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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 2012

Saturday, May 12, 2012  
10 A.M.

Hilton Orlando  
Orlando Ballroom  
Orlando, Florida

# Hooding Program

LeRoy Pernell, Presiding  
Dean, College of Law

## Processional

Meditation ..... Ms. Sallay M. Jusu  
2012 Student Graduation Chair

Welcome ..... Dean LeRoy Pernell

Remarks ..... Dr. Solomon Badger  
Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees

Remarks ..... Dr. James H. Ammons  
University President

Remarks ..... Ms. Rawsi L. Williams  
2012 Hooding Student Speaker

Introduction of Speaker ..... Dean Pernell

Featured Speaker ..... The Honorable Pam Bondi  
Florida Attorney General

Special Recognitions ..... Dean Pernell

Hooding Ceremony ..... Associate Professor Randall Abate  
Professor Patricia Broussard  
Associate Dean Markita Cooper

Closing Remarks ..... Dean Pernell

## Alma Mater

(Led by Ms. Katrice D. Peterson, Class of 2012)

Reflections ..... Mr. Jason S. Duey  
Class of 2012

## Recessional

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

# 2011 - 2012 Candidates for Hooding

David H. Abrams***+	Kenneth Bradley Costello**	Edward Luis Gonzalez
Shannon Anita Allen*	Indra L. Dabek	Natalia F. Gove**
Marisol S. Andrade+	Kimberly I. Daniels**+	Raquel B. Gross+
Audrea Beth Ashcraft	Vanessa Danley+	James R. Haggard*
Donnya Niko Banks	Matthew G. DeBoard+	Nuren D. Haider+
Robin L. Bara*+	Jeffrey Richard DeFelice*	April Y. Harrell
Catherine Maria Barquin**	John Bacus DeJesus	Michael Scott Herring
Melissa A. Barreto++	Oteman C. Delancy+	Tiffany Simone Hilton
Sonishari Bellamy	Johnathan Dwayne Denny*	Drew J. Horowitz
Kelly N. Berglund**+	Thomas H. Denny++	Amber Leigh Inman*
Michael Ernesto Bringuier	Leonard Rodrigue Desir*	Terra Jackson
Yannick L. Brookes	Christopher R. Dillingham	Farheen Jahangir
Kasey M. Brooks	Frederick Thomas Dore	Ronald Terrence James
Eli Joseph Brotman	Clifton Lee Dortch*	Serge Jerome+
Jeremy M. Brown	Cynthia A. Doucette	Stacia Danielle Johnson
Chuncey C. Brownfield	Jason Scott Duey	Jocelyn A. Jones++
Brittney Lashay Bush	Wesley T. Dunaway**	Jacquelynn M. Jordan*
Fidel A. Calero+	Kelleen L. Duncan-Neisler+	Jeffrey L. Joyner
Paige L. Carlos*	Justin Christopher Edwards	Sallay M. Jusu
Christopher James Castillo*	Germaine Zedonia English	Megan Elizabeth Kachur
Enkhjil Chaiphum	Marline M. Feliciano+	David Jay Karn
Dana Y. Cheng	Orenn McKnight Fells	Tiffanie Rashon Kendricks
Seongeun Cho	Jonathan Rene Feild*	Donna Janine King**
Kelley Louise Church	Eric Fleming	Nathaniel D. King+
Julie Michelle Clarke	Bret T. Galbraith	Percy A. King***+
April C. Collins+	Donald T. Gervase+	Allison L. Kreiger*
Madison Raye Cornell+	James S. Glenn	Rodney LaRon Lawton

\*\*\* - Summa Cum Laude

\*\* - Magna Cum Laude

\* - Cum Laude

+ - December 2010 (Fall) Candidate

++ - August 2011 (Summer) Candidate

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Jenny Alaine Liabenow***	Lanise Michelle Parker	Arzie C. Stephens+
Yang Liu	Caleb Everton Payne	Natasha L. Stewart+
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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;  
**Emory University** – Blue, Gold  
**Florida A&M University** – Orange, Green;  
**Florida State University** – Garnet, Gold Chevron;  
**University of Florida** – Orange, Navy Blue Chevron;  
**Harvard University** – Crimson;  
**Hofstra University** – Royal, Br. Gold Chevron;  
**Howard University** – Blue, White Chevron;  
**University of Illinois** – Orange, Navy Blue  
**Inter-American University** – Green, Gold;  
**University of Miami** – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;  
**University of Michigan** – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;  
**North Carolina Central University** – Cardinal, Gray Chevron;  
**University of North Dakota** – Dusty Rose, Kelly Green Chevron;  
**Nova Southeastern University** – Royal Blue, Gray Chevron;  
**The Ohio State University** – Scarlet, Gray Chevron;  
**University of Pennsylvania** – Cardinal, Navy Chevron;  
**Pepperdine University** – Royal, Orange Chevron;  
**University of Pittsburgh** – Royal, Gold Chevron;  
**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;  
**Wayne State University** – Forest Green, Old Gold Chevron;  
**University of Washington** – Purple, Gold  
**University of Wisconsin** – Cardinal;  
**Yale University** – Royal.

## The Honorable Pam Bondi Florida Attorney General



A native of Tampa, Pam Bondi became Florida's 37th Attorney General after being elected on November 2, 2010. Attorney General Bondi was sworn in to office January 4, 2011.

Attorney General Bondi is focused on protecting Floridians and upholding Florida's laws and the Constitution. Some of her top priorities are: defending Florida's constitutional rights against the federal health care law; strengthening penalties to stop pill mills; aggressively investigating mortgage fraud and Medicaid fraud; and ensuring Florida is compensated for Deepwater Horizon oil spill losses. Transparency and openness in government have been important throughout her career, and Attorney General Bondi continues to support Florida's Sunshine laws.

Attorney General Bondi is dedicated to serving her community, including her membership on the Board of The Spring, Tampa's domestic violence shelter. In her role as Attorney General, she serves on the Special Olympics Florida Board of Directors and is proud to promote their mission of assisting people with disabilities with being productive and respected members of our communities.

National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators recognized Attorney General Bondi with 2011 Leadership Award for her efforts to stop prescription drug abuse. In addition, Attorney General Bondi was awarded a special recognition by the Florida Police Chiefs Association for "efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse and strengthen Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program through additional legislation via the 'pill mill' bill." Additionally, Attorney General Bondi was awarded the Florida Board of Medicine Chairman's Recognition Award for her dedication and service to the people of Florida for her efforts to fight prescription drug abuse.

Attorney General Bondi was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award in 2011 by Stetson University for extraordinary service to Stetson Law and to the legal profession. During her career as a prosecutor, Attorney General Bondi was awarded the Lawyers of Distinction Award by the Tampa Bay Review for outstanding performance.

Attorney General Bondi is a graduate of University of Florida and Stetson Law School and has served as a prosecutor for more than 18 years. As an assistant state attorney for the 13th judicial district, her investigative and courtroom experience includes the successful prosecution of numerous first-degree murder cases and two capital cases.

## 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 has been ranked among the top five in the nation for Diversity each year by *U.S. News & World Report* since 2007. During the 2011-2012 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 701 students in its day and evening programs.



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