

Commencement Exercises



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

Friday, the Twelfth of December
Six O'Clock in the Evening

The Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five

Alfred Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center
and Teaching Gymnasium

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Program

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UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

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| 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 |
| Kalilah Taite, Junior Vocal Performance Major | |
| Meditation | Bishop-Designate Gregory Speights <i>Senior Pastor, University Ministries International</i> |
| Greetings | Zayla Bryant <i>Member, FAMU Board of Trustees and President, Student Government Association</i> |
| Introduction of Speaker | President Marva B. Johnson, J.D. |
| Commencement Address | Kristin Harper <i>Alumna, Former Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees, and CEO/Founder of Driven to Succeed, LLC</i> |
| Special Recognitions | |
| Administration of the Military Oath of Office | LTC Tamar Wilson <i>U.S. Army, Professor of Military Science</i> |
| Awarding of U.S. Army Commissions | LTC Wilson |
| 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 (No walking or movement during the Alma Mater; and men should remove hats/caps.) |
| Benediction | Bishop-Designate Speights |
| Recessional “Pomp and Circumstance” | Sir Edward Elgar (The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional.) |

"Participation in tonight's commencement ceremony does not certify that a student has satisfied degree requirements."

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

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Thesis Title: "Evaluation of Efficacy of IPM
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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.

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I DO!

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Congratulations! Please be seated.



About The Speaker

KRISTIN HARPER

Alumna, Former Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees and CEO of Driven to Succeed, LLC



Kristin Harper is a strategic commercial marketing executive with a track record of transformational leadership that delivers bottom line results. She is the founder and CEO of Driven to Succeed LLC, an award-winning market research and consulting firm that has driven impact across Private Equity, Healthcare, Technology, FinTech, Consumer Packaged Goods, and Food & Beverage clients.

A classically trained brand manager, Kristin went from college intern to Global Vice President of a Fortune 15 company in her 30s. Throughout her corporate career at Procter & Gamble, The Hershey Company, and Cardinal Health, she led global iconic brands including Crest®, Oral-B®, and Hershey's KISSES®.

Author of *The Heart of a Leader: 52 Emotional Intelligence Insights to Advance Your Career*, she has been featured in CNBC, Business Insider, Entrepreneur magazine, and named in the Private Directors Association Directors to Watch.

Kristin earned her Bachelor's and MBA degrees from Florida A&M University School of Business and Industry (SBI). She served as the third female Student Government Association President in FAMU's history and met her husband Andre on "The Hill." They are proud parents of three children including a second-generation Rattler.

A firm believer in the transformative power of an HBCU education, she and Andre established an endowed scholarship for FAMU SBI students, and co-founded Pacesetters Unlimited, a 501(c)3 non-profit that builds a pipeline of African American HBCU scholars. Over the past ten years, Pacesetters has awarded students over \$30,000 in HBCU scholarships.

A proud lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kristin co-chaired the BADST Fortitude campaign, a historic grassroots scholarship fundraising campaign that ushered in an era of affinity giving at FAMU. Kristin is the immediate past chairwoman of the FAMU Board of Trustees. Since her appointment in 2019, FAMU has consecutively ranked as the No. 1 public HBCU. After leading the committee that launched the Boldly Striking Strategic Plan, FAMU advanced in national standings to a Top 100 Public University.



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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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! 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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