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Alma Mater

College of love and charity
We gather 'round thy noble shrine;
We lift our voice in praise to thee,
And ask a blessing all divine.

CHORUS

FAM-U! FAM-U! I love thee!
I'll fight and win whate'er the battle be,
The Orange and the Green thy sons shall
e'er defend

And loyal to thy voice of love attend
FAM-U! FAM-U! I love thee!

On gridiron, diamond, track and field,
Thy sons the vict'ry never yield,
And while they tread a broader life
Thy love shall stay them in the strife.

(repeat chorus)

God ever keep us true to thee;
Thy faith that truth shall make men free,
Shall guide thy loyal sons aright
And fend them thru the skeptic night.

(repeat chorus)

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Law



Annual Hooding Ceremony Spring 2009

Saturday, May 16, 2009
7:30 P.M.

Walt Disney World
Orlando, Florida

Hooding Program

LeRoy Pernell, Presiding
Dean, College of Law

Processional

Meditation Mr. Cal Walton, III, '09

Welcoming Remarks Dean LeRoy Pernell

President's Remarks Dr. James H. Ammons
University President

Valedictorian's Remarks Mr. Adam Goldstone, '08
2008 Fall Valedictorian

Mr. Michael Cortés, '09
2009 Spring Valedictorian

Featured Speaker Mr. Bill McCollum
36th Florida Attorney General

Special Recognitions Dean LeRoy Pernell

Hooding Ceremony Professor Barbara Bernier
Associate Dean Markita Cooper
Professor John Paul Jones

Closing Remarks Dean LeRoy Pernell

Alma Mater

Benediction Ms. Nina Mitchell, '08

Recessional

The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional

2008 - 2009 Candidates for Hooding

Milton Acevedo	Jacques Lee Cooper	Robert Joseph Grimaldi
Danielle Annette Achenkour	Michael J. Cortes **	Melissa Elizabeth Hamilton
Stephanie Alistan	Mariavittoria Costa	Crystal Denise Harmon
Rasheed K. Allen * ⁺	Iris Leesa Cruz *	Michael Elliot Harris
Nancy Alvarez *	Timothy M. Dandar ⁺⁺	Pamela Latrice Hatcher-Greene
Hallie M. Alymat * ⁺	Lan Thi Ngoc Dang	Casinova Orino Henderson
Marlese Adasé Ambrose	Mahala Dar ⁺	Mark William Hernandez
Anthony N. Amos ⁺⁺	Carinne A. Davis ⁺	Jeremy Gregory Hill ⁺
Joy Tolulope Anakhu	Pamela Denise Davis ⁺	Regina Shanta Hogan *
Lenis Liona Archer	Michelle Annette DeLeón	Teresa Danette Hodge-Miller *
Tami Lynn Bell	Jacqueline M. Dexter ⁺	Natalia S. Hunte
Senly Bonny	Deborah S. Dunn ⁺	Marlon Christopher Hyatt
Aziza A. Bowser ⁺	Emily S. Dunn ⁺	Chinagozi Anucha Ikpeama ⁺
Vanessa Lee Brice	Gerard Michael Dunn ⁺	Andres Jackson
Michael S. Brown ⁺	Nicole Julie Marjorie Eaton	Iyada Evette Jackson
Andrele Brutus	Rodney Antonio Edwards	Jonathan H. Jacobs ⁺
Christina Ann Buchan	Vanesa C. Elvers	Seyi A. Collins-Jemmott
James George Buell	Kambria Arielle Emanuel	David Jimenez
Dave Allen Cacciatore	Andrea Lashae Fant	Candace Lee Johns ⁺⁺
Clinton Douglas Cagle	Ricky Evrakes Favors-Payne *	Amber L. Johnson
Elsa Tytiana Camacho	Fedline Ferjuste	Maloni T. Jones ⁺⁺
Valeta VanTasha Cameron	Marjory M. Francois ⁺	Nicholas Randall Jones
Maurice W. Campbell ⁺	Susan R. Fuller ⁺	Michael C. Jurgens
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Amy J. Carter ^{**+}	Ericka Garcia ^{**+}	Matthew Kaminski
Zaneta L. Castillo ⁺	Michena Georges	Elizabeth L. Kirk ⁺
Amanda Charlene Chew	Adam S. Goldstone ^{***+}	Taniya N. Lall * ⁺
Brunelle Cinous	Veronica Alma Gray	Jason Scott Lanfersiek ⁺

*** - Summa Cum Laude
 ** - Magna Cum Laude * - Cum Laude
⁺ - December 2008 (Fall) Candidate ⁺⁺ - August 2009 (Summer) Candidate

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Christopher Tyler Loucks	Robrico L. Phillips ⁺	Sarah Elizabeth Skidmore
Kelly Shiri Love	Esther Pierre-Louis	Shantel T. Smith
Skinner Louis ⁺⁺	Yvonne Wilson Pinto	Javier Soto ^{**+}
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Academic Regalia

Patterned from medieval customs, today’s academic regalia reflect the status, scholastic achievement and study discipline of its wearer. Colors are associated with different disciplines as seen in the trimmings of doctoral gowns and the edging of their hoods and in the tassels of caps worn by candidates. Distinctions between gowns and hoods indicate the type of degree held by the wearer.

The doctoral gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has crossbars of velvet on each sleeve. The bars may be of black velvet or of colored velvet indicative of the degree’s discipline and agreeing with the border of the hood. Thus, for law, the border is purple.

Hoods are worn by those holding graduate degrees. The doctoral hood is longer and more elaborate than the master’s hood. The lining of the hood is silk in the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. For instance, at Florida A&M University, the lining of the hood is orange and green. However, faculty members who hold a degree from another college or university wear the colors of his or her alma mater. The distinction should be made that the edging of the hood is in colors representing the wearer’s discipline, but the lining of the hood is in colors representing the wearer’s alma mater.

Members of the law school’s faculty hold degrees from several institutions. Some of those institutions and their distinctive hood-linings are represented in the rainbow of colors displayed on the faculty’s regalia:

University of California, Berkeley – B. Gold, Royal Chevron;
Columbia University – Light Blue, White Chevron;
Barry University – Gray & Scarlet, Black Chevron;
Florida A&M University – Orange, Green;
Florida State University – Garnet, Gold Chevron;
University of Florida – Orange, Navy Blue Chevron;
Georgetown University – Grey, Navy Chevron;
Harvard University – Crimson;
Hofstra University – Royal, Br. Gold Chevron;
Howard University – Blue, White Chevron;
Inter-American University – Green, Gold;
University of Kentucky – King’s Blue, White Chevron;
Massachusetts – Maroon, White Chevron;
University of Miami – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;
University of Michigan – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;
North Carolina Central University – Cardinal, Gray Chevron;
University of North Dakota – Dusty Rose, Kelly Green Chevron;
The Ohio State University – Scarlett, Gray Chevron;
University of Pennsylvania – Cardinal, Navy Chevron;
Pepperdine University – Royal, Orange Chevron;
University of Pittsburgh – Royal, Gold Chevron;
Southern University – Blue, Gold Chevron;
Stanford University – Cardinal;
Syracuse University – Orange;
Temple University – White, Red Chevron;
Texas Southern University – Maroon, Grey Chevron;
University of Toledo – Royal, B. Gold Chevron;
Vanderbilt University – B. Gold, Black Chevron;
University of Virginia – Navy, Orange Chevron;
University of Wisconsin – Cardinal;
Yale University – Royal.

Bill McCollum

36th Florida Attorney General



Bill McCollum is the 36th Attorney General of Florida, elected in November 2006. Since taking office, he has positioned Florida as a national leader in the fight against child pornography and internet child predators. At his request, the Florida Legislature provided the resources to greatly expand the Attorney General's Child Predator CyberCrime Unit (CPCU) and passed laws giving law enforcement new tools and greater punishments for those who prey on children over the internet. Additionally, with the cooperation of the state's school superintendents and school resource officers, the Attorney General's Office has prepared a cybersafety program to present in all of Florida's middle and high schools.

As Attorney General, Bill's other priorities include developing a statewide gang reduction strategy; consumer protection; combating Medicaid fraud; improving the state's security against terrorist threats, and fighting crimes against the elderly, especially identity theft.

Bill McCollum is a native Floridian, born in Brooksville. He graduated from Hernando High School and earned his bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Florida.

After graduating from law school, Bill served on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1969-1972. In 1992, he retired from the Naval Reserve as a Commander, having served 23 years as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG).

From 1981 to 2001, Bill represented the people of Central Florida in the United States Congress. He founded the U.S. House Task force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare and was recognized as an expert on terrorism. Bill also served on the Judiciary Committee, where he chaired the Subcommittee on Crime, as well as the Intelligence and Banking committees. Upon retiring from the House of Representatives in 2001, he was a partner with Baker and Hostetler, LLP, until he was elected as the Attorney General.

Bill is married to Ingrid Seebohm McCollum. They have three sons, two daughters-in-law and two grandsons.

History of the FAMU College of Law

The College of Law's rich tradition of excellence dates back to its original founding. On December 21, 1949, a division of law was established at the then Florida A&M College, and the first class was admitted in 1951. In 1966 the Florida Board of Control (later known as the Board of Regents) withdrew its permission for the institution to admit law students, and two years later, the law school graduated its last class and closed its doors. Between 1954 and 1968, the law school graduated 57 students -- men and women who have gone on to make significant contributions to the legal profession both within the state and throughout the nation.

The 2000 Florida Legislature unanimously passed legislation establishing a law school at Florida A&M University and on June 14, 2000, Governor Jeb Bush signed the bill into law. The College of Law admitted its first class in fall 2002. The degree of Juris Doctor was conferred upon members of the first class of the reestablished law school on April 30, 2005 in Tallahassee, Florida.

The College of Law opened at its permanent location in January 2006. The \$30 million building was designed by Rhodes + Brito Architects, where partners Max Brito and Ruffin Rhodes are FAMU alumni. The four-story building includes 160,000 gross square feet, has 20 classrooms and 50 faculty offices, and an elaborate Moot Court Room used for mock trials, competitions and special events. The Law Library occupies half of the space and features over 300,000 volumes, one of the largest civil rights collections in the Southeast, and volumes from the original College of Law that were given to Florida State University in the late 1960's.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 604 students in its day and evening programs.



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