

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LAW

**Florida A&M University  
College of Law  
2023 Entering Class  
Orientation Schedule**



# 2023 Orientation At-A-Glance

**Tuesday, August 8**

**Welcome to the Legal Profession**

**Attendance Required (Attire: Business Professional)**

5 PM - 9 PM (Attendees may check-in beginning at 3 PM)

**Wednesday, August 9**

**Administrative and Student Services Overview**

**Attendance Required (Attire: Business Casual)**

5 PM - 9 PM (Attendees may check-in beginning at 3 PM)

**Thursday, August 10**

**Law School and Academic Success**

**Attendance Required (Attire: Business Casual)**

5 PM - 9 PM (Attendees may check-in beginning at 3 PM)

**Friday, August 11**

**Welcome to the FAMUly**

**Attendance Encouraged (Attire: FAMU Paraphernalia or Orange and Green colors)**

10 AM - 1 PM

## Important Notes

- Unless otherwise indicated, sessions will take place in **Room 240**.
- **Administrative Student Services One Stop Shop & Individual Services Sign-Ups** will take place **August 9-10 from 1 - 5:45 PM in the Atrium**.
- **Dinner** will take place **August 8-10 at 5 PM in the Student Lounge**.
- The **2023 Entering Class Photo** will take place **Tuesday, August 8 at 5:45 PM at the College of Law front entrance steps**.
- The **2023 Orientation Schedule as presented is subject to change**.

## **2023 Entering Class Orientation One-Stop-Shop**

The Orientation One-Stop-Shop will feature various University and College of Law Departments in one location for the convenience of our entering students. Representatives from these departments will be able to assist students with their needs to facilitate a worry-free transition to law school. Departments will include (click the department for more information):

- **Financial Aid**
- **Student Accounts**
- **Health Services**
- **Counseling Services**
- **Center for Disability Access & Resources (CeDAR)**
- **Registration**
- **Parking**
- **Rattler Card**
- **Information Technology**
- **Student Affairs**
- **Legal Clinic and Field Placement**
- **Mentoring Program**
- **Veteran's Affairs**

The Orientation One-Stop-Shop will be available **Wednesday, August 9** and **Thursday, August 10** from **1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.** each day in the Atrium. We look forward to seeing you!



# Tuesday, August 8

Welcome to the Legal Profession  
Business Professional Attire

Students may check-in beginning at 3 PM  
Dinner is served at 5 PM

**5:45 PM**

## Entering Class of Fall 2023 Photo

Orientation Team

**6:00 PM**

## Introducing the Entering Class of Fall 2023

Erika Hill, Director of Law School Admissions

**6:05 PM**

## Welcome to the FAMU College of Law

Deidré A. Keller, Dean and Professor of Law

**6:10 PM**

## Welcome from the FAMU Student Bar Association

Kandace Lewis, 3L, SBA President

**6:15 PM**

## Welcome to the University

Larry Robinson, Ph.D., University President

**6:20 PM**

## Welcome from the Florida Bar Association

Scott Westheimer, President (Sypret Meshad, PA)

**6:25 PM**

## Welcome from the Orange County Bar Association

Amber Davis, President (Wolter Van Dyke Davis, PLLC)

**Tuesday, August 8**

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Welcome to the Legal Profession  
Business Professional Attire

**6:30 PM**

## **Building Your Professional Identity for the Workplace**

**Karen Garcia**, RumbergerKirk

**Amber Davis**, President, OCBA, Wolter Van Dyke Davis, PLLC

**Lisa Gong Guerrero**, Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit

**Precillia Soares**, Holland & Knight

**Scott Westheimer**, President (Sypret Meshad, PA)

**Monique Keels**, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida

**7:10 PM** - Break

**7:25 PM**

## **Professionalism in School: Communication and Resolving Conflict**

**Trinity Davis**, US Air Force JAG Corps

**Samendio Mathieu**, RumbergerKirk

**Reginald Penn**, Purely Legal

**Jennifer Nolander**, McDonald Toole Wiggins, PA

**8:05 PM**

## **Expectations from the Bar and Pitfalls to Avoid**

**Keshara Cowans**, Orange County Public Schools

**Debra Davis**, Smith, Tozian, Daniel & Davis, PA

**Rachelle Munson**, Office of the Attorney General

**8:45 PM**

## **Administration of the Oath of Professionalism**

The Honorable **Alicia Latimore**, Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

**8:55 PM**

## **Professionalism Pinning**

**Wednesday, August 9**

**Administrative and Student Services Overview**  
Business Casual Attire

Students may check-in beginning at 3 PM  
Dinner is served at 5 PM

**One-Stop-Shop available**  
**1 PM - 5:45 PM**

**6:00 PM**

**Getting Started**

**Reginald M. Green**, Associate Dean for Student Services and Administration

**6:15 PM**

**Introduction to Student Affairs**

**Nicholas Jones**, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs  
**Deborah Holmes**, Coordinator for Student Affairs

**6:20 PM**

**Introduction to the Registrar's Office**

**Sonja Boles-Melvin**, Law School Registrar

**6:35 PM**

**Law School Financing Updates**

**Are You Ready?**

**Tocoa Hampton**, Director of Financial Aid

**7:20 PM** - Break

**7:35 PM**

**Understanding Title IX**

**8:05 PM**

**Student Mental Health and Wellness**



**Wednesday, August 9**

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**Administrative and Student Services Overview**  
Business Casual Attire

**8:25 PM**

**Introduction to the Law Library**

**Yolanda Jones**, Director of Law Library

**8:45 PM**

**Introduction to the Office of Career Planning & Professional Development**

**Randolph Reliford**, Assistant Dean for Career Planning & Professional Development

**Thursday, August 10**

**Law School and Academic Success**  
Business Casual Attire

Students may check-in beginning at 3:30 PM  
Dinner is served at 5 PM

**6:00 PM**

**Principles of Academic Success**

**Jonathan Fineman**, Associate Dean for Student Learning and Assessment

**6:15 PM**

**AI (Academic Integrity) Meets AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Law School**

**Priscilla Harris**, Interim Director, Legal Research and Writing Program

**6:30 PM**

**Strategies for Success - Perspectives from Faculty**

**Robert Abrams**, Professor of Law

**Jeffery Brown**, Associate Professor of Law

**Cynthia Ramkellawan**, Assistant Professor of Law

**Eurilynn Williams**, Interim Director of Academic Success and Bar Preparation and Associate Instructor

Moderator: **Markita Cooper**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law

**7:30 PM** - Break

**7:45 PM**

**Strategies for Success - Perspectives from Students**

Student Panelists

**8:45 PM**

**Introduction to the Clinic and Cultural Competency**

**Mark Dorosin**, Director, Legal Clinic and Field Placement

**9:00 PM**

**Closing Remarks**



# Friday, August 11

Attendance is optional, but highly encouraged

Welcome to the FAMUly

Casual Attire

FAMU Paraphernalia or Orange and Green Colors Encouraged

## 10:00 AM

### Opening Remarks

Kandace Lewis, 3L, Student Bar Association President

## 10:30 AM

### FAMU Traditions/Alma Mater Challenge

Student Bar Association

## 11:00 AM

### Life as a 1L: Balancing Academics et al.

College of Law 2L and 3L Students

## Noon

### Welcome to the FAMUly Cookout

Good Food, Meet & Greet, and FAMU Trivia Challenge