



Matthew A. Pigatt

POWERFUL • ENGAGING • AUTHENTIC

The Academic
Hustle



Africana
Historian



Elected
Official



College/Career
Expert



Speaker &
Author

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BIO



Recognized as Legacy Magazine's 40 under 40, The Miami Times' New Generation of Dreamers, and Harvard Business School's Young American Leaders, Matthew A. Pigatt became the youngest elected official in South Florida in 2016 as Commissioner for the City of Opa-locka. In 2018, he defeated legacy politicians to become Mayor.

Mayor Pigatt graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies and Psychology. As the first in his family to go away to college, Mayor Pigatt earned over \$100,000 while in school and participated in international research training programs in Paris, France and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He conducted national award-winning research at UC-Berkeley, Emory, and Morehouse on high-achieving Black men. After returning home he organized the Juvenile Justice Committee of People Acting for Community Together which assisted in the elimination of out-of-school suspension in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Currently, Mayor Pigatt chairs the premier mentoring program for boys in South Florida, the 100 Black Men of South Florida Leadership Academy, the same program that saved his life as a child. He is the founder of the annual South Florida HBCU Picnic, founder of the Sankofa Cypher: An African History, Culture, and Thought Group, and author of The Academic Hustle™: The Ultimate Game Plan for Scholarships, Internships, and Job Offers.

Notable Speaking Engagements

- Tom Joyner Morning Show
- Channel 6 In the Mix
- Broward Public Schools
- National Institute of Mental Health
- City of Miami Gardens
- Florida Department of Corrections
- Florida International University
- Miami Dade College
- College of Business and Technology
- 100 Black Men of America, Inc.
- Southeastern Undergraduate Sociological Symposium
- Girl Power
- Black Tech Week
- Jack & Jill of American, Inc.
- Honey Shine
- Black Professional's Network
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- National African American Student Leadership Conference
- Spelman College
- College Summit

TESTIMONIALS

"I have never seen our students more engaged."

**Latrell Carr, Program Manager
Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders**

"Seeing everything that Matthew was capable of and overcoming a whole bunch of different issues that went on in his life really helped them out and see that their not alone as students and that if he was able to do it, they can as well."

**Stephanie Handler , Math Teacher
Plantation High School**

"It was absolutely awesome! It epitomizes everything that your teen needs to know, needs to hear. Everything you have been telling them but they will not listen. They need to hear this workshop...He needs to come and talk to every teen that you know!"

**Regina Harris, Parent
Jack and Jill Southeastern Regional Conference**

I've never seen them this engaged...they were taking notes, paying attention, and they saw what college life is about."

**Shirley Baker, Counselor
Broward County Public Schools**

"Your really made us feel that we have the ability to be able to do those things, those steps to be successful in seeking college scholarships."

**Sandra Williams, PHD
Q-Q Research Consultants**

"I certainly think anybody looking to go into the career field, anybody who is looking to changing their lives, getting out of unemployment, and just getting out of the cycle that they're in, and getting into the career choice that they want to get into, and certainly to seek the type of life they want...it goes with this...The Career Hustle"

**Russell Battiata, Campus Director
College of Business & Technology College**



"...STRIKES THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN INSPIRATION AND ACTION."
—DR. ROSLYN CLARK ARTIS, PRESIDENT OF BENEDICT COLLEGE

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#1 Amazon New Release!

An inspirational graduation gift: The Academic Hustle tells the story of Matthew Pigatt and his transformation from a juvenile delinquent with a 2.1 GPA in high school to a national award-winning researcher, graduating magna cum laude from Morehouse College.

A college planner to help you get it together: Matthew uses his journey of entering college on academic probation and covering all tuition with loans—to securing over \$100,000 in scholarships, fellowships, and awards—as a springboard for a detailed, step-by-step guide to academic and career achievement.

Scholarships, Grants, Internships, and Jobs: The Academic Hustle gives a personal accounting of strategies uncovered while conducting research on high-achievers. Through experience and research, Pigatt has refined a system that has been replicated by hundreds of other students to secure millions in funding for their career development.

In this book you'll learn how to:

- Develop a plan for your career
- Find and apply for scholarships
- Win awards and be recognized
- Cultivate a network for success
- Master time and manage money
- Develop an impressive résumé



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