



Division of Student Affairs
Office of the Dean of Students

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Subject: Graduation Etiquette Reminder - Let's Preserve FAMU's Legacy

Dear Esteemed Graduates,

As we approach the Fall 2023 graduation season at Florida A&M University (FAMU), we extend our heartfelt congratulations on your remarkable journey. Your perseverance and dedication have brought you to this momentous milestone, and we are immensely proud of your achievements.

FAMU is not just an institution; it's a place of dreams, heritage, and enduring traditions. We often say, *"You can get anywhere from FAMU,"* and we are confident that you will go on to achieve great things as you transition into the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and assistance in making the upcoming graduation experience memorable for generations to come. While capturing these precious moments through photographs and videos, we urge you to be mindful of the following guidelines:

1. **Respect the Iconic Venues:** Please refrain from climbing or sitting inside the barriers in or around the Rattler Statue and the Eternal Flame. Let's ensure that this cherished symbol remains intact for future generations.
2. **Preserve Our Campus:** We kindly request that you refrain from using any foreign substances around our buildings or university property. This includes but is not limited to smoke bombs, champagne, paint, confetti, or any materials that may cause damage, harm, staining, or necessitate costly clean-up efforts by the University.
3. **Student Organizations:** For members of registered student organizations who wish to engage in post-graduation activities such as singing, strolling, stepping, or marching, please do so at your designated plot or under the selected areas at Bragg Memorial Stadium. Please note that audience members are not permitted to bring signs, banners, etc., to the graduation venue, and our clear bag policy will be strictly enforced.

By adhering to these policies and procedures, you play a crucial role in preserving the beauty and integrity of our beloved campus. Any violations of these guidelines will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Resolution, and those responsible will be held accountable for any associated damages and cleaning expenses.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and your commitment to safeguarding FAMU's legacy. Your understanding and respect for these guidelines contribute to the lasting success of our graduates and our cherished university.

Respectfully,

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