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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 2017

Saturday, May 20, 2017
10 A.M.

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

Hooding Program
LeRoy Pernell, Presiding
Interim Dean, College of Law

Processional

Meditation Kyle Marcil
Class of 2017

Welcome Interim Dean LeRoy Pernell

Remarks Kelvin Lawson
Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees

Remarks Larry Robinson, Ph.D.
Interim University President

Remarks Briana Lans
2017 Hooding Student Speaker

Introduction of Speaker Dean Pernell

Featured Speaker The Honorable James E. C. Perry
Retired Justice, Florida Supreme Court

Special Recognitions Dean Pernell

Hooding Ceremony Robert Minarcin, *Legal Clinic Instructor*
Randall Abate, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Closing Remarks Dean Pernell

Reflections Chloe Ince-Ingram
2017 Student Graduation Co-Chair

Alma Mater

Recessional

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

2016 - 2017 Candidates for Hooding

Crystal N. Acevedo	Oscar C. Burkholder ^{**+}	Alisha Evans ⁺
Tyrone Afrasan Adams ^{**}	Jennifer Caple	Joshua T. Fenton-Gayton ^{**+}
Yadira Aguilar ⁺	Sarah M. Castro ⁺⁺	Roselin Figueroa ⁺
Kara Hope Aikens	Tim J. Chalumeau	Kristina R. Forbes
Rima Alicka	Rameela Chandraseka-Mangru	Kelly Raplea Forren
Davidson Anestal [*]	Julie Kristine Chek [*] (posthumously)	Porsha Fortenbaugh ⁺⁺
Jeanine-Marie Anty	Devin Micah Cole	Caitlin Hillary Frenkel [*]
Bryan Arcila	Katrina Colvin ⁺	Deveron M. Gibbons ⁺
AArica Denai Ardis [*]	Maryjane Cooper ⁺⁺	Gabriela Teresa Gonzalez
Domenic Burt Armienti	Supatra Katherine Cooper [*]	Carolina Garcia Gray
Phillip H. Arroyo	Fernanda De Silva Cortes	Jack Alan Grimsley
Michael J. Ayala	Charl Edward Daniels	William Guerilus ⁺⁺
Ashley Dianne Baillargeon	India J. Davis	Meghan E. Hays ^{**+}
Yolanda N. Barrows	Jessica L. De La Cruz ^{**+}	Mario Miguel Henderson
Andrew L. Barthelemy ⁺	Richardo Anthony Delfosse	Claytrice M. Henderson
Joshua James Basham	Karen D. Descafano ^{**+}	Duane A. Henry
Jeremy Beasley ⁺	Joanne Desile [*]	David Herrera
Jason A. Birdsong ⁺⁺	Alana Elizabeth Dietel	Taylor J. House
Dexter M. Blair	Gecelyne Santiago Dixon	Aaron Will Humphrey ^{**}
Annie Laurina Blanc	Alexis Nicole Duncan	Kaysha Shelindell Hutchinson
Krista J. Boehm ⁺	Christopher K. Eaddy	Racquel Courtney Hylton
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Deshaud L. Brunson	Melissa Escoffery [*]	Benjamin J. Irving

*** - Summa Cum Laude
 ** - Magna Cum Laude * - Cum Laude
⁺ - December 2016 (Fall) Candidate ⁺⁺ - August 2017 (Summer) Candidate

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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.

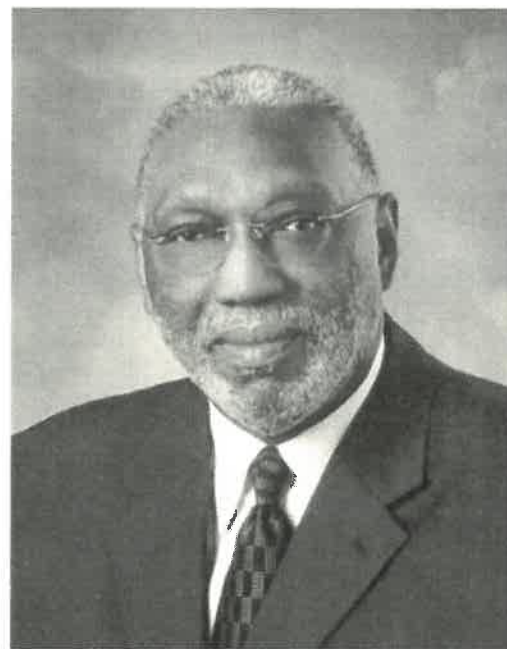
The doctoral gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has crossbars of velvet on each sleeve. The bars may be of black velvet or of colored velvet indicative of the degree's discipline and agreeing with the border of the hood. Thus, for law, the border is purple.

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;
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.

The Honorable James E. C. Perry



Retired Justice, Florida Supreme Court

A native of New Bern, North Carolina, James E. C. Perry was appointed as the 85th Justice to the Florida Supreme Court by Governor Charlie Crist and took office there on March 11, 2009. Before his appointment, he served as a Circuit Judge of Florida's Eighteenth Judicial Circuit upon his appointment by Governor Jeb Bush in March 2000. Justice Perry later served as Chief Judge of the Circuit for a two-year term beginning July 2003.

He attended Saint Augustine's University, graduating in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Accounting. After serving in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, he went on to Columbia Law School where he earned his Juris Doctorate degree in 1972.

Justice Perry met his future bride, Adrienne M. Perry, Ph.D., while at Columbia Law School. They have three children, two attorneys and a Human Resource Manager.

Justice Perry has been actively involved in many community activities. A dedicated father, Perry managed his son's AAU basketball team, the SanLando Greyhounds and played an active role in all their sports activities. Justice Perry's commitment to improving children's lives extends beyond his own family. As founder and president of the Jackie Robinson Sports Association, Perry built a baseball league serving 650 at-risk boys and girls – the largest in the nation. However, the Association did more than coach baseball. Volunteers also served as mentors and provided free tutoring. In addition to his work with disadvantaged kids, Justice Perry served as captain of the Heart of Florida United Way Campaign and his firm served as general counsel for the Florida Chapter Branches of the NAACP. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees at Saint Augustine's University. Justice Perry has been a member of the Carter CME Tabernacle Church of Orlando for more than 30 plus years. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees.

Justice Perry was the first African-American appointed to the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. Following his appointment to the circuit court bench, Justice Perry ran unopposed to retain his seat. He retired from the Florida Supreme Court on December 30, 2016.

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 2016-2017 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 467 students in its day and evening programs.



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