In the fall of 2022, the FSU Law Academic Programs Office introduced its inaugural class of academic support fellows. These students served as fellows during the 2022-2023 academic year: Dean for Academic Programs Karusha Y. Sharpe ('01) (pictured), and the following student-centered program was created by Assistant Director of Academic Programs Dylan Rhoades.

The program is designed to help students develop key tools to increase their academic success. Workshop topics include note taking, exam preparation, case briefings, study schedules, and time management. In addition to the workshops, fellows are available through weekly office hours for individual appointments. The program is open to both 1L and 3L students who possess strong interpersonal skills, patience, maturity, and a desire to assist their peers in learning core academic skills and strategies. Fellows must have completed their first year of law school, and have given evidence of being excellent legal scholars and mentors.

“We were looking for students who had demonstrated a commitment to excellence throughout their academic career,” said Dylan Rhoades. “These students are not only academically talented, but also have excellent interpersonal skills, which is crucial for success in this role.”

The fellows will work closely with students to develop strategies for academic success, including note-taking techniques, study habits, and exam preparation. They will also be available through weekly office hours for one-on-one appointments, where they can provide personalized feedback and support.

“I am excited to work with such a talented group of students who are committed to helping their peers succeed,” said Dean Sharpe. “I believe this program will make a significant impact on the academic success of our students.”