



## Florida A&M University Student Government Association

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The Student Government Association is off to a tremendous start to the academic year. We have already launched and completed several platform points this semester across the three branches of government. Below are key highlights thus far:

#### **FAMU Homecoming (Sept. 29-Oct. 5)**

We are really excited about the official schedule of events for Homecoming. Everything is finalized and the official line up of events can be found online at: [HomecomingOnTheHill.Com](http://HomecomingOnTheHill.Com)

#### **Florida Student Association Rally In Tally**

Florida A&M University Student Government Association leadership and the Executive Board of the Florida Student Association are spearheading this year's Rally In Tally. This is a two-day state advocacy initiative where the Florida Student Association, a board comprised of the 12 State University System Student Body Presidents, present their legislative agenda to state legislators. This year's agenda items include:

- Mental Health Initiatives
- Food and Housing Insecurities Initiatives
- Sexual Assault Initiatives
- Affordable Textbook Initiatives

The dates for Rally In Tally are November 12, 2019 and November 13, 2019 in Tallahassee, Florida. The 12<sup>th</sup> will be a welcome reception, location TBD, and the 13<sup>th</sup> will be the event date at the capitol building. More information will be disseminated soon.

#### **Inauguration Ceremony**

The Student Government Association held an Inauguration Ceremony and Gala on September 13, 2019. We thank everyone who participated in this event, including members and Presidents of the Florida State University SGA, University of West Florida SGA and Fort. Valley State University SGA. The families and friends of the branch heads were able to participate in the weekend's festivities which culminated in a victory over Fort. Valley State University.

### **Campus SAFE Team**

This initiative will launch in early October. As of now, the hours of operations will be 7:00pm-1:00am from Thursday to Sunday and the team will have four fleet vehicles: two golf carts and two cars. The purpose of the SAFE Team is to accompany students as they navigate campus after hours. They will work in conjunction with the FAMU Police Department and have a direct line of communication with the department. The goal is to also have the team be trained on emergency protocols.

### **University Liaisons**

The administration wanted to increase the student voice in leadership decisions so we established the University Liaisons. This will be a group of students who will represent their college/school to advocate to resources and resolve obstacles that their peers may encounter. The interest meeting had over 80 students in attendance, the list of liaisons will be finalized and launch by the end of the month. Some of the tasks for this board will include establishing a student advisory board for the Medical Marijuana Education Research Initiative spearheaded by Dr. Green-Powell at the FAMU Foundation.

### **Legal Services Project**

A new program lead has been assigned to this initiative and the goal is to launch this endeavor by November. This office will be located within the old C.C Cunningham Career Center and will provide free legal counsel to students. We are partnering with outside legal clinics to subsidize the responsibilities and offset some costs. Student Legal Services will provide the following: a limited selection of legal services, and seminars on common contractual agreements (i.e. landlord tenant). Please advise that the attorney's that will be involved have not been determined at this time.

### **Student Job Fair**

The Department of Student Welfare was able to host an On-Campus Employment Job Fair in partnership with the Career Center in the beginning of the semester. Students were able to seek employment opportunities through the different departments present and in need of student employees. Next we will work to host a Resource and Benefits Fair for our students to be aware of the different opportunities they have available to them.

### **Student Voice**

Nearly 50 students have been appointed to university wide committees and councils, including search committees for top director positions across the campus thus far. This effort is ensuring that the student input is present in critical decisions. Additionally, this administration will revamp the Rattler Corp, a group of student advocates who will lobby to state legislators on behalf of FAMU's Legislative Budget Requests and other priorities. The goal is to get more students involved in this process and improve our student voice on university-wide concerns.