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THE DURNEY OF DREAMS

THIS IS A HISTORICAL MOMENT FOR **BARRY UNIVERSITY.**

"It is exciting to know our College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been part of creating this first-ever, alum focused documentary highlighting two former CNHS graduate students. I am grateful these distinguished alums are willing to share their journeys with the world. I think many who watch this film will see qualities within themselves exemplified in siblings Bukky and Dapo. I believe their grit and dedication to reaching their dreams will inspire you. It is stories like this that showcase the pride we have in our students and their incredible commitment to improving both healthcare and the lives of others."

– Dr. John McFadden, Dean

About THE Film Stars

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Olubukola (Bukky) Durojaiye, MSHSA, MPH

Dual Degree: MS, Health Services Administration and Master of Public Health Class of 2020

Growing up in Nigeria, Olubukola Durojaiye, Bukky to her friends and colleagues, dreamed of embarking on a career that merged her two greatest passions. "I had always loved the healthcare space as well as technology," she says. It is fitting, then, that the 2020 Barry University graduate

recently earned a prestigious fellowship that combines these lifelong interests. In June 2021, Durojaiye joined the Medical University of South Carolina Health (MUSC) in Florence, SC, where she works across multiple departments within the operations division.

Durojaiye earned her bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Lagos State University in Nigeria. Upon moving to the US, she began considering master degree programs that aligned with her clearcut ambitions. Luckily, she found insight and inspiration nearby. "My brother Oladapo was in the dual MSHSA-MPH program at Barry University, and he always spoke so highly of the program and the faculty and staff," she says.

During her studies, Durojaiye is also proud of her time spent working with MedPro Healthcare as a licensure and credentialing specialist. "I worked with the international team and I helped facilitate the process of ensuring international nurses from Africa, the Caribbean, and the United Kingdom obtain their nursing licenses to practice in the United States," she says.

Durojaiye is also active in several professional associations, including the Women's Healthcare Executive Network (WHEN) of South Florida, where she served two years as Membership Chair. As often as she can, she offers guidance and mentorship to those with aspirations in her field, something she aims to keep doing as her career progresses. "I look forward to continuing to pay it forward," she says. She considers her success a product of hard work and taking advantage of wonderful opportunities granted to her by her Barry network, her professional affiliations, and MUSC. "It's all thanks to Barry and to the selection committee at MUSC Health for believing in me and giving me a chance," she says.



Oladapo (Dapo) Durojaiye, MSHSA, MPH

Dual Degree: MS, Health Services Administration and Master of Public Health Class of 2019

While pursuing his dual master's degrees in Health Services Administration and Public Health, Oladapo Durojaiye was working as a full-time service manager at Wells Fargo Bank. He earned this promotion just three years after starting his career at the bank as a teller, an entry-level position that informed

his long-term ambition of becoming the chief financial officer of a healthcare organization.

After completing his dual degree program in 2019, he made the leap to the healthcare industry, accepting a patient access team lead position at Plantation General Hospital in Plantation, Florida. "What I loved most about my job," says Durojaiye, "was the opportunity to work with a team that was diligently focused on improving patient experience through educating patients on their medical benefits and actively reducing patient wait time." He credits Barry with preparing him for the role by providing him with the skills and knowledge to propel his future in healthcare, as well as testing his determination and drive.

Durojaiye's efforts are paying off in major ways. Recently, he earned acceptance into the two-year Administrative Fellowship Program at Mount Sinai Health Systems in New York City. The highly competitive fellowship was granted to a select few among hundreds of applicants. Durojaiye considers the award the top moment of his career to date. He attributes his success to his own hard work and the encouragement of his Barry University family. "I believe that the level of support I received from my professors, program advisor (Dr. Ritter), program director (Dr. Velis), the South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (a local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives), and mentors in the health industry, helped distinguish me among the pool of candidates."

When he began his fellowship, Durojaiye aimed to develop his core competencies and leadership skills and leverage the opportunity to explore a 360-degree business view of the hospital system. He also intends to pay it forward by mentoring others as he continues to advance in his career.



Marian Oluremi Durojaiye

Proud Mother

Marian was born in Lagos, Nigeria. Her greatest pride is her family, her four children and one grandchild.

Having been deprived access to higher education, she made a commitment to motivate and provide an education for each of her children. She committed to giving them the resources they needed to transform their lives.

By setting her children up for success against all odds, she believes they will successfully influence their network and contribute positively to the world at large.





Jeffrey Ritter, DBA, MBA

Assistant Professor

Dr. Jeff Ritter is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Master of Science in Health Service Administration Programs (MSHSA). He is the Coordinator of the Internship Program for graduate students. Dr. Ritter has over 25 years experience as a healthcare executive working in the hospital, managed care, and insurance industries. Ritter holds a

Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) from Nova Southeastern University, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Long Island University, and a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from Baruch College in New York City.

Dr. Ritter has served as a Faculty Senator and is a leader in the community in which he lives and serves. He is a board member of the American College of Healthcare Executives of South Florida (ACHE-SFL) and led the student case competition for the MSHSA program for a number of years, which is sponsored by the ACHE. Additionally, Dr. Ritter is the National Chair for the Upsilon Phi Delta (UPD) Honor Society, which is part of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

Dr. Ritter is a former health care executive and has years of management consulting experience in healthcare marketing, strategic planning, and leadership. He has spoken at conferences, locally, regionally, and nationally on topics including health care reform, health care strategy, and leadership. He has also co-authored chapters in textbooks and has published articles in a number of publications. Dr. Ritter teaches Health Care Strategy, Marketing, Leadership, Managed Care, and Policy courses.



Evelio Velis, MD, PhD

Program Director

Dr. Evelio Velis has more than 30 years of healthcare experience as a physician, administrator, and researcher. He received his Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from The Higher Institute of Medical Sciences, Havana, Cuba in 1983, where he also completed an Internship in Pediatrics. He was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Biostatistics/Epidemiology

in 1990 from the Faculty of Public Health. Dr. Velis practiced medicine for more than ten years in Cuba, Africa, and Central America. He worked as a Pediatrician in Africa from 1986 to 1987. Dr. Velis has identified living and working with African refugees in the Sahara Refugee Camps as the most rewarding professional experience of his life.

Dr. Velis is the director of the Health Services Administration programs at Barry University's College of Nursing and Health Sciences. He also teaches, as an Associate Professor, Managerial Epidemiology, Advanced Quantitative Methods of Inquiry, Applied Biostatistics and Research Methods for the Doctor of Podiatry Medicine, Doctorate in Nursing Practice, and PhD in Nursing programs.

An active researcher, Dr. Velis is serving as co-principal investigator of two funded grants from The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). He has recently been appointed as a reviewer for the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) Journal of Health Administration Education (JHAE), the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Journal of Healthcare Management (JHM) and the International Journal of Criminology & Sociology (IJCS).

Dr. Velis has been honored with the "Apple Award for Leading Educators" in recognition of his contribution to the students of Barry University, and he is a member of the AUPHA Upsilon Phi Delta national honor society. He has been distinguished in the Latino-Americans Who's Who publication. He has been recognized for his work as a lecturer and advisor for Clinical and Epidemiological Studies in the Residency and Fellowship training programs at the Miami Children's Hospital and Cleveland Clinic of Florida.



Oyinkansola "Bukky" Ogunrinde, MHSA

President, ACHE South Florida

Oyinkansola "Bukky" Ogunrinde is the Founder and Chief Practice Transformation officer for FUNMI Healthcare Consulting, LLC, a consultancy specializing in the management of physician practice and ambulatory services. Currently, she serves as senior practice coach for an organization servicing over 500 healthcare organizations.

With 12 years in healthcare administration and management, she specializes in providing leadership and management services in the areas of general administration, operations, financial management, business development, project management and strategic planning.

Previously, she worked as the director of physician surgical operations where she oversaw surgical departments including orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery, genetics, nephrology, urology, gastroenterology and general surgery in a pediatric healthcare system. She also served as the operations project manager during which she oversaw the management of strategic and operational alignment initiatives in another healthcare system's long-term care division. As the planning and performance improvement leader, she oversaw some of both hospital and ambulatory-based clinical operation continuous improvement projects and business plans. As a management fellow, she led operational teams and facilitated business initiatives in a healthcare system that was undergoing an eight hospital merger and acquisition process.

She is an active member in the community through various professional, civic and volunteer efforts. She is the 2022 President of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) of the South Florida chapter – making her the first black woman to hold this office; a former board member and current member of the South Florida Chapter of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) and; a member of the Florida Chapter of the National Association of Healthcare Services Executives (NAHSE).

Bukky has another passion, helping healthcare management students and emerging leaders in their professional development. This burning call to action is what guided her to co-create and co-direct the first in the nation Remote Healthcare Administration Internship (RHAI), a successful endeavor undertaken to help those that lost their internships and fellowships because of the COVID-19 pandemic. She practices a very simple personal philosophy – always be of service to others whenever you can.

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About THE Film Producers



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Francisco Roa

Producer

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, Roa graduated with a degree in Advertising and Marketing. He has 30+ years of experience in the production of audiovisuals, commercials, television shows and movies. He has received National and international recognition and awards in the advertising industry (ANDA, Ojo de Iberoamérica awards, FIAP, NY Festival).

He is the Founder and Executive producer of multiple film production companies, with extensive experience in project management, personnel management, and customer service. He worked with several important brands in LATAM - USA. He is currently the Executive Producer/Director of La Barra Films Corporation in Miami.



Antonio Paris

Director, Editor, Creative Producer

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, Paris has been a creative producer for more than 18 years. His experience producing content for Cable Networks in Latin America includes Canal Sony, AXN, Universal Channel, SyFy, Studio Universal and E! Entertainment Television, among others. He has also worked with agencies for brands such as Netflix, Chase Bank, Diageo, Dolce & Gabbana,

Ferragamo, Airbnb, GMC, Sears Mexico, Saks Fifth Avenue Mexico, and Procter & Gamble Prestige.

Antonio has received awards such as the Emmy Suncoast Chapter, Clio Entertainment Award, El Ojo de Iberoamérica PR Award, Impact DOCS Award, and Festival of Media LATAM.



Zac Lee Rigg

Writer

Zac Lee Rigg graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in English (2007). He has worked as a senior editor, freelance contributor, writer/producer, managing editor and senior producer. He is currently self-employed writing and producing videos for the New York Times, Doha Debates, Inequality Media, Glitch, and Baron Visual.



Pamela Johnson, MS

Project Communications

Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Master of Science in Integrated Communications: Journalism and Mass Communication from Florida International University. With her education background and current role within Barry University's Biomedical Sciences MS program, she was

a good fit to bring onto this project as communications lead.

Johnson understands the intricacies of communicating with an authentic voice while being sensitive to the perspectives of all participants. She is excellent at collobaration when working ideas from initial fruition to completion. Her experience with both media and higher education were beneficial throughout production.



Kim L. Beers, MBA

Executive Producer

Beers is a long-time veteran of advertising and marketing. Her background includes business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) marketing, as well as a broad range of products from ecommerce and software solutions to higher education and hospitality. She had managed agencies, creative, traditional and digital production teams for decades.

At Barry, her focus is within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences where she manages the day-to-day marketing operations for the College, and works closely with programs and program directors to deliver compelling advertising strategies that influence enrollment.

She has managed production and even created many videos for use on websites, social media platforms and television commercials – but this is her first step into a full-length film. Upon first meeting Roa and Paris in 2019, Paris encouraged her to watch for an amazing student story that would highlight the best of Barry University while telling a story so compelling that it had to be shared.

She first learned about Bukky and Dapo from Dr. Ritter in a routine program meeting. As a follow-up to that meeting, she contacted a freelance writer through Barry, Caroline McCoy, to reach out to Bukky for her story. A short story about Dapo's journey was already posted on the website, but Bukky's story was new, and an intriguing twist to have siblings both earn prestigious fellowships. Both Ritter and Beers were impressed by the unlikely story of siblings who seemed to have their stars align for the amazing experiences that they shared. Beers requested a meeting with the siblings to ask if they would be interested in being part of a full-length film about their incredible journey. Upon the siblings agreement she began the yearlong process of film production with the amazing talent, direction and collaboration of Roa and Paris.

Upon completion of this project, when asked if she would do another film for BarryU, she said, "I'm excited to see how the Barry community responds to this and hope it is received with the joy and pride with which it is intended." This is a first for Barry University; never in its history has the organization devoted an entire film to its incredible graduates. Beers hopes this will be the start of telling more alum and student success stories in film.

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