Parents’ Association

The Prairie View A&M University Parents Association’s primary purpose is to foster mutual support and involvement between the University and parents.

Membership includes all parents, legal guardians, spouses, and others who provide primary support of current or former students, including those whose studies were temporarily interrupted at the University. In addition, faculty and staff of the university, and retirees are eligible for membership in the association. The goals of the association are to create a sense of community and communication among parents, students and the University and to help the University achieve goals that are beneficial to the students.

Parents’ Council

The Parents’ Council will include parent representatives who will serve as liaisons with the University, direct the association’s affairs, advise and support the University.

Purposes are to:

• Guide the association to increase support, understanding and enthusiasm for the University;
• Develop the association as a resource for the University;
• Represent the association in meetings with University officials.
• Provide assistance for students where necessary.

Membership:

• Composed of elected individuals and ex-officio staff members of the University appointed by the president.
• Term: maximum of two (2) years during the period student is enrolled or as approved by the council.

Officers of the Council:

• Include a Chair (an ex-officio member of each committee), two (2) vice chairs, standing committee chairs, a secretary, treasurer, and an executive representative selected by the University. Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs (chosen from undergraduate parents) will initially serve a term of one (1) year, with the opportunity of re-election for another year.

Meetings:

• Minimum two (2) meeting each academic year: fall and spring are anticipated.
• Agenda items to be submitted by council members.
• Area meetings are encouraged.

Committees:

You can become active in the Prairie View A&M University Parents’ Association by becoming involved with one of the following committees:

• Academic Affairs – address issues affecting the students’ academic success in relation to teaching and support of the university by state and other educational entities.
• Student Affairs – assist with student development programs, provide parent volunteers for activities and to promote members’ involvement.
• Communication/Membership- assist with publishing the newsletters, brochures, etc. scheduling and hosting events to involve members on and off campus.
• Career Development – Assist the staff with seminars to enhance student’s career goals and identifying career opportunities, internship and fulltime employment.
• Recruitment - Assist with recruiting students through participation in college recruitment events. Assist the association at information and orientation tables and be able to talk with incoming students and families.
• The Parents Fund - The Parents Fund is a discretionary account that provides a unique opportunity to support programs that enhance the student’s educational experiences. Engage in fundraising and other events to provide funds for resources that directly impact students and their families.
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Memorial Scholarship Fund:

The Parents’ Association Supported Memorial Fund and the Gladys Nickerson Memorial Fund and/or Scholarship: The purpose of the fund is to provide an emergency scholarship, grant, or loan source for the sibling of a member of the Parents’ Association who experienced an unexpected loss of an immediate family member (who was involved in financing the education of the sibling).

The fund will be administered under the Student Affairs Division with assistance of a committee of staff, faculty, student and Parents’ Association representatives. Parents are encouraged to support this memorial fund with generous tax-deductible donation.

Special Events

- Parents/Guardian Roundup (Fall)
- Family Weekend (Spring)
- Sibling Weekend (Spring)
- Parents of the Year Awards
- Orientation Mixers
- Membership Socials

Join us on the Hill!