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Classmates, Look for our weekly, **eMonday** news flyer. Stay connected, there is more to come. If you talk to classmates who don't email, catch them up.

Where Er' We Roam

Northwestern Our Own

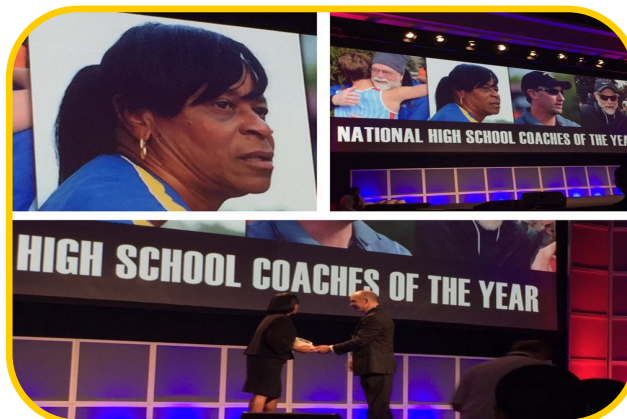
Northwestern Girls' Track Coach Receives Honors

Excerpted from the Miami Herald June 29, 2022

Carmen Jackson of Northwestern was named the Florida Dairy Farmers 2022 Girls' Track Coach of the Year following a final round of voting by a panel of state high school track and field coaches and media representatives.

Jackson led her girls' team to its 13th consecutive state championship extending the state record for most consecutive titles as well as it's 18th title overall.

This is her ninth state Coach of the Year award.



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Giving Back – Paying Forward

Miami Northwestern graduates, with class of 6t5 member **Hattie Williams Walker** on the front line, launched an initiative in 2006 to reconnect with former neighbors, support today's youth, and defend the legacy of **Liberty Square** Housing Project as only former residents could. Liberty Square (affectionally known as the **Pork & Beans**) is a 753-unit Miami-Dade public housing apartment complex in the Liberty City neighborhood. It is bordered at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd (NW 62nd St) on the south, NW 67th St on the north, NW 12th Av on the east, and NW 15th Av on the west.

Constructed as a part of the New Deal by the Public Works Administration and opening in 1937, it was the first public housing project for blacks in the Southern United States.

The new facility of 243 single-family units opened to tenants February 6, 1937. Built just west of the North Miami neighborhoods of Buena Vista and Lemon City, opposition to the proximity of the new apartments to the mostly white communities led to the erection of a 4-foot-tall wall along 12th Avenue from North 62nd Street north to 71st Street, most of which was torn down since the 1950s.

Having stayed in touch with former classmates and neighbors, many former Liberty Square residents would reconnect at funerals and other community gatherings. The funerals especially, stood out as an empty and even painful way to maintain friendships that once were solidly intertwined. Several friends decided to form a social club to play cards and enjoy each other's company. As time progressed, the new club members expressed the desire to give back to their old community. When the social 'group' took the step of becoming an organization in 2006, Phillip Walker was elected as it's first president. Phillip is a 6T3 graduate and the husband of our classmate **Hattie Williams Walker**. They took the more formal step of incorporating in 2013, and became a 501(c)3 – **The Liberty Square Project Friends & Family Reunion, Inc.**

The organization hosted activities with children who were current residents, pairing each member with a child for games, informative sessions as well as intergenerational activities, at Hadley Park. There were about 13 members, no dues required, and the membership was open to any interested party with a goal of getting younger residents involved.

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In 2015 the Liberty Square Project Friends and Family Reunion, Inc became politically motivated after learning the news that the Miami-Dade County Department of Public Housing and Community Development announced plans for construction of a "New Liberty Square." The released statement promised to create 2,290 jobs and \$285 million in economic output." The mixed-use, mixed income public housing complex will be "the largest renovation, revitalization of a public housing complex in county history", known as "Liberty City Rising".

The Liberty Square Project Friends & Family, Inc. went into action. No way did they want to see the old Liberty Square demolished without a trace of the memories and history from their past. To the members, the old project represented their childhood memories.

After briefly considering a fight to save the old project in its entirety, the organization settled on fighting to save the Liberty Square Community Center. They were fortunate to enlist the support of the Dade Heritage Trust, a preservation organization. It was a fervently committed effort/fight. However, in 2017 the city & county came together and sponsored the 2nd Historic Liberty Square Family Reunion, an event to bring families in Liberty Square together. The event was held at the old community center. They Won!!



Phillip Walker, Michelle Garrido Trujillo and Hattie Walker
in front of the Liberty Square Community Center

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The New Housing Units



The Original Housing Units

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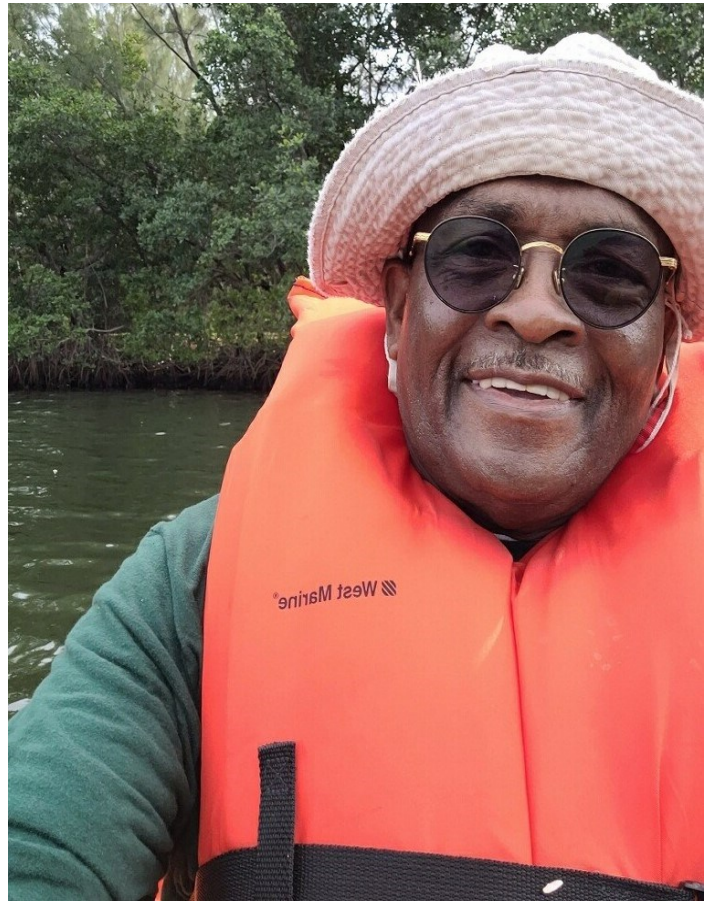
Eugene Pugh the Kayaker

Eugene Pugh is an avid sportsman. He says his friends and his kayak provide a most breathtaking joy. Each time you go kayaking you realize the exhilarating thrill and the possibility of the dangers of drowning or encounters with sea creatures like sharks, barracudas, gators, crocs and even docile manatees.

Transporting the craft can induce a thrill too, since transport calls for knowledge, precision, and attention to detail for safety—a worthwhile challenge.

Cruising the kayak is comforting, in every kind of weather - hot, cool, dry, dismal rain, everything except riptides and storms. It puts you so close to the water's environment that you can reach out and splash water or you can even just lay back and rest as you float on the water. Sometimes you can just roll off into the water and take a refreshing swim. The kayak has no motor so the ride is peaceful and tranquil offering a modicum of physical exercise and mental stimulation.

Eugene has traversed many of the streams, basins and bays in Miami-Dade County as well as other accessible water trails in Florida and other states.



If you are a thrill-seeker, Eugene offers real adventures aboard his two-seater kayak. Any takers?

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Have Clubs Will Travel

Charles Buffington started learning golf during his time studying at Williams College in 1987. The program that he was enrolled in offered golf lessons as an "elective". After returning home to Birmingham, Alabama he continued learning to play with the help of his pastor, Rev Sam Pettagrue.

Charles shares, "this led to my wife, Minnie surprising me with my first complete set of clubs as a gift on my birthday. So I wasted almost 40 years missing the great outlet and fellowship that golf has provided! I would be hard pressed to name all of the wonderful people and places that I have enjoyed while golfing."



Here are some clips from his highlight reel.

- Reuniting with 6T5 classmates Larry Hamm, O'Leary Sanders and Myron Marlin for a round at Woodmont in 2009.
- Playing golf in South Africa where they follow all of the rules of golf and the tradition of fellowship at the "halfway" house. The halfway house is the mandatory break between the 9's.
- Scoring a hole in one at St Marlo Country Club on his 62nd birthday.
- Last year when his golf friends recognized the 16th annual Buffington open. If anyone is inclined to invite me or join me here at Woodmont my motto is "have clubs will travel" !

Here's to all of the straight shooters!



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Larry Rogers the RV Enthusiast

Traveling by RV has been a most relaxing time away from home. The comforts of our Winnebago "minnie winnie" leaves no desire unmet. Our RV is a mere 24ft long and is on a 350 Ford chassis. Driving it is quite pleasurable with comfortable seating and a wide vista. Campsites are affordable and plentiful throughout the USA. It's a retiree Heaven.

Here's how it looks:

Welcome to my RV Home



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Fishermen in paradise



Willie Clark and **Roland James** have used the relaxation of an age old tradition and sport to relieve the tension of the living life fully. A staple of fun and the satisfaction of putting a meal on the table for friends and family alike in days of old, fishing was once a required venture for weekends of the family man. The best pastime to get away from it all with family or friends, as many men still keep their bait and tackle in their vehicle for a quick getaway. It follows a passion and tradition of training up of a young man as it is codified in the mantra: " Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he eats for many days as he become efficient.

Fishing is a father's education to his sons and daughters. South Florida offers year round enjoyment to the fishermen whether for sport or family and friend amusement. It can always put a tasty and satisfying meal on your table. The streams, canals, ponds, bay fronts and oceans offer a myriad of opportunities to show your fishermen skills. Popular catches in South Florida waters are various bass and breams as well as many special and sport fish from the bays and oceans. No one revealed their favorite place for casting their rods and spinners. Some of the favorite catches are peacock bass and

red snapper but the plentiful sea life of South Florida offers crabbing, shrimping, muscles, lobsters and more. There are commercial charters for bay and sea fishing. But the best and most relaxing fishing is the personal rod and reel alone or with friends at your favorite spot.



I was an Educator for 35 years as an Exceptional Education Teacher, Occupational Training Team Leader, and District Transition Specialist. As a teacher, I taught 7th - 12th Grade, all Exceptional Educational Subjects (13 Years) at Brownsville Middle, Thomas Jefferson Middle, Miami Northwestern Sr. High, Booker T. Washington Sr. High. Carol City Sr. High. Miami Central Sr. High, Miami Edison Sr. High and about 10 other school throughout the district.



Edith Smith Reeves

I received my training at Miami-Dade Community College, AA; Florida International University, BS in Special Education; St. Thomas University, MS.

I am grateful to have been inspired to be an educator by Mrs. Ruby Rayford who was one of my teachers in high school and the sponsor of the Tri-Hi-Y Club that I was also in. She was like a mother to me in school, and through that relationship I was inspired. May she Rest-In-Peace.

Education is the 'Key To Success', I really enjoyed working in this field. The highlights of my career were becoming a Teacher for Special Needs Students, serving as Occupational Team Leader over the Exceptional Student Program At Thomas Jefferson Middle school, and serving as District Team Leader, during which I oversaw the ESE Program at 15-20 schools.

I was an Educator for 35 years as a Elementary School Teacher. I taught Grades 2-6, Gifted Education, Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science at Miami Lakes Elementary, Miami Lakes Florida.



Choling Brown Walker

I received my training at FAMU-BS in Education; Nova University - Ft. Lauderdale - MS. in Education. I was inspired to be an educator in a unique way. When I helped my younger brother with his homework, I had a real sense of accomplishment.

The highlights of my career are serving on the Education Excellence School Advisory Committee/ Multicultural Committee, chairing the Black History Committee, United Teachers of Dade Union Steward, teacher of the year 1985-86, "Apple for the Teacher " Award in 2001 were the highlights of my career in

Education. My 35 years of working with children and meeting other educators will always be treasured.



Sandrel Jones Webster

I was an Educator for 30 years. As a teacher, I taught 8 thru college at Citrus Grove, Miami; Hialeah Miami Lakes, Hialeah; Charles R.Drew, Miami; Lincoln University, Oxford, PA; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. I received my training at Miami-Dade Community College-AA in Recreation; University of Miami – B.ED in Health & Physical Education; Nova University-MS in School Administration; University of Tennessee-MS in Adaptive Physical Performance; University of Pennsylvania 2 yrs in Ph.D program.

The highlights of my career are the joy I felt when I observed students' "I got it!" moments. Recognizing and understanding that I have made a difference in a student's learning experience, was always the highlight of my career in Education.



Clarence Jones

I was an Educator for 38 years, as a Teacher Assistant, Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director, and Assistant Superintendent.

As a teacher, I taught Elementary and middle school, and Adjunct Professor at the college level. I taught at Memphis City Schools, Memphis, TN; Miami Dade Public Schools (various); Adjunct Professor at Florida International Univ, Mercy College, New York, Biscayne College (Saint Thomas University), and Nova Southeastern University.

I received my training at University of Memphis, Memphis TN - BS; Nova University, Ft Lauderdale—Master of Science and Doctor of Education.

My highlights were co-authoring the math curriculum that was used in all MDCPS elementary schools for 10 consecutive years; being the youngest Principal in MDCPS in 1981; earned Principal of the Year awards from numerous organizations; established systemwide Montessori Programs; Developed the plan and expanded Pre-K classes to all elementary schools.

I am grateful to have been inspired to be an educator by a special program for Vietnam veterans.



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was an adjunct instructor, intermittently, at Miami-Dade Community College (4 campuses), Florida Memorial College, Barry University, Brevard County Community College (EFSC) from 1977 - 2015. I taught numerous classes in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Miami-Dade Community College experience included teaching at various community locations, as well as the Women's and Men's Detention Centers.

I received my training at the University of Miami, BA Psychology, and Barry University, MSW and 2 yrs toward a Ph.D. in Social Work. It took a minute for me to think of myself as an Educator since teaching was only one of many hats I wore. Several of my classes were in the late afternoon and evening, but no matter how tiring my day activities, I came alive in the classroom. Many of my students were older adults with families and often full-time jobs, and this was my preferred demographic. My greatest inspiration was Dr Gilbert Raiford, professor at Barry University.

June Small Garvin

There is no better feeling than to run into a student who was trying to earn an AA degree when I taught them, who is now working on their doctorate, and crediting me as their motivation. Another highlight is to have had my Women's Detention Center class air on Bill Moyer's Journal. Shortly before relocating from Miami in 2004, I taught the Administrative tasks of Medical Assisting at the Miami-Dade Entrepreneurial Center in Liberty City, to residents of public housing. These young ladies had not yet developed a career path despite being in their mid-twenties to mid-thirties. I was especially proud of helping 20 young women acquire skills and secure career positions in medical facilities.



Carolyn Brown

I was an Educator for 35 years as a Teacher and Principal. As a teacher, I taught in the Cleveland Public School system, South Euclid city schools. I received my training at Spelman College Atlanta, GA—BA English and Secondary Education; John Carroll University Cleveland, OH—MA in Teaching and Certification in Secondary School Administration.

Student achievement and self confidence; students enjoying the learning process, and testing well were the highlights of my career in Education. In addition, I received the Teacher Participation award in 2004, and the City of Cleveland Proclamation Recognition in 2007.

My students keep in touch. Many of them have done well, especially as a result of the speed reading skills I taught.



Valerie Griffin Crawley

I was an Educator for 35 years. As a teacher, I taught 1st grade primarily, and a few other grades throughout my career. I was licensed for K-12 the state of Tennessee.

I received my training at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN earning a Bachelors in Education. I earned a Masters in Education and Administration from Trevecca Nazarene College also located in Nashville.

I was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1998, and serving as Special Programs curriculum writer were highlights of my career in Education. I am grateful to have been inspired to be an educator by my sisters who were teachers. Teaching was the best decision and a most rewarding career.



Sherry Pollock Jones

I was a Teacher and Guidance Counselor for 38 years in the Miami-Dade County school system. I taught Elementary grades K – 5 at Douglass Elementary, Devon Aire Elementary, Norman Bossard Elementary, and Wesley Matthews Elementary schools.

I received my training at Miami Dade Community College - AA, Florida International University - BS Elementary Education; Nova Southeastern University - MS in Elementary Education, Urban Education, Guidance & Counseling K-12.

My love for kids and earlier experience as a Teacher's Aide served as my motivation to become a teacher. The highlights of my career were being nominated as Teacher of the Year, and Counselor of the year, and, being selected as Building Steward to represent the staff. I enjoyed all 38 years of giving to children.

6T5 Educators



Marguerite Bivins Mosley

I was an Educator for 32 years as a grade group chairperson for 5th grade, and, reading and math tutor. As a teacher, I taught elementary school, all subjects for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders, at Olinda, Allapattah and Little River Elementary Schools. I received my training at Miami Dade College – AA; Nova Southeastern University- BS Education.

The highlights of my career were being the first female in my family to graduate from college, the first teacher in the family, and being a teacher of the year. I am grateful to have been inspired to be an educator by Judy Brown and Elma Vasquez.

First and foremost, I really didn't think I wanted to become an educator. Overtime, I did develop an enduring love for children and the knowledge of black history. I received indelible motivation from others who inspired me to become a black leader among those in my community.

Educators

The class of 6T5 has been blessed to have these members serve adults & children of our community at some point in their career.

Alfred Scott
Alonzo Gilbert
Altheria Harris Ebohon
Archie Gallon
Arthur Humes
Ashley Campbell
Audrey Smith
Betty Chandler
Brenda Doles Graham
Charles Sweeting
Dianne Sands Smith

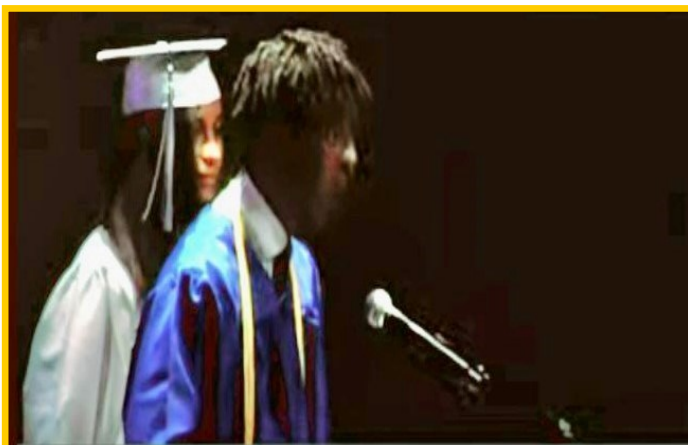
Dwight Rolle
Eloise Carswell Owens
Evelyn Lester Culmer
Everette Burrows
Frances Ross Williams
Georgia Hallmon Holiday
Helene Smith Pearsall
Maria Holmes Arenas
Michael Graham
Patricia Smith Shaw
Richard Newbold

Sam White
Sandra Barry Williams
Selena Forbes Thomas
Valencia Cooper Turner
Vernita Rolle Longchamp

The Pride & Joy of 6T5

Our Grands

Javon Crawford, grandson of **Sandrell Jones Webster**, graduated with honors, from Paul VI high school in Haddon Township, New Jersey. He will attend Brown University in the fall.



JAVON CRAWFORD
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Javon was a lecturer at the Baccalaureate Service for his graduating class of 2022



July 1st—Faye Summerville Sawyer
July 3rd—Larry Rogers
July 3rd—Idus White
July 5th—Brenda Bullard Paschal
July 14th—Alonzo Black
July 19th—Shadrack Taylor
July 20th—Willie Johnson Dorsett
July 20th—Ernestine Walker Banks
July 24th—Samuel Williams
July 25th—John Marks
July 28th—Shirley Terry Bethel
July 31st—Linda Hill Mangaroo

VOTE.
NO
EXCUSES