Florida A&M University (FAMU) enrolls nearly 12,000 students (including 1,996 at the graduate/professional level). The university has more than 55,000 active alumni, two thirds of whom live and work in Florida and contribute to its economic and social vitality.

State investments in FAMU have generated a high return, and the University is determined to continue attracting and educating growing numbers of students who will enter Florida’s workforce and reflect the diversity of our State.

FAMU has fostered a growing national research presence, which attracts nearly $50 million annually from state, federal, and private sources. This is particularly noteworthy, because most institutions that out perform FAMU in attracting research dollars are substantially larger and older and often include medical schools.

FAMU combines an emphasis on teaching found at the best liberal arts colleges with the innovation of a major research university. As a result, FAMU graduates are critical thinkers and have substantive experience with cutting-edge technologies and issues. Almost all either go on to leading graduate and professional schools or immediately join the workforce.

Nearly a third of FAMU’s student body (about 4,000) are pursuing degrees in one of the sciences, technology, engineering, mathematics, or health care areas that are critical to state and national need.
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STATUTORY

- Support the Governor’s differential tuition proposal which would allow all public universities to set tuition at the campus level, up to 15 percent, above the rate set by the Legislature. Currently, only UF, FSU, UCF, USF, & FIU have this ability.

APPROPRIATIONS

- Protect the Base Budget: In the last two years the State University System has had its budget reduced three times by over $270 million. Florida’s universities, FAMU included, are struggling to meet increased demand with greatly diminished resources.

- $1 M to improve technology and infrastructure needs in the FAMU College of Pharmacy to expand access to the college to meet the growing demand and address critical pharmacy shortages in the state.

PUBLIC EDUCATION
CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

- Pharmacy Phase II (C,E) $5,543,621
- Gore Education Center Remodeling (P,C) $3,000,000
  - Utilities
  - Infrastructure Improvements (P,C,E) $2,500,000
- FAMU-FSU College of Engineering (P) $1,500,000