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Annual Hooding Ceremony
Spring 2022

Saturday, May 7, 2022
10 A.M.

Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
Grand Cypress Ballroom
Orlando, Florida

2021 - 2022 Candidates for Hooding

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Georgeta Aguiar**	Jaleea Alexis Cunningham	Amira Hill
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Jennifer Badders****	Victoria Lauren Duke*	Earnest'sa Hover
Jasmine Barillas+	Annie Blessing Ebert	M'isha C. Hughes
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Justin Battles**	Omar Fabian Bueno	Erykah Jackson
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Terry Benson**	Alexis Tamara Flowers	Suwana Jean Janvier*
Jada C. Booth	Malcolm Freeman+	Sara J. Jensen**
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Shanice Angela Cameron***	Landon David Haas	Kimberly Ann Kagle*
Danielle Carwile+	Nyrani I. Hall	Catarina Elizabeth Kaltenhauser
Katherine Castellon^+	Brenique Alexa Hanna	Benjamin Charles Kaufman**
Victoria Abigail Cintron	Megan Kay Hansen	Chelsea Kickingstallionsims
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Paola Colon Rivas	William Kirk Hartzog	Meranda Landes+
Sheamus Joslyn Conway	Daniel Asher Elijah Helligar*	Edward Antrè Lavant
Sean Patrick Creen	Maya-Allegra Hendry+	Kendall M. Lee

*** - Summa Cum Laude
 ** - Magna Cum Laude * - Cum Laude
 + - December 2021 (Fall) Candidate ++ - August 2022 (Summer) Candidate
 ^ - Veteran

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John Anthony Lone	Zabrinna Panesso Gonzalez	Rosemary Tabor
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Stephen C. Marsh	Jasmine Phimon+	Anthony Marius Timis
Yolanda Martinez**	Lacresha Pierre+	Devin Topper+
Claudia K. Mayo^	Guyliana Ashley Plantain*	Jessica Marie Torrence**
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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;
Columbia University – Light Blue, White Chevron;
Duke University – Royal, White Chevron;
Emory University – Blue, Gold Chevron;
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University – Orange, Green;
Florida State University – Garnet, Gold Chevron;
University of Florida – Orange, Navy Blue Chevron;
Georgetown University – “Steele” Grey, Navy Blue;
Howard University – Blue, White Chevron;
Indiana University – Cream, Crimson;
Inter-American University – Green, Gold;
Mercer University – Orange, Black;
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;
University of North Carolina – Carolina Blue, White Chevrons;
Nova Southeastern University – Royal Blue, Gray Chevron;
The Ohio State University – Scarlet, Gray Chevron;
Pepperdine University – Royal, Orange Chevron;
University of Pennsylvania – Red, Blue Chevron;
Stanford University – Cardinal;
Temple University – White, Red Chevron;
Texas Southern University – Maroon, Grey Chevron;
University of Virginia – Navy, Orange Chevron;
University of Wisconsin – Cardinal;
Yale University – Royal.

The Honorable Buddy Dyer



Mayor, City of Orlando, Florida

Having served as Mayor since 2003, Buddy Dyer has worked tirelessly to shape Orlando into a vibrant, future-ready community where unity and partnership are the keys to helping every city resident thrive. Since his first day in office, Mayor Dyer has increased collaboration between Central Florida's many governments, its business and civic communities and residents.

Under his leadership, Mayor Dyer has helped Orlando respond to challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Dyer played a key role in Central Florida's response and efforts to protect the health and well-being of residents while supporting those in need and safely keeping the region's economy moving forward.

Mayor Dyer has made it a top priority to ensure that all residents are treated equally, are equally protected and have equitable access to opportunity. Recent actions and investments to end systemic racism and make Orlando an even more inclusive community include hiring the city's first Equity Official and expanding successful youth programs like the Parramore Kidz Zone and My Brother's Keeper Orlando so academic support, mentoring and career training can be offered to more young residents. As part of this effort and to increase police transparency and law enforcement accountability, the Orlando Police Department's use of force policies were updated and a Community Response Team with trained mental health professionals was launched to respond to some non-violent 911 calls instead of law enforcement officers.

Prior to being elected Mayor, he served for a decade in the Florida Senate. Mayor Dyer earned his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Brown University and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Florida College of Law. Before he chose to serve in public office, Mayor Dyer worked as an environmental engineer. He was born in Orlando and raised in nearby Kissimmee. Mayor Dyer is married to his wife Susie and is the proud father of two sons, Trey and Drew, and a beloved dog, Sammie.

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 2021-2022 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 416 students in its day and evening programs.



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)

Hooding Program

Deidré A. Keller, Presiding
Dean, College of Law

Processional

Meditation	Kevin Russell, J.D. <i>Class of 2021</i>
Welcome	Dean Deidré A. Keller
Remarks	Ann Marie Cavazos, J.D. <i>FAMU Trustee</i>
Remarks	Larry Robinson, Ph.D. <i>University President</i>
Remarks	Shanice A. Cameron <i>2022 Hooding Student Speaker</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Dean Keller
Featured Speaker	The Honorable Buddy Dyer <i>Mayor, City of Orlando, Florida</i>
Special Recognitions	Dean Keller
Hooding Ceremony	Patricia A. Broussard, <i>Professor of Law</i> Markita Cooper, <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i> Reginald Green, <i>Associate Dean for Student Services and Administration</i>
Closing Remarks	Dean Keller
Reflections	Lee Crystal M. Smith <i>2022 Student Graduation Chair</i>

Alma Mater

Recessional

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

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