

# FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

*Commemoration of Dr. Sarah Ann Blocker*  
*1857 - 1944*



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St. Augustine, Florida

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WELCOME	Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, President Florida Memorial University
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SELECTION	"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"
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# *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*

*Written by James Weldon Johnson*

*Composed by John Rosamond Johnson*

Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song  
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 chast'ning 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.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.

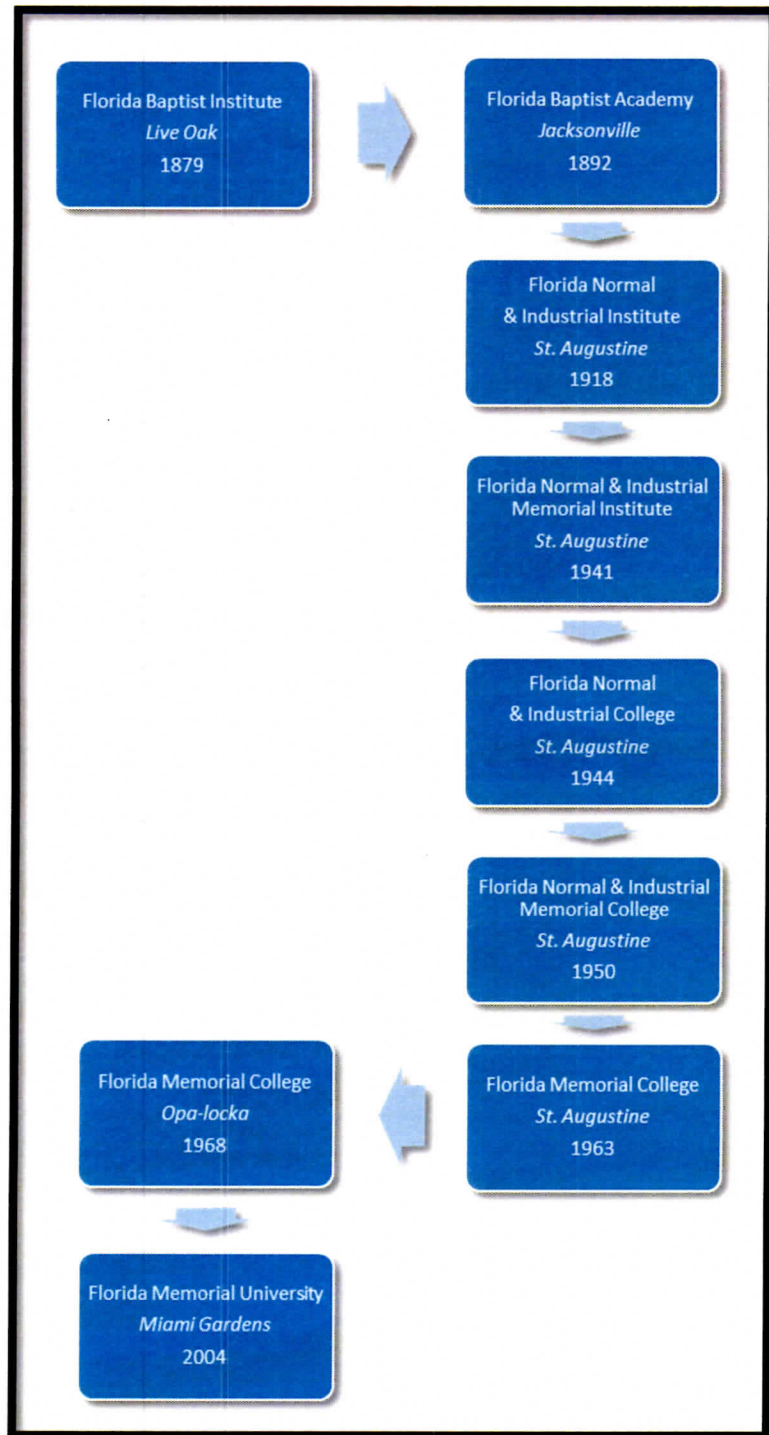
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Florida Memorial University is among Florida's most historic academic institutions. Founded in 1879 by members of the Bethlehem Baptist Association as the Florida Baptist Institute, in Live Oak, it was envisioned as "a College of instruction for our ministers and children." In April 1892, then-President Rev. Matthew Gilbert and other staff members left Live Oak for Jacksonville, where they founded the Florida Baptist Academy in the basement of Bethel Baptist Church.

In 1941, 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. In 1963, the institution was renamed Florida Memorial College, and in 1968, the College relocated to Miami, FL.

In 2004, upon earning accreditation for its graduate degree programs the school reached another important milestone and became Florida Memorial University.

Today, as a Historically Black University and member of the United Negro College Fund, under the leadership of President Roslyn Clark Artis, Florida Memorial University is embarking on a promising future that embodies the traditions of our past, harnesses the richness of the present, and through innovation, collaboration and creativity, prepares our students to assume leadership roles in a highly competitive, technology driven, and increasingly global marketplace.





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