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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 2015

Saturday, May 9, 2015  
10 A.M.

Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts  
Walt Disney Theater  
Orlando, Florida

# Hooding Program

LeRoy Pernell, Presiding  
Dean, College of Law  
Processional

Meditation ..... Mr. Shaun J. McCleave  
Class of 2015

Welcome ..... LeRoy Pernell, Dean

Remarks ..... Ms. Bettye Grable, Ph.D.  
FAMU Board of Trustees

Remarks ..... Ms. Elmira Mangum, Ph.D.  
University President

Remarks ..... Ms. Lauren M. Schroeder  
2015 Hooding Student Speaker

Introduction of Speaker ..... Dean Pernell

Featured Speaker ..... Ms. Paulette Brown, Esq.  
President-Elect, American Bar Association

Special Recognitions ..... Dean Pernell

Hooding Ceremony ..... Nicola A. Boothe-Perry, Associate Professor  
Darryll K. Jones, Associate Dean

Closing Remarks ..... Dean Pernell

## Alma Mater

Reflections ..... Ms. Kayla Leigh Barnett  
2015 Student Graduation Chair

## Recessional

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

# 2014 - 2015 Candidates for Hooding

Jose Carlos Alvarez, Jr.	Jalecia Shontel Coley*	Alexandria Michelle Gordon
Jenae Antoinette Anderson	James Chavez Cooper	Te'Reisha Nashay Graves*
John Anderson <sup>++</sup>	Alex Ray Couch	Justin Michael David Greenslate
Avel Arriera <sup>+</sup>	Joseph Thomas Coughlan*	Lea A. Groover <sup>++</sup>
David G. Atchison <sup>*+</sup>	Candace Dorothy Culzac	Richard Guerra
Royce B. Badger <sup>*+</sup>	Lisa G. Cunningham-Harvey <sup>+</sup>	Joseph Hakki
Rana C. Balesh <sup>+</sup>	Todd Allen Curtin	Scott B. Halperin <sup>+</sup>
Andrew S. Ballentine*	LaVenji J. Daniels <sup>+</sup>	Barbara Jean Hartbrodt*
Kayla Leigh Barnett	Omaira P. Dauta <sup>+</sup>	Rashawn Zakiyyah Hasan
Richard L. Biggers <sup>+</sup>	Corey Devon Davis	Tomeeke Reshawn Hayes
Erica Black <sup>++</sup>	Necky Deneus	Holly Kathleen Hearn
Kevin Francis Boucher	Nicole Blair Dickerson**	Regine Hodge <sup>+</sup>
Dawn Alicia Gryce-Boulding	Simranjeet K. Dolla*	Andrea Houser <sup>++</sup>
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Kelsey Carol Burke*	Philip Ehrlich <sup>+</sup>	Joseph R. Ingber
Edward R. Butler	Amina D. Ellison	Imani Julia Jackson
Kevin M. Butler	Briana Chantel Emanuel	Patrice Elaine Johnson*
Vanessa K. Calcano-Thomas <sup>+</sup>	Aliya Theresa Felix	Arthur L. Jones, III
Cindy Campbell**	Leanda Ferron <sup>+</sup>	Sara Estelle Jones*
Jocia L. Casey*	John Blaise Fischbach*	Mary A. Joyner <sup>*+</sup>
Christine E. Castro*	Isaiah Kaneen Floyd	Gregory Michael Karch
Kayan S. Chambers	Benjamin Charles Garcia	John Walter Keller, IV
Schella Victoria Cinor	Charles E. Gee <sup>+</sup>	Jacquelyn Jolan Kelley
Shameka Diane Clair	Benjamin S. Giaccone	Connor Kelly <sup>+</sup>
Tomika Antinette Cole	Ella Marie Gilbert	Saba Asif Khwaja*

\*\*\* - Summa Cum Laude

\*\* - Magna Cum Laude

\* - Cum Laude

<sup>+</sup> - December 2014 (Fall) Candidate

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Jessica B. Leon	Racquell Mel-Iris Perry	Janelle Squire <sup>++</sup>
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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** – Scarlet, 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 Paulette Brown



Paulette Brown, a labor and employment law partner and chief diversity officer with the Morristown, N.J., office of Locke Lord Edwards, is president-elect of the American Bar Association.

Brown has held a variety of leadership positions within the ABA. She has been a member of the ABA House of Delegates since 1997 and is a former member of the ABA Board of Governors and its Executive Committee as well as the Governance Commission. While serving on the Board of Governors, Brown chaired the Program, Planning and Evaluation Committee. Brown has served on the Commission on Women in the Profession and was a co-author of "Visible Invisibility: Women of Color in Law Firms." Brown also chaired the ABA Council on Racial and Ethnic Justice (now Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice) and is a past co-chair of the Commission on Civic Education in our Nation's Schools. Brown served on the Section of Legal Education's Council on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and its Executive Committee. Brown joined the ABA Young Lawyers Division in 1976. She became active in the Section of Litigation in 1995, which has continued to be her section "home" ever since. She is a former member of The Fund for Justice and Education (FJE), FJE President's Club and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Brown has held many positions throughout her career, including as in-house counsel to a number of Fortune 500 companies and as a municipal court judge. In private practice, she has focused on all facets of labor and employment and commercial litigation.

Brown has been recognized by the National Law Journal as one of "The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" and by the New Jersey Law Journal as one of the "prominent women and minority attorneys in the State of New Jersey." She has received the New Jersey Medal from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and currently serves on its Board of Trustees.

Brown has repeatedly been named as a New Jersey Super Lawyer and by US News as one of the Best Lawyers in America in the area of commercial litigation. In 2009, Brown was a recipient of the Spirit of Excellence Award from the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. In 2011, she was honored with the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

Brown earned her J.D. at Seton Hall University School of Law and her B.A. at Howard University.

## 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 2014-2015 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 465 students in its day and evening programs.



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