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NOVA STAR

Juneteenth Scholarship Competition Show



JUNE 10 · 2023



Schedule

- 6:00pm **Pre-show**
- 6:50pm **Doors Open**
- 7:00pm **Welcome Remarks**
- 7:20pm **Contestant Introductions and
FIU Spirit Categories**
- 7:40pm **Talent Category**
- 8:05pm **Intermission**
- 8:25pm **Social Issue Speech Category**
- 8:45pm **Q&A Category**
- 8:55pm **Judge Deliberation Break and Ballroom Showcase
by House Eclipse**
- 9:30pm **Award Ceremony and Final Remarks**

Meet the
**2023 Nova Star
Juneteenth
Scholarship
Competition
Contestants**



Contestant #1

Amelia Hinds

Major

International Business Management
College of Business
First-Year Student



Contestant #2

Athena Scarlett

Major

Computer Science
College of Engineering and Computing
Third-Year Student



Contestant #3

Shania Sylvain

Major

Psychology and Natural Applied Sciences
College of Arts, Sciences and Education
Second-Year Student



Contestant #4

Dior Crooks

Major

Architecture
College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts
Second-Year Student



Contestant #5

Maikaia Speights

Major

Nursing
The Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Third-Year Student



Contestant #6

Chandler Jules

Major

Creative Writing
College of Arts, Sciences and Education
Fourth-Year Student



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Special Acknowledgements

Judges

Dr. Andrea Raymond	Professor at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and Black Faculty Association Member
David Olusanjo	Student and President of the African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Student Association
Dorean Gordon Williams	Director of Development in the FIU Foundation Office of Inclusive Philanthropy
Dr. Maria Reid	Professor at the College of Arts, Sciences and Education and Black Faculty Association Member
Melissa Castriota	Director of Campus Operations and Black Staff Association Member
Dr. Nahum Jean-Louis	Adjunct Faculty and Black Staff Association Member
Samaria Popote	Student and Secretary of the National Society of Black Women in Medicine

Contestant Coaches:

Brianna Brown
Chrysten Wallace
Debra Manning
Jose Rodriguez
Maikel Alendy
Mario Lewis
Yselande Pierre

Preparation Session Facilitators:

Cailyn Collins
Garth Headley
Jay Jefferson
Jazmin Johnson
Matty Sey
Melvin Huffnagle
Teddisha Mackey

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FIU

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

NOVA STAR NETWORKING MIXER

4:30 - 6:00 PM | WINE SPECTATOR ROOM, BBC

NOVA STAR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION SHOW

7:00 - 10:00 PM | WOLFE UNIVERSITY CENTER AUDITORIUM, BBC

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH

JUMPSTART YOUR FINANCIAL JOURNEY: GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

12:30 - 1:30 PM | VIRTUAL

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH

THE BLACK VOTE: HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY SIGNIFICANCE

2:00 - 4:00 PM | MARC PAVILION (ROOM 290), MMC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH

SEIZING UNTAPPED POWER IN DANGEROUS TIMES: INTERROGATING THE URGENCY OF THE MOMENT IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT

4:00-5:30 PM | VIRTUAL

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH

DIVING INTO ROSEWOOD: A STORY

1:00-2:00 PM | VIRTUAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH

FINDING OUR FLOW: A RETURN TO HOME YOGA SESSION

10:00 - 11:00 AM | TAMAMI HALL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, MMC

EMOTIONAL EMANCIPATION CIRCLE

12:00 - 2:00 PM | TAMAMI HALL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, MMC

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

1:00 - 5:00 PM | DOTSON FAMILY PAVILION, MMC

PAINTING WITH FAITH

1:00 - 5:00 PM | GOLD & BLUE LAWNS, MMC

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH

JUNETEENTH WEEK CLOSING CEREMONY

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | WUC PANTHER SQUARE, BBC

REFLECTING BLACK TO THE FUTURE: CELEBRATING EMANCIPATION & FREEDOM OPENING RECEPTION

6:30 - 8:00 PM | MIAMI BEACH URBAN STUDIOS DESIGN GALLERY



FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

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SATURDAY · JUNE 17, 2023 **FOOD TRUCKS**
1PM TO 5PM **VENDORS**
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT **ENTERTAINMENT**
RAFFLES **STEP SHOW**



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