



Address at the Memorial for Emmanuel Lubin

**Given by Mark B. Rosenberg
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This speech was given at the memorial for FIU former football player, Emmanuel Lubin.

We gather this afternoon with heavy hearts to mourn the loss of Emmanuel Lubin.

On behalf of the entire university community, I want to express our deepest condolences to family members, team members, and friends of this dear young man.

Lubin was described by many as a very decent person, conscientious and hard-working teammate. He was someone who cared about everyone – with love and friendship in his heart. He was someone who knew who he was – someone who encouraged but was never confrontational.

They say it's not the years in life, but the life in years. This young man personified all that – the example of a good life intended. This young man – #20 to many – had life in years way beyond his young age. Lubin made us all feel good – about ourselves and others.

Maya Angelou reminds us that...

A great soul serves everyone all the time.

A great soul never dies.

It brings us together again and again.

This was Lubin's gift. This why he will live forever in our hearts and minds.

His life is a gift and his memory, because he was such a good soul – will continue to lift our spirits and warm our hearts.

God Bless Emmanuel Lubin – this university is better because of him and deeply mourns his loss but celebrates the goodness that his spirit embodies.

Thank you.