# We Were Pioneers

Honoring the University of Miami's Students, Faculty, and Administrators of the 1960s and 1970s



## Early Desegregation History of the University of Miami

Integration began in 1961 after the faculty and the Undergraduate Student Government called for the adoption of a new racial policy on January 13. The Board of Trustees voted on January 31 to admit qualified students without regard to race or color starting in the summer of the year. As *The Miami News* reported on June 11, 1961, 40 African-American students had enrolled for the summer 1961 sessions.

### **Exhibition Outline**

#### Flat Cases

Case 1 – UM's desegregation in the 1960s and the 1970s

Case 2 - United Black Students

Case 3 – First Black Athletes

Case 4 – First Black Administrators and Faculty

#### Walls

Wall presentation 1 – Student UTrailblazers

Wall presentation 2 – Faculty and Administrator Utrailblazers

## **Additional Displays**

University of Miami's Desegregation Timeline (1961 to 1979)

Stand-alone kiosk for videos of testimonies by UTrailblazers

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## Venue / Duration / Contact

Main Exhibition Space (first floor) at Otto G. Richter Library

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