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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 2016

Saturday, May 14, 2016
10 A.M.

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

Hooding Program

A. Felecia Epps, Presiding
Dean, College of Law

Processional

- Meditation Faith Lowe
Class of 2016
- Welcome Dean Felecia Epps
- Remarks Cleve Warren
Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees
- Remarks Marcella David
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Remarks Jason Holloway
2016 Hooding Student Speaker
- Introduction of Speaker Dean Epps
- Featured Speaker The Honorable Arthenia L. Joyner
Senator, 19th District of Florida
- Special Recognitions Dean Epps
- Hooding Ceremony John Duncan, *Professor*
Joan R. Bullock, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*
- Closing Remarks Dean Epps
- Reflections Makeda Gibson
2016 Student Graduation Co-Chair

Alma Mater

Recessional

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

2015 - 2016 Candidates for Hooding

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Donika M. Alexova	Joaquin Celedon ⁺	Giselle Garcia ⁺
Mark A. Alonzo ^{**+}	Matthew James Colgrove [*]	Alexis Brittany Gay
Laura Alice Alphonso	Katrina Denise Colvin ⁺⁺	Makeda LaKay Gibson
Africa F. Altidor [*]	Diana Maria Coronel David ^{**}	Regina C. Gillis ⁺⁺
Rosa A. Alvarez	Kelvin K. Daise, Jr.	Zhi Gong ⁺
Courtney Alesia Andry [*]	Jasmine Katrese Daniels	Kara S. Graham ⁺⁺
Ginna P. Arevalo [*]	James C. Davis	Alyssa Marie Grant
Niyah Dorothea Louise Atwell	Melissa Sue DiCerbo	Jennifer Ryan Grecco
Vanessa Ayala ⁺	Mark J. Dobo	Gennady Gusak ⁺⁺
Stephanie A. Beauchemin-Villalobos ^{**}	Nicole Juanita Donnell	Barbara Jean Harris ⁺⁺
Jacqueline M. Bertelsen ^{**}	Jocelyn Dopson-Rodriguez	Lamonica R. Haynes
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* - Cum Laude

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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;
Creighton University – White, Royal Blue Chevron;
Duke University – Royal, White Chevron;
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical 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 Miami – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;
University of Michigan – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;
University of Minnesota – Antique Gold, Cardinal Chevron;
North Carolina Central University – Cardinal, Gray Chevron;
Nova Southeastern University – Royal Blue, Gray Chevron;
The Ohio State University – Scarlet, Gray Chevron;
Pepperdine University – Royal, Orange Chevron;
Rutgers University – Red;
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;
University of Virginia – Navy, Orange Chevron;
University of Washington – Purple, Gold;
University of Wisconsin – Cardinal;
Yale University – Royal.

Senator Arthenia L. Joyner



Senator Arthenia L. Joyner, an attorney, was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2000 where she served for three terms and in 2006 she was elected to the Florida Senate. She was elected by her Senate peers to serve as The Florida Senate Democratic Leader for the 2014-2016 term, making her the 1st black woman to hold the position.

Arthenia has been a groundbreaking leader in her profession. She received her B. S. and J.D. degrees from Florida A & M University. She was the first black female attorney in Hillsborough County and has practiced law for forty-seven (47) years – longer than any black woman in the history of Florida. She is currently the National Vice President of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL/Women) and the State Director for Women in Government. Most recently she was appointed to represent the Florida Senate on the Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Arthenia, an ardent advocate for civil rights, is a renowned champion for fairness and justice. Facing segregation and discrimination, she participated in the first civil rights demonstrations in her hometown of Tampa and was arrested twice while attending Florida A & M University when participating in efforts to desegregate movie theaters. As President of the National Bar Association (1984-1985), she was arrested in a protest against apartheid outside the South African Embassy in Washington, DC.

Throughout her service in the Legislature, Senator Joyner has been a stalwart supporter of a wide variety of issues centered on human rights, civil rights, criminal and civil justice reform, health policy, and consumer protection. Her knowledge, awareness and preparation on issues on which she votes are exceptional. She has never failed to support legislation aimed at serving the best interests and improving the quality of life of the people she serves. Senator Joyner's activism has resulted in raising issues that either furthered or defeated important legislation.

Senator Joyner has served in leadership roles at the local, state and national levels including: President, National Bar Association; Executive Committee, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Women in Government; Women's Legislative Network of NCSL and Chair of the Florida Legislative Black Caucus. Previously, she served as National Legal Advisor to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., National Parliamentarian, The Links, Inc., and Legal Counsel to The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.

Among her most prestigious awards are appointments by President Clinton to the U.S. Delegation to the Population Conference in Cairo, Egypt, the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China and the Management Advisory Council of the FAA. She has been widely recognized for her leadership on women's and human rights issues and her relentless passion for justice, truth, and equal rights.

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 was re-accredited in 2014. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 467 students in its day and evening programs.



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