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## **BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY**

### **Orange County Wildcat Booster Club**

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Secretary Ernest White

Treasurer Ernest Goodman

Financial Secretary John Bryan May 1, 2014

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Dear Sir,

Margaret Hill

Jacquelyn Wisenbaker

Find enclosed the required fee of seventy-seven dollars and seventy-five cents (77.75) -for processing this request for the incorporation of the Bethune- Cookman University Orange County Wildcat Booster Club.

Should you require any additional information related to this applicatio please contact:

Ed Carson at (407)719-3525/(407)293-8109

Ed Carson





# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

May 9, 2014

ED CARSON PO BOX 550238 ORLANDO, FL 32855

SUBJECT: BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT

BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

Ref. Number: W14000029299

We have received your document for BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The Florida Statutes require an entity to designate a street address for its principal office address. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal office address. The entity may, however, designate a separate mailing address. The mailing address may be a post office box.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Correction made per your instruction El Casser

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# THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

We, the undersigned, being the Incorporators of *BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC.*, a Florida not for profit corporation, hereby file the following Articles of Incorporation, that comply with the requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 617 (Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act):

#### **ARTICLE I- NAME**

The name of the Corporation is *BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC.*, a Florida not for profit corporation (hereinafter the "Corporation").

# ARTICLE II- REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The registered office of the Corporation shall be located at 3465 Domi-Fitz Court, Orlando Florida 32805, and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be Edward Carson Court, Orlando Florida

The principal place of business and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be: BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC., 3465 Domi-Fitz Court, Orlando, Florida 32805. The mailing address shall be P.O. Box 550238, Orlando, Florida 32855.

### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS**

The general nature of the objects, purposes, powers and limitations of the Corporation shall be as follows:

- (a) to provide support, benefit and/or aid to the educational and/or scholastic mission and/or goals of Bethune Cookman University and its various departments, subsidiaries and/or affiliates including but not necessarily limited to fundraising efforts in regard thereto exclusively;
- (b) to operate in any manner for such nonprofit, charitable and/or educational purposes as will quality the Corporation as a charitable organization exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3);
- (c) to accept a substantial part of its support (exclusive of income received in the exercise or performance by such organization of its charitable, educational or other purpose or function constituting the basis for its exemption) from a governmental unit or from direct or indirect contributions from the general public, the Corporation's organizers, corporations, foundations, and other public/private sources;
- (d) to generally perform any function necessary to engage in any lawful purpose or purposes not for pecuniary profit;
- (e) to insure that no part of the earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation may be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and products purchased and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes hereinafter set forth. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise

attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office:

- (f) notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, to insure that the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or (ji) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code as it now exists or as it may be amended;
- (g) to insure that the Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any other federal tax code;
- (h) to insure that the Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code without providing for fair, adequate, and reasonable compensation;
- (i) to insure that the Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code:
- (j) to insure that the Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; and
- (k) to insure that the Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation shall have the power to:

- (a) have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in its Articles of Incorporation;
- (b) sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person;
- (c) adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same provided, however, that such seal shall always contain the words "not for profit corporation,"
- (d) elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require and allow them reasonable compensation, if so voted by a majority of the Directors of the Corporation;
- (e) adopt, change, amend and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with law or its Articles of Incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the Corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers;
- (f) make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the Corporation may determine, issue notes, bonds and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises or income;
- (g) conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted herein in any state, territory, district or possession of the United States or any foreign country;
- (h) purchase, take, review, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated;
- (i) acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights and trademarks and any licenses and other rights' or interests thereunder or therein;

- (j) sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets;
- (k) purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interest in, or obligations of other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof;
- (l) lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested;
- (m) make donations and work together with public or private entities to encourage and facilitate the provision of affordable housing opportunities to persons and families of low and moderate income, for the public welfare, and for religious, charitable, scientific, educational or other similar purposes;
- (n) have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized; and
- (o) the above stated powers shall in no way be a limitation of those corporate powers set forth in Florida Statutes §617.0302 (Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act) which powers are included herein by reference.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS**

The Corporation's requisites for membership shall be as provided by the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V - EXISTENCE**

The existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

NAME

#### **ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS**

**ADDRESS** 

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which initially shall consist of the following eight (8) members, until the first election thereof:

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Edward Carson	3465 Domi-Fitz Court
Chairman	Orlando, Florida 32805
Janice Choice	2515 Caribbean Court
Vice-Chairman	Orlando, Florida 32805
Ernest White	3242 West Church Street.
Secretary	Orlando, Florida 32805
John Bryan	620 South Ohio Avenue
Financial Secretary	Orlando, Florida 32805

Ernest Goodman

Treasurer

3400 West Church Street. Orlando, Florida 32805

Margaret Hill

Director

536 North Dollins Avenue.

Orlando, Florida 32805

Eugene Leach

Director

2421 Lake Sunset Drive.

Orlando, Florida 32805

Jacqueline Wisenbaker

Director

3463 Basie Place.

Orlando, Florida 32805

The number of Directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws, but shall in no case be less than three (3). The manner of election shall be as provided by the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII- BYLAWS**

The bylaws of the Corporation shall be made and adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority of the entire Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

#### **ARTICLE VIII- DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation by transferring such assets to the Metro Church of Christ in Oviedo, Florida, or if it is no longer in existence or desires not to accept the assets of the Corporation to any charitable, scientific, religious or educational organization as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), or to such other entities with purposes similar to the Corporation's, such disposition to be as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any assets remaining after such disposition by the Board of Directors shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the Corporation's principal offices are located, pursuant to the procedures for judicial dissolution, Florida Statutes Section 617.1431.

#### ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR(S)

The name(s) and address(es) of the Incorporator(s) of these Articles of Incorporation is(are) as follows:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

Edward Carson

Chairman

3465 Domi-Fitz Court Orlando, Florida 32805 **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS** 

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be adopte	ed by a majority of the entire Board of
Directors at any regular or special meeting called for that pur	rpose.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, I hereby set my hand and seal this <u>April</u> day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC.



Edward Carson, Chairman

### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 17 day of 2014, by Edward Carson, and he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as a Chairman of BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC.



Marinellie Riveva

Notary Public, State of Florida

Print, Type or Stamp Name

Personally Known	Type of Identification Produced _	Or Produced Identification
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### **CERTIFICATE**

That BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY ORANGE COUNTY WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at 3465 Domi-Fitz Court, City of Orlando, Florida, County of Orange, State of Florida 32805, has named Edward Carson, of 3465 Domi-Fitz Court, City of Orlando, Florida, County of Orange, State of Florida 32805, as its registered agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate the undersigned agrees to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping designated office open.