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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 2011

Saturday, May 14, 2011
10 A.M.

Hilton Orlando
Orlando Ballroom
Orlando, Florida

Hooding Program

LeRoy Pernel, Presiding
Dean, College of Law

Processional

Meditation Ms. Lissette Jackson-Shepherd

Welcome Dean LeRoy Pernel

Remarks Dr. James H. Ammons
University President

Remarks Ms. Josephine Balzac
2011 Hooding Student Speaker

Introduction of Speaker Dean Pernel

Featured Speaker The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senator

Special Recognitions Dean Pernel

Hooding Ceremony Professor Barbara Bernier
Associate Professor Patricia Broussard
Associate Dean Markita Cooper

Closing Remarks Dean Pernel

Alma Mater

Reflections Mr. Jeffrey Gitto

Recessional

(The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional.)

2010 - 2011 Candidates for Hooding

Siobhan Tai'lette Adams	Samantha Marie Darrigo	Dorriisa Dianne Griffin
Michel Martin Alfonso	Cynthia David	Vernon Warren Guirguis*
Jumana R. Alkhatib	Alicia A. Davis	Nora Hutchinson Hall
Kevin C. Allen-Nash	Lakisha Ann Nicole Davis**	Juanita La'Donna Hamilton
Rovena Andoni-Zaho	Christopher L. Dean*	Danielle Marie Harris**
Sophia T. Aultman	Matthew DeBoard++	Hector Hernandez
Josephine Marie Balzac**	Oteman Delancy++	Antony D. Herrion+
Deryan D. Barker+	Kristy N. Diaz-Rivera+	Keith Charles Humphrey++
Heather M. Barry	Joseph Allen Dillon	Pierre Lamont Ifill
Pamela Jean Bauman*	Ieshia Marie Dupes	Eartha Miranda Jackson
LaQuisha Simone Bonner++	Harold Billy Durant	LaToya M. Jackson
Paoulina G. Bourova	Molly Durso*	Julian Anthony Jackson-Fannin*
Keith D. Boykins	Isaac Daniel East	Lisette Jackson-Shepherd*
Vanessa Louise Braeley*	Cortney Requeal Elam	Serge Jerome++
Thomas James Breckling	Oronda Ellis-Carder	Jerri Joann Johnson
Aaron Ernest Brown	Michele Lynn English*	JoAnn Gulliver Johnson*
Jessica Erin Brunson	Karen Kay Estry*	Jill Ann Jones*
Scott Joseph Calais	Marline Marie Feliciano	Peter J. Kapsales
Perry Lee Cameron, Jr.	Brett Alan Foster*	Thomas Patrick Kilkelly
David O. Claros+	Elizabeth Garcia	Morgan Brittany Lea
Christal Renee Clifton	Rebecca G. Gardiner-Bess*	Belaynesh Desta Legesse
Rickey L. Coleman, Jr.++	Donald Gervace++	Scott David Leitner
Devin D. Collier*	Candace Elizabeth Miracle Gipson	Latasha Patricia Lessington
Christy Chanel Collins	Jeffrey Scott Gitto*	Jennifer Renee Lewis
Jack Tobaias Cook*++	Leah Marie Glisson	Synetta Yvonne Lewis
Latisha Lydia Cooper	Jessica J. Gonzalez-Monge	Heidi Teresa Lichtenstein
Juliet A. Cunningham	Martez Jermaine Gordon	Christine Lomas*++

** - Magna Cum Laude
+ - December 2010 (Fall) Candidate

* - Cum Laude
++ - August 2011 (Summer) Candidate

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Tyrone Mourice Martin*	Steven James Rice*	Lorna M. Truett+
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Daniela K. McCalla	Donna Marie Robinson	Jerry Glin Updike
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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:

Albany Law School – Royal, Gold Chevron;
Baylor University – Royal Blue, Bright Gold Chevron;
Brigham Young University – Navy, White Chevron;
Columbia University – Light Blue, White Chevron;
Florida A&M University – Orange, Green;
Florida State University – Garnet, Gold Chevron;
University of Florida – Orange, Navy Blue 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;
Lewis & Clark College – Orange, Black;
University of Miami – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;
University of Michigan – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;
New York University – Lilac;
North Carolina Central University – Cardinal, Gray Chevron;
University of North Dakota – Dusty Rose, Kelly Green Chevron;
Nova Southeastern University – Royal Blue, Gray 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;
Texas Southern University – Maroon, Grey Chevron;
University of Toledo – Royal, B. Gold Chevron;
Vanderbilt University – B. Gold, Black Chevron;
Vermont Law School – Bright Gold, Forest Green Chevron;
University of Virginia – Navy, Orange Chevron;
Wayne State University – Forest Green, Old Gold Chevron;
University of Wisconsin – Cardinal;
Yale University – Royal.

The Honorable Bill Nelson

United States Senator



Perhaps the two most defining events in Bill Nelson's life occurred in 1972 - he got married to Grace Cavert and was elected for the first time to public office. Today, over three decades later, he's earned a reputation as a principled family man, a staunch advocate for all Floridians and a moderate voice in the increasingly partisan world of national politics.

Florida's own Bill Nelson was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2000, after serving six years as a member of the Florida Cabinet. He currently serves on the Senate Commerce, Budget, Finance, Intelligence, and Aging committees and is recognized as the leading congressional expert on NASA.

As a member of the Senate's Commerce Committee, Nelson has taken on the cause of privacy by supporting measures to protect consumers from identity theft and working on legislation to stop unsolicited e-mails that plague individuals and businesses.

Other priorities Nelson has championed during his tenure in the Senate include: preventing oil drilling off Florida's coast; ensuring veterans and their spouses get the benefits they deserve and have access to quality health care; and, fighting for a meaningful Medicare prescription drug benefit for seniors that allows the government to negotiate lower drug prices from pharmaceutical companies. In the wake of the 2004 hurricane season, he worked to secure adequate federal relief for storm victims and reform the federal agency charged with assisting people after disasters.

Nelson's public service career began in 1972, with his election to the Florida Legislature. During his three terms, he helped enact the nation's first state law to protect consumers from computer fraud and advocated for responsible growth management laws.

Elected to the U.S. Congress in 1978, he served six terms representing Orlando and the Space Coast and became an early advocate for a balanced federal budget.

In January 1986, Nelson spent six days orbiting Earth as a payload specialist aboard the space shuttle Columbia. That experience gave him a new perspective on the Earth's fragile environment and a greater appreciation of the importance of our nation's space exploration program.

In 1994, Nelson was elected to the Florida Cabinet as state Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal. During his six years in the post, he earned his reputation as a common-sense problem solver and strong consumer advocate by fighting to keep insurance rates affordable for homeowners, cracking down on life and burial insurance sales abuses that targeted the elderly and minorities, and forcing European insurers to honor unpaid Holocaust-era claims.

A fifth-generation Floridian, Nelson was born in Miami on Sept. 29, 1942, and educated in Melbourne's public schools. He served his country as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1971, both on active duty and in the Reserve. He has been married to his wife, Grace, since 1972 and has two grown children, Nan Ellen and Bill Jr.

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.

The FAMU College of Law received full accreditation from the American Bar Association in July 2009, and has been ranked among the top five in the nation for Diversity each year by *U.S. News & World Report* since 2007. During the 2010-2011 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 669 students in its day and evening programs.



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