

Carlos Monroe III and Cymiah Monroe are the apples of my eye. Without them who knows what I would be doing. My children are the reason I play this game and try to be the best student I can be. They both were God's special gifts to me, to make sure I keep my eye on the prize and never become sidetracked. So, for that alone, I would say thanks to Los and Miah. Daddy loves the both of you.

I would like to give thanks first to God; my mother Ann Brooks; my father Carlos Monroe, Sr.; Ameila Blake; Eve Monroe; Erick Burke; Rita Wheelings; Connie Brooks; Johnny Mae Monroe; Lucille Monroe; Arlean Brooks; all my aunts, uncles and cousins, especially Eion Brooks, Fred Blake Jr., Kyann Brooks, Art Brooks Jr. and Edward Brooks; and to the love of my life Raquel.

My name is Carlos Monroe Jr. I am a senior forward for Florida Atlantic University.

I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — the home of some great basketball players. I grew up around the game. The first thing I ever had in my crib was a basketball. I moved to Athens, Ohio, with my mom and dad when my dad played for Ohio University and then to Atlanta when my father signed professionally with the Atlanta Hawks. That is really when I started to study the pro game. I was always on the court. I was a ball boy.

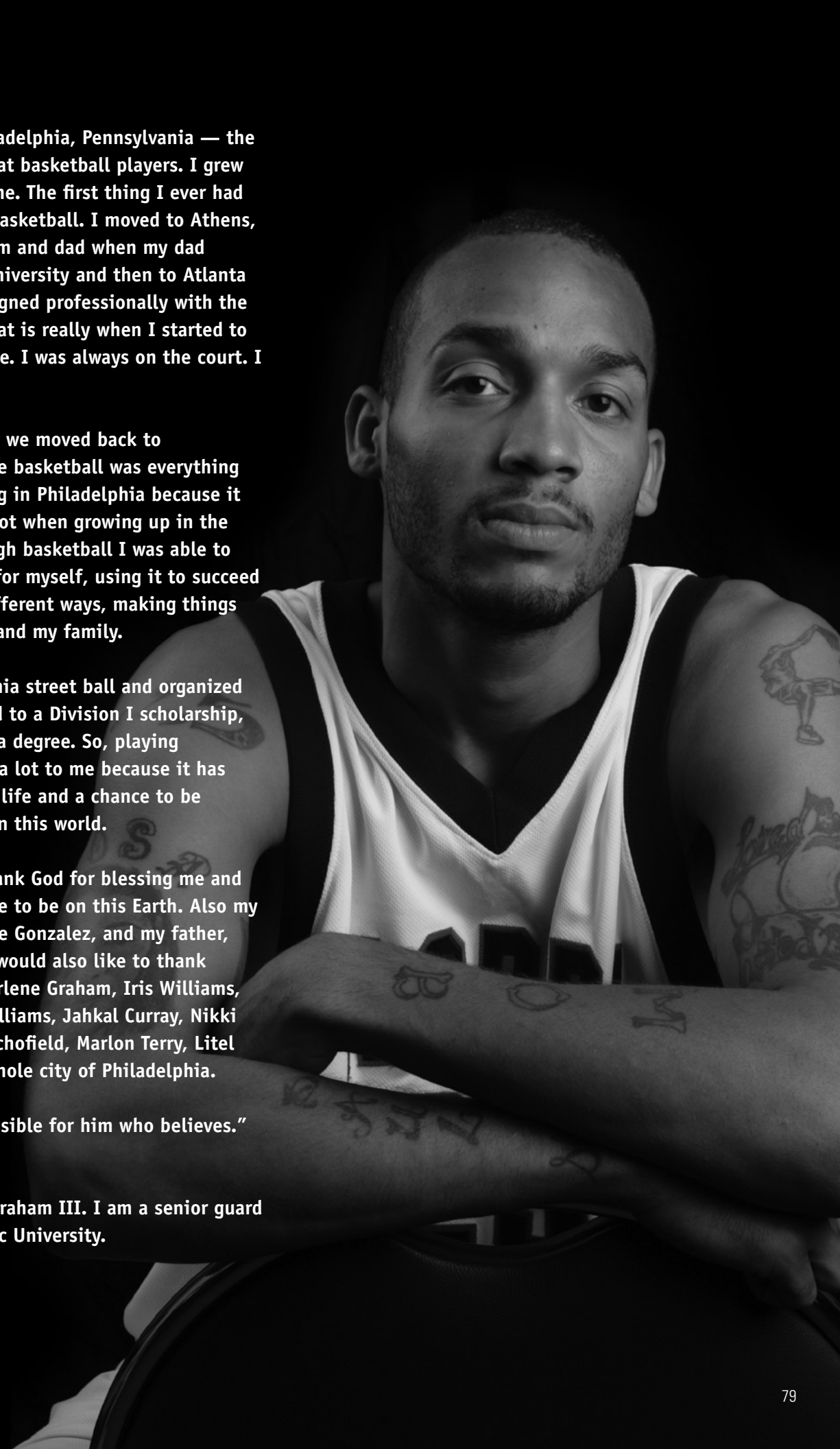
When I grew older we moved back to Philadelphia where basketball was everything to me. I love living in Philadelphia because it exposes you to a lot when growing up in the streets. But through basketball I was able to set a better path for myself, using it to succeed in a number of different ways, making things better for myself and my family.

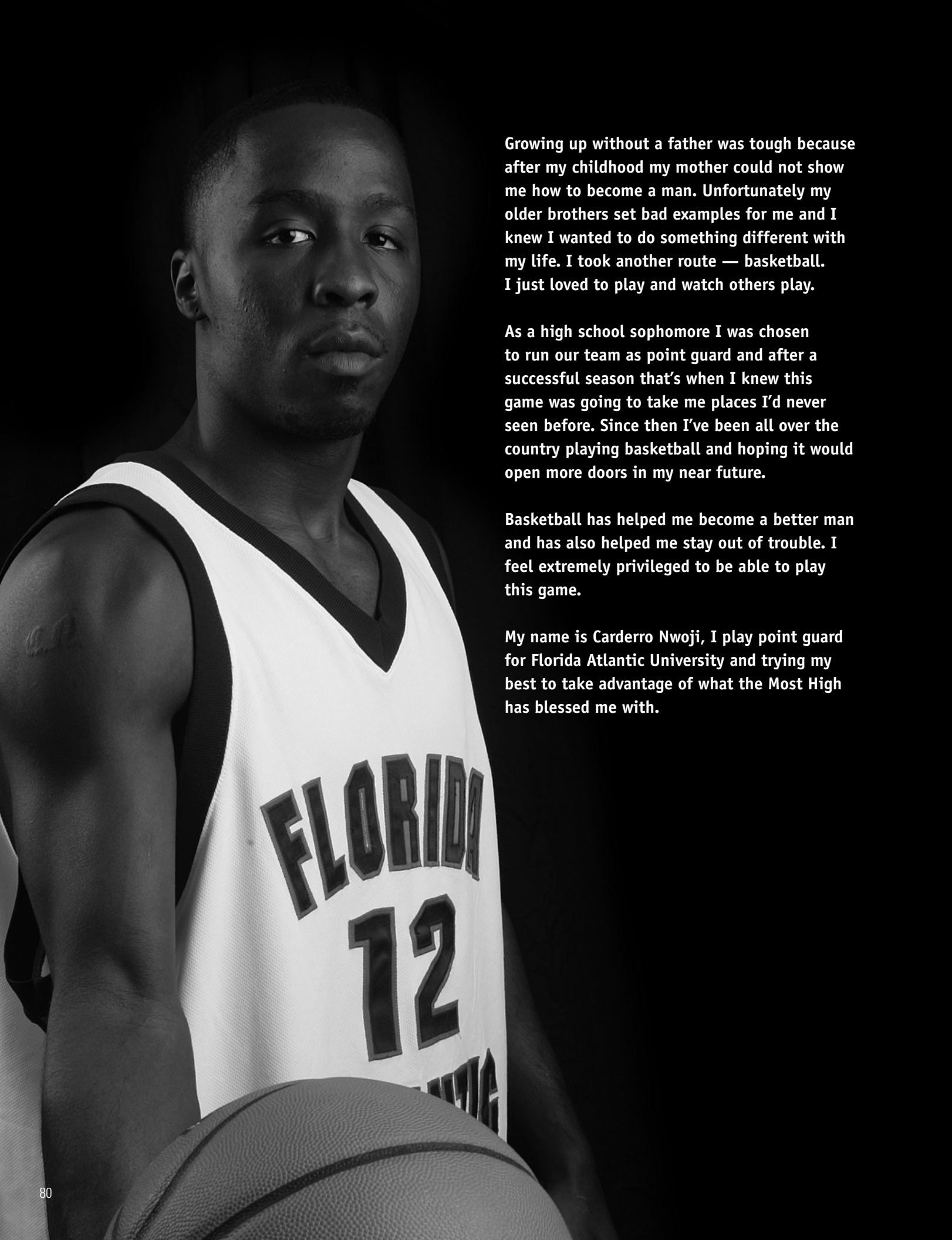
Playing Philadelphia street ball and organized ball eventually led to a Division I scholarship, an education and a degree. So, playing basketball means a lot to me because it has given me a better life and a chance to be someone special in this world.

I would like to thank God for blessing me and giving me a chance to be on this Earth. Also my mother, Rosa Marie Gonzalez, and my father, Paul Graham Jr. I would also like to thank Bessie Walker, Marlene Graham, Iris Williams, Kyle and Kevin Williams, Jahkal Curray, Nikki Hartman, Darryl Schofield, Marlon Terry, Litel Vaughn and the whole city of Philadelphia.

"Everything is possible for him who believes."
(Mark 9:23)

My name is Paul Graham III. I am a senior guard for Florida Atlantic University.



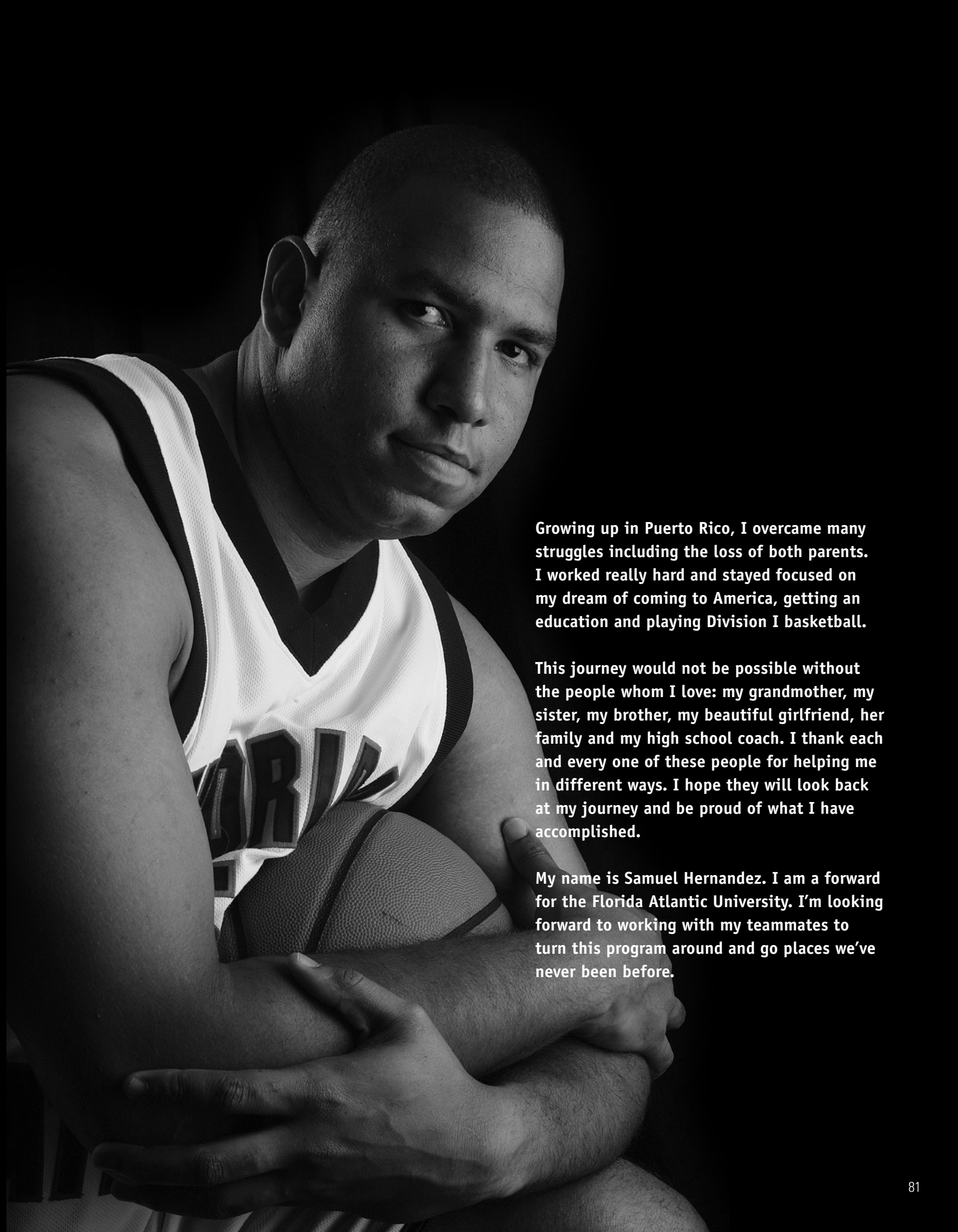


Growing up without a father was tough because after my childhood my mother could not show me how to become a man. Unfortunately my older brothers set bad examples for me and I knew I wanted to do something different with my life. I took another route — basketball. I just loved to play and watch others play.

As a high school sophomore I was chosen to run our team as point guard and after a successful season that's when I knew this game was going to take me places I'd never seen before. Since then I've been all over the country playing basketball and hoping it would open more doors in my near future.

Basketball has helped me become a better man and has also helped me stay out of trouble. I feel extremely privileged to be able to play this game.

My name is Carderro Nwoji, I play point guard for Florida Atlantic University and trying my best to take advantage of what the Most High has blessed me with.



Growing up in Puerto Rico, I overcame many struggles including the loss of both parents. I worked really hard and stayed focused on my dream of coming to America, getting an education and playing Division I basketball.

This journey would not be possible without the people whom I love: my grandmother, my sister, my brother, my beautiful girlfriend, her family and my high school coach. I thank each and every one of these people for helping me in different ways. I hope they will look back at my journey and be proud of what I have accomplished.

My name is Samuel Hernandez. I am a forward for the Florida Atlantic University. I'm looking forward to working with my teammates to turn this program around and go places we've never been before.