Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. Offering baccalaureate degrees in 50 academic majors, 41 master’s degrees and four doctoral programs, this Historically Black University has an established reputation for producing thousands of engineers, nurses, educators and corporate leaders. PVAMU now occupies a state-of-the-art Nursing facility in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center and three new buildings on its main campus to educate the next generation of productive people. The University has been dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service for more than 130 years.

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Dr. George C. Wright, noted African-American scholar, is the President of Prairie View A&M University, the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. Offering baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral degrees through nine colleges and schools, Dr. Wright now leads the 130-year old HBCU with an established reputation for producing thousands of African American engineers, nurses and educators. A member of the Texas A&M University System, the University is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service.

A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Wright received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in history from the University of Kentucky and his doctorate in history from Duke University. In 2004, Dr. Wright was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters from the University of Kentucky.

His teaching experience began in 1977 as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky. In 1980, he began teaching at the University of Texas at Austin where he would eventually become a full professor and the holder of the Mastin Gentry White Professorship of Southern History. After his first year at UT, he was voted one of the 10 best faculty every year on the annual list of the 10 Best and 10 Worst of 5,000 faculty. He received the top teaching award in both the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, and the top teaching award for the entire university, Lillian and Tom B. Rhodes Centennial Teaching Fellow, which garnered a $10,000 prize. In 1993, he joined the faculty at Duke University as vice provost for undergraduate programs, director of the Afro-American studies program and held the William R. Kenan, Jr., Chair in American history.

Since 1986, Dr. Wright has held a number of administrative positions and prior to joining the Prairie View A&M University family, Dr. Wright was Provost and Executive Vice-President for academic affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington.

To his credit, Dr. Wright has authored three books on race relations and numerous scholarly publications and been the recipient of numerous fellowships, grants and awards. The Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship earned him a year at Harvard University to conduct research.

Active in his community, Dr. Wright has served on numerous civic boards and is a current member of the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board. He is married to Valerie Ellison Wright, a journalist, and together they had two children, Rebecca Ellison Wright, who passed away in March, 2004, and Benjamin, who attends the University of Texas at San Antonio.
Fred E. Washington was officially named Director of Athletics at Prairie View A&M University in February of 2009. A 17-year veteran of Prairie View A&M and the State of Texas, Washington also serves as Vice President of Administration and Auxiliary Services.

As the Vice President of Administration and Auxiliary Services, Washington has the responsibility for planning, implementation, management, and operations of the following functional units:

- Athletics
- Housing and Residence Life
- The Memorial Student Center
- Health Center Operations
- University Police

Fred Washington
Director of Athletics

Under Washington’s watch, Prairie View A&M has continued to excel in the athletic arena as the Panther football team finished with their best season since 1964 following a 9-1 mark. On the hardwood, the Prairie View A&M Lady Panther basketball team won their third straight SWAC Regular Season Championship and also made their second-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament after winning the SWAC Tournament Championship for the second time in school history. Prairie View’s men’s basketball program also rebounded during the 2008-09 season as they put together their best season since 2002-03 after recording a third-place finish in the SWAC and their first SWAC Tournament win in six years. In addition, the record also marked the program’s first winning season in six years and only the second time since 1978-79.

As a result of their success, Washington made a commitment to each team’s respective head coaches and rewarded each of them with a four-year contract in May of 2009.

Outside of the athletic arena, the Department of Athletics was among 35 universities nationally in April of 2009 to receive a 10-year NCAA Certification.

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Alicia Pete was named assistant athletic director for women’s sports in February of 2003. Her primary role is to assist the athletic director in the administration of 10 NCAA Division I women’s sports programs at the university. In her ninth year as senior woman administrator (SWA), Pete assists in the development and implementation of gender equity plans, coordinates annual updates of the department’s procedural manual and monitors the programs compliance with Title IX. Pete also served as chairperson for the Senior Women Administrators in the SWAC.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Pete was a member of the Lady Panther volleyball team from 1987-1991. She earned All-SWAC honors and was selected to the SWAC All-Tournament team in 1989 and 1990. After her playing career, Pete worked in retail management for six years. She became head bowling coach at Prairie View A&M in 1997 and became head volleyball coach in 1999. In her first season as head volleyball coach, Pete received SWAC Coach of the Year honors after guiding the team to its second SWAC title and first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. As a result of her team’s accomplishments, Pete was recognized by Don Powell of the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

In 2006, Pete made history once again as she led the Lady Panthers to their third SWAC Championship after winning the SWAC Tournament on the campus of Prairie View A&M University in addition to being named the SWAC’s Coach of the Year. The team also made its second appearance in the NCAA Tournament as they faced the University of Texas.

Active in the community, Pete has volunteered her time with the annual Toys for Tots Program and Prairie View A&M’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee in addition to serving as a member of Order of Eastern Star and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has also represented Prairie View A&M University on a national level by serving several years as a member on the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet along with being the Chairperson of the SWAC’s Senior Woman Administrators. Pete is also a member of the school’s Athletic Council and also had a short stint as an assistant coach for the Lady Panther softball team in 2001.

Pete, who is also the recruiting coordinator for the department, oversees all phases in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes for the university.

She received both a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1991 and a master’s degree in health in 1998 from Prairie View A&M University. Pete is married to John O. Pete, Sr. They have two children - John, Jr. and Ricky.
As Director for Sports Information, Reggie Rouzan contributes to the oversight of the day-to-day administrative and operational functions of the department’s central office. His primary duties include developing, coordinating and implementing sports information programs for athletic media relations, public relations, marketing and promotions. He serves as the official contact with news media for compilation and dissemination of sports statistics and publicity coverage.

Rouzan also supervises and coordinates all athletic publications, records and maintains statistics on all athletic teams, issues weekly news releases and game notes for each sport in season and assists with event management for all home contests.

Rouzan comes to Prairie View A&M University with a diverse external relations background having worked in various sports and entertainment sectors (corporate, collegiate and professional). He was with the Miami Dolphins during the 1998 season as a Community Relations Assistant while also serving as a member of the Super Bowl host committee and with the Miami Heat as a Public Relations Assistant during the 1999-2000 season. Rouzan also worked with the University of South Florida Athletic Department (External Relations) and served as Senior Vice President of Perennial Sports and Entertainment in Washington, DC. While at Perennial, he was very instrumental in the representation of the National Basketball Players Association (Referees), Major League Baseball Players Association (Umpires) and various athletes, professional teams and colleges and universities. His long range of duties included communications, contract negotiation, marketing, endorsements and foundation management. Rouzan left Perennial S&E to become Managing Partner/Director of Communications for Blue Chip Sports. While at Blue Chip, he was responsible for the execution and oversight of client promotions, cause marketing and public relations, community partnership management, sponsorship procurement and event planning.

Rouzan received a Master’s of Science Degree in Sports Administration (1999) from St. Thomas University in Miami, FL and a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Public Relations (1998) from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. He is single and resides in Katy, Texas. Reggie is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and also holds memberships with the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America, Public Relations Society of America and National Association of Securities Dealers as a licensed Registered Investment Adviser.