

Echoes of Excellence

A Celebration of the Life & Legacy of Dr. Richard W. Beckford, Ph.D.

Friday, January 9, 2026 | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Florida Memorial University | 15800 NW 42nd Avenue • Miami Gardens, Florida 33054

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Master of Ceremonies - Edwin Sylvain

Invocation | Minister Gale Nelson

President's Address

William C. McCormick, Jr.

President, Florida Memorial University

Opening Musical Selection - "The Prayer"

Ms. Hannah Prieto- FMU Graduating Senior
& Mr. Rashaud Marcelin- FMU and The Roar Alumna

Resolution and Proclamation

City of Miami Gardens

Resolution

Jeremy C. Hicks

Blanche Ely High School Alumnus

Musical Tribute - "I Remember Clifford"

Leroy Lubin, Trumpet

Reflection | Richard Ingraham

Resolution and Proclamation

Oliver G. Gilbert, III

County Commissioner, Miami-Dade County

Musical Selection - "Give Me Jesus"

Dr. Shekinah Ball, Euphonium

Reflection and Video Tribute

Brandi Mitchell

Proclamation

City of North Miami Beach

Mayor and Commissioners

Musical and Community Tributes

Performing Band Tribute

Florida Memorial University "The ROAR" & Alumni Band
Director: Brian Snell

Resolution and Proclamation

City of Pompano Beach

Mayor Rex Hardin

Presented by Commissioner Beverly Perkins

Proclamation

5000 Role Models of Excellence Project

Reflection | Timothy E. Nance

Resolution and Proclamation

Florida A&M University

Marching 100 Alumni Band Association

Kimberly Evans

Reflection | Alexzina Tompkins & MCC Class of 1998

Ensemble and Band Performances

BUM Boyz Musical Tribute

Saunders Sermons, Trombone

John Toney, Bass

Remy Martinez, Saxophone

Proclamation

Miami Carol City Senior High School

Dr. Bridget McKinney | Principal

Performing Band Tribute

Miami Carol City Senior High School Band

Director: Zafere White

Reflection | Budd Boyz Incorporated

Dr. Michael O. Dixon

Resolution and Presentation

Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity

Delta Iota & Xi Epsilon Chapters

Musical Tribute - "Down by the Riverside"

Wycliffe Gordon, Trombone

Resolution and Proclamation

Nora Rupert | Member, Broward County School Board

Presented by Dr. Jermaine V. Fleming

Regional Superintendent | North Region Office

Proclamation

Blanche Ely High School – Tavures R. Williams | Principal

Performing Band Tribute

Blanche Ely High School Band Director: Rashaud Marcelin

Tribute & Florida Band Masters Association Proclamation

Presented by Dr. Sheldon McLean & The Soundcheck Foundation

Final Musical Tribute

Tuba & Euphonium Ensemble

"Flight of the Bigger B"

Arranged by Dr. Richard W. Beckford

*Jarvis Brown - Piano Accompaniment

*Jonathan Davis - Drums

Closing Remarks

Recessional

