

Fellowship Open Legends Honoree Wayne Embry recognition
Miami University of Ohio statue announcement

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Fellowship Open Legends in the News

The Fellowship Open family and friends, honorary chairs, volunteers, and supporters join in celebration of special news from the state of Ohio and Miami University. In recognition of contributions to his alma mater, the state of Ohio, and his game-changing impact on not only the sport of basketball, but the entire world of executive sports management, a statue capturing the likeness and signature hook shot of Wayne Embry will become the first such honor for an African American alumnus at Miami University in the spring of this year. Permanently and prominently on display at the main entrance of Millett Hall, home of Miami University basketball, dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Spring 2021.

Over an 11-year playing career with the Cincinnati Royals, Boston Celtics, and Milwaukee Bucks, the 1999 Hall of Fame inductee was recognized in 2008 as the Fellowship Open Legends honoree. A 5-time All-Star, NBA Champion with the '68 Celtics, and vice president and general manager of the Cleveland Cavaliers from 1985-1992, Embry broke the league's glass ceiling for executives of color as the Bucks first African American general manager in 1971. In 1994 he became the league's first African American team president and was named NBA Executive of the Year in 1992 and 1998.

Mr. Embry is completely emblematic of the ideals and characteristics which the Fellowship Open endeavors to demonstrate and make accessible to the youth we engage throughout Milwaukee. As we have with many leaders in professional sports and business, through initiatives like the MKE Fellows, the Fellowship Open works diligently to create transformational exchange between these icons and the young leaders of tomorrow. Wayne Embry's example as a player and an NBA executive has set the bar for professionalism and ethical servant leadership. We are overjoyed he continues to find quality time to spend with the city of Milwaukee and the MKE Fellows.

The Fellowship Open takes exceptional pride in saluting NBA Hall of Famer and 2008 Fellowship Open Legends honoree Wayne Embry for this well-deserved acknowledgement of a lifetime of exemplary service to youth, community, and alma mater. Congratulations!