
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

A PROMISE. A FUTURE.



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*“The present [is] an egg
laid by the past that [has]
the future inside its shell.”*

Zora Neale Hurston

The promise of a future begins with the promises you make to yourself, then to your loved ones, and finally, to your community. Your determination to say, “*I will* succeed,” is where a dream of something more, something better, something greater begins for yourself and all who share in that promise. For it was Frederick Douglass who said, “If there is no struggle, there is no progress.”

If you are determined—if you believe in perseverance—there is a place where you will find an environment that understands and supports your dreams and your effort; a close-knit and scholarly community from which to draw strength. A place where you can experience a faculty and staff who share the same dreams, have leapt the hurdles, and who know what it means to have mentors to guide and watch over you.

That place is Florida Memorial University, where our promise has given generations the knowledge, skills, values, and pride enough to say, “*I have* succeeded.” We invite you to consider Florida Memorial University, where a promise is the future.



DEGREE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of Computer Sciences and Mathematics

Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Management Information Systems
Mathematics

Department of Health and Natural Sciences

Biology
Biology/Nursing (offered jointly with Florida International University and jointly with the University of Miami)
Chemistry
Chemistry (with concentration in Radiochemistry)
Environmental Studies
Physics
Physics-Dual Engineering (offered jointly with Florida International University)

Department of Humanities

Communications (Concentration in Broadcasting, Public Relations)
English
Religion and Philosophy

Department of Social Sciences

Criminal Justice (Concentration in Criminology or Pre-Law)
International Studies
Political Science & Public Administration
Psychology
Social Work
Sociology

Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Music (with concentrations in Church Music and Jazz Studies)

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting
Business Administration
Finance
Hospitality Management (Dual Program with Florida International University)
Marketing

Department of Aviation and Safety

Aeronautical Science
Airway Science
Computer Science (Concentration in Aviation Applications)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Elementary Education/ESOL
Exceptional Student Education/ESOL
Middle Grades
General Science (5-9)
English/ESOL
Mathematics (5-9)
Music Education (K-12)
Physical Education (K-12)
Secondary Education
Biology (6-12)
English/ESOL (6-12)
Mathematics (6-12)

Department of Continuing Education

Interdisciplinary Studies (BS)
(for non-traditional students only)

Graduate Programs

Business Administration (MBA)
Elementary Education (MS)
Exceptional Student Education (MS)
Reading (K-12) (MS)



“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”

Malcolm X



PURSuing THE PROMISE

(ACADEMICS AT FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY)

A MENTORING FACULTY

Florida Memorial University students and graduates will tell you the faculty is what attracted them, and one of the things they value most about their experience here. You, too, will benefit from a dedicated group of educators who reflect your determination through their “failure is not an option” attitude. It is their pledge to offer themselves as encouraging role models and a shoulder to lean on. Most hold Ph.D. or terminal degrees and all believe it is their mission in life to extend to others the same opportunities they have enjoyed.

“Experience adds to experience.”

Alice Walker

INTERNSHIPS

Internships are an invaluable means of getting a firsthand look at how your academic major works in the real world, and gaining hands-on experience before actually beginning your career. Some internships even offer a small salary. Through our Office of Career Development and Placement, you can gain access to hundreds of local, national, and multinational companies in the area. Recent Florida Memorial students have interned and found future employment with organizations and businesses such as:

- Bank of America
- The Family Christian Association of America
- The Federal Aviation Administration
- Guardian Life Insurance Company
- The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida
- The Treasurer of the State of Florida
- The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

“I believe that to teach is to serve, and I work hard to create a classroom environment in which my students are comfortable expressing their doubts or disagreements, empowering them to learn on their own terms. However, I expect nothing less from my students than I do from myself. My classes are well planned, I provide extensive feedback, and I do everything possible to meet their needs. If they fail to make the same effort, they can expect me to call them on it. That’s how I stretch them intellectually, in preparation for the professional world.”

Mary-Angie
Salvá-Ramírez

Associate Professor, Communications

SUPPORT SERVICES

A supportive faculty and rigorous scholarship aren’t the only ways in which Florida Memorial University fulfills its promise of helping to make your future brighter. Our Student Support Services Department is also here to help make your university experience a successful one. Services include:

Student Mentors—Successful junior and senior year students offer the benefit of their experience to freshmen and sophomores through our “Students Helping Students” program.

Student Tutors—Individualized tutoring is available as a free service.

Activities—Included are trips to cultural performances, museums, restaurants, fairs, and sponsored events such as Kwanzaa and the Olympics.

Counseling Center—A professional staff offers a variety of confidential counseling, therapeutic, and assessment services to assist you with any personal and/or academic difficulties.

“You couldn’t ask for a more pleasant, down-to-earth, and sociable faculty and staff than what I found at Florida Memorial. They really go beyond the call of duty to help you. And there is so much more to learn about the pioneers who have helped pave the way for people of color, than I ever knew.”

Devardo Bain

Year: Junior

Major: Industrial Engineering

Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas

Florida Memorial University is a member of the United Negro College Fund, and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



LIVING THE PROMISE

The Florida Memorial University community is vibrant and diverse. Our students, faculty, and staff come from more than half the United States and more than 30 countries. This is one of the greatest benefits of a college education—your exposure to a broad range of world views and intellectual diversity.



■ Countries currently represented on the Florida Memorial University campus.



RESIDENCE HALLS

Campus living offers a special opportunity to be a part of the Florida Memorial family. The residence halls are more than just a place to sleep and study—they are a home in which to share experiences with fellow schoolmates, establish friendships, and support one another through your journey of learning.

Each of our four residence halls has a 24-hour computer lab and wireless Internet in the common areas. Every room is wired for cable and telephone service, and comes equipped with a microwave

and refrigerator. The University provides two male halls and two female halls with a total capacity for 735 students:

W. C. Robinson Hall

Robinson Hall can accommodate 328 freshmen and sophomore women, housing four to a room.

R. R. Goode Hall

Goode Hall houses 28 honors women, two to a room in its Honors Wing, and 100 more women living four to a room in the remaining 25 rooms. Miss Florida Memorial University has a private suite, here, as well.

J. T. Brown Residence Hall

Brown hall is primarily for freshmen men, living two and three to a room.

A. B. Coleman Sr. Residence Hall

Coleman Hall houses junior and senior men, and also has a men's Honors wing. There are three students each in 15 of the rooms, and two in each of the remaining 36 rooms.

ALBERT E. AND SADIE B. SMITH DINING HALL

The dining hall can seat up to 560 people in two serving areas. As a Florida Memorial student, your Lion's Express ID card will allow you to enjoy three meals a day at a specially discounted rate.



Keeping the Faith

Florida Memorial University was founded by and remains strongly affiliated with the Baptist Church. You are free, however, to worship God as you so desire. Sunday services at the Susie C. Holley Religious Center are diversified and allow all who wish to attend to familiarize themselves with different ways of worship. Students are encouraged to express their spirituality by volunteering their time in the various ministries and service opportunities, such as:

- Sunday School
- Men's/Women's Ministry
- Praise & Worship Ministry
- Evangelism Ministry
- Performing at local churches and events with the Florida Memorial Gospel Choir
- Being a guest minister on campus and at local churches

A Brief History of Florida Memorial University

The University traces its origins back to 1879, to the Florida Baptist Institute in Live Oak, Florida, and to the Florida Baptist Academy, founded in Jacksonville in 1892.

In 1900, faculty member J. Rosamond Johnson and his brother, James Weldon Johnson, wrote the words and music to what is now known as the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

Decades later, after relocating to St. Augustine, Florida, the two schools merged and became Florida Memorial College.

Miami became the College's permanent home in 1968, and adopted the name "Florida Memorial University" in December 2004. As the only Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in southern Florida, it is one of the oldest academic centers in Florida.

"The next best thing to going shopping is walking around the lake, chatting with friends. I guess that's why I'm in the medical field—connecting with people is really important to me, and this small, family oriented university life is just the right place for that."

Myra Cini

Year: Junior

Major: Biology / Nursing

Hometown: Buenos Aires, Argentina



ENGAGEMENT

Attending classes and studying were never meant to be all that going to college is about. At Florida Memorial University, you will discover a wide range of extracurricular activities through which you can enhance your academic performance, have a positive impact on campus and in the community, have fun, and challenge yourself through service and leadership-building opportunities.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Here are just a few of the more than 80 student and university organizations, fraternities, and sororities to get involved in. Visit www.fmuniv.edu/studentaffairs to see a complete listing.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Part of Florida Memorial's mission is a commitment to leadership through service in the enhancement of the lives of others, and there are many ways you can share in this commitment, such as:

- Becoming a mentor in the "Students Helping Students" Peer Mentoring Program
- Singing with the Ambassador Chorale or Gospel Choir
- Reporting for the campus paper, *Lion's Tale*
- Volunteering at a local preschool



*"When you learn, teach.
When you get, give."*

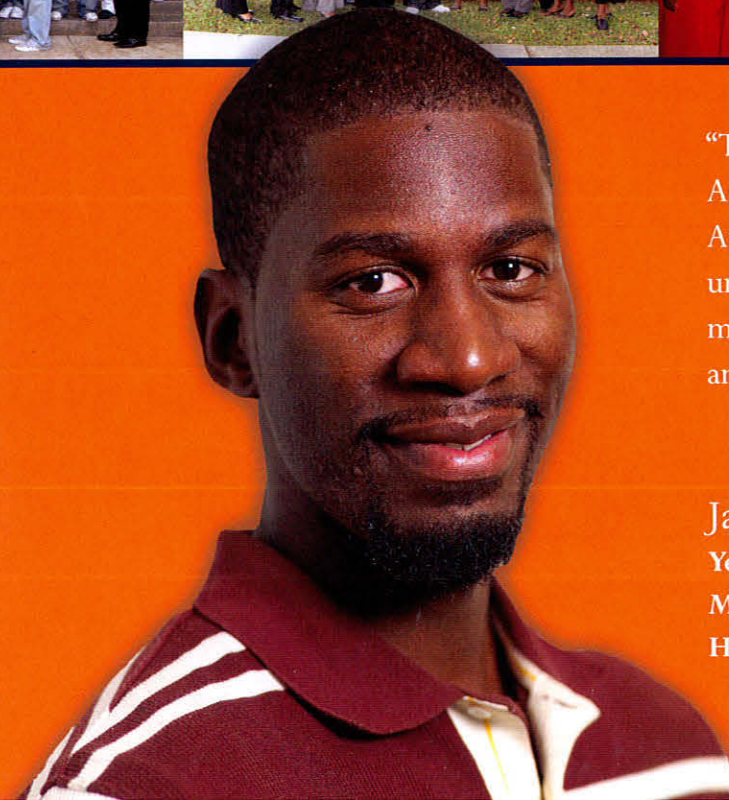
Maya Angelou



- Ambassador Chorale
- ATP (Anything is Possible)
- First Lady's Ladies
- Future Teachers of America
- Gospel Choir
- Honors Council
- International Students Association
- NAACP
- Pan-Hellenic Council
- Pre Alumni Council
- Psychology Club

*"God gives nothing to those who
keep their arms crossed."*

African Proverb



"Through participation in the Student Government Association, Gospel Choir, NAACP, Future Educators of America, and other campus groups, I've met some truly unique individuals and made life-long friends. I know my entire Florida Memorial experience will make me an exceptional high school math teacher."

Jason Perry

Year: Senior

Major: Middle Grades Math Education

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida

ATHLETICS



Florida Memorial track and field competitors have claimed many NAIA national honors, including a 2006 FSC championship for the women.

Florida Memorial's basketball teams are perennial contenders for the FSC championship. The men's team is the 2007 FSC champion, with two players making the All-FSC Team and one selected as Player of the Year. The lionesses are always a threat, having taken the FSC championship in 1992-94, 1997, 1998, and 2001.



Decked out in royal blue, orange and white, the Fighting Lions of Florida Memorial University compete in the Florida Sun Conference (FSC) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Teams fielded include:

- Cheerleading
- Men's and Women's basketball
- Men's baseball
- Track & cross country
- Women's volleyball

There are three Florida Memorial cheerleading squads: the Coed Competition squad (16 members); the All-Girl squad (10 members); and the Bat Girl Service squad (12 members).



The A. Chester Robinson Athletic Center plays host to all indoor sporting events, and many other university functions.



THE FUTURE

Would it surprise you to know that 75 percent of our students are the first in their family to attend college? Then you may also be surprised to hear that Florida Memorial University graduates—before all other private schools—rank sixth in the state for the highest starting salaries! The reason is no surprise: Florida Memorial’s legacy of success, a dedicated and supportive faculty, rigorous academics, and excellent career preparation services.



THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

In addition to networking assistance from faculty and alumni, and the future relationships you build through campus organizations and community involvement, are the resources and opportunities provided by our Career Development Center (CDC):

- The CDC utilizes a computerized career assessment tool called SigiPlus. With the assistance of a career counselor, it will help you identify and plan for the perfect career.
- The CDC sponsors an annual career fair during the spring semester, and hosts on-campus recruitment drives throughout the year.
- In addition to the assessment and career fairs, the CDC provides many networking opportunities, such as the Graduate School Expo and Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP), where you can meet and speak with career professionals related to your academic major.

PROMISES FULFILLED

There is no one better to tell Florida Memorial’s story than those who have gone before you. Here are a few facts and University alums in which we hope you will find further inspiration to continue to strive for success.

- Florida Memorial ranks sixth in the state in graduates with the highest post-graduation salaries.
- Florida Memorial offers one of the top psychology degrees in the region and most of our psychology majors go on to earn a Master’s degree and, eventually, a Doctorate degree.
- Florida Memorial ranks second in the state and ninth in the nation for graduating African-American teachers



“It is here that my vision of success has been sharpened by fiery determination, compassion, and divine intervention. If you want to be seen as an individual with talents that are meant for success, and if you want your unique abilities to be fed and nourished into a standard of integrity and accomplishment, then Florida Memorial University is the place for you.”

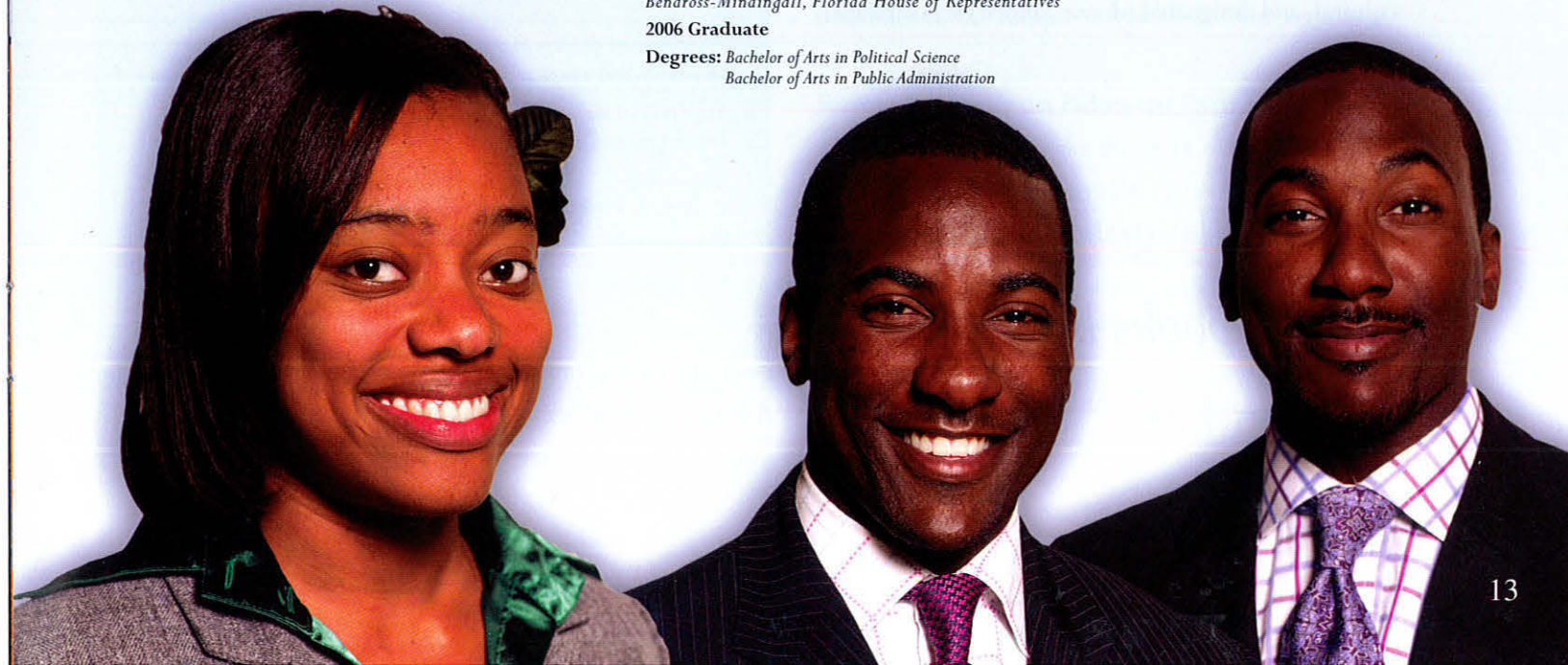
Shaun-Pierre Hall
M.D. student at Florida State University College of Medicine
2008 Graduate
Degree: B.S. in Biology (Pre-Medicine)

“Florida Memorial University is definitely a family, a collective of individuals with differing ideas, thoughts, concepts, and passions. Each and every one of whom deeply and passionately claims the spirit of the Lion. Every young person who walks through the front gate is given the opportunity of a lifetime, and empowered with the essential leadership, character, and service tools to be productive in life. Thank you, Florida Memorial, for giving me a place to birth life changing memories!”

Grady Wright
Legislative Assistant to the Honorable Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Florida House of Representatives
2006 Graduate
Degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration

“Faculty at Florida Memorial pushed me to acknowledge the opportunities that were before me, and not to waste them. They challenged me every day to perform at my peak potential. You really come to think of the staff there as your brothers and sisters, and the faculty, as your mom and dad!”

Brady Wright
Professional personal stylist
2007 Graduate
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration





SCHOLARSHIPS

Florida Memorial University is committed to making a university education accessible to as many students as possible. As a member of the United Negro College Fund, and as one of the most affordable universities in the region, we are proud to offer students a variety of academic, athletic, incentive, cultural, and designated (donor funded) scholarships.

“You’ve really got to start hitting the books because it’s no joke out here.”

Spike Lee

ADMISSIONS

Florida Memorial University accepts any and all qualified students, both domestic and international, and of any faith or creed. To apply for admission, we encourage you to submit an **online application by visiting <https://iqweb.fmuniv.edu/iqweb>**. Basic application requires that you submit:

1. A completed Florida Memorial University application for admission and a non-refundable application fee of \$15.
2. Your official high school transcript or General Education Development (GED).
3. Either your Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) score. It will be used for advisement and placement purposes.
4. One letter of recommendation and a personal statement.

For more admissions information, **contact the Admissions Office at 800.822.1362, email admit@fmuniv.edu, or visit www.fmuniv.edu**.

VISIT FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

We would be honored to have you visit our modern and openly inviting campus. We are sure you’ll immediately feel at home. Schedule a visit and spend some time meeting students and faculty, and speaking with admissions and financial aid counselors. Enjoy a meal, tour our facilities, relax by our lake, and realize just how well you will fit in. To schedule a visit, **call our Office of Admissions at 800.822.1362**, and we will take care of everything. Or visit www.fmuniv.edu/admissions.

Directions to Florida Memorial University:

Florida Memorial is located just north of the Opa-Locka Airport and south of the Palmetto Expressway.

From the North on I-75: heading south, take Exit 4 onto NW 186th Street/Miami Gardens Drive. Continue on Miami Gardens Drive 4.2 miles; turn right onto NW 57th Avenue/Red Road. After 1 mile, turn left onto NW 167th Street and proceed 1.5 miles to NW 42nd Avenue/Le Jeune Road. Proceed one-half mile to the campus on your right.

From the Florida Turnpike: traveling south, take the SR-826 West (Palmetto Expressway) exit, and follow directions for I-75 above.

From the North on I-95: traveling south, take Exit 12 for US-441 S/SR-9 S/SR-826 E/SR-826 W/Florida’s Turnpike. Keep right at the fork; follow signs onto SR-826 West (Palmetto Expressway). After 3 miles, take the Douglas Road/NW 37th Avenue exit, then merge right onto NW 167th Street. After 0.6 miles, turn left onto NW 42nd Avenue/Le Jeune Road. Proceed 0.6 miles to the campus entrance on your right.

From the South on Palmetto Expressway/SR-826: traveling north, take the exit toward NW 47th Avenue, then merge onto NW 167th Street, and follow the remaining instructions for I-95 above.

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www.fmuniv.edu



Can enough ever be said about living in the Miami area? Boasting a diverse and exciting population representing more than 120 nationalities and speaking 68 languages, Miami-Dade County is one of the world's foremost destinations—offering a wealth of culture, local and ethnic foods, entertainment, natural wonders, and beautiful beaches.

Just minutes away from campus is Dolphin Stadium; one of many local concert venues and home of Miami Dolphins football, Florida Marlins baseball, and the BCS (NCAA Division I-A) football championships. You will also find . . .

Dozens of nearby attractions such as:

- Everglades National Park
- Malls
- Miami Metrozoo
- Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium
- Miami Seaquarium
- South Beach
- Walt Disney World Resort & Theme Parks

Hundreds of cultural events and activities including:

- Art Basel Miami Beach
- Caribbean Carnival (Miami and Broward Carnival)
- Calle Ocho
- City of Miami Gardens "Jazz in the Gardens" Concert
- Coconut Grove Arts Festival
- The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center
- The Haitian Heritage Museum
- The Lyric Theater
- The Miami City Ballet
- The Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival
- The Virginia Key Beach Park

INTERNSHIP AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Florida Memorial's proximity to the Metro-Miami area, with more than 300 Fortune 500 corporations headquartered, hundreds of schools, hospitals, engineering and electronics outfits, and private and non-governmental businesses means your opportunities for internships and career are practically without limit.



"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."

Barack Obama

- Founded 1879
- Campus size: 48 acres
- Ranked second in the State and ninth in the Nation for graduating African-American Teachers.
- Religious affiliation: Baptist
- Average cost of one year's attendance, including tuition, room, board, and fees: \$18,298
- Fall 2008 student headcount: 1,816
- Percentage of in-state students: 80.7%
- Percentage of out-of-state students: 11.5% (from more than 25 states)
- Percentage of international students: 7.8% (from more than 41 countries)
- Percentage that are first in family to attend college: 75%
- Number of full time faculty: 94 (80% hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree)
- Athletic Association: Florida Sun Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
- Varsity sports: Cheerleading, Men's and Women's basketball, Men's baseball, track & cross country, Women's volleyball
- School Colors: Royal Blue & Orange
- School Mascot: Lion
- Accreditation: **Regional:** Commission on Colleges-Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Professional: Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs
Professional: National Association of Schools of Music
Professional: National Council For Accreditation of Teacher Education
Professional: Council on Social Work Education

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