

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
College of Law



Annual Hooding Ceremony
Spring 2023

Saturday, May 13, 2023
10 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
Windsong Ballroom
Orlando, Florida

Hooding Program

Deidré A. Keller, Presiding
Dean, College of Law

Processional

Meditation	Marquise D. D. McMiller <i>Class of 2023</i>
Welcome	Dean Deidré A. Keller
Remarks	Otis Cliatt, II <i>FAMU Trustee</i>
Remarks	Ann Marie Cavazos <i>FAMU Trustee and Faculty Senate President</i>
Remarks	Deveron Gibbons <i>FAMU Trustee</i>
Remarks	Larry Robinson, Ph.D. <i>University President</i>
Remarks	Amanda E. Hunter <i>2023 Hooding Student Speaker</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Dean Keller
Featured Speaker	The Honorable Faye Allen <i>County Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of 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	Taiesa S. Heath <i>2023 Student Graduation Chair</i>

Alma Mater

Recessional

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

2022 - 2023 Candidates for Hooding

Tolulope Atinuke Agboola	Cory T. Carter ⁺⁺	A'Lexus Destiny Joyce Garnett
Natalie Akel ⁺	Fladimir Celunice	Kevin Manuel Germosen-Nieves
Chrystina M. Albertini ^{*+}	Christopher Wendell Chapple	Noah Andrew Goldberg
Frank Maurice Alston [^]	Amira A. Cheikh-Khalil [*]	Tiffany Gomez
Daniel R. Anderson ⁺	Sade Campbell Christie ^{*+}	Tracy Guervil
Chance O. Askew ⁺	Ana Cristina Cook-McQueen [*]	Mariam Haidara [^]
Amanda Avila	Jennifer M. Cotch [*]	Taiesa S. Heath
Lisette Avonce	Michael Christopher Coyle	Destiny M. Hibbler
Tyeshia Lashea Bailey ^{*+}	Brianna Tajonai Davis [*]	Iqueena Victoria Hollis ⁺
Ambree Walteria Barnes	Diana Davis ⁺	Amanda Elizabeth Hunter
Sofie Joy Barrett	Michelle Elizabeth Dubon	Christainah Ibiene Iluma
Brianna Emily Joy Bell [*]	Castillana Florice Duvernay ^{**}	Patrick-Mary Isidore [*]
Stephanie Bohigas	Alejandra Esquivel	Jai'Ehir L. Jackson-Hawkins ⁺⁺
Taylor Noel Brandt	Irina S. Ewing	Nykecia D. Jamerson
Cole Bailey Davidson Branson ^{*+}	Madison Tyler Flanagan [*]	Daniel Jackson Jefferson III
Shane Daniel Broadstone	John Delbert Floyd II	Brandon David José ^{**}
Devin Deionte Burnett	Justin B. Ford ⁺	Claudeline Joseph ⁺
Rebecca M. Burton	Ryan William Furman [*]	Merjan Hadi Kareem
Orhel E. Cabrera ⁺⁺	Tamara A. Gainor-Hill	Lenore Cartier Keefer ^{**+}
Bianca Cristina Cacho	Derrick Salathiel Gaiter	Yusuf A. Khwaja

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* - Cum Laude

⁺ - December 2022 (Fall) Candidate

⁺⁺ - August 2023 (Summer) Candidate

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Laura N. Krivickas*	Minora Pamphile ⁺⁺	Seth William Thomas
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Seana-Jahan La Coa ^{**}	Lisette Marie Pellet	Maria Fernanda Valladares
Terran Arryan Lane*	Daniel Bardin Poskevich	Tatiana Vazquez-Colon ⁺
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Nicolle Londoño Rosado	John Sebastian Schneider	Jessica Winona Walker ⁺
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Monik Markus ^{**}	Justin Daniel Sherren ^{**^}	Nakki J. White ⁺⁺
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Cassidy Taylor Mauth*	Andrea Frances Small*	Khadijah M. Wright*
Kelly Brooke McGill	Seth Lane Smith	Matthew Ryan Wykes
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Lina P. Mondragon ^{*+}	Jonathan Tyler Summey	
Jori Henrietta Opara	Ankevia Ke'andrea Taylor	

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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 their 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:

- 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** – Scarlett, Gray Chevron;
- Pepperdine University** – Royal, Orange Chevron;
- University of Pennsylvania** – Red, Blue Chevron;
- St. Thomas University** – Royal, Burgundy;
- Stanford University** – Cardinal;
- Temple University** – White, Red Chevron;
- University of Virginia** – Navy, Orange Chevron;
- University of Wisconsin** – Cardinal.

The Honorable Faye Allen



County Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

Judge Faye Allen was appointed to serve as County Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orange County, Florida in 2005. She was born and raised in Quincy, Florida. Judge Allen received her B.S. from Florida A&M University and her Juris Doctor from Florida State University.

Before becoming a judge, she enjoyed a diverse career beginning as an Assistant Public Defender. She later worked with the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Attorney General and Florida A&M University in litigation divisions; and in a solo practice handling family law, criminal, property, contracts and other matters. Judge Allen is dedicated to enhancing the legal profession through volunteerism, mentoring and teaching. She has served as faculty for the Florida Judicial College, the Florida Conference of County Court Judges, the Florida Bar Practicing with Professionalism Course; and the Minority Skills Training Program and Inside the Courts at the Orange County Courthouse. She has taught as an Adjunct Professor at several institutions. Judge Allen has served as Vice Chair of the DUI Advisory Board, and she served on Boards for the Orange County Bar Association Foundation, the George C. Young American Inn of Court and other organizations. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council at Florida A&M University College of Law. She is an active member of several local bar associations.

She is committed to helping students and lay persons understand the legal system and is a frequent guest speaker and panelist at legal, church and community-based forums. She often volunteers as a mock trial judge for students ranging from elementary to law school. She served as Judicial Liaison and classroom volunteer with the Justice Teaching Program. She was recognized for her service for over ten years with the Orange County Bar Association Law Day Program where she co-founded the Pathways-in-Law Program, to include youths from community programs such as the Parramore Kidz Zone and the Hope Community Center in Apopka, Florida, in Law Day. Judge Allen is a recipient of notable judicial and community-based awards. In 2014, she was selected by the Orange County Bar Association to receive the James G. Glazebrook Memorial Bar Service Award. She is a recipient of the Hispanic Bar Association and the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association Jurist of the Year Awards. She was also honored as Woman of the Year in the areas of Government and Law by the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council.

Judge Allen has presided in both criminal and civil divisions of the County Court. In addition to being a judge she is a poet and author, a licensed minister and a mother.

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 2022-2023 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 362 students in its day and evening programs.



Acknowledgements

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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)

