

Commencement Exercises



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

Saturday, the First of August
Ten O'Clock in the Morning
The Year Two-Thousand and Twenty

Program

Saturday, August 1, 2020 • 10 a.m.

PRESIDENT LARRY ROBINSON, PH.D.
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

Prelude: “Elsa’s Procession to the Cathedral”	Richard Wagner
Processional: “War March of the Priests” from Athalia	Felix Mendelssohn
Greetings	President Robinson, Ph.D.
Selection: “Star Spangled Banner”	Francis Scott Key Erika Johnson, Music Student <i>Miss FAMU 2020-2021</i>
Meditation	Rev. A. Nevell Owens, Ph.D. <i>Visual Arts Department Chair, College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities</i>
Introduction of Speaker	President Robinson, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Melvin Carter III <i>Mayor of St. Paul, Minnesota and Alum</i>
Presentation of the Deans	Maurice Edington, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	President Robinson, Ph.D.
Selection: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”	James Weldon Johnson Erika Johnson, Music Student <i>Miss FAMU 2020-2021</i>
Senior Transcendent Ceremony	Col. Gregory L. Clark <i>President, National Alumni Association</i>
Closing Remarks	President Robinson, Ph.D.
Alma Mater	<i>(No movement during the Alma Mater; and men should remove hats/caps)</i>
Benediction	Rev. Owens

Academic Honors

Candidates for the baccalaureate degree who maintain high scholarship are graduated with honors. Graduation with honors is based on earning a minimum of 45 semester hours at Florida A&M University and maintaining a cumulative 3.00 grade point average or higher for all work completed prior to the awarding of the degree. Candidates graduating with honors wear cords during the commencement exercises. The averages necessary for earning graduation honors for all bachelor and doctor of pharmacy degrees are listed below.

*****Summa Cum Laude:** 3.70 - 4.00 — Orange and Green

****Magna Cum Laude:** 3.30 - 3.69 — Green

***Cum Laude:** 3.00 - 3.29 — Orange

Academic Honors for College of Law

Honors for the College of Law graduates will be awarded as follows:

*****Summa Cum Laude:** highest honors to graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.80 or higher — Orange and Green

****Magna Cum Laude:** high honors to graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 - 3.79 or higher — Green

***Cum Laude:** honors to graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.1 - 3.49 — Orange

★ Military Graduates

(H) Honors Graduates

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Jade Alese Bryant***	Brandi Aisha Larkins	Lexus Ariana Roberts
Keely Nicole Coleman*	Maya Lachell Lee** (H)	Carrington Anthony Tibbs
Monica Marie Davis	Raven Shandria McCloud	

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Senior Transcendent Ceremony

Alumni President

Will the members of the graduating class please stand? As you prepare to make the transition from student to alumnus, I want to impress upon you that, for the past several years, you have been an integral part of the many exciting events that have taken place at Florida A&M University. You are now about to become a part of its history, forever.

You are among the privileged who have been nurtured in the spirit of the many men and women who have passed this way and are rendering distinguished service to mankind because of the dedication of Florida A&M University to QUALITY EDUCATION.

You have been trained by men and women who have passed on to you, the very best that time and experience have given to them and that you do well to remember their dedicated service.

As a member of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association, do you solemnly promise to:

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE THE RECIPIENT OF A GREAT AND PRECIOUS HERITAGE; THAT YOU WILL STRIVE WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT AND ENERGY TO PROVE YOURSELF WORTHY, THROUGH SERVICE TO MANKIND; AND TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS OF FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY AND ITS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. DO YOU SO PROMISE?

Graduates

I DO!

Alumni President

By the authority vested in me as President of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association, I pronounce that you have full membership in the Association with all the rights, privileges and duties appertaining thereto. We invite you to join us for progress at the University in the years ahead.

Congratulations! Please be seated.



About The Speaker

MELVIN CARTER III

Mayor of Saint Paul, Minnesota and Alum



Melvin Carter is the 46th and first African American mayor of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota's capital city. A fourth-generation St. Paul resident, Carter leads with an unapologetic equity agenda. Since taking office in 2018, his accomplishments include raising the city's minimum wage to \$15/hour; tripling free programs in recreation centers; eliminating late fines in public libraries; reestablishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund; expanding immigrant and refugee support resources, and launching an Office of Financial Empowerment. One signature initiative is CollegeBound St. Paul, Carter's plan to start every child born in the city with a \$50 College Savings Account, starting January 1, 2020.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Carter launched the St. Paul Bridge Fund to provide emergency relief to St. Paul's lowest-income families and small businesses most vulnerable to the economic impact of the pandemic. The fund provided more than \$4 million of direct aid between April and June.

Carter was also on the frontlines, speaking on racial injustices, after the murder of George Floyd. Carter is the son of retired St. Paul Police Officer Melvin Carter, Jr. and a former teacher, Commissioner Toni Carter. A graduate of the St. Paul public schools, he then transitioned to Florida A&M University, where he joined the Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

In 2002, he earned a bachelor's in business administration from the FAMU School of Business and Industry before going on to complete a master's degree in public policy from the University of Minnesota. He currently resides in St. Paul's historic Rondo neighborhood with his wife, Dr. Sakeena Futrell-Carter, and their children.



The Academic Attire

The academic attire, which makes an inaugural procession colorful, is as old as universities. The attire represents eight centuries of a continuous tradition; it is not a modern revival of medieval customs. It goes back to the days when students were “clerks” – that is, members of the minor clergy – and wore monkish gowns and hoods. In those days of unheated study halls and garret sleeping quarters, the hoods served a very practical purpose. When the hood was pulled over the head, the “tippet,” a sort of hollow tail, served as a convenient pocket. Today, the hood is only an adornment.

The mortarboard, which seems to have evolved from the square biretta of Renaissance churchmen, came into use after the hood had ceased to be worn on the head. The tassel on the mortarboard may be either black or the “color of the faculty” – as described below; or for the holder of a doctorate degree, it may be of gold. Many universities replace the mortarboard with their own distinctive headgear.

Both the gown and the hood indicate the degree held by the wearer. The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves. Bachelor’s hoods have only recently become a part of the attire in the United States. In the master’s gown, the wearer’s arm projects from the sleeve at the elbow, or, in the more modern gowns, at the wrist, and the lower part of the sleeve, ending in another tippet, dangles below the arm. The doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns have no trimmings, but the doctor’s gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three velvet cross-bars on each sleeve. This velvet may be either black or the color of the faculty members’ discipline.

Graduates of some institutions, on all continents, may wear gowns in the color of the university that awarded their degree, for instance, orange and green for Florida A&M University. In the United States, the hood is edged with velvet in the color of the faculty and lined with the colors of the university conferring the degree. For all academic purposes, trimmings of the doctor’s gowns, edgings of hoods and tassels of caps, adhere to the colors for the different subjects as indicated:

College of Agriculture and Food Sciences - Maize; College of Education - Light Blue; FAMU-FSU College of Engineering - Orange; College of Law - Purple; College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences - Forest Green; College of Science and Technology - Bright Gold; College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities - White; School of Allied Health Sciences - Olive; School of Architecture and Engineering Technology - Lilac; School of Business and Industry - Drab; School of Journalism and Graphic Communication - Crimson; School of Nursing - Apricot; School of the Environment - Light Gold; Doctor of Philosophy - Royal Blue; Doctor of Physical Therapy – Sage Green; Doctor of Public Health - Salmon



The Ceremonial Mace

Symbolizing the authority vested in the president by the university's governing body, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Ceremonial Mace is made of bright gold plated bronze and mahogany wood. The shaft of the mace bearing the seal of the university is made of bright gold plated bronze, double-sided medal surrounded with orange and emerald green Swarovski crystals around the outer edge upon a six inch diameter chrome plated polished mace head with clear Swarovski crystals around the circumference.

Ten gold plated engraved nameplates featuring the names of each university president are mounted on a 2-inch diameter mahogany baton. A 1.5 inch mahogany wood staff with wood and chrome plated polished aluminum turnings separates the rest of the baton from its base. The baton is made of mahogany, which symbolizes the trees of knowledge, which adorn the campus of the university. The overall length of the mace is 30 inches long. At the very base of the mace is a gold plated brass "Rattler", the symbol of the university. Its coiled posture represents the fact that although the dark clouds may surround the horizon, the "Rattler" will strike, strike, and strike again!

The Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office

Dating to medieval times, the Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office signify the symbol of authority vested in the President as head of the University. The current chain is approximately 36 inches long and is made of gold plated bronze. It features ten 1-3/4 inch gold plated sculpted engravings of each president from 1887 to the present. Under each sculpted model are ten banner link engravings inscribed with the names of each president and his term of office. At the base of the chain is the presidential Medallion, which features the seal of the University.

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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! 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)