

Commencement  
**SPRING 2018**

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# Greetings from the President

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**O**n behalf of the University of Florida and our administration, faculty and staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the Class of 2018, and to your family and friends.

UF's commencement ceremonies celebrate your considerable accomplishment in completing a degree program at one of the world's great universities. I share your pride and excitement, and I am confident that your degree – and the skills and experience you acquired while at this university – will serve you well in your careers and lives.

It has been a privilege to have you as a part of our community, and the university is better for your time here. I hope you remain connected to UF as active alumni and members of The Gator Nation.

Good luck, best wishes, and Go Gators!



W. Kent Fuchs



## University of Florida President

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### Dr. W. Kent Fuchs

Dr. Kent Fuchs became the 12th President of the University of Florida in January 2015. Building on many years of excellence and focused leadership, the university has reached its goal of joining the nation's top-ten public research universities.

Dr. Fuchs has set UF on a path to joining the top-five public research universities and becoming the nation's number one university for comprehensive excellence. UF is working toward those goals through the creation of 500 new faculty positions, the addition of advanced and beautiful university facilities and an ongoing \$3 billion fundraising campaign.

Previous to the UF presidency, Dr. Fuchs was provost of Cornell University. He has served in academic leadership positions and as a faculty member of electrical and computer engineering at Cornell, Purdue and the University of Illinois.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the Association for Computing Machinery, and has received numerous awards for teaching and research.

President Fuchs earned his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois, and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He credits divinity school with teaching him communication and community-building skills, and to balance his innately analytic perspective with a deep appreciation for human relationships. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Duke University.

Dr. Fuchs is married to Linda Moskeland Fuchs, an art historian whose scholarship centers on the sculpture of sarcophagi created in the first centuries of Christian art-making. Mrs. Fuchs has two master's degrees in art history, from the University of Chicago and Cornell, and a third in Biblical studies, from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. The Fuchses have three sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

Born on an Oklahoma farm in 1954, President Fuchs spent much of his youth in Alaska before moving to Miami, where he graduated from Miami Killian Senior High School.

## Greetings from the Levin College of Law Dean

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Congratulations on the culmination of your law school career. Reaching this milestone is an incredible achievement and a testament to your dedication, intellect, and passion for law.

During your time at UF Law, each of you enriched our campus beyond measure. In addition to your achievements that are too many to name, I deeply thank you for your commitment to ensuring that UF Law is a diverse and welcoming community. Diversity – of background, thought, and aspiration – is one of UF Law’s greatest strengths. Each of you, in your own way, has contributed to the cultural fabric of UF Law. This culture is one that we will continue to treasure and build upon for years to come.



Today, you become part of the most powerful law alumni network in the world – the Gator Law Nation. You will continue to build relationships with your classmates, and you will encounter other Gator lawyers in every state and around the globe.

When you walk across the stage today, you become role models for generations of students yet to grace our halls. I am excited to see how you move the world forward. Congratulations!

*Laura A. Rosenbury*  
Laura Ann Rosenbury

## University of Florida Levin College of Law Dean

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### Laura Ann Rosenbury

Laura A. Rosenbury is the Dean and Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor of Law at University of Florida Levin College of Law. Before joining the UF Law community, Dean Rosenbury was a professor of law and vice dean at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. She also has served as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School and University of Chicago Law School. Dean Rosenbury’s scholarship has been published in the *Yale Law Journal*, *Michigan Law Review*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Cornell Law Review*, and in many other journals and books. Dean Rosenbury was elected to the American Law Institute in 2010 and was named a fellow of the American Bar Foundation in 2014.

Before entering academia in 2002, Dean Rosenbury worked as a litigation associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City and clerked for Judge Carol Bagley Amon of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and Judge Dennis Jacobs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Dean Rosenbury received her A.B. summa cum laude in women’s studies from Harvard-Radcliffe College and her J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School, where she served as a primary editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.





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# Commencement Agenda

Friday, May 18, 2018, 10:00 a.m., the Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center

Presiding ..... **Laura A. Rosenbury**  
Dean & Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law

Processional ..... **Gainesville Brass Quintet**

National Anthem ..... **Erica Williams**

Welcome ..... **Laura A. Rosenbury**  
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Introductions..... **Laura A. Rosenbury**  
Dean & Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law

Class Representative ..... **Alisha Moriceau**

Commencement Address ..... **Joe Scarborough**

Presenting Candidates for Master's and Professional Degrees ..... **Jason Nance**  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Conferring Master's and Professional Degrees ..... **Laura A. Rosenbury**  
Dean & Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law

Closing Remarks..... **Laura A. Rosenbury**  
Dean & Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law

Alma Mater ..... **Erica Williams**

Postlude ..... **Gainesville Brass Quintet**



# Commencement Address Speaker

## Joe Scarborough

Host, MSNBC's Morning Joe

Former Congressman and UF Law alum Joe Scarborough (JD 90) is co-host of MSNBC's Morning Joe alongside Mika Brzezinski. Time Magazine has called the show "revolutionary." Morning Joe features interviews with top newsmakers and in-depth analyses of the day's biggest stories. The New York Times has ranked Morning Joe as one of today's top morning news shows and has praised Scarborough and Brzezinski's natural repartee and off-the-cuff commentary. The New Yorker has described the show as "appallingly entertaining." In 2016, Scarborough and Brzezinski were inducted into the Cable Hall of Fame.

Scarborough earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Alabama in 1985 and graduated from UF Law in 1990. He was admitted into The Florida Bar in 1991, and began practicing in Pensacola. He subsequently served as a member of Congress from 1994 to 2001. While in office, Scarborough was a member of the Judiciary, Armed Services, Oversight, and National Security committees. After leaving Congress, Scarborough practiced environmental law at Levin Papantonio, with UF Law namesake Fred Levin (JD 61). In early 2003, Scarborough embarked on his television career with the launch of the primetime news show Scarborough Country on MSNBC. He became the host of Morning Joe in 2007.

Scarborough has been named to the prestigious "Time 100" list of the world's most influential people, and Vanity Fair listed both Scarborough and Brzezinski as among the nation's "Top Media Power Players." In 2018, the Radio Television Digital News Foundation honored Scarborough and Brzezinski with the Leonard Zeidenberg First Amendment Award.

In addition to his career in television, Scarborough is a New York Times best-selling author. His first work, *Rome Wasn't Burnt in a Day* (2001), predicted the collapse of the



Republican majority and U.S. economy due to what he perceived to be his party's reckless spending. His second book, *The Last Best Hope: Restoring Conservatism and America's Promise* (2009), offered a road map for the conservative movement and the country.

Most recently, Scarborough published *The Right Path: From Ike to Reagan, How Republicans Once Mastered Politics—and Can Again* (2013), which looks back in time to discern how Republicans once dominated American public life. From Eisenhower's refusal to let "the perfect be the enemy of the good" to Reagan's charismatic but resolutely practical genius, Scarborough shows how principled pragmatism combined with a commitment to core conservative values led to victory after victory.

# Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar

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The general principles which should ever control the lawyer in the practice of the legal profession are clearly set forth in the oath of admission to the Bar, which the lawyer is sworn on admission to obey and for the willful violation to which disbarment may be had.

“I so solemnly swear:

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida;

I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any suit or proceedings which shall appear to me to be unjust, nor any defense except such as I believe to be honestly debatable under law of the land;

I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me such means only as are consistent with truth and honor, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my clients, and will accept no compensation in connection with their business except from them or with their knowledge and approval;

To opposing parties and their counsel, I pledge fairness, integrity, and civility, not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications;

I will abstain from all offensive personality and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged;

I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of defenseless or oppressed, or delay anyone’s cause for lucre or malice.

So help me God.”



# Doctoral of Juridical Science in Taxation

The S.J.D. degree is an advanced degree for students who have already attained a Juris Doctor degree, or, for international students, attained an equivalent law degree from a university outside the United States. The S.J.D. degree is awarded to students who complete the College's requirements, which include writing a monograph of publishable quality. Students are recommended for the degree by the faculty of the Levin College of Law and approved by the University of Florida.

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J.D. - Faculdade de Direito Milton Campus

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LL.B. - Sastra University  
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# Master of Laws in Comparative Law

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# Master of Laws in International Taxation

The LL.M. in International Taxation degree is awarded to students who complete Levin College of Law requirements (including a substantial research paper and a minimum of 13 credits in international taxation courses) and have earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree, or in the case of international students, a law degree from a university outside the United States. Students are recommended for the degree by the faculty of the Levin College of Law and approved by the Graduate School of the University of Florida. A student who obtains the LL.M. in Taxation degree is not eligible to obtain the LL.M. in International Taxation degree.

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J.D. - Universidad de las Américas

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# Master of Laws in Taxation

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This degree is awarded to students who have earned at least a baccalaureate degree, who have completed a three-year course study at the Levin College of Law, and who are recommended by its faculty. The degree is awarded with Honors to those with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.3 (on a four point scale), with High Honors to those with a GPA of at least 3.7 and with Highest Honors to those with a GPA of at least a 3.9.

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# Levin College of Law Faculty

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*Congratulations to the Class of 2018.  
We wish you all the best.*

## Levin College of Law Leadership

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- Claire M. Germain . . . . . Associate Dean for Legal Information Services
- Rachel Inman . . . . . Associate Dean for Student Affairs
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- Kelli Murray . . . . . Chief of Staff
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- Michael Farley . . . . . Senior Director for Development
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## What Makes a University Great?

*Some interesting facts about the University of Florida*

### Educational Excellence

UF is consistently ranked among the nation's top universities: No. 9 in U.S. News & World Report "Top Public Universities" (2018); No. 12 in the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education list of Best Public Colleges (2017); No. 3 on the Forbes' list of Best Value Public Universities (2017); No. 1 on Value Colleges' list of Top 50 Best Value Colleges (2016); and No. 1 on the Times Higher Education list of best public universities for employers to find new hires.

### Faculty

- UF has nearly 5,000 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 36 Eminent Scholar chairs and 45 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the National Academy of Medicine or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- Awards include two Pulitzer Prizes, NASA's top award for research, and the Smithsonian Institution's conservation award.

### Students

- Ninety-seven percent of incoming freshmen score above the national average (1500/21) on standardized exams. Students admitted for the fall 2018 freshman class had an average 4.45 GPA and an average SAT score of 1370.
- The freshman retention rate of 96 percent is among the highest in the country.
- UF awards more professional degrees to African American, Hispanic and other minority students than any other public university in the Association of American Universities (2014-15).
- Sixty-seven percent of UF full-time freshmen graduate in four years (2011-12 cohort), and 87 percent of UF freshmen graduate within six years (2009-10 cohort).
- Fifty-seven percent of UF graduates leave the university with no student-loan debt. For the remaining students, their average indebtedness is about \$21,603, as compared with the national average of more than \$30,000 (2015-16).

# UF

2018 SPRING

COMMENCEMENT



## CHAIN OF OFFICE

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This custom-made ornament is worn with the president’s regalia, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities of the office. The chain is engraved with the names and service years of the university presidents. The medallion’s centerpiece is a 1.3-carat diamond.

## ACADEMIC MACE

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Dating back to the Middle Ages, the mace symbolizes strength and authority. The UF ceremonial mace was created for the university’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2003. The 70-inch staff features an alligator sitting atop a globe. The four pillars supporting the globe represent the four original colleges: Agriculture, Engineering, Law, and Liberal Arts. The staff is carved from cherry wood. The university’s chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace.



## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TASSELS

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- Fisher School of Accounting
- College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- College of the Arts
- M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Construction Management
- Warrington College of Business
- Heavener School of Business
- College of Dentistry
- College of Design, Construction and Planning
- College of Education
- Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering
- The Graduate School
- College of Health and Human Performance
- College of Journalism and Communications
- Fredric G. Levin College of Law
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arts
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sciences
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Public Health and Health Professions
- College of Veterinary Medicine

- Aqua
- Maize
- Brown
- Burnt Orange and Opal
- Drab
- Drab
- Lilac
- Blue Violet
- Light Blue
- Orange
- Black
- Sage Green
- Black and White
- Purple
- White
- Gold Yellow
- Green
- Apricot
- Olive Green
- Salmon
- Gray

## Diplomas

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Diplomas will be mailed to the graduate’s permanent home mailing address in July 2018.

## Caps and Gowns, An Explanation

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The academic regalia worn by graduating students and faculty at today's commencement ceremonies evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times. The academic gown is worn by individuals who have earned a degree in higher education. In addition, hoods are worn by graduate degree candidates, but not by undergraduate degree candidates.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. University faculty members who hold degrees from another college or university wear the colors of their alma mater.

The velvet edging on the academic hood is the color that represents the particular degree held by the wearer. Agricultural and Life Sciences and Forest Resources and Conservation share maize edging; Design, Construction and Planning and Building Construction are blue violet; Audiology degrees have colonial blue edging; Business Administration and Accounting are drab; Dentistry is lilac; Education is light blue; Engineering degrees are represented by orange edging; Fine Arts degrees have brown edging; Health and Human Performance is sage green; Journalism and Communications is garnet; Law is purple; Liberal Arts is white and Liberal Sciences is gold yellow; Medicine is green; Music is pink; Natural Resources and Environment is antique gold; Nursing is apricot; Doctor of Pharmacy is olive; Philosophy is royal blue; Public Health degrees have salmon pink edging; Rehabilitation Counseling degrees have Nile green edging; and Veterinary Medicine is gray.

Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor's degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master's degree. A round, open sleeve identifies a doctoral degree.

The doctoral regalia also has velvet running on the rest of the gown, including cross bars on the sleeve. Colored tassels on the degree candidates' caps indicate a candidate's school or college.

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