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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 2013

Saturday, May 11, 2013
10 A.M.

Hilton Orlando
Orlando Ballroom
Orlando, Florida

Hooding Program

LeRoy Pernell, Presiding
Dean, College of Law

Processional

Meditation Ms. Michelle Stile
Class of 2013

Welcome Dean LeRoy Pernell

Remarks Dr. Narayan Persaud
Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees

Remarks Dr. Larry Robinson
Interim University President

Remarks Mr. Brandon Northington
2013 Hooding Student Speaker

Introduction of Speaker Dean Pernell

Featured Speaker Mr. Willie E. Gary
Attorney

Special Recognitions Dean Pernell

Hooding Ceremony Associate Professor Patricia Broussard
Professor Lundy Langston
Associate Dean Darryll Jones

Closing Remarks Dean Pernell

Alma Mater

Reflections Ms. Whitney M. Baldwin
2013 Student Graduation Chair

Recessional

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

2012 - 2013 Candidates for Hooding

Irene Abdelmeseh	Glenn Travis Cary*	Dana Marie Feurtado*
Haben Asfaha Abraha+	Michelle Kems Caven	Rachel R. Fuller
Julius E. Adams	Denise Cespedes***	Alicia J. Gordon
Ashley Marie Albino	George Paul Chandler, IV	Rebecca Green
Elizabeth Aires+	Zachary Cheek	Phillip A. Guerra
Henry Assam	Elaina Christmas	Diana C. Guerrero*
Marisa N. Atherley+	Heather R. Coiro*	Phillip Gurevich++
Jerry Augustin	Beatriz E. Collazo*+	Bridget Hall
Matthew Aycox	Hecter Concepción	Rebecca E. Hameroff
Travis Bailey	Derek A. Conn	Aaron W. Hamilton
Andrew Asher Bain	Danielle M. Contini	Stephanie Hampton*+
Whitney Michelle Baldwin	Jonathan A. Cramer	Temika L. Hampton
Carlos Baradat+	Triston Mikhael Dallas	Stacy M. Hane
Zedrick Barber, II	Amina Daniels	Courtne K. Harris
Steven M. Barclay*	Antoine Daniels	J'Andrea Harris
Erin Claire Bartholomew-Cook*	Rowena A. Daniels	Pamela M. Hernandez*
Andrea Behn+	Joshua Day*	José Herrero
Jabari A. Bennett	Hollis Deabreu-Belgrave	Susannah Hinkle*
Alan Jerome Bent	Gary Deel+	Kurell A. Hodge+
Jennifer E. Benton	Leslee Dennis-McMorris*	Aleisha Hodo
David Berman*	Jessica DeSanti	Marlow Brent Hooper
Gregory S. Berry	Angelica F. DiMarco	Raquel Marjeha Hoover*
Nicole A. Bishop	William L. Donley, III	Jade Alexis Howard
Christopher H. Block*	Daren J. Dorminy*	Esé Ighedosa
Jonathan Bluett	Jennifer Druffel**	Andrew Paul Irvin*+
Robert W. Borr	Brandon DuPree	Keiron Keith Jackman
Gayle Hudson Boudreau*	Abigail Dawn Edelstein*+	Alisha S. Jimenez
Jared A. Brooks	Melody S. Elam-Jenkins	Kay-Ann Pateñcia Johnson
Marshelle I. Brooks	Suzanna E. Esch	Roger L. Johnson, Jr.
Andrew T. Brown	Mfon Isaiah Etukeren	Grady Jorgensen++
Duane Brown	Eric Everson	Michael Philip Kapit
Erika Kristen Brown	Stacy Fallon**	Shannon Kelly
Troy Bublely	Cherice A. Fleming Togun++	Lisa Kennedy
Loyses Yariela Camarena	Lauren Forsyth*+	William R. Kilmer
Brittany Capps	Jordan Fosky	Young Kim+
Randy R. Cardoza	Mark A. Freeman+	Joseph S. Klein
Julio E. Carrion++	Justin Corey Friedman	Brian Laird+
Philip Carvolho	Christopher Frump	Carmalita Lall-Balkaran

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** - Magna Cum Laude

+ - December 2012 (Fall) Candidate

* - Cum Laude

++ - August 2013 (Summer) Candidate

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Adaryll Lee	Victoria Orero	Ta'Ronce M. Stowes
Kyle Lee*	Rashid K. Ormsby++	Courtne Swearingen*
Jessica Blair Leibowitz	Vanessa M. Parker	Megan E. Taft*+
Kristopher León	Meisha-Gaye L. Parsons	Raychell A. Tasher
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Jamila Luke	Andrea M. Perry	Luis R. Toribio
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Catherine Elaine Marable	Thu Pham**	Bich Thuy Tran
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Jamie McManus*	Keisha Reynolds++	Anne M. Wilkinson
Alicia Marie McNeal	Elizabeth Rich	Carrington Amari Williams
Eric Miles	Matthew Risen	Darlene Karen Williams**
Steven Casey Miller**	Nacale R. Roberts*+	LaSharonté D. Williams*+
Candice T. Montgomery	Nicole Rofé	Deandre Willis+
Colin Moore*	Omari S. Ruddock	Erika E. Willis
Anna Morales	Geoffrey David Salant	Joanne Elizabeth Wilson*+
Ryan Murphy*	Erin M. Salay	Shaconna Wright+
Kristina Musante++	William Saliba+	Zekiah N. Wright++
Danielle L. Myricks	David Ivan Santiago	Jamila M. E. Young
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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:

Baylor University – Royal Blue, Bright Gold Chevron;
Brigham Young University – Navy, White Chevron;
Columbia University – Light Blue, White Chevron;
Emory University – Blue, Gold
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;
University of Illinois – Orange, Navy Blue
Inter-American University – Green, Gold;
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;
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;
Temple University – White, Red Chevron;
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;
Wayne State University – Forest Green, Old Gold Chevron;
University of Washington – Purple, Gold
University of Wisconsin – Cardinal;
Yale University – Royal.

Attorney Willie E. Gary



Attorney Willie E. Gary earned his reputation as “The Giant Killer” by taking down some of America’s most well-known corporate giants on behalf of his clients. He has won some of the largest jury awards and settlements in U.S. history, including more than 150 cases valued in excess of \$1 million each. Gary’s amazing success has earned him national recognition as a leading trial attorney.

Gary has been featured in Ebony magazine as one of the “100 Most Influential Black Americans.” Forbes magazine has listed him as one of the “Top 50 Attorneys in the U.S.” He has been highlighted in many of the Nation’s most respected media publications, such as The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, Ebony, Jet, People, Black Enterprise, Fortune, The New Yorker and The National Law Journal. His remarkable legal career and tireless work on behalf of his clients have been documented on “60 Minutes,” the “CBS Evening News,” and ABC’s “World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.” He also made a guest appearance on “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” and made a live appearance on CBS’s “The Early Show” with Bryant Gumbel.

Willie Gary’s triumphant rise to the top is no overnight success story. His vast appeal stems from his desire to be the best and a passionate work ethic he learned through his humble beginnings. One of 11 children of Turner and Mary Gary, Willie Gary was born in Eastman, Georgia and raised in migrant farming communities in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas.

His unwavering desire to earn a college education ultimately led him to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, where the all-state high school football player would earn an athletic scholarship after being told there was no room for him on the team. Earning a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Gary went on to North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1974.

Gary was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1974 and opened his hometown’s first African American law firm with the help of his wife Gloria. Gary’s practice has since grown into the thriving national partnership known as Gary, Williams, Finney, Lewis, Watson & Sperando, P.L., consisting of attorneys, a team of paralegals and a professional staff of over 100. The firm operates out of four offices. Two of the four offices are located on the St. Lucie River in historic downtown Stuart, Florida; one of which is the former Pelican Hotel where Gary worked as a dishwasher during his teenage years. The third office overlooks the Indian River Lagoon in Fort Pierce, Florida and the newest office recently opened in downtown Orlando, Florida.

Known as a businessman, church man, humanitarian and philanthropist, Gary is deeply involved in charity and civic work. He is in great demand as a motivational speaker delivering speeches at law schools, universities, churches and various organizations throughout the country. In addition, Gary is committed to enhancing the lives of young people through education and drug prevention. In 1994, he and his wife, Gloria, formed The Gary Foundation to carry out this formidable task. The Gary Foundation provides scholarships and other resources to youth, so they can realize their dreams of achieving a higher education. In 1991, Gary donated \$10.1 million to his alma mater Shaw University. He has also donated millions of dollars to other Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The Gary’s oldest son, Kenneth, is president & CEO of The Gary Foundation. Sekou is an attorney and serves as a partner in his father’s law practice. Ali is vice president of the Gary Foundation and the Gary’s youngest son, Kobie, oversees the family’s real estate business.

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. During the 2012-2013 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 655 students in its day and evening programs.



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