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Paralympic athlete to speak at Miami

Bonnie St. John, best-selling author, Paralympic skiing medalist and former White House official, will speak to Miami University graduates and families at commencement ceremonies May 16 at Yager Stadium.

St. John lost her right leg at age 5 and overcame that challenge to become the first African-American to win an Olympic or Paralympic medal in ski racing. Appointed by President Clinton, she served as a director for Human Capital Policy on the White House National Economic Council.

In 2007, she was honored at the White House by President George W. Bush, who praised St. John for her spirit and accomplishments, and in 2010 she represented the USA as a member of President Barack Obama's official delegation to the Paralympic Winter Games. She graduated magna cum laude

from Harvard University, was a Rhodes Scholar and is the best-selling author of six books.

Her most recent No. 1 best-seller, "How Great Women Lead," was co-authored with her teenage daughter, Darcy. The two traveled the world interviewing women leaders, including Hillary Clinton, President of Liberia Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg. STAFF REPORT