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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 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018
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 Barbara J. Perez
Class of 2018

Welcome Interim Dean LeRoy Pernell

Remarks Larry Robinson, Ph.D.
University President

Remarks Gregory F. George
2018 Hooding Student Speaker

Introduction of Speaker Dean Pernell

Featured Speaker The Honorable Loretta Lynch
83rd Attorney General of the United States

Special Recognitions Dean Pernell

Hooding Ceremony Patricia A. Broussard, *Professor of Law*
Nicky A. Boothe, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Closing Remarks Dean Pernell

Reflections Brigitte Barnwell
2018 Student Graduation Chair

Alma Mater

Recessional

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

2017 - 2018 Candidates for Hooding

Caridad Acosta++	Jesse J. Copeland	Nicole C. Hosey
Stephanie Aguilar	Adam L. Cordova+	Carol R. Humphries
Musa Ahmad	Keshara J. Cox	Aaron A. Hussaini
David Alcius*	Angela Craft*	Barrington Lee Irving
Tavara K. Andrews++	Alicia R. Davis+	Chandelice Marie Jackson
Emmanuel Arias	Sacha Candice Dixon	Brittanye K. Jacobs
Gabrielle A. Bacetti	Brandy Durham++	Tiyesha D. Johnson
Thomas Baldwin*+	Robert A. Edwards*+	Jeremy Jones
Brigette Barnwell	Chiquina Renee Edwards-Thompson	Carrington E. Jones
Aaron Beharie	Cindy J. Ehrlich	Matthew Kenney++
Jomayra F. Belmonte	Lomenie L. Etienne*	Alexandra Kleinfeldt*
Jinessa Benitez	Sean P. Fann++	Noah A. Lauretta*
Alexa Joy Blackmon	James Earl Fidler*	Myrielle Lemoine+
Priscilla N. Blow*	Terralynn Viola Fortune	Edward G. Lent**
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Latanya C. Carmichael	William Guerilus*+	Garry B. Louima
David A. Castillo+	Taylor Renae Henderson	Precious G. Makuyana*
Tim Chalumeau+	Chelsea R. Hernandez-Silk*	Danielle M. Manning
Angela M. Chapman+	Matthew B. Hindman	Luis A. Maroto
Javecia C. Colston+	Jeffrey L. Holloway	John C. Martin++
Rodneycia Ariel Janae Cooper	Jessica Hooper	Valery N. Martinez-Cotti

** - Magna Cum Laude
+ - December 2017 (Fall) Candidate

* - Cum Laude
++ - August 2018 (Summer) Candidate

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Kevon O. Miller*+	Heidi Caridad Pozek*	Alexis Spencer-Anderson
Gavin Molden+	Brandon M. Price-Crum	Scarlett Steighner
Josue Monrouzeau+	Latasha Proctor Cooper*+	Megan M. Steinmetz
Frank Alejandro Montes de Oca**	Suzan P Pruter*	John H. Stone*+
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Carson O'hara Mouser*	Giancarlo Rivera*	John Thompson
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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 Loretta Lynch



83rd Attorney General of the United States

One of the most highly accomplished public figures in America today, Former Attorney General Loretta Lynch has been a leading progressive voice during her 30-plus-year highly distinguished career. She is the first female African American Attorney General of the United States, appointed by President Barack Obama in 2015.

She also served as the head of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York twice, under both President Clinton and President Obama. Described by President Obama as "the only lawyer in America who battles mobsters, drug lords and terrorists, and still has the reputation for being a charming 'people person,'" she has been instrumental in shaping the direction of the nation on a number of tough issues. She improved the relationship between local law enforcement and the communities they serve, and she has taken bold stances on criminal justice reform.

Lynch has spent years in the trenches rising through the ranks as a prosecutor, aggressively fighting terrorism, financial fraud and cybercrime -- all while vigorously defending civil and human rights.

While leading the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, she became known for the high-profile civil rights conviction of two Brooklyn police officers who brutally assaulted Haitian immigrant Abner Louima.

While in private practice, Lynch served as a volunteer legal advisor for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, established to prosecute those responsible for human rights violations in the 1994 genocide in that nation.

Born in Greensboro, NC, the daughter of a school librarian and fourth generation Baptist minister, Lynch was also inspired by stories about her grandfather, a sharecropper in the 1930s, who helped members of his community who had no recourse under the Jim Crow system.

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 2017-2018 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 520 students in its day and evening programs.



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