

LANE COLLEGE

JACKSON, TN



SPRING CONVOCATION

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Keynote Speaker

Albert E. Dotson, Jr.

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January 21, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Chamber McClure Academic Center
William H. Graves Auditorium

ORDER OF EXERCISES

DONALD W. COMER, PhD, INTERIM PRESIDENT OF LANE COLLEGE
LAWRENCE T. POTTER, JR., PhD, PROVOST, PRESIDING

Ringing of the Bell

The Processional

Giuseppe Verdi
“Wedding March” from Adia

Presidential Proclamation

Donald W. Comer, PhD
Interim President, Lane College

***“AS PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE, I CALL THE COLLEGE TOGETHER
FOR ITS 143RD SPRING SEMESTER SESSION IN JACKSON, TENNESSEE.”***

Invocation

Charles Wesley Adams, Class of 2027
Religion Major

Scripture

Kodiah Rolle, Class of 2027
Business/Marketing Major

Opening Remarks

President Comer

Welcome

Lawrence T. Potter, PhD
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Greetings

Bishop Marvin Frank Thomas, Sr., DMin
Chair, Lane College Board of Trustees

Belinda Browning, Class of 1982
President, Lane College National Alumni Association

Charence Brice, Class of 2026
Business/Finance Major
Vice President, Student Government Association

Musical Selection

The Final Authority Ensemble
Michaela Usher, Visiting Instructor & Interim Choir Director
“I Open My Mouth to the Lord”

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

President Comer

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Keynote Address

Albert E. Dotson, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner
Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP

Musical Selection

The Final Authority Ensemble
Michaela Usher, Interim Choir Director
“Fix Me”

Announcements

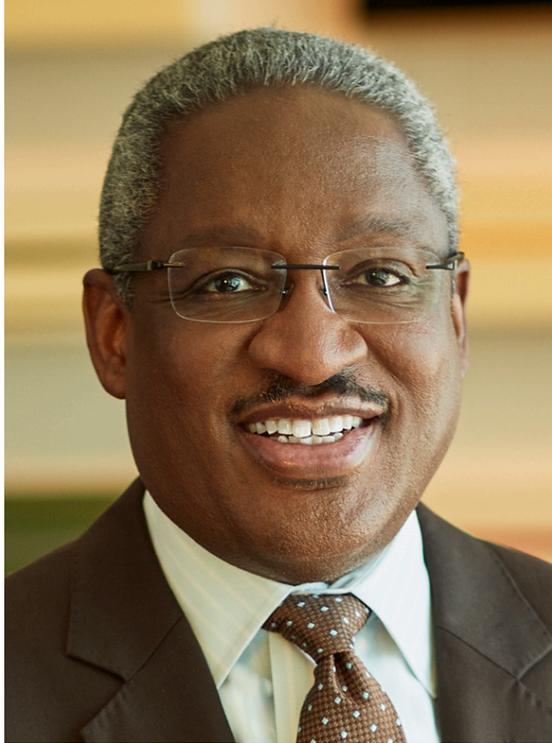
Provost Potter

Alma Mater
*Please Stand***

The Final Authority Ensemble
Audience Participation
“Fair Lane”

Benediction
*Please Stand***

Charles Wesley Adams, Class of 2027



Albert E. Dotson, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Managing Partner of Bilzin Sumberg

Albert E. Dotson, Jr. is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner of Bilzin Sumberg, a nationally recognized Miami-based commercial law firm with a broad practice spanning real estate, land use, government relations, global tax and wealth planning, litigation, construction, environmental law, corporate finance, and public-private partnerships.

His legal work has played a pivotal role in transformative projects reshaping Florida's economic landscape, including the Brightline high-speed commuter rail line, the \$500 million Hard Rock Stadium modernization, and additional transit and infrastructure initiatives across the state.

Beyond his legal practice, Dotson is widely respected for his leadership in education, business, and public service. A few of the board and leadership positions he holds include serving on the Board of Trustees at the University of Miami, the Board of Advisors at Vanderbilt Law School, and the Board of Directors for the Florida Council of 100. His extensive nonprofit leadership includes serving as Chairman of the Board of the Orange Bowl Committee, making history as the second African American to hold the position; leadership roles with 100 Black Men of America; and serving as the founding Chairman of the Overtown Youth Center.

Dotson's national impact also includes presidential appointments. He was appointed by President Barack H. Obama to the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans and has served on the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the Southern District of Florida, helping shape the selection of federal judges and prosecutors.



THE ALMA MATER

“Fair Lane”

Fair Lane, we love thee, love thee well.
It is of thee we love to tell.
Of friendly years of college life,
Of college years with pleasure rife;
Of years we look upon with joy,
Of years we could but help employ
Our minds in ecstasy when soon
We would begin this happy tune.

II

Long may our loved college live
For we, our zealous help will give,
And give it too with might and main
To that dear school we love, our Lane
When out upon life's rugged sea,
We then will turn and think of thee
We'll think of days we spent with you,
Of days we cheered the Red and Blue.

III

When troubles rise to dim our way,
We'll know no other words to say.
And say them over and over again,
We love thee dearest, fairest Lane,
And may our loved college live,
For we, our zealous help will give,
And give it too with might and main,
To that dear school we love, our Lane.

— Words by Athal M. Smith

