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President Elmira Mangum, Ph.D.

A Message from the President

Sometimes our greatest triumphs are conceived out of adversity. When we get knocked down, we need to get back up again.

To strike, and strike and strike again. That's what it means to be a Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Rattler. And that's what I see when I look at the rebirth and rise of the FAMU College of Law.

The Rattler Nation is rightly proud of the accomplishments outlined on the following pages. But the real story here, and your role in it, has yet to be told.

In just a few short years, the College of Law has established itself as a gem in Central Florida—providing not only high-paying jobs and great educational opportunities, but free

legal advice, civil rights scholarship, and international academic acclaim through the Center for International Law and Justice.

There is so much more to be done for civil rights and justice in America, as recent events have shown. And FAMU College of Law is uniquely positioned to help shape the national dialogue.

I appeal to you, our alumni and community of benefactors, business leaders and supporters, to help the FAMU College of Law rise to the next level, through your generous and ongoing support.

You know you can count on us. We're counting on you.

Sincerely,

Elmira Mangum, Ph.D.

President

Florida A&M University



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LAW SCHOOL DEAN LEROY PERNELL, J.D.

A Message From The Dean

If life were fair, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Law would be celebrating 65 years as one of the nation's preeminent law schools.

Founded on the main campus in Tallahassee in 1949, the original law school graduated 57 students, including U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings—keynote speaker at our May 2014 graduate hooding ceremony—before it was shuttered by the Florida Legislature in 1968.

In 2002, the legislature re-established the FAMU College of Law in Orlando. Since then we've been rising—a phoenix from the ashes—providing opportunities for students that might not otherwise attend law school, and increasing the representation of minorities within the legal profession.

The statistics and stories in these pages speak for themselves. I commend them to you with this:

Nelson Mandela wrote "everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do."

I am proud to say that I see that dedication and passion in the students, faculty and staff of the FAMU College of Law.

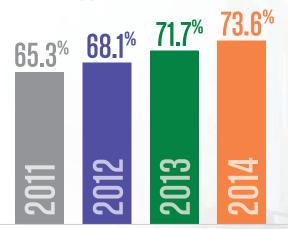
Sincerely,
LeRoy Pernell, J. D.
Dean
Florida A&M University
College of Law



Here at the FAMU College of Law, we take great pride in our reputation as the law school of choice for a broad range of individuals who might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue a career in law.

But while we are excited by the opportunities ahead of us, a law school is judged by its outcomes, especially the bar passage rate.





82.6% **65.5**% 53.8%

JULY

In the past two years, FAMU Law graduates have been recognized among the TOP FIVE **SCORERS** on the Florida Bar Exam.



FAMU COLLEGE OF LAW BAR PASSAGE RATE BEATS THE STATE AVERAGE

FEBRUARY

AFRICAN AMERICAN GRADUATES OF FAMU COLLEGE OF LAW

ALL STATE SCHOOL GRADUATES

In 2014, the 99 African-American graduates of FAMU College of law **NEARLY DOUBLED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN GRADUATES** from all state law schools combined.

"MOST DIVERSE LAW SCHOOL IN THE NATION"



FAMU College of Law has consistently been recognized for diversity on multiple occasions by U.S. News and World Report.

LEADERSHIP

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

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Board of Visitors

Every institution of higher education needs a broad base of support. At the College of Law, we rely on our Board of Visitors for a wide range of leadership including help recruiting students, raising money and increasing the visibility of our programs in the community.

Our Board of Visitors comprises leaders from business, legal, government, education and our community. They serve as ambassadors and advocates for the law school, and we are grateful for their considerable contributions.

FAMU College of Law would like to recognize the members of our Board of Visitors:

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YOUR LEGACY IS OUR FUTURE

There are several ways to give to the College of Law. Alumni and friends can help support the law school's most critical needs by donating to the Annual Fund. Because contributions are renewed annually, gifts made to the Annual Fund provide the dean with a dependable stream of unrestricted funds to support key law school programs, activities and services. Another method of giving to the law school is through the establishment of an endowment fund. Endowments allow donors to support the College of Law in perpetuity as funds are invested to provide a steady flow of income for a specific need.

The students, faculty and staff of the College of Law would like to thank the following individual donors and organizations for their generous contributions:

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▲ Dean LeRoy Pernell and Associate Dean Reginald Green unveil A Tribute to Hy and Harriett Lake," an interactive exhibit in the Law Library.

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"The sisterhood of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and its 23rd International President, Bonita M. Herring, proudly support an endowed scholarship honoring Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry, Esquire. This distinguished sister was our National Legal Advisor at her demise in 1979. A woman of numerous firsts, including the first black female to serve as a state legislator in Florida and as one of only five female graduates of the original FAMU College of Law. Posthumously, we recognize her legacy as a pioneer in the legal profession, her dedication to public service, and to FAMU her alma mater."

Katie Williams
 Chair
 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
 Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry
 Scholarship Initiative



▲ Dean LeRoy Pernell accepts check from

SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2014

Scholarships recognize outstanding academic achievement, community service and perseverance. The College of Law congratulates our 2014 scholarship recipients and thanks our generous donors.

SARA SIMMONS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT: Jessica Hooper

CRITERIA: Female student returning to school and enrolling in law school after previous career;

non-renewable

TERM: Fall and Spring

GWENDOLYN SAWYER CHERRY, ESQUIRE, ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT: Dawn Boulding

CRITERIA: Student who received undergraduate degree at FAMU and is interested in public service

law; non-renewable

TERM: Fall and Spring

UNIVERSITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT: Benjamin Irving and Jan Hernandez

CRITERIA: Entering full-time or part-time students who have overcome obstacles to attend law school;

non-renewable

TERM: Fall

HOLLY MARIE STUTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT: Ginna Arevalo

CRITERIA: Part-time evening entering student working for an organization that provides legal services to the indigent; high academic achievement (renewable until graduation)

TERM: Fall and Spring



JACKSON LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT: John Keller and Michael Zeiler

CRITERIA: Demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in labor and employment law. Student must have completed employment or labor law course.

TERM: Fall and Spring

MONTS LAW SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT: Ashanti Jones

CRITERIA: Recognizes a full-time law student with high academic achievement while handling

family obligations

TERM: Fall and Spring

HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP/INTERNSHIP

RECIPIENT: Amy Judkins

CRITERIA: Second-year, full-time student in top 10%

of class; renewable

TERM: Fall and Spring

HENRY LATIMER SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

RECIPIENT: Lauren Schroeder

CRITERIA: First semester, third-year law student in the top 25 percent of class, who has demonstrated an interest in trial work, as evidenced by the successful completion of a trial advocacy course or other trial practice skill related courses

TERM: Fall and Spring

Associate Professor Deleso Alford

Featured Faculty Member...



Associate Professor Deleso Alford credits her grandmother's stories with instilling in her the governing dynamic she tries to convey to all of her students: "Treat people as people."

An internationally recognized thought leader in critical race feminist theory, Professor Alford draws on those stories in her scholarly work, which focuses on the exploitation of black women for the advancement of science.

As senior editor of the textbook *Enslaved Women in America: An Encyclopedia*, her contributing entry tells the stories of slaves Anarcha, Betsy, and Lucy—whose bodies were used, without their consent, and without anesthesia, to further the groundbreaking gynecological research of surgeon, J. Marion Sims.

She documented the uncompensated appropriation of research specimens through the remarkable tale of Henrietta Lacks, an African-American cancer patient whose cervical cells, removed without permission in 1951, were reproduced and distributed for medical research throughout the world without her family's permission.

And she is currently writing the story of the forgotten women affected by the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study at Tuskegee.

We are proud to count Professor Alford among the many bright lights on the FAMU College of Law faculty. She is a shining example to our students, of how one voice, and a powerful story, can change the world.

"One voice, and a powerful story, can change the world."



FACULTY DISTINCTION



MARCELLA DAVID, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Marcella David, newly appointed Provost at Florida A&M University, will be joining the faculty of the College of Law. David previously served as a law and international studies professor and as an associate dean at the University of Iowa's College of Law.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR NICKY BOOTHE-PERRY

Professor Nicky Boothe-Perry was selected as a Fellow for the fall 2013 workshop of the National Institute For Teaching Ethics & Professionalism. She

also published "The 'Friend'ly Lawyer: Professionalism and Ethical Consideration of the Use of Social Networking During Litigation" in the *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy*.



INSTRUCTOR REGINALD MITCHELL

Professor Reginald Mitchell received a Distinguished Alumni Award in the Law category from Florida A&M University.



PROFESSOR RANDALL S. ABATE

Professor Randall S. Abate published two articles: "Corporate Responsibility and Climate Justice: A Proposal for a Polluter-Financed Relocation Fund

for Federally Recognized Tribes Imperiled by Climate Change," in the Fordham Environmental Law Review, and "International and Domestic Law Dimensions of Climate Justice for Arctic Indigenous Peoples," in the Ottawa Law Review.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PHYLLIS TAITE

Professor Phyllis Taite had two articles accepted for publication: the essay "Exploding Wealth Inequalities: Does Tax Policy Promote Social Justice or Social

Injustice?" in the Southwestern Law Review; and an article, "Taxes, Part of the Problem and Part of the Solution to Diminish Debt: A Proposal for a Model of Vanishing Deductions for Principal Residence Based Tax Preferences," in the New York Law School Law Review.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR YOLANDA JONES

Professor Yolanda Jones served as a Computer-Assisted Legal Instructor Author in Residence at the 2014 American Association of Law Schools Annual meeting.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JOSEPH GRANT

Professor Joseph Grant published an article, "When Making Money and Making a Sustainable and Societal Difference Collide: Will Benefit Corporations Succeed or Fail?" in the *Indiana Law Review*.

World-changing advocacy begins with deep knowledge and the passionate pursuit of topical research. By creating "Centers of Excellence," we advance human rights, rule of law, good governance and economic development, facilitating projects and programs that increase understanding of pressing legal, socio-political, and economic issues.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE

The Center for International Law and Justice (CILJ) at Florida A&M University College of Law seeks to develop scholarly, educational and practiceoriented activities for students and faculty. The CILJ endeavors to be the nation's leading center of excellence in research, training and advocacy in environmental justice and the international and comparative law of developing nations.

Headed by Professor Randall S. Abate, the CILJ hosts annual symposiums on Environmental Law and Justice, and a lecture on International Human Rights and Global Justice.

CILJ has placed College of Law interns at the Supreme Court of Ghana, NATO headquarters in Belgium, INTERPOL in Thailand, the World Health Organization in Switzerland, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, among others.

Our students have been published in respected peer-reviewed journals around the world and won writing contests and moot court competitions over some of the top law schools in the country.

Center faculty have been widely published and are recognized as thought leaders in their fields.



CENTER OF EXCELLENC

FUTURE CENTERS

We are actively exploring other topics for additional centers of excellence, all based on our core mission of serving the underserved, protecting human rights and expanding opportunities in the legal profession for underrepresented groups.

"There is an expectation of success that has grown from the students who have been published. New students want to reach the level that their predecessors have achieved."

- Professor Randall S. Abate,
Director, Center for International
Law and Justice

PROFESSOR RANDALL ABATE

"I came here mid-career and saw a lot of great opportunities. I like being able to help instill in our students a desire to elevate the profession and serve the communities where they will ultimately work."

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

BY STUDENTS
PUBLISHED IN
LAW JOURNALS

Between 1954 and 1968, the original FAMU College of Law graduated 57 students. The new law school, reestablished in 2002, had that many in its first graduating class. We received more than 1,000 applications for the 2014-15 school year, of which, 153 were admitted.

A robust admissions process is critical to our mission of providing a law program with high academic standards, to produce excellent legal professionals who demonstrate professionalism, provide public service, enhance justice and promote scholarship; and provide opportunities for minorities to attain representation within the legal profession.

MINORITY ENROLLMENT

2013 69%





National Jurist Magazine recently ranked the FAMU College of Law on its

"Top 10 for Diversity" list.

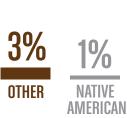
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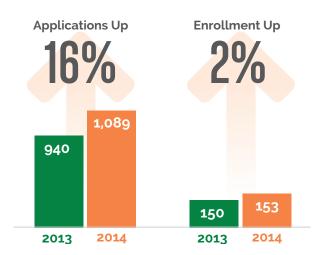


We strive to provide our students with a good return on their investment. The college has also been ranked first among the "10 Best Bargain Law Schools" by On Being a Black Lawyer.









ADMISSIONS





"We are so grateful for the support of our Board Members, Linda Landman Gonzalez of the Orlando Magic and Margaret Giacalone of Walt Disney World Resorts, who truly made this year's All-Stars event a memorable occasion. Of the 10 students who attended, six actually enrolled in law school, and they listed the FAMU All-Stars experience as a key factor in their decision."

- LeRoy Pernell, Dean

FAMU ALL-STARS

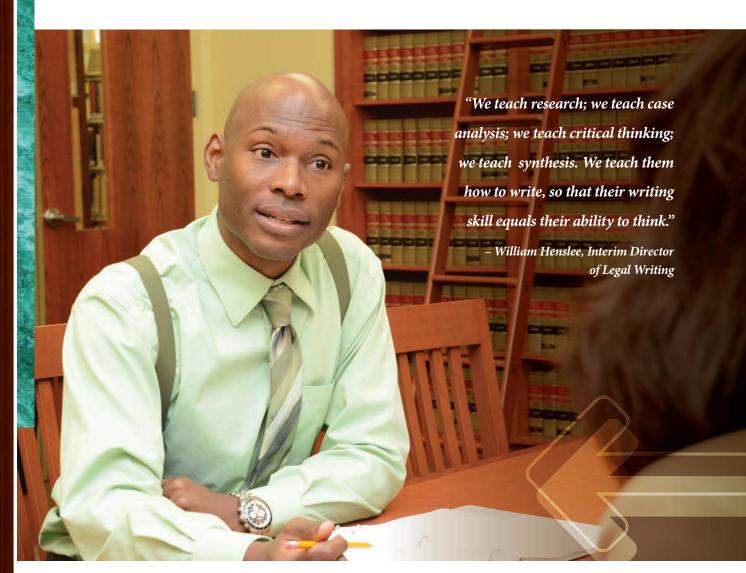
We invest in success. The highlight of our recruiting year is FAMU All-Stars, a three-day event honoring top undergraduate students from around the state who have expressed an interest in studying law.

Participants visit the downtown law school campus, where they attend classes and interact with current students, alumni, area lawyers, judges and members of our Board of Visitors, followed by VIP box seating at an Orlando Magic game, a career luncheon at Walt Disney World, and a visit to a Disney Park.

Rubric meets reality at the FAMU College of Law, where academic rigor is aligned with practical application to prepare our students for life after law school. From critical writing and analysis to the pro bono social service work of our various legal clinics and the competitive drama of our moot court competitions, our students are immersed in the real-world practice of law before they ever sit for the bar exam.

LEGAL WRITING

Written communication is fundamental to the practice of law. Students perform the skills they would be required to perform as first year associates in a law firm, including client interviews, interoffice memoranda, demand letters, partner emails, motions, trial briefs, appellate briefs and oral arguments. Every student is expected to complete a law/fact analysis for each client—finding the applicable law, creating a set of rules, explaining the law, then applying the client's facts to that law and reaching a conclusion.



ACADEMICS





ADVOCACY

Writing—Given our particular emphasis on Civil Rights and Social Justice, we take great pride in our students' accomplishments as minority advocates. In 2014, rising third-year law students Cindy Campbell and Cynthia Vel placed first and second, respectively, in the 13th Annual National Native American Law Students Association Writing Competition. They will have their papers published in Seattle University School of Law's American Indian Law Journal. Both approached social justice from an environmental perspective.

Moot Court—FAMU Law students also excel in the courtroom. In 2014, third-year student Loren Vasquez and second-year student Tameka Franco finished first in the Puerto Rico Bar Association's Moot Court Competition, besting teams from Cornell, University of North Carolina, St. John's University, New York Law School, Barry University, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, Nova Southeastern University, and Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Franco also received the Best Advocate Award for the competition.

This is the third year that FAMU Law has won the Best Team Award, and the second consecutive year a member of the team was selected as the competition's Best Advocate. The FAMU Law team was coached by Professors Kristy D'Angelo-Corker and Rebecca Olavarría. The FAMU College of Law Moot Court program is directed by Professor William Henslee.

LEGAL CLINICS

Legal clinics provide opportunities for students to gain practical experience while assisting our neighbors with important legal challenges they are often ill-prepared to handle on their own. Working under the direction of licensed attorneys, FAMU law students provided legal assistance through the Homelessness and Housing Clinics as well as through the Bankruptcy, Domestic Violence, Public Defender, Judicial and Prosecution Externships. The Legal Clinic Program is directed by Associate Professor Ann Marie Cavazos.

EXTERNSHIPS

FAMU is proud of its record of government service.

Our Externship Program places students in local, state, federal and even international government agencies to experience, firsthand, how macro problems are solved in the real world using legal skills.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Central Florida is a hotbed of technological innovation. At FAMU College of Law, students work with patent attorneys to learn the unique legal issues relating to intellectual property and the development and discovery of new technologies.

Staying ahead of the technology curve can be a challenge when the functional life of a computer, or a software program, is less than two years. At the same time, the twin rigors of data security and always-on performance demand meticulous due diligence and proven performance metrics.

SHASHI PERSAUD

Executive director of Information Technology Shashi
Persaud demonstrates the interactive multimedia
kiosk he designed as a tribute to Central Florida
philanthropists and civil rights advocates Hy and
Harriett Lake.

TECHNOLOGY





PRACTICAL MAGIC

It may not be wizardry, but the technology team at the FAMU College of Law regularly works magic, applying in-house know-how to tough tech problems to save hundreds of thousands of dollars on critical systems. Among the notable saves in 2014:

- \$500,000 on classroom instructional technology. After receiving quotes of more than \$500,000, IT upgraded the projectors, audio systems and class-recording equipment in all of the school's 19 classrooms at a total cost of \$43,000. The renovations will also save money on maintenance, as the upgrades will be supported internally.
- \$100,000 by using in-house resources to replace an obsolete analog security surveillance system with a high definition digital recording system, for a total project cost of \$20,000.
- and \$32,000 from migrating the school's website in-house from a third-party vendor in preparation for a 2015 site refresh.

Also in 2014, IT launched the College of Law Docket System, a highdefinition campus signage solution that broadcasts important events, news, videos, webcasts and emergency alerts. The system is centrally controlled wirelessly by the public information officer via iPad or Windows application.



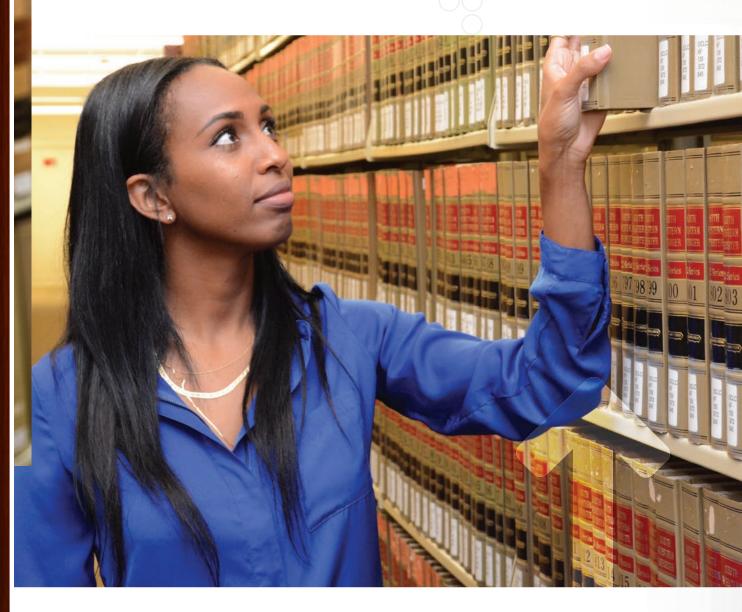
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A great law library serves as a bridge to knowledge, providing students, faculty, and the community at large with access to both the wisdom of the ages and the best in current legal scholarship. The 40,000 square-foot library at the FAMU College of Law features an extensive collection of resources, including the Virgil Hawkins Collection, the repatriated volumes of the original FAMU law library, named for the African-American lawyer whose unsuccessful suit for admission to the University of Florida Law School was the basis for the creation of the FAMU College of Law.

"What makes the law library remarkable is its strong public service mission. We are a library that supports scholarship, community, and practice."

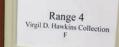
- Yolanda P. Jones, FAMU Law Library Director



LAW LIBRARY









CIVIL RIGHTS RESOURCES

A law library should reflect the focus and personality of the school and the community it serves. As a facility serving a Historically Black College and University based in the historically African-American Parramore neighborhood, the library at the FAMU College of Law emphasizes human rights, particularly the Civil Rights movement in the United States from the 1950s through 1970.

In addition to collections of International, Florida, and Orange County Law, the library showcases our faculty publications and a faculty teaching and scholarship support collection. The Law in Popular Culture Collection includes works of fiction written by lawyers, or that include a lawyer as a central character.

ORANGE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

The FAMU Law Library serves as the official law repository for the Orange County Public Library system. As such, our facilities are open to the public and we serve as a community resource on wills and probate and landlord/tenant issues. Local bar association members can check out continuing legal education materials and access our electronic databases.

Communities are people connecting. But those connections are deeply influenced by the environment in which they occur. From the soaring possibilities and high ideals suggested by our four-story library, to the hushed reverence of our ceremonial moot courtroom, our facilities are designed to foster an environment of aspiration and achievement.



"We are creating a more comfortable, inclusive environment that extends beyond our immediate academic community to our neighborhood and the community at large."

- Reginald Green, Associate Dean, Administration and Student Services

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF NOTE IN THE FAMU COLLEGE OF LAW CEREMONIAL MOOT COURTROOM:

- 10th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Forum
- Spreading the Dream: Brown v. Board of Education
- Fifth District Court of Appeal Oral Arguments: Law Days
- · A Tribute to Hy & Harriett Lake
- April Florida Bar Oath of Admission Ceremonies
- · Law Review Induction Ceremony

- September Florida Bar Oath of Admission Ceremonies
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity Initiation Ceremony
- Marshall-Bell Law Society's Domestic Violence Forum
- Student Bar Association Mock Trial for Robinswood Middle School



Extracurricular activities are an important part of the law school experience and we are proud to offer our students a wide variety of ways to show their Rattler Pride.

Coordinated by the Office of Student Affairs, there are 18 student organizations on campus, including the Law Review, and the Student Bar Association.

Key campus events in 2014 included our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. community forum in January and the November screening and community discussion of the movie Twelve Years a Slave. The Environmental Law Society hosted a Town Hall on Environmental Justice in our surrounding Parramore neighborhood. And the Hispanic American Law Student Association taught us all to salsa dance during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Each year the University recognizes an individual and a student organization for outstanding contributions to our school, and our community.

The Outstanding Law Student Award is presented annually for outstanding involvement, initiative and leadership on campus. Our Outstanding Law

Student for 2014 was Cynthia Ramkellewan. FAMU Law's youngest graduate, at 21, Ramkellewan was recognized for her outstanding academic record and selfless volunteerism, which included mentoring high school students and young women in the foster care system.

The Outstanding Student Organization Award recognizes community and campus leadership demonstrated by a student organization. In 2014, the award went to the Black Law Students Association.

In addition, the annual Florida Classic tailgate party, held each November, is an excellent opportunity for students to network with alumni.



CAMPUS LIFE



RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- ACLU FAMU College of Law Chapter
- · American Association for Justice
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society

- Hispanic American Law Student Association
- Law Review
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Marshall-Bell Law Society
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- Stonewall LGBTA Law Association
- Student Bar Association
- Veteran's Law Student Association
- Women's Law Caucus

"The law school is a great place to be. It's a truly caring environment. The staff really want students to succeed."

- Fritzlaine M. Powell, **Director of Student Affairs**

OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The FAMU College of Law campus is located in Downtown Orlando, just steps from the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida; mere blocks from the Amway Center, home of The Orlando Magic; with easy access to mass transit, including the new SunRail commuter train, providing easy access to off-campus activities.

Okahumpka educator Virgil Hawkins rose from humble origins to pave the way for minority law students in Florida. It was his lawsuit to gain access to the University of Florida law school that led to the creation of the FAMU college of law, and ultimately to the acceptance of minority students at all state universities in Florida.

It is a debt we can never repay, but we can pay it forward, by serving the legal needs of the underserved in our community, and encouraging our students to embrace our core values of diversity, care, and service.

SPREADING THE DREAM

In 2014, FAMU College of Law teamed with the African American Council of Christian Clergy and Orange County Public Schools to present "Spreading the Dream," a three-day celebration of civil rights and the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The event included a reenactment of the Supreme Court case Brown vs. Board of Education, featuring local judges, law professionals, and special guest celebrity judge the Honorable Glenda Hatchett, before an audience of more than 300 middle school students in the ceremonial moot courtroom.



COMMUNITY



An additional 483 8th Grade students submitted civil rights essays, from which 20 were selected as finalists and invited, along with their families, to attend a recognition program. Three students received top honors with a \$100 award. The overall winner received an additional \$400.

In 2015 the program was expanded to include more than 2,700 students from all 36 Orange County middle schools.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXTERNSHIP

FAMU College of Law students stepped in to help victim advocates at Harbor House struggling under the burden of a 35 percent increase in domestic injunction requests. Students were trained as advocates and worked with Harbor House to streamline the process and gain valuable real-world legal experience.

Based on a conservative billable rate of \$100.00 per hour, which is typical for a new associate at an area law firm, the In-House Legal Clinics provide more than \$1.5 million in free legal services to the Central Florida community on an annual basis.





▲ Dean LeRoy Pernell (left) presents alumnus Bruce Mount, Jr., Esq., immediate past president of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, with an appreciation plaque for sponsorship of the 2013-2014 Fellowship Program in the school's Legal Clinic.

VIRGIL HAWKINS FELLOWSHIP

The late Virgil Hawkins devoted his career to serving the legal needs of the poor and underrepresented in Lake County. In 2013, the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association (VHFCNBA) awarded two fellowships to underwrite the cost of providing free legal services to indigent clients in the areas of housing, homelessness, and domestic violence.

The VHFCNBA fellows provide pro bono legal services through in-house clinics. The fellows, who were recent graduates of the FAMU College of Law, provided nearly 2,000 volunteer hours of legal service to 200 clients in nearly 80 cases.

LAW LIBRARY

The FAMU Law Library serves as the official law library for the Orange County Public Library System.



Law schools are judged not only on their academic rigor and bar passage rate, but also their ability to "close the deal," by placing graduates in the workforce. The Office of Career Planning & Placement helps students identify their career goals, and equips them with the necessary tools to achieve those goals.

At FAMU Law we pursue career counseling and placement with the same vigor we apply to academics. In addition to the usual programs on resume and cover-letter writing, professional development, dressing for success, and interviewing, we pair students with faculty to prepare them for actual interviews, and host a robust on-campus interview program for prospective employers.

Career development-related projects include:

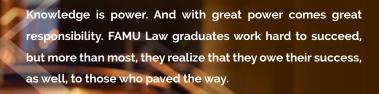
- Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute Conference
- Southeastern Minority Job Fair
- Central Florida Association for Law Placement
- · City Days (with Florida Coastal, Barry, Stetson, and UF Law Schools)
- Central Florida Diversity Mentoring Picnic

2013-2014 Employer Highlights

- Steven Barclay Department of Children & Families, (Panama City, FL)
- Jabari Bennett Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck, LLP (Orlando, FL)
- Elizabeth Aires NeJame Law (Orlando, FL)
- Greg Berry Paul & Perkins, P.A. (Orlando, FL)
- Omari Ruddock Public Defender's Office. Eleventh Judicial Circuit (Miami, FL)
- Melody Elam Public Defender's Office, Ninth Judicial Circuit (Orlando, FL)
- Manny Soto-Diaz Public Defender's Office, Ninth Judicial Circuit (Orlando, FL)
- Jason Willis Public Defender's Office, Ninth Judicial Circuit (Orlando, FL)
- Andrew Bain Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit (Kissimmee, FL)
- Erin Bartholomew-Cook Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit (Orlando, FL)



The office also hosts information sessions and panel discussions where students can explore career opportunities in traditional and alternative areas of law. Students are paired with local attorneys from the Young Lawyer section of the Florida Bar who act as their mentors throughout the course of the academic year.



We rely on our alumni to give generously of their time, talent and treasure, to help pay it forward for those who will look to them for support and guidance.

As FAMU Rattlers, and graduates of the FAMU College of Law, our alumni are part of a proud tradition. We welcome them into the alumni family and we encourage their active participation in the future success of others.

LAVON BRACY DAVIS

Director of Community Relations Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Class of 2005

"Being a member of the inaugural class forced me to realize the responsibility of being a first. I am proud to be an alumna of the esteemed Florida A&M University and I aspire to continue to make the College of Law proud as its representative."

ALUMNI



Many of our graduates will work here in Central Florida, but wherever their pursuit of the law takes them, we want to hear from them and we want them to know they are always welcome. We've set up a welcome center in the Dean's Suite and we hope alumni will stop by to share a cup of coffee and let us know how they are doing.



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2013-2014

- FAMU College of Law alumna Denise Cespedes, who grew up in Miami, Florida, addressed the 5th District Court of Appeal's Oath of Admission Ceremony on Monday, October 7, 2013. Cespedes joined other speakers with the distinguished recognition of earning one of the five highest scores on the July 2013 Florida Bar Exam.
- At the age of 21, Cynthia Ramkellawan became the youngest person to receive the juris doctor degree in College of Law's history.
- For the second consecutive Florida Bar Exam, a FAMU Law Alumnus
 was one of the highest scorers. Alexandra "Alli" Kalman, who
 graduated cum laude in the fall 2013 semester, was invited to
 address the 5th District Court of Appeal, but a schedule conflict
 prevented her participation in the special recognition ceremony.
- Shawn Robinson, Ph.D., Hillsborough Community College Ybor City
 Campus President, received the 2014 Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B.
 Gordon Award of Distinction in recognition of his outstanding efforts
 to promote the international honor society for two-year college
 students while serving as its advisor.

ALCEE HASTINGS

FAMU College of Law welcomed back one of our own as U.S.
Representative Alcee Hastings,
Florida's first African-American federal judge, returned to keynote the May 10th, 2014 hooding ceremony. Hastings was one of 57 graduates of the original FAMU College of Law in Tallahassee.



FAST FORWARD

The FAMU College of Law is Orlando's law school. With that distinction comes an obligation to be at the forefront of social, political and economic issues within our community. The future of the law school is outside of its four walls. It is in the development of downtown Orlando, the preservation of our environment, giving voice to the underrepresented, and legislative changes across the spectrum. We are committed to building public and private partnerships to ensure both the value of the education we provide and the benefit that education provides to the community as a whole.

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