

Commencement Exercises



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

Friday, the Thirti-First of July
Four O'Clock in the Afternoon

The Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

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and Teaching Gymnasium

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Florida A&M University Commencement Exercises Program

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MARVA B. JOHNSON, J.D.
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
Samuelle Pierre-Louis Cange, Spring 2026 Graduate	
Meditation	Rev. Clarence Jackson <i>Pastor, Destiny Church Tallahassee</i>
Opening Remarks.	President Johnson
Greetings	Trustee Deveron Gibbons, J.D. <i>Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Kennedy Williams <i>Member, FAMU Board of Trustees and President, Student Government Association</i>
Commencement Address	Tirrell D. Whitley <i>Vice Chair, FAMU Foundation Board of Directors, Alumnus and Founder/CEO of LIQUID SOUL</i>
Presentation to the Speaker	
Administration of the Military Oath of Office	CPT Matthew R. Caswell <i>U.S. Military, Professor of Military Science</i>
Awarding of U.S. Army Commissions.	CPT Caswell
Presentation of the Deans.	Allyson L. Watson, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	President Johnson
Senior Transcendent Ceremony	Artisha R. Polk <i>President, Florida A&M University National Alumni Association</i>
Alma Mater	University Symphonic Band <i>(No walking or movement during the Alma Mater; and men should remove hats/caps.)</i>
The Rattler Charge	
Benediction	Rev. Jackson
Recessional “Pomp and Circumstance”	Sir Edward Elgar <i>(The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional)</i>
<i>(Participation in tonight's commencement ceremony does not certify that a student has satisfied degree requirements.)</i>	

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

Candidates for Degrees

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES

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

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRIBUSINESS

Antoine Malcolm Cooper
Crystal Loretta Gabriel

Ro'Mari Jenea Guy

Arielle Renner

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION IN ANIMAL SCIENCE-INDUSTRY OPT

Uriah Chrystian Alexander

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

Kayla Jasmine Armand*

Tamia Delynn Simmons**

Iyanni Faye Stevens*

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

PRESENTED BY SARAH PRICE, PH.D., DEAN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6

Shaahid Brown***

Channel Denece McPherson***

Amya Noni Thompson*

Sierra Mckinzey Mack***

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION/FITNESS

Arianna Monet DeBagio***

Damien Tyreik Henry*

Chrissa Yolanda Elizabeth Martin**

Emory Jordan Clemons

Janiyah Shauntlee Jones

Arianna A. Smith

Jordan Nicole Dossett***

Monique Renay Judge***

Tyrike Lamar Smith*

Sahmon Gandjei

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TEACHING

Nancy Augustin*

DeVonte Harvey**

Kipchirchir James Woodin*

Miles Justus Howard***

Soigne Yvette Thompson

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PRESENTED BY SETH Y. ABLORDEPPEY, PH.D, INTERIM DEAN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Dasia Daniel

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PRESENTED BY PIERRE D. NGNEPIEBA, PH.D., INTERIM DEAN

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DeAndrea De'Chelle Davis	Ashley Regina Lafrance	Ayiana Knicole Murphy
Valerie Sandra Dorestin	Jasmine Elizabeth Lafrance	Taylor Giana Ver'son Williams*
Alesia Douglas**	Kennedy Elizabeth Hayes**	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Jeff Pierre

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Cameron Allen Brown	Dennis Gresham-Chappelle	Fayolah Pierre
Caleb Steven Daniels*	Marcus Alonzo Louis Jones	Keshawn Darnell Ross
Brooke Malikah Lynn Davis*	Caleb Eric-Esmond Parker*	

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Dervin Altenor**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Nya Sierra Oliver**

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Kennedy Janae Hill

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS AND HUMANITIES
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Jade Tajé Livingston	Rebekah Christina Tyson	Nia Ann Williams
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Khaleah Yvonne Janay Douglas	Daniya Janae May***	SaNanda Elizabeth Patrice Thomas**
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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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B.S., South Carolina State University, 2021

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COLLEGE OF LAW

PRESENTED BY SIMONE MARSTILLER, J.D., DEAN

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B.S., University of Central Florida, 2023

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Rayon Lando Gayle

B.S., College of Agriculture, Science and
Education, 2022
Thesis Title: "Effect of Dietary Mannan
Oligosaccharides on Growth Performance and
Intestinal Morphology of Channel Catfish
(*Ictalurus Punctatus*)."
Thesis Chair: Betiku Omolola, Ph.D.

Kizzy Yvette Montgomery

B.S., Florida A&M University, 2025
Jermane Devon Taylor, Jr.
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024

CONCENTRATION IN AGRIBUSINESS

Adeolu Victor Adegbemiro

B.Tech , The Federal University of Technology,
Akure, 2024.
Thesis Title: "Adoption Dynamics of Improved
Maize Seeds among Smallholder Farmers in
Ethiopia: Evidence from Early Adopters, Dis-
adopters, and Never Adopters."
Thesis Chair: Michée A. Lachaud, Ph.D.

CONCENTRATION IN ENTOMOLOGY

Jonros Ricardo Brown

B.S., College of Agriculture, Science and
Education, 2022
Thesis Title: "Assessment of the Presence
or Absence of the Invasive *Tropilaelaps* Mite
and Monitoring of Resistance Allele
Frequencies in Two Major Honey Bee Pests,
Varroa destructor and *Aethina tumida*."
Thesis Chair: Dr. Kanga Lamberth, Ph.D.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Najja Reginald Thomas Hughey

B.A., Georgia State University, 2025

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

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B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024

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BCJ, Florida A&M University, 2025

Ah'mare Corey Lee

B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024

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

Torius Moore
B.S. Tuskegee University, 2020

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY**

Nicholas H. Coppock
B.S., Missouri State University, 2020
Thesis Title: "Cryptic Diversification and
Historical Biogeography of North American
Amphipoda (Crustacea: Malacostraca): Insights
from Estuarine and Freshwater Lineages"
Thesis Chair: Thomas. R. Sawicki, Ph.D.

Zonnelle Hanley
B.S., Florida State University, 2011
Thesis Title: "AI-Guided Redesign of KR-
GM-453: A Safe, Soluble, and Tumor-
Penetrating Tetrahydroisoquinoline for Non-
Toxic Cancer Cell Cycle Arrest"
Thesis Chair: Elizabeth Mazzio, Ph.D.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

Xandria Laniya Symone Chandler
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2023
Thesis Title: "Development of Versatile
Polymers for Microplastic Remediation and
Nanoparticle Drug Delivery."
Thesis Chair: Natalie Arnett, Ph.D.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Kalab Markos Kiros
B.S., Marwabi University, 2023
Thesis Title: "An Explainable and ML-
Based Virtual Machine Scheduling for
High Resource Utilization in Clouds"
Thesis Chair: Jerry F. Miller, Ph.D.

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

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B.S., Florida A&M University, 2024
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B.S., Florida Memorial University, 2025

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B.A., Barry University, 2006

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Carlton Breon Jones
B.S., Alabama State University, 2014
MBA, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, 2021

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COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS AND HUMANITIES (cont'd)
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B.S., Florida A&M University, 2018
MED, Florida A&M University, 2024

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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B.S., Florida A&M University, 2025

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B.S., Jacksonville University, 2025

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

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B.S., Florida A&M University, 2025
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BSW, Florida A&M University, 2025
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B.S., Florida A&M University, 2023

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B.S., Florida A&M University, 2019
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B.S., Norfolk State University, 2024

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B.A., University of Technology, Jamaica, 2011
M.A., Florida International University, 2016
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B.S., Edward Waters University, 2019
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B.S., Seminole State College, 2023

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Mounika Aare
B.Pharm, Chebrolu Hanumaiah Institute of
Pharmaceutical Sciences, 2020
Thesis Title: "Engineering Targeted Exosomes
for Pd-L1-Mediated Immune
Modulation and Cannabinoid-Based
Therapeutic Intervention in Treating Triple
Negative Breast Cancer"
Thesis Chair: Mandip Sachdeva, Ph.D.

Abdulrahman Yahya A. Alharbi
B.S., Umm Al-qura University-Makkah, 2016
Thesis Title: "Guideline-Directed Lipid-
Lowering Therapy in U.S. Adults: Trends in
Utilization, Treatment Patterns, Disease
Burden, and Healthcare Expenditures"
Thesis Chair: Fatimah Sherbeny, Ph.D.

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES (cont'd)

Albaraa Mohammad Alwafi
PharmD, Taif University, 2015
Thesis Title: "Real-World Utilization,
Expenditures, and Cardiovascular Outcomes of
SGLT-2 Inhibitors and GLP-1 Receptor Agonis"
Thesis Chair: Fatimah Sherbeny, Ph.D.

Kiara Nicole Edge
B.S., Norfolk State College, 2023
Thesis Title: "The Synthesis of Non-Steroidal
Antiestrogens to Treat Breast Cancer"
Thesis Chair: John Cooperwood, Ph.D.

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Christian Xaivier Gilbert
B.S., Florida A&M University, 2018
Thesis Title: "Architecture as A Bridge: From
Past Resilience to Future Possibility"
Thesis Chair: George Epolito, M.Arch.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
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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

TIRRELL D. WHITTLEY

Vice Chair, FAMU Foundation Board of Directors/Alumnus
CEO and Founder of LIQUID SOUL



Tirrell D. Whittley is an entrepreneur, media executive, filmmaker, and proud Florida A&M University alumnus whose career exemplifies innovation, leadership, and excellence. After graduating cum laude from FAMU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, he began his professional career in information technology before rising to executive leadership at SAP America, one of the world's leading enterprise software companies.

In 2001, Whittley founded LIQUID SOUL, a culturally driven marketing and advertising agency headquartered in Atlanta with offices in Los Angeles and Dallas. Under his leadership, the agency has partnered with major brands including Disney, Amazon, Walmart, AT&T, ESPN, HBO, and NBCUniversal.

LIQUID SOUL has supported marketing campaigns for more than 300 feature films, including Black Panther, Girls Trip, 42, and The Hunger Games: Catching Fire, contributing to numerous box-office successes and award-winning campaigns.

A passionate storyteller, Whittley has also made his mark in the film industry. His producing credits include the Tribeca Film Festival selection COPWATCH, the acclaimed Aretha Franklin documentary Amazing Grace, the feature film Brian Banks, and the award-winning independent films Waterboyz and Little Brother. He is a member of both the Producers Guild of America and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

His accomplishments have earned numerous honors, including Atlanta Business League's Entrepreneur of the Year, induction into the FAMU School of Business and Industry Hall of Fame, and recognition as a two-time Georgia Titan 100 honoree. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the FAMU Foundation and is a member of 100 Black Men of Atlanta.

Today's occasion is especially meaningful because Whittley's connection to FAMU spans generations. A Spring 1993 initiate of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., he is joined by his wife, daughters, twin sister, and extended family whose lives have also been shaped by the FAMU experience. As he returns to campus today, he does so not as a guest, but as family coming home.



Deans Emeriti

CYNTHIA HUGHES-HARRIS, PH.D.



Cynthia Hughes-Harris, Ph.D., is an esteemed academic leader and occupational therapist whose transformative 22-year tenure as dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences (2000–2022) anchored her legacy at Florida A&M University (FAMU). As one of the University's most prominent administrators, she also stepped into university-wide leadership, serving as FAMU's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs from 2008 to 2012 before returning to lead her school. A fierce champion for health equity, Dr. Hughes-Harris secured major research initiatives during her career, including a \$6 million NIH grant in partnership with Harvard to eliminate healthcare disparities in underserved communities. Her pioneering impact extends nationally as a co-founder of the National Black Occupational Therapy Caucus in 1969 and a Fellow of the

American Occupational Therapy Association. Prior to her retirement in July 2022, she left a profound legacy at FAMU centered on social justice, community health, and the advancement of minority professionals in the healthcare industry.

RODNER WRIGHT, M.ARCH.



Rodner Wright's distinguished 26-year career at Florida A&M University (FAMU) was anchored by his steady leadership as the long-serving dean of the School of Architecture and Engineering Technology from 1996 to 2022. As the University's senior dean, Wright twice stepped up to serve as interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, steering FAMU's academic operations, managing high-profile dean searches, and guiding critical institutional restructuring. His influence also extended nationally, notably serving as president of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), cementing a lasting legacy of academic excellence, structural growth, and dedicated service to the Rattler community prior to his retirement in June 2022.



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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