

# Commencement Exercises



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Tallahassee, Florida

Friday, the First of August  
Six O'Clock in the Evening

The Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five

Alfred Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center  
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# Program

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TIMOTHY L. BEARD, PH.D.  
INTERIM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

Prelude: “Elsa’s Procession to the Cathedral”	Richard Wagner
Processional: “War March of the Priests” from Athalia	Felix Mendelssohn
Selection: “Star Spangled Banner”	Francis Scott Key Jenna Anderson, Pre-Occupational Therapy Major
Meditation	Min. Allison D. McNealy Antioch M.B. Church, Perry, Florida
Greetings	Zayla Bryant <i>Member, FAMU Board of Trustees and President, Student Government Association</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Interim President Timothy L. Beard, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Laterras R. Whitfield <i>CEO, Whitfield Films</i>
Presentation of Honorary Doctorate	
Special Recognitions	
Presentation of the Deans	Allyson L. Watson, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	Interim President Beard
Senior Transcendent Ceremony	Artisha R. Polk <i>President, Florida A&amp;M University National Alumni Association</i>
Alma Mater	University Symphonic Band (No walking or movement during the Alma Mater; and men should remove hats/caps.)
Benediction	Min. McNealy
Recessional “Pomp and Circumstance”	Sir Edward Elgar (The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional.)

# 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

# Candidates for Degrees

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES

PRESENTED BY G. DALE WESSON, PH.D., DEAN

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRIBUSINESS

Kevin Ramsey Davis, Jr.  
Ryan A. Long\*

Jeylan Deneise McGhee

Kizzy Yvette Montgomery

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION IN ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-VET OPT

Sheree A. Christensen

Symaria Imon Randolph\*\*

Yoleyka Marissa Smith

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION IN PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE

Anthony Rene Cordero, Jr.\*\*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING- BIOPROCESSING AND FOOD ENGINEERING OPT

Leyhma Beverly Leban-Powell

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING- NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION ENGINEERING OPT

Nori Gammons\*\*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE – SCI & TECH OPT

Jada Janae Aaron\*\*\*

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

PRESENTED BY SARAH PRICE, PH.D., DEAN

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PRE-K-ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Keyvion Andino\*\*  
Jacklyn Shaunice Harvey\*\*  
Andrieka Nicole Hunter\*

Errion Kenise Robinson\*\*  
Shelsie Carolyn Rolle\*\*  
Marissa Asia Marie Sainthilaire

Staci Junae Shaw  
Avé Marie Tanner\*  
Auntanae D. Thomas\*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION/FITNESS

Byeongkwan Kim\*\*  
Micaiah Jaylin Lindsey

Norman Mukwada, Sr.\*  
Kendall Thomas Reynolds\*

Eboni Angelnetta Janai Smith  
Serenity Tenese Williams\*\*\*

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (cont'd)**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TEACHING**

Deidrick Ian Mykal Dansby  
Sophonie Yveta Egalite

Letricia Marilyn Hodge\*\*\*  
Tomia Alexis Phillips

Joy Katherine Myers\*\*\*

## **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**PRESENTED BY PIERRE D. NGNEPIEBA, PH.D., INTERIM DEAN**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY**

Samaya Tasheila Ashford  
Jaeonna Allen  
Ariana Simone Lashaun Davis  
William J'maree Frazier  
Cherish Me'Chelle Glenn  
Elizabeth Angelique James

Chaya Kent  
Nala Martin\*  
Aysha Lamiah Miller\*  
Shinya Miller  
Antonia Tremayne Moore  
Arnazia Morrison

Steven S. Pierre\*  
Joseph Porter, Jr.  
Amariah Cassandra Rivera  
Yazmin Anissa Smith\*  
Shemar Saillant Sterlin\*\*\*  
Sherlanda Telusmond

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY**

Timaya Meshell Anderson

Arianna Malon Davis

Anderson Felisnord

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Sunday John Nsoh Awine, Sr.\*\*  
Robert Beutelus, Jr.\*

Nia Alina Berry\*\*  
Ronnie Xavier Burns II

Lauren Arianne Baker Matthews  
Regan Celeste Wilson\*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Jahve Lovett  
Kyra Valerie Milton\*\*

JoanMarie Morris

Inita Rosa Pearson

## **COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

**PRESENTED BY VALENCIA E. MATTHEWS, PH.D., DEAN**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH**

Santira Janae Borders

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC**

Kadeejah Mia Walton

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE**

Desstiny Alexandria Jackson

Kyra Alyse Morris\*

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS AND HUMANITIES (cont'd)

### BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ta'Brea Austin*	Kori Danielle Leak**	Nathalie Philogene***
Shayna Celeste Davis***	Jordynne Khamiaya-Elon Lee**	Jasinth Ricketts**
Nala Ariana Howard Gammage	Dylan Jace Leferink, Sr.*	Darius Ramone Ruiz
Delvin Ingram, Jr.	Zharia L. McKinney**	Resinia Ja'nise Troupe* ★
Alexis Knowles	Dorrien Anthony Mullin*	Sabion Tyree Wade
Vanessa Lagou	Ramona Shahidah Parsons*	Darryelle Viviana Wingate*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Charlea Bing

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Soyini Tene Abdul-Mateen	Reayna Avyanka Edman	Malasia Diamond Pierre-Louis*
Dreamson Del Beauplan	Taylor Elizabeth Evans	Franceska Point-Du-Jour**
Nya Ionia Bostic	Kennesha S. Gardner*	Akelah Janae Pugh
Shyheim Hubert Brooks	Mena Girgus	LaShawn Ready
Ajanay Adara Brown	Jonathan Caleb Granger**	Tyrese Malik Rolle-Taylor
Martavis Jadarrius Burton	Spring Jeanette Harris	Janisha Lamya Smith
Zikeyah Danatra Sharnae Carter-Ransom	Corliss Levern Holland	Teco L. Stephens
Deja Millenia Clements	Kya Brielle Horn***	Rashaun Chad Stewart
Raymond Coleman II	Jireh Kennet James	Roan Tarbert**
Chancellor I. Crump	Deja A. King	Annora Marie Taylor
Samara Ariel Davis	Chelsey Lumer*	Elijah Jarae Townsend-Avella
Stefan Joshua Davis	Ke'voughn Malike Manning*	Antoine Cheval Wallace II
Tatianna Shunta Davis	Jade Traeani Martin	Rolanda Michelle Warren
Camden Jones Duckett	Ashley Ann Moody	Washington
Imani Cortazia Durant	Candice Morgan***	Brittney G. West
Jaderryus Eatmon	Joseph Anthony Nunnally, Jr.	Kenzia Shavanti Wilson
	Shaylyn Serenna Pearson	

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MUSIC

Kamryn Adell Jenkins*	Hasim Jasir Smith*	Allen McCovey Washington
Burnic Jordan III*		

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Marie Dorival	Isyss Keyara Lanay Johnson**	Chika Nwadiogbu**
Marcus Kevin Green	Sade Alexis Moore***	Jakayla Latrell Strickland*
Simaya Asjaune' Jackson		

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Tierra Marie Amada	Jevon A. Bell	Dafton Bradley Connell
Imani Raegan-Calise Anderson*	Tamearia Armani Brown	Kourtney Olivia Cross**
Shawlen R. Anderson	Wilfred Louis Bureau, Jr.**	Sigmund Cypre**
Alexander Charles Andrews	Taciana A. Carpenter*	Shayla Danielle Edwards**
Nasir Ali Babineaux**	Kalayah Sa'yir Clark	Kendall Ann Faison
Dariah Jerika Banks*	Chamique Khanya Clay*	Jaliyah Arkelle Fountain*
Kristine Denise Barfield**	Shaunqela Laqashia Coffey**	Kolina Afonte France*



## **COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS AND HUMANITIES (cont'd)**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY**

JuKyah Kyny Gay*	Kamryn Michelle Little**	Tierra Smith*
Caleb Quintavious Givens*	Precious Faith Magwood	Kaya Imani Thompson**
D'shonnique Ashani Gumbs**	Kennedee Monét Martin*	Tyler Logan-Marie Wilkins
Grace Marie Harvey	Alexis S. McEntire**	Kahri Simone Willcot**
Antonique La'Shae Hurt	Abrielle Miller*	Aja Jane Williams
Curtis Ira Jones II	Jasmine Alexandria Moody	Ashley Imani Williams*
Trayvonne Dyrell Kelley	Kayla Meshay Mosley**	Dakarai Barak Williams**
Aliah Kelly**	Aniyah Lashae Nelson***	Ka'Juan Williams*
Makayla Alexis Langford	Nia M. Odom	Kaia Sa'rae Wright
Joshua Mensah Lassey*		

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY**

Jonathan Wesley Blackburn, Jr.**	Ariana N. Hines	LeRodrick Quavon James
Sakinah Cordessa El-Fakhri*		

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN THEATRE**

Kim Rhody Saint Jean*	Abigail N. Sewell
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### **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Briaunna Alecia Allison*** (H)	Shakeirra Alexis Fletcher***	Ellyn Saintil
Yazmin Burns*	Quinyce Foreman	Ja'Shawn Arquaze Smith**
Joidyn Clark** ★	Amari A. Hampton***	Taytiana Jamesia Smith*
Abigaëlle Compas	Rasheen Barnard Hill***	Fantaze Doneec Nichole Thornton**
Abigail Fergus**	Shamiah Janae Roney*	

## **FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

**PRESENTED BY SUVRANU DE, PH.D., DEAN**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Jamia Doniyah Brown	Jalil Abdul-Amin Reed
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### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

Scott C. Garner, Jr.**
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### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Malik Ahmad Jean Baptiste	Dior Reece	Elizabeth Ashley Wright
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## **SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

**PRESENTED BY MARY SIMMONS, PH.D., DEAN**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE**

Ty'meaisa Henderson

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Summer Reign Johnson

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT**

Raven Ikera Anderson\*\*

Jordan Ashley Graham

Kyrin Leonard Strong\*

Ajone' Mia Elizabeth Bannis\*\*\*

Micai Monique Saintiche

Fallon LaShaun Washington\*\*\*

Kloe Kaianna Bohler\*\*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Jamellah Kiara Jackson\*

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Aliane E. Adam

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Layla Simone Scurry\*

Bertrice Adin\*\*\*

Mykyla Hooper

Grace Audata Stanley

Keendrick Antoine

Christina Johnson-Williams

Zaria Starkes\*\*

Briannah D. Bostic-Carter\*

Dalazae Monae Kerr\*

Mena Marie Thomas\*\*

Cierra Mahogany Burkett\*

Rosedjany Anestor Lhermitus

Amaya Renee Watkins

Shadae Ashela Crooks

Arteria Janae Eunice Moore\*\*

Deyon Dontrell Watson\*\*

Calvondra Creshaundra Davis\*

Shamara Renee Myles

Kiara Watson\*\*

Kari J. Gayle

Donajha B. Randell

Asia Demetria Wilds\*\*

Aniya Shian Gibson\*

Erayzha Ray

Savannah Sue Williams

Victoria Elizabeth Gilliard

Kyla Shalay Sashington\*\*\*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE CONCENTRATION IN PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Kenna Rose Anderson\*\*

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De'Niejha Carter\*\*

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Kayla Renee Aldridge\*\*

Amber Jada Ferrell\*\*

Jason Noreus\*

Aniyah Alyce Anderson-Cooper\*\* ★

Gamaliel Charles Harris\*\*

Keyon J. Pierre\*\*

Nia Bell\*\*\*

Aiyana Simone Jackson\*\*

Matthew Angel Rivera

Reanna Desameau\*

Shakiah Marye Mason\*

Jasmine Angelena Smith\*

Edward Lee Ellis\*\*\*

Jerleah Unique McCutcheon\*

Chiquita J. Thompson\*\*\*

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**  
**PRESENTED BY ANDREW CHIN, M. ARCH., DEAN**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES**

Karam Ali*	Dene' Garrett	Ricardo Robert Stewart, Jr.
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**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**  
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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING**

Claudine Alexis*	Serenity Janai Woodyard*	Camille Renay Zanders**
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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Aliyah Gabrielle Anderson	Chele' Anansa Karima Flakes	Hasani A. Mundy
Elijah Evan Armour	Davincio Lorenz Flowers	Craig Lefforest Myles, Jr.
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Jordan Berry	Ahmaad Terral Glenn	Alerie Marie Parker*
Alexis Jeanae Booker	Korey Terrell Harris*	Taylor Anaya Day Smith
Aria Rose Bradwell	Roderick A. Harvey, Jr.**	Olatunde Daniel Sparks*
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Crystal Kennedy Carroll*	Emmanuel Isma*	Breonna Ranae Walker
Le' Naya Cherie Coates	Jared Hamilton Jackson*	Nathaniel Brandon Walker*
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Jaren Dozier	Markiah Ajinay Macklin	Ahsiyah Williams*
Ne'Allah Ali Dukes**	Jalen R. Mason	Amani Lynette Williams
Reginald R. Edwards II**	Donovan Lee Miller-Lowe*	Sydnee Mykel Woods*
Donald Jefferson Ferguson II	Ahyuanah Va'nee Mintz-Davis	Aaliyah Joi Wynn*
Tyreke A. Ferguson	Sydni Jade Moore	

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS**

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Austin M. Lee

## **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (cont'd)**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT**

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Keenan Omari Cowan\*

Zaria Keiara Joseph\*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

Loren Megan Black\*\*\*

Michael Williams\*

## **SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION**

PRESENTED BY MIRA LOWE, DEAN

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Luis Angel Arriaga\*\*  
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Klaire Carter Lathan\*\*

Reginald Williams II

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Kasi Elizabeth Antoine\*  
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Ashley Bryant\*\*  
Skylar Jamilah Davis-Rowley\*\*  
Faith Francois\*\*

Ahmarie Cierra Holmes  
Candyce Naomi Olivia Johnson  
Justin Alexander Lloyd  
Danizia Laque Martin\*  
Kennedy Patton

Edward Robinson III\*\*  
Adiyah Brooke Thomas\*  
Jade Verchelle Vinson  
Hunter Walker  
Xavier Alan Woodley\*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Mia Danielle Dingle\*

Alexis Dominique Freeman\*\*

Jayda Gabrielle Nelms\*\*

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

PRESENTED BY SHANNON BRIGHT SMITH, PH.D., DNP, DEAN

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Brittany Nicole Davis\*\*\*  
Krystelle Faye Espinosa\*\*

Jamie Harris Lowe\*\*\*  
Kantesha Michelle Theodore\*\*

Somonique Giovanni Walker\*\*\*  
LeChaylla Angelica Tasha Wells\*\*\*

## **SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

PRESENTED BY VICTOR IBEANUSI, PH.D., DEAN

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Xavia Nicole Jones\*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Jalon Bristol

**SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT (cont'd)**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Adam Winston Barnes\*

Michael Brown Price II

Khalil Valcin

**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES,  
INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**PRESENTED BY SETH Y. ABLORDEPPEY, PH.D, INTERIM DEAN**

**DOCTOR OF PHARMACY**

Lubna Alhendi  
Jada Sherrelle Drisdorn  
Alexandria Nicole Golden  
Quolitta G. Henderson

Bunmi Ikunika  
Grace Leah Mathai  
Wilgens Moreau

**COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**PRESENTED BY CECIL E. HOWARD, J.D., INTERIM DEAN**

**JURIS DOCTOR**

Gianny Elizabeth Ferreras  
B.A., Stetson University, 2020  
Jahmaal Damian Jacques Oreste IV  
B.A., University of Central Florida, 2021

**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH**  
**PRESENTED BY MICHAEL ABAZINGE, PH.D., DEAN**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES**  
**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE**

**CONCENTRATION IN AGRIBUSINESS**

Amaury Marie Cecil Toure  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2022  
Model: Evidence from Leon County in  
Tallahassee, Florida”  
Thesis Chair: Michée A. Lachaud, Ph.D.

**CONCENTRATION IN ENTOMOLOGY**

Garnett Bramwell  
B.S., College of Agriculture Science and  
Education, Jamaica, 2022  
Thesis Title: “Development of a Biologically  
Based Integrated Pest Management Strategy for  
Key insect Pest of Industrial Hemp Production  
in North Florida”  
Thesis Chair: Kanga Lambert, Ph.D.

Beatrice Addah Atieno Obungu  
B.S., University of Eldoret, Kenya, 2019  
Thesis Title: “Genomics and Proteomics  
Assessment of Nutrition on Honeybee health”  
Thesis Chair: Kanga Lambert, Ph.D.

Monique Maxine Farquharson  
B.S., College of Agriculture Science and  
Education, Jamaica, 2023  
Thesis Title: “Development of a Biologically  
Based Integrated Pest Management Strategy  
for the Small Hive Beetle *Aethina Tumida*  
(Coleoptera: Nitidulidae) in Honeybee *Apis*  
*Mellifera* (Hymenoptera: Apidae) Colonies”  
Thesis Chair: Kanga Lambert, Ph.D.

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT**

Denzel Huie Bonner  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2019  
KeShonda Alexis Catherine Gaskins  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2023

Alexis Green

**FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**  
**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Bismark Odum  
B.S., Kwame Nkrumah University, 2015  
M.S., Hohai University, 2024  
Thesis Title: “Observations of Nutrient  
Dynamics and Algal Blooms in a Community  
Lake in North Florida”  
Thesis Chair: Tarek Abichou, Ph.D.

**FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (cont'd)**  
**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

Cameron S. Hall  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2022  
Thesis Title: "Evaluation of Additively  
Manufactured Electrical Insulation  
Components"  
Thesis Chair: Peter Cheetham, Ph.D.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING**

Samuel Chimenem Opuwill  
B.S., University of Port Harcourt, 2018  
Thesis Title: "Development of Fabrication  
Process for Producing Nanocomposites with  
Higher Carbon Nanotube Loading"  
Thesis Chair: Mei Zhang, Ph.D.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Jamal A. Burey  
B.S., Bethune-Cookman University, 2023

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY**

Fidara Francisca Fidudusola  
B. MLS, Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, 2020  
Thesis Title: "The Steroidal alkaloid Solasodine  
as a Promising Approach to Targeting Triple-  
negative breast Cancer"  
Thesis Chair: F.A. Soliman, Ph.D.

Philip Osasuyi Igbinoaba  
MENG, University of Benin, 2016  
Thesis Title: "Biological Evaluation of  
Coumarin-Chalcone Hybrids as Anticancer and  
Antimicrobial Agents"  
Thesis Chair: Monica Aghimien, Ph.D.

Oluwatobi Adigun Oguntunde  
B.S., Ladoke Akintola University of  
Technology, 2015  
M.S., University of Ibadan, 2018  
Thesis Title: "Optimization of Microwave-  
and Ultrasound-assisted Pretreatment and  
Hydrolysis of Pineapple peel for Maximum  
Fermentable Sugar Recovery"  
Thesis Title: Eriola Betiku, Ph.D.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Celestina D. Kolog  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024  
Thesis Title: "Designing Interactive Labs  
for Quantum Machine Learning Applications in  
Cybersecurity Threat Detection through  
Experiential Learning"  
Thesis Chair: Hongmei Chi, Ph.D.

**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (cont'd)**

PRESENTED BY MICHAEL ABAZINGE, PH.D., DEAN

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

**MASTER OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**GLOBAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Devin Albert Hardy  
BCJ, Florida A&M University, 2023

Christopher Louis Mathews  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024

**HISTORY**

Jordan Triston Barker  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024  
Kacey Lanard Scott, Jr.  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2022

Kylecovey Miguel Smith  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2021  
Kalise Nicole Williams  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2023

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Justin Marcus Tyler Brown  
B.A., Florida A&M University, 2022  
Webster Casseus  
B.S., Florida International University, 2021  
Derrin Keith Evans II  
B.S., Edward Waters University, 2020  
Autumn Alexandria Hamilton  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024

Melonie Lorraine Hill  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2021  
Sakiya Chanel Hinson  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024  
Cindy Thi Le  
BCJ, Florida A&M University, 2022

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Dazaha Tanae Jackson  
BSW, Florida A&M University, 2022  
Zaria Mercedes McCullough  
BSW, Florida A&M University, 2022  
Natasia Breeon Robinson  
BSW, Florida A&M University, 2021

Nayelie Wheatley Talleyrand  
BSW, Florida A&M University, 2023  
Tionne K. Williams  
BSW, Florida A&M University, 2024

**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES,**

**INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Adrienne Ambush  
B.S., University of South Florida, 2010  
Lori-Ann Janielle Dawes-Wright  
B.S., Northern Caribbean, 2017  
Stacy Jean-Laurent  
B.S., University of Central Florida, 2023  
Abria Shenel McNeill  
B.S., University of West Georgia, 2022

Nia-Iman I. Muhammad  
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2022  
Sara-elizabeth Phillips  
M.S., Walden University, 2018  
Chelsea Taylor  
B.A., Florida International University, 2014



**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (cont'd)**  
**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES,**  
**INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH (cont'd)**  
**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**

Rawan Abdullah Almasuood  
PHARMD, Qassim University, College of  
Pharmacy, 2019  
Thesis Title: "A Disease Burden and Budget  
Impact Analysis of Finerenone in HFpEF in  
the US Population"  
Thesis Chair: Fatimah Sherbeny Chi, Ph.D.

Alexus Annette Morgan  
B.S., Winston-Salem State Univ, BS Exercise  
Science, 2018  
Thesis Title: "Structural Optimization of SYA  
40247 for the Management of Pain"  
Thesis Chair: Seth Ablordeppey, Ph.D.

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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

## LATERRAS R. WHITFIELD

CEO, Whitfield Films/Host of Dear Future Wifey Podcast



Laterras R. Whitfield is a 3x Emmy-nominated producer, cinematographer, national playwright, and director who is most celebrated as the host of the award-winning, top-rated, always trending, and often viral relationship podcast, Dear Future Wifey.

Conceived in 2020, Laterras debuted the Dear Future Wifey Podcast as a transformative tool to heal his own relationship struggles and chronicle his personal mission to “Discover, Uncover and Recover Love.” The show, rapidly, began topping charts and garnering international attention, thanks to the safe space it created for guests to share their truths, vulnerability and lived experiences that are relatable to viewers on their quest for love and fulfillment - whether they be in the early or prolonged stages of dating, soon-to-be or already married, or still healing from divorce and loss. The 2023 winner of two Telly awards, Laterras has welcomed conversations with some of the culture’s most notable celebrities, influential personalities, and trending voices, who show up to tell their stories in ways that audiences wouldn’t normally expect or even hear about.

Prior to the podcast, Laterras brought his storytelling prowess to the stage, producing and scripting national stage plays that have left audiences in awe. His productions like "What Men Don't Tell," "Issues: We All Got 'Em," "By Any Means Necessary," "Tell It to the Judge," and "Guilty Until Proven Innocent," featuring star-studded casts from beloved vocalists like Shirley Murdock, Chante Moore, Kenny Lattimore, Dave Hollister, and Ralph Tresvant, to notable actors, including Kim Fields, Darrin Henson, Vanessa Williams and more.

Additionally, Laterras is on a mission to make a lasting impact not just on matters of the heart, but also through Kingdom Royale, a luxury, state-of-the-art foster home for boys that he envisions establishing in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Currently, he's embarked on a start-up capital campaign with the ambitious goal of raising \$2.8 million dollars.

Laterras is a devoted father to his daughter, LaTerria, and has opened his heart and home to two adopted sons, Ladarrion, his nephew, and Armani, who was sixteen years old when Laterras adopted him out of foster care.

Watch and listen to the Dear Future Wifey podcast by subscribing on YouTube, or by listening on Urban One Podcast Network and everywhere podcasts are heard. Also, follow the Dear Future Wifey movement on Instagram: @DearFutureWifeyPodcast and @LaterrasRWhitfield.





# 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)



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