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Joyce Knox Moorehead
Student Activities

Ted Nichols, J.D. ’79
Office of the President

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College of Arts and Sciences

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Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Department of Athletics, School of Education and Human Development

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Reading Clinic and Department of English

Robert H. Waters
(posthumously)
School of Law

Nancy Wilson–Young, M.Ed. ’70
Minority and International Admissions

R. Paul Young, M.A. ’71, Ed.D. ’82
Academic Affairs
One goal of the First Black Graduates Project is to document and celebrate those who blazed a trail of inclusion at the University of Miami. Another equally important goal is to ensure that diverse voices and perspectives can continue to enrich the entire UM family.

The First Black Graduates Endowed Scholarship seeks to build an endowment fund capable of offering $2,500 per year to two accomplished black students who face financial hardships. This is an opportunity to link the courage and resolve of the past with the promise of the future. Make a gift today at miami.edu/firstblackgraduates or contact Arlene Johnson, M.A.L.S. ’06, development director, at 305-284-6232 or ajohnson@miami.edu.

Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., B.S.C. ’89, has kicked off this endowment drive by funding the first two recipients of the First Black Graduates Endowed Scholarship. We are proud to honor his commitment to education.

Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., B.S.C. ’89

Named one of the “Power 100” by Ebony magazine in its 2011 list of the 100 most influential African-Americans, Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. is president and CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), the only national organization representing nearly 300,000 students attending this country’s 47 publicly supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Prior to becoming president in 2010, Taylor worked as a senior executive for IAC/InterActiveCorp. An Isaac Bashevis Singer Scholar at the University of Miami, he went on to earn a Master of Arts from Drake University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Drake Law School, where he served as research editor of the Drake Law Review and argued on the National Moot Court Team. He is licensed to practice law in Florida, Illinois, and Washington, DC.
UTrailblazers Committees

Special thanks to the following individuals whose dedicated efforts carried UTrailblazers from dream to reality.

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Elizabeth Del Campo, M.A.L.S. ’08  
Charles Eckman  
Marcia Heath  
Leandra Hayes  
Koichi Tasa  
Shandi Speller, A.B. ’84  
Gail St. Germain, B.B.A. ’02  
Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., B.S.C. ’89  
Phyllis E. Tyler, B.B.A. ’79  
Stephen Taylor, B.S. ’77  
David L. Wilson, B.B.A. ’82

**Black Alumni Society—All UTrailblazers Events**
Ray Bellamy, B.S.Ed. ’72, M.S.Ed. ’77  
Theresa Brown, B.B.A. ’82  
Cie J. Cochran, B.B.A. ’01, M.P.A. ’06  
Randall Darling, B.B.A. ’80  
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1997–2001  
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2001–2005  
Melissa A. Rolle-Scott, B.S.I.E. ’79  
2005–2007  
Stanley B. Thornton, B.S.I.E. ’81  
2007–2009  
David L. Wilson, B.B.A. ’82  
2009–2011  
Phyllis E. Tyler, B.B.A. ’79  
2011–2013  
Vanessa Lerouge, B.S.C. ’03  
2013–2015  
Cie J. Cochran, B.B.A. ’01, M.P.A. ’06  
2015–Present
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Lift Every Voice and Sing*

By James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

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Southern suns and sky blue water,
Smile upon you Alma Mater;
Mistress of this fruitful land,
With all knowledge at your hand,
Always just to honor true,
All our love we pledge to you.
Alma Mater, stand forever
On Biscayne’s wondrous shore.
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