

**Dr. Elmira Mangum, President**  
*Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University*

Making history as the first permanent female president in the University's 127-year legacy, Elmira Mangum, Ph.D., began her tenure as the 11th president of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) on April 1, 2014.

A seasoned administrator, Dr. Mangum has served at the executive level of nationally recognized organizations of higher learning for more than 30 years. She is focusing her administration at FAMU on "Building a Brand that Matters in the 21st Century and Beyond."

From 2010 until her appointment at FAMU, Dr. Mangum served as vice president for planning and budget at Cornell University. While at Cornell, she was the senior administrator charged with managing the university's resources and annual budgeting process. As a change agent, Dr. Mangum was credited with leading a dynamic overhaul that helped the university overcome a structural deficit that stemmed from the economic downturn.

Prior to her successful tenure at Cornell, President Mangum served in various administrative capacities for nine years at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, including serving as senior associate provost. Her extraordinary career in higher education leadership began at the University of Wisconsin Extension Geological and Natural History Survey as an operations specialist. She also held leading positions at the University at Buffalo (SUNY), where she served as an assistant dean, associate provost for resource management, and vice provost.

Dr. Mangum received a bachelor's degree in geography from North Carolina Central University. She graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a master's degree in public policy and public administration and earned a second master's degree in urban and regional planning. She received a doctor of philosophy in educational leadership and policy from the University at Buffalo, where she received distinction for her work on leadership in higher education.

She completed postgraduate training at the Center for Creative Leadership in North Carolina, the Millennium Leadership Institute, the Harvard Graduate School of Education Management Development Program, the National Leadership Forum for Women Administrators, and Cornell's Administrative Management Institute.

Dr. Mangum's commitment to public service is exemplified by her serving on numerous boards and organizations, including but not limited to the American Association of University Women, the American Council of Education, the Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Board of Directors, the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc., and the United Way Board of Directors – Tompkins County. She is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She was recently appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to serve on the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade.

In 2014, Dr. Mangum was named on EBONY magazine's "Power 100" list. In 2015, the Capital Outlook named her the "Person of the Year" and she received the Trailblazer Award presented by the Oasis Center for Women & Girls. She was also named the "Female HBCU President of the Year" at the 2015 HBCU Awards during the AARP National HBCU Media Week.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Mangum is the proud mother of three adult children: Gregory Frank Daniel, Jr., Gabriel Faye Daniel, M.D., and Joshua Reed Daniel.