



A MESSAGE FROM FAMU PRESIDENT LARRY ROBINSON, PH.D.

Dear FAMUans and Supporters:

I would like to thank the Florida A&M University trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni joining me this week at the Florida Board of Governors' (BOG) meeting in Orlando.

During the meeting, I presented the University's 2018 Accountability Plan, which is aligned with FAMU's five-year strategic plan titled, "FAMU Rising." The Accountability Plan includes the University's most recent outcomes on the 10 metrics that comprise the State's Performance Funding Model. The model was implemented in 2014 as a tool for evaluating State University System (SUS) institutions on a variety of metrics.

The positive news is that FAMU achieved its highest score since the SUS implemented the model. Despite the improvement in several key metrics, FAMU's score was not sufficient to receive additional performance funding, but it was well above the level required to retain approximately \$14 million in base funding.

Rest assured FAMU is making progress in several key performance indicators, including retention and four-year and six-year graduation rates. Enrollment is up, and applications for admission increased by approximately 20 percent this year when compared to last year.

Please review FAMU's 2018 Accountability Plan and my presentation to the Board of Governors for details about this year's gains and a plan of action to address challenges. We need your support to keep rising together.