

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Kenneth R. Williams takes this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation for your greetings extended to him on the occasion of his Inauguration as first President of Florida Atlantic University on November 12, 1964.

He further appreciates having your institution personally represented at the Convocation by ~~Mrs. Corine Wilson.~~

October 15, 1964

The Honorable Tom Adams
Secretary of State
State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Adams:

Within the next few days you will receive a formal invitation to attend and participate in the Inaugural Convocation of Florida Atlantic University to be held in the Bibletown Auditorium in Boca Raton at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12. I wish to add this personal invitation and expression of my hope that you will find it possible to be with us on this occasion.

The Boca Raton Hotel and Club will serve as the headquarters hotel for the guests. The Florida Council of 100 and the Council of Junior College Presidents are holding their fall meeting at this time in conjunction with our exercises, and the Board of Control has scheduled its November meeting for November 13.

On the early evening of November 11, an informal reception and social hour is being held at the Boca Raton Hotel for those who will have arrived on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday morning, transportation will be furnished from the hotel to the Auditorium for the exercises. Immediately following the exercises a luncheon is planned at the hotel.

We sincerely hope that you and Mrs. Adams will be able to be with us for these events.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Williams
President

KRW/sab

November 4, 1964

Mr. C. H. Coulter
State Forester
Florida Board of Forestry
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Hux:

Thank you for your personal note telling us that you and Sora could not be with us for the Inaugural Convocation on November 12. Both of you will know how much Selma and I regret your inability to share this happy occasion with us. We can quite understand though, for it seems that the pace that we all live these days is full of "conflicting commitments."

By the way, congratulations on the recent award which you received in recognition of your outstanding work. I was pleased to have been included among those invited to be with you on the presentation of this richly deserved award and regret that conflicts in my schedule made it impossible.

I do hope that you will drop by for a visit any time you are in this area of the State. It is always a real pleasure to visit with you, and I would be delighted to "show you our campus."

Selma joins me in warm regards to Sora and you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Williams
President

KRW/sab

October 16, 1964

The Honorable Farris Bryant
Governor of Florida
State Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor Bryant:

Within the next few days you will receive a formal invitation to attend and participate in the Inaugural Convocation of Florida Atlantic University to be held in the Bibletown Auditorium in Boca Raton at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12. I wish to add this personal invitation and expression of my hope that you will find it possible to be with us on this occasion.

The administration and faculty of Florida Atlantic University would be honored if you will accept from it the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws. This honorary degree has been voted unanimously to you in recognition of the leadership which you have given to the development of a strong system of education as citizen, legislator and governor. With your permission it will be officially granted to you during the Inaugural Convocation exercises at the time and place given in the paragraph above. We will have for you the cap, gown and hood.

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We sincerely hope that you and Mrs. Bryant will be able to be with us for these events.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Williams
President

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October 23, 1964

AIR MAIL

Dr. Carlos M. Vilar-Alvarez
Faculty of General Studies
Department of Biological Sciences
University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Dear Carlos:

Thank you very much for your recent letter, I was delighted to hear from you, and especially do I appreciate your thoughtfulness in calling my attention to the interests of Chancellor Benitez and Dr. Arraras-Mir of the University of Puerto Rico.

We have sent formal invitations to each of these gentlemen, and I have sent a personal letter to Chancellor Benitez - a copy is enclosed for your information.

We look forward with pleasant anticipation to having you with us on the occasion of our Inauguration Convocation.

Mrs. Williams joins me in kind regards to you and Mrs. Alvarez.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Williams
President

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October 23, 1964

AIR MAIL

Dr. Jaime Benitez, Chancellor
University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

You will be receiving a formal invitation to the Inauguration Convocation of Florida Atlantic University which is being held at Boca Raton, Florida, on Thursday, November 12. A similar formal invitation has been mailed to Dr. Jose Arraras-Mir, Dean of Administration of the University of Puerto Rico, and to Dr. Carlos M. Vilar-Alvarez, Visiting Professor in the the Department of Biological Sciences of your University and Professor on Leave from Florida Atlantic University.

By this letter, I want to add my sincere personal invitation to you, and express the hope you will be able to be with us. We would, indeed, be honored by your presence.

We hope, of course, that Dr. Jose Arraras-Mir will be able to be with us, and we understand that Professor Vilar-Alvarez is planning to attend.

Permit me to extend kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Williams
President

KRW:bmr

October 30, 1964

Dr. Joe B. Rushing, President
Junior College of Broward County
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Joe:

You have, or should have, received an official invitation to the Inaugural Convocation of Florida Atlantic University which is being held in Boca Raton at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12. Through this note I simply want to add my personal hope that you can be with us.

I want each of you to understand also that we will want you to officially represent your institution and, in academic regalia, be a part of our academic order of march. If you have replied to the invitation which you received, you and your institution will be listed in our official program among the colleges and universities of our nation officially participating in the Inauguration Convocation and in the academic procession.

You will be receiving from our inaugural committee the information called for on the card accompanying the official invitation. If you have received the official invitation and have responded to it on the card furnished for this purpose, no further communication from you is necessary. If by any chance you have not received the official invitation, I would hope that you would telephone me direct (speaking either to me or to Mrs. Rich, my Administrative Assistant) so that we can be sure that your institution is listed as being represented and so that we will know that your room needs will be met.

I am personally most pleased that I can look forward to being joined on this occasion by you and each of your presidential colleagues in the junior colleges.

Cordially,

Kenneth R. Williams
President

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