

Commencement Exercises



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

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

Saturday, the Fourteenth of December
Nine O'Clock in the Morning

The Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four

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and Teaching Gymnasium

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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 Kaitlyn Mobley, Junior Psychology Major
Meditation	Rev. A. Nevell Owens, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Religion
Greetings	Kristin Harper <i>Chair, FAMU Board of Trustees</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Interim President Timothy L. Beard, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Malinda Williams <i>Actress, Author, Entrepreneur, and Founder, Arise and Shine Foundation, Inc.</i>
Special Recognitions	
Administration of the Military Oath of Office	COL Christopher E. Everett <i>U.S. Army, Professor of Military Science</i>
Awarding of U.S. Army Commissions	COL Everett
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	Curtis E. Johnson, Jr. <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	Rev. Owens
Recessional “Pomp and Circumstance”	Sir Edward Elgar (The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional.)

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Meditation	Rev. Danny Whitfield <i>Executive Pastor, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church</i>
Greetings	Loryn May <i>Member, FAMU Board of Trustees and President, Student Government Association</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Interim President Timothy L. Beard, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Marc H. Morial, J.D. President and CEO of the National Urban League
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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

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Candidates for Degrees

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Thesis Title: "Semicrystalline Structure and
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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.

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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

MALINDA WILLIAMS

Actress, Author, Entrepreneur, and Founder, Arise and Shine Foundation, Inc.



Malinda Williams is a talented actress, author, producer, and entrepreneur committed to women's economic empowerment. The New Jersey native is best known for movie roles in “The Wood,” “High School High,” “A Thin Line Between Love and Hate,” and the television series, Soul Food.

She has been nominated twice for an NAACP Image Award for "Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series."

Williams has also embraced lifelong learning to create numerous roles and opportunities for herself outside the entertainment industry. In 2019, she launched She’s Got A Habit, to empower women to achieve wellness and economic security through entrepreneurship.

Rather than rely solely on outside contractors and vendors, Williams taught herself to code HTML, CSS, JavaScript, etc., and built multiple e-commerce platforms from the ground up.

She used the platforms to launch her first book, “The Game of Life & How To Slay It” and the popular “Words that Work: Self-empowerment Affirmation Card Deck.”

Intent on serving her community, Williams recently founded The Arise and Shine Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that helps fulfill her vision to be a conduit of information, inspiration, and empowerment to women.

The foundation launched the first Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Coding Bootcamp and Scholarship Program, bringing together a cohort of young women from various HBCUs. The program underscores, among other things the importance of tech skills no matter the field of endeavor and demonstrates how technology training and cultivating soft skills can empower through education.



About The Speaker

MARC H. MORIAL, J.D.

President and CEO, National Urban League



Marc Morial is a former mayor of New Orleans and the current president and CEO of the National Urban League, the nation's largest historic civil rights and urban advocacy organization.

As head the National Urban League since 2003, he has been the primary catalyst for an era of change for the 108-year-old organization. His leadership has expanded the League's work around an Empowerment agenda, which is redefining civil rights with a renewed emphasis on closing the persistent economic gaps that divide Americans.

Under his stewardship, in 2013 the League launched a historic \$100 million, five-year "Jobs Rebuild America: Educate, Employ, Empower" initiative – a solutions-based, comprehensive approach to the nation's employment and education challenges, which brought together federal government, business, and nonprofit resources to create economic opportunity in 50 cities across the country.

His creativity has led to initiatives such as the Urban Youth Empowerment Program to assist young adults in securing sustainable jobs and Entrepreneurship Centers in 10 cities to help the growth of small businesses. Also, Morial helped create the Urban Empowerment Fund, which lends to urban impact businesses, and helped create the League's New Markets Tax Credits initiative, which has resulted in \$1 billion in community investments via urban impact businesses, including minority businesses, through both debt and equity investments.

As mayor of New Orleans, Morial led the Crescent City's 1990s renaissance and left office with a 70% approval.

Morial won the Louisiana State Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award for his legal service to the poor and disadvantaged. Morial served on the adjunct faculty of Xavier University in Louisiana. A former Louisiana state senator, Morial was named Legislative Rookie of the Year, Education Senator of the Year, and Environmental Senator of the Year.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in economics and African American Studies, he also holds a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

During the Obama administration, Morial served as chair of the Census Advisory Committee, a member of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability, and on the Department of Education's Equity and Excellence Commission.

Morial has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential Black Americans by Ebony Magazine, and has been inducted in the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia.



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)

