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ANNIVERSARY

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"CELEBRATING A LEGACY AND A FUTURE"

*"Order of Events"*

*Welcome*

*National Negro Anthem*

*Introduction of the Master and Mistress of  
Ceremony*

*40 Years of Excellence*

*Music Selection*

*The Legacy*

*Speaker- Victor Thomas  
(President 1980- 1981)*

*Dance Selection*

*The Future*

*Speaker- Garth Parke  
(President 2007-2008)*

*40 Years of AASU Montage Video*

*We Are a Family*

*Reflections*

*Awards and Recognition*

*Closing Remarks*



## *"The Emergence"*

*The African American Student Union was organized on October 29, 1969 by students who recognized the need for black students to have an official voice at the University of Central Florida. The organization, then called the Black Student Union, advocated and celebrated black culture. It ensured that black students at UCF had equal educational opportunities as other UCF students. The African American Student Union has always strived to embody the ideals of student involvement. AASU serves students by advocating their involvement in their education and by representing student concerns. AASU also serves as a liaison between the University and the Greater Orlando community.*

*"You must be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi*

*The African American Student Union  
would like to thank all those who joined us in  
celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We  
would like to give a special thanks to:*

*Campus Activities Board  
Student Government Association  
Black Faculty & Staff Association  
Black Alumni Association*

*A. J. Range  
Eugene Manselle III  
Melanie Bullock  
Patricia Pates  
Randall Williams  
Devona Downer*

*AASU 2009-2010 Executive Board*