FAMU Law Spring 2026 Juris Doctor Candidates Participate in Commencement on Main Campus

Despite a rain-soaked weekend across the region, graduates of the Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law's Spring 2026 Juris Doctor class traveled from Orlando to the University's main campus to participate in their highly anticipated Commencement Ceremony held at the Al Lawson Center. While many graduates remained in Orlando as family and friends prepared to attend the College of Law's 21st Hooding Ceremony, nearly 40 graduates made the journey to Tallahassee to celebrate the official conferral of their degrees.

The Commencement Exercise represents the culminating milestone in the pursuit of the Juris Doctor degree. During the ceremony, Florida A&M University President Marva Johnson formally conferred degrees upon the graduates, marking a significant and memorable conclusion to their academic journey.

The College of Law participated in the University's 2 p.m. commencement ceremony, the final of three ceremonies held throughout the weekend. Traditionally, graduates gather with College officials for a commemorative pre-ceremony photograph on the steps of the original College of Law building at Coleman Library. However, due to inclement weather, the photograph was postponed until after the ceremony concluded.



In response to the weather conditions, the Commencement Committee implemented an alternative indoor staging plan for graduates participating in the processional. Rather than assembling at Gaither Gymnasium, graduates were organized within the Lawson Center, where doctoral and master's degree candidates lined the first-floor tunnels in preparation for the line of march, while bachelor's degree candidates assembled on the fourth floor.

For many College of Law graduates, the occasion also marked their first visit to Florida A&M University's main campus. Following the ceremony, the walk to Coleman Library offered graduates a firsthand appreciation for why the campus is often described as resting atop the “highest of seven hills” in Tallahassee.




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