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FAMU MMERI Forum Radio Features the Research of MMERI Mini Grant Recipients and Cannabis Business of FAMU Alum

Tallahassee, Fla. – This week’s episode of Florida A&M University (FAMU) MMERI Forum Radio features two back-to-back half-hour episodes of conversations on cannabis.

The first half-hour features the research of Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI) mini-grant recipients John Luque, Ph.D., Gwendolyn Singleton, Ph.D. and Huijin Li, Ph.D., conducting the following research projects:

- *Marijuana, Mental Health, and FAMU*, DeAnna Burney, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Psychology and Huijin Li, Ph.D., associate professor and assistant director, Center for Ethnic Psychological Research and Application, Department of Psychology.
- *Mixed Methods Study of Medical Marijuana Use Among Minority Patients*, John Luque, Ph.D., associate professor, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Arinzechukwu Okere, PharmD, associate professor, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- *To What Extent Do Mental Health and Psychosocial Factors Predict Risk for Misuse and Neuropsychological Impairment in African American Marijuana Users?* Gwendolyn Singleton, Ph.D., associate professor and chair, Department of Psychology.

The second half hour features FAMU Alumni Joshua Green, co-founder of Veriheal. The company works nationwide and helps patients gain safe and legal access to medical cannabis.

Co-hosting this week’s show are Angela Hardiman, MMERI public affairs liaison, Patricia Green-Powell, Ph.D., MMERI interim executive director, and Carol Angela Davis, J.D., MMERI communications liaison and FAMU associate director of Communications.

MMERI Forum Radio is an hour weekly radio program that airs on the following schedule:

Friday:

- 12:30 p.m. on FAMU WANM Radio 90.5 FM in Leon and Gadsden counties.
- 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on WLDI (on air known as WiLD) 95.5 FM in West Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast

Saturday:

- 8:30 a.m. on WTMP 96.1 FM (Caliente 96) in Hillsborough, Polk and Lee counties
- 6:30 p.m. on WTMP 97.5 FM and 1150 AM in Pasco, Pinellas, Bradenton, Sarasota, Hillsborough, Polk and Lee counties
- 6:30 p.m. on WTMP 99.5 FM in Yulee/North Jacksonville

Sunday:

- 7:00 a.m. WHBX 96.1 FM in Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson and Wakulla counties
- 12 p.m. WCGL 94.7 FM and 1360 AM in Jacksonville
- 12:30 p.m. FAMU WANM 90.5 FM in Leon and Gadsden counties
- 2:00 p.m. on WPUL 100.7 FM and 1590 AM in Daytona and Ormond Beach, New Smyrna and Deland (Volusia county)

24/7 via Podcast:

- <https://www.iheart.com/podcast/269-mmeri-forum-radio-51146091/>
- <http://mmeri.famu.edu/podcasts/>

MMERI Website:

<http://mmeri.famu.edu/podcasts/>

MMERI Forum Radio is an expansion of its community forums designed to inform and educate the public about medical marijuana and the impact of the unlawful use of marijuana on Florida's diverse communities. MMERI Forum Radio is a weekly hour of content presenting issues and topics in cannabis.

The MMERI was launched in response to the Florida Legislature's funding allocation to educate "minorities about marijuana for medical use and the impact of the unlawful use of marijuana on minority communities."

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