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Date: January 26, 2020

To: Maurice D, Edington, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Ann Marie Cavazos, J.D.
President, Faculty Senate 

Re: Recommendation for Honorary Doctorate (DHL)

The Faculty Senate voted on January 21, 2020 to recommend Thomas ‘Tom’ Joyner for the Honorary Doctorate Degree

Tom Joyner is a legendary radio personality, entrepreneur, and philanthropist and one of the most celebrated and recognized media icons in the country today. He received many accolades throughout his career, including, but not limited to, the National Association of Broadcasters’ Marconi Award, Billboard’s “Best Urban Contemporary Air Personality” Award, and the NAACP Image Award. He has been inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame and the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame.

He is a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute with a degree in Sociology. Mr. Joyner, through the Tom Joyner Foundation, has raised more than \$65 million to support students attending historically Black colleges and universities. The Foundation has helped more than 29,000 students at HBCUs over the past 22 years, and FAMU received nearly \$645,000 from the Foundation. The committee, based on a review of his accomplishments, voted and recommended that Thomas ‘Tom’ Joyner be awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (DHL) by Florida A&M University.



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The Faculty Senate has voted to recommend Adora Obu Nweze for the Honorary Doctorate Degree.

Ms. Nweze was the former Raye McMillian. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Fayetteville University and a Master of Education Degree from the University of Miami. After that, the State of Florida certified her in the following areas: Elementary Education, Educational Leadership, Guidance and Counseling, Social Studies, Mental Retardation, and Specific Learning. She retired from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools after a 39-year successful career that took her from the classroom to an Educational/Placement Specialist. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at Miami-Dade College, Florida Memorial, and Nova University.

Ms. Nweze has been a champion for civil rights through education, health and a myriad of related issues that have impacted Floridians. She has on numerous occasions come to the call of the University by rallying legislatures and other government officials, including the Florida Governor, to review the issues and ultimately reverse decisions that were dire for FAMU and other HBCUs around the state. The committee, based on a review of her accomplishments, voted and recommended Ms. Adora Obu Nweze for the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (DHL) by Florida A&M University.