



Member of The Texas A&M University System

PRAIRIE VIEW  
A&M UNIVERSITY  
*Commencement  
Convocation*  
2025

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH  
SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS, SR. BUILDING (BABY DOME)

SATURDAY, AUGUST NINTH  
NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

## *To our Guests*

Commencement is a significant and ceremonious occasion, recognizing years of study and sacrifice. We ask all guests and participants to avoid unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercise. We also ask that cellular phones be silenced during the ceremony.

Please withhold your applause during the presentation of degrees until each degree group is acknowledged and the candidates have returned to their seats.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, there is a recessional led by the University Marshal that includes the Platform Party, Faculty and Graduates. We ask the audience to remain seated during this period.

For your convenience, an Emergency Medical Services station is available in the William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building (Baby Dome). Please ask an usher for assistance.

# *The history of* PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

## ESTABLISHMENT

**1876**

Prairie View A&M University, the first state-supported college in Texas for African Americans, was established during the Reconstruction period after the Civil War. This was the historical period when political and economic special interest groups were able to aggressively use the federal government to enact public policy designated to “alter or reshape the cultural milieu of the vanquished Southern state.” The University had its beginning in the Texas Constitution of 1876 which, in separate articles, established an “Agricultural and Mechanical College” and pledged that “Separate schools shall be provided for the white and colored children, and impartial provisions shall be made for both.” As a consequence of these constitutional provisions, the Fifteenth Legislature established “Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youth” on August 14, 1876.

## NAMES GIVEN TO THE UNIVERSITY

**1876 - 1973**

The Fifteenth Legislature (August 14, 1876) established “Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youth.” The Sixteenth Legislature (April 19, 1879) established “Prairie View State Normal School” in Waller County for the training of colored teachers. The Twentieth Legislature attached the words Agriculture and Mechanical Department to Prairie View Normal School. The Twenty-sixth Legislature (1899) changed the name to “Prairie View State Normal & Industrial College.” The Forty-ninth Legislature (June 1, 1945) changed the name to “Prairie View University.” The Fiftieth Legislature (March 3, 1947) established “The Texas State University of Negroes” (now Texas Southern University) and changed the name of Prairie View University to “Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.” The Sixty-third Legislature (1973) changed the name to Prairie View A&M University.

## ENROLLMENT OF THE FIRST STUDENTS

**1878**

The Board of Directors purchased the Alta Vista Plantation (1,338 acres) from Mrs. Helen Marr Kirby, the widow of the late Col. Jared Ellison Kirby. The College was named “Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youth.” The Board, authorized to appoint a principal to administer the College, selected L.W. Minor of Mississippi. Eight young African American men, the first to enroll in a state-supported college in Texas, began their studies on March 11, 1878.

## ERA OF PRINCIPALS AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

**1878 - 1948**

Prairie View strengthened and enlarged its curriculum and grew under the leadership of a series of dedicated principals. These men led the College during those difficult decades as Federal Reconstruction ended and the doctrine of “separate but equal” emerged with the Plessy v. Ferguson Supreme Court decision of 1896. The eight principals and their tenures were: L.W. Minor, 1878; E.H. Anderson, 1879-1884; Laurine C. Anderson, 1884-1894; Edward L. Blackshear, 1895-1915; Isaiah M. Terrell, 1915-1918; J.G. Osborne, 1918-1925; Paul (Uncle Paul) Bledsoe (Interim Principal), 1925-1926; Willette Rutherford Banks, 1926-1947; and Edward B. Evans, 1947-1948.

## ERA OF PRESIDENTS AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

**1948 to Present**

In 1948, as a result of America emerging as the leader of the “Free World” after World War II, President Harry S. Truman ordered the racial integration of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Board of Directors changed the title of the Chief Administrative Officer of the College from Principal to President on December 3, 1948. The Presidents and their tenures are: Edward B. Evans 1948-1966; Jesse M. Drew, 1966; Alvin I. Thomas, 1966-1982; Ivory Nelson (Interim President), June 1982-January 1983; Percy A. Pierre, 1983-1989; Milton R. Bryant (Interim President), June 1989-December 1989; Julius W. Becton, Jr., 1989- 1994; Harold S. Bonner (Interim President), August 1994-October 1994; Charles A. Hines, 1994-2002; Willie A. Tempton, Sr. (Interim President), 2002-2003; George C. Wright, 2003-2017; Ruth J. Simmons, 2017-2023; Michael L. McFrazier (Interim President), 2023; Tomikia P. LeGrande, 2023-present.

Excerpts taken from *Prairie View, A Study in Public Conscience*

By Dr. George Ruble Woolfolk

Edited by Frank D. Jackson and Jimmizine Taylor

# Commencement Program

SATURDAY, NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Presiding: Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande  
President, Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Dr. John L. Cornelius II, Professor of Music

CONVOCATION OPENING .....Commentator: Dr. Michael L. McFrazier  
Senior Vice President for Strategy and Transformation

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL ..... “War March of the Priests,” *Felix Mendelssohn*  
Dr. John L. Cornelius II

Dr. Clarissa Gamble Booker, Marshal  
Faculty

Candidates for Degrees in Graduate Studies

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the School of Architecture

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the College of Business

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the College of Juvenile Justice

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the College of Nursing

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in the School of Public and Allied Health

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees in Undergraduate Studies

Platform Party

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... “The Star-Spangled Banner,” *Francis Scott Key, Arr. by Smith & Clark*  
Mr. Dorceal Duckins, Bass  
Dr. John L. Cornelius II

INVOCATION ..... Reverend Charles H. Lewter IV, Dean, Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

OPENING REMARKS ..... Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, ..... Mr. Glenn Hegar Chancellor  
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ..... The Texas A&M University System

REMARKS ..... Dr. Tabitha S. Morton, Speaker, Faculty Senate  
Mr. Jaquavous Doucette, President, Student Government Association  
Mr. Mark Falls '82, President, Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....	Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....	Ms. Melonie D. Parker Vice President, Employee Engagement at Google
"You'll Never Walk Alone" .....	<i>from Carousel by Rodgers and Hammerstein</i> <i>Arr. By Dr. John Cornelius</i> Mr. Dorceal Duckins
PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS .....	Dr. Aashir Nasim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
DEANS' PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES:	
Graduate Studies .....	Dean Camille S. Gibson, Ph.D.
College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources .....	Dean Gerard D'Souza, Ph.D.
School of Architecture .....	Dean Ikhlas Sabouni, Ph.D.
Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences .....	Interim Dean Walle Engedayehu, Ph.D.
College of Business .....	Interim Dean Aneika Simmons, Ph.D.
Whitlowe R. Green College of Education .....	Interim Dean Anthony Harris, Ed.D.
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering .....	Dean Pamela H. Obiomon, Ph.D. '93
College of Juvenile Justice .....	Dean Kareem Jordan, Ph.D.
College of Nursing .....	Gloria Rose, Ph.D.
School of Public and Allied Health .....	Dean Angela Branch-Vital, Ph.D. '97 '99
Undergraduate Studies .....	Interim Dean Walle Engedayehu, Ph.D.
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande
BENEDICTION .....	Reverend Charles H. Lewter IV
ALMA MATER .....	"Dear Prairie View," <i>Sibelius-Fuller</i> Mr. Dorceal Duckins Dr. John L. Cornelius II
RECESSIONAL ( <i>Audience Seated</i> ) .....	"Pomp and Circumstance, No. 4" <i>Sir Edward Elgar</i> Dr. John L. Cornelius II

# *Commencement Orator*



MS. MELONIE D. PARKER

Vice President, Employee Engagement at Google

Award-winning corporate leader Melonie D. Parker is Vice President of Employee Engagement at Google. Parker has delivered measurable and impactful outcomes for aligning talent strategy to mission success across the globe during her career spanning more than three decades. She expertly navigates the intersection of people and strategy, ensuring a cohesive workforce ready to meet the dynamic demands of the global market.

Known for coining the mantra, *“Add In instead of Fit In,”* Parker has served as a pioneer for advancing internal and external engagement strategies. She has also developed a proven blueprint for building a more engaging and high performing company culture that connects employees to a shared mission and purpose. Parker is an innovative C-suite thought leader and a progressive global Human Resources Executive focused on building human capital capability. She accomplishes this by aligning organizational structure, talent, and systems to drive growth, innovation, and culture.

Parker serves on the Board of Directors for Thurgood Marshall College Fund and Hampton University’s Board of Trustees. In addition, Parker serves on Villanova University’s Graduate Education Advisory Council. Prior to Google, she served as the Vice President of Human Resources & Communications at Sandia National Laboratories where she oversaw human resources, health benefits, and employee services. She was also responsible for Sandia’s communications efforts which included strategic planning, executive communications, media relations, external branding, community affairs, and internal communications.

Parker also held a variety of leadership roles across her 17-year tenure at Lockheed Martin, managing employee relations, staffing, compensation and benefits, and K-12 outreach initiatives. She is also a graduate of Lockheed Martin’s Executive Assessment & Development Program—a rare accomplishment for human resources professionals.

Parker holds a B.A. in Mass Communications from Hampton University and an M.A. in Human Resources from Villanova University.

Parker has received numerous awards and recognition throughout her career. The United Negro College Fund presented her with the President's Award for her outstanding leadership and dedication to fostering inclusive and vibrant workplaces. Parker was also honored by The Root 100 as one of the most influential Black Americans and named HR Professional of the Year by the New Mexico Society of Human Resource Management. She has been recognized by several other organizations, including the Hampton University Alumni Association, AfroTech's Future 50 List, Rolling Out UrbanStyle Weekly, Women of Color STEM Awards, Girls, Inc., One Hundred Black Men of New York, and New York Moves magazine.

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*Graduate Studies*  
*Candidates for Degrees*

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### *Natural Resources/Environmental Sciences*

STAMPS, KAYLA GEANNA ..... Edwards, MS  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2023

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## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

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### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

ALLEN, DA'MARCUS DASHAWN .....Humble  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
CAMPBELL, JURBERT KYHIEL ..... Texarkana  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
CURTIS, JEREMY LADALE .....Houston  
BARC, Prairie View A&M University, 2001  
GUZMAN, DESTINY NEADITH.....Houston  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
HARPER, ZACHARY MILES.....Huntsville  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019  
JOHNSON, TAZMINE KORTAZIA.....Houston  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
MARSHALL, AKILAH CHANAE.....Katy  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
MCGHIE, BREA ALONY .....Houston  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2022  
PAYNE, JORDAN AARIN ..... College Station  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
STOKES, JALEN CHAVEZ .....Spring  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
VIVERO, CARLOS MANUEL.....Houston  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
WATTS, PRECIOUS CAPRALLA ..... Dallas  
BS, University of Southern Mississippi, 2023

### MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### *Community Development Planning*

CARTER, KIMBERLY LANYCE ..... Richmond  
BS, University of Houston, 2013

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## MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### *Clinical Adolescent Psychology*

STEWART, TIAH K. ....Natchez, MS  
BS, Alcorn State University, 2020  
MS, Prairie View A&M University, 2022  
Dissertation Title: The Mediating Role of Self-Esteem on the  
Association Between the Jezebel Stereotype and Sex Trafficking  
Attitudes Among Black Female College Students  
Advisor: Dr. Temilola Salami

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### *Chemistry*

ELSYAD, AHMED ASHRAF ANWER ABDELMO ... Obour City, Egypt  
BS, Tanta University, 2017  
ISLAM, MOHAMMAD TAREQUL ..... Waco  
BS, University of Chittagong, 2019  
NWANKWO, JESSE CHIGOZIRIM..... Aba, Nigeria  
BS, Abia State University, 2019  
RAJA HEWAGE, SHAMIKA PIUMAL WISHVAJITH... Badulla, India  
BS, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, 2020

#### *Clinical Adolescent Psychology*

JOHNSON, TENEESHIA RANAE ..... Greenwood, SC  
BS, Limestone College, 2005  
PARRISH, ROCHELLE ..... Miami, FL  
BS, Florida A&M University, 2017

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### *Social Work*

ATKINS, MELISSA ELON..... Houston  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2023  
CHATMAN, DAE'SHA TRIONA ..... Missouri City  
BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
DIXON, ROBYN ELAINE ..... Houston  
BA, Texas Southern University, 2023  
EILAND, SHA'DRIAN MARIE .....Tomball  
BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2024  
FLEMING, MERISSA KEIARA..... Rosharon  
BASW, East Texas A&M University, 2020  
JOHNSON, SHEMAKA DIONNE ..... Hockley  
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2010  
MITCHELL, KARISMA DANIELLE ..... Suffolk, VA  
BS, Virginia State University, 2021  
OGBUISHI, HELEN IJEOMA.....College Station  
BS, University of Nigeria, 2001  
OVERSTREET, KEYAIRA P. ....Orange  
BS, Ellucian University, 2024  
SANCHEZ, GABRIELLA ROSE ..... Richmond  
BA, Texas State University, 2019  
STEWART, ALEXIS DANIELLE..... Houston  
BSW, University of North Texas, 2023  
TIMMONS, ACAIYA D. .... Merrillville, IN  
BA, University of Kentucky, 2023

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY *Candidates for Graduate Degrees*



## MASTER OF ARTS

### *Sociology*

SHAW, STEVEN TERRELL, JR. ....Rosharon  
BA, Louisiana Tech University, 2023

UZOIGWE, CHIGOZIEM MUNACHISO ..... Houston  
BS, San Francisco State University, 2001  
Ms, Stanford University, 2003

Dissertation: How Income Inequality Impacts the Effect of  
Infrastructure on Regional Economic Development?

Advisor: Dr. Erick Kitenge

WOODARD, MEGAN ..... Houston  
BS, University of Phoenix, 2006  
MBA, University of Phoenix, 2022

Dissertation: The Impact of Cash Pooling on Capital Structure and  
Financial Performance: Interview and Empirical Evidence

Advisor: Dr. Hesam Shahriari

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ATKINS, LAKISHA LASHAE .....Shreveport, LA  
BS, Louisiana Tech University, 2006  
MBA, Louisiana Tech University, 2016

Dissertation: Protecting the Poor: Financial Distress in Credit Unions

Advisor: Dr. Anish Shankar Menon

BARNES, CARI VALITA ..... Houston  
BBA, University of Houston - Downtown, 1996  
MBA, University St Thomas, 1995

Dissertation: Evaluating Tax Preparers' Perception of the Tax Cuts  
and Jobs ACT (TCJA) Through the Lens of the Tax Misperception  
Theory

Advisor: Dr. Elvis Ndembe

HAMILTON, CHRISTOPHER BLAKE, SR. .... Hockley  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2012  
MCD, Prairie View A&M University, 2015

Dissertation: Vision To Reality: Groundbreaking Impacts of  
Artificial Intelligence on Key Performance Indicators in the Built  
Environment

Advisor: Dr. Qiang Fei

JOHNSON, MACHURIA MALLETTE ..... Houston  
BBA, University of Houston, 1994  
MBA, Rice University, 2008

Dissertation: Factors Influencing Healthcare Cybersecurity  
Effectiveness: An Empirical Investigation

Advisor: Dr. Thiagarajan Ramakrishnan

LEONARD, LA KESHA REDEL .....Conroe  
BS, University of Phoenix, 2007  
MED, Lamar University, 2014

Dissertation: Breaking Ranks: Recognizing Hiring Bias Associated  
With Different Military Branches

Advisor: Dr. Robert Zinko

OQUENDO, SANDYLANE YADIS .....Tomball  
BA, Texas A&M University Central Texas, 2015  
MBA, Texas A&M University Central Texas, 2018

Dissertation: Aligning Remote Work Preference With Workplace  
Outcomes: Investigating the Impact of Person-Environment Fit

Advisor: Dr. Robert Zinko

ROSS, BRIDGET ELAINE STEELE..... Houston  
BA, Southern Nazarene University, 1993  
MS, Prairie View A&M University, 2014

Dissertation: Post-Disaster Economic Outcomes of Community  
Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in Underserved  
Communities: The Role of Government Funding Allocations,  
Regulatory Transparency, and Accountability Requirements

Advisor: Dr. Louis Ngamassi

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### *Business Administration*

AGUADO, DEVIN JOSHUA ..... Sealy  
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2023

EANES, RIKKI ELENA ..... Houston  
BA, Rhode Island College, 2015

HIGHTS, KOBE DARNELL ..... San Antonio  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2021

HULL, ALERIA SHANAY .....Woodville, MS  
BA, Mary Baldwin University, 2023

JACKSON, JERROL DEAN, JR. .... Dallas  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2021

KEMP, KYAIRA MARGARET ..... Forest Hill  
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2021

MEHREEN, NAZIA ..... Katy  
BBA, Osmania University, 2022

RICHARDS, DAKASHA JACKE ..... Manor  
BBA, Texas Southern University, 2022

WHITE, JOLISA INEZ..... McKinney  
BBS, University of Missouri - Columbia, 2019

#### *Executive MBA*

MESHACK-JAMMER, TAMARA ..... Houston  
BS and BBA, Texas Woman's University, 2018

PEGGRAM, AARON M. .... Houston  
BS, CUNY City College

POWELL, DOROTHY ..... Dallas  
BBA, Baker College, 2012

RICHARDSON, PHILLIP ERICK ..... Houston  
BA, Texas Southern University, 2013

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### *Accounting*

BENNETT, ANTONIO VALDEZ, II.....Houston  
BS, Grambling State University, 2020

BROWN, KENNEDI JANAE..... Cedar Hill  
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2024

EVANS, KHRISTIAN AKIL.....Spring  
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2022

LOCKE, MONIQUE YVONNE .....Cypress  
BS, University of Phoenix, 2021

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WHITLOWE R. GREEN  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
*Educational Leadership*

WASHINGTON, XANDELYN WRIGHT ..... Houston  
BS, Tennessee State University, 2008  
MA, Texas Southern University, 2013

Dissertation Title: College Leaders' Perspectives of Diversity at at  
Community College System in Texas: A Phenomenological Study of  
Validation

Advisor: Dr. Pamela Barber-Freeman

MASTER OF ARTS  
*Counseling*

VITAL-JORDAN, ANDREA ROCHELLE ..... Houston  
BS, Texas Southern University, 2008

MASTER OF EDUCATION  
*Curriculum & Instruction*

JOHNSON, JANIA ADRIANA ..... Safford, AZ  
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2022

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
*Human Sciences*

HARLESTON, LARRY ..... Racine, WI  
BS, Western Illinois University, 2018

TROTMAN, ERIN CIERRA ..... Houston  
BS, Sam Houston State University, 2018

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
*Educational Administration*

STEELE, LADAJAH ANTONIA ..... Humble  
BS, University of New Orleans, 2017

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ROY G. PERRY  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
*Electrical Engineering*

DOWELL, JOSEPH MARQUIS ..... Killeen  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2015  
MS, Prairie View A&M University, 2016

Dissertation: Off-Grid Renewable Energy Generation Supervisory  
and Data Acquisition (SADA) Using Extended Reality

Advisor: Dr. Penrose Cofie

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
*Computer Information Systems*

CHISM, MOSES, III ..... Plano, TX  
BA, University of North Texas, 2023

EZEUGU, FAVOUR LEWECHI ..... Owerri, Nigeria  
BS, Abia State University, 2017

*Computer Science*

NAZARA, RABEYA ..... Waco  
BS, Khulna University, 2012

ROY, PROSENJIT ..... Lakshmipur, Bangladesh  
BS, Daffodil International University, 2019

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

DAS, STABAK ..... Chittagong, Bangladesh  
BS, Premier University, 2013

TOMMY, ISRAEL ETIM ..... Prairie View  
BS, Obafemi Awolowo University, 2008

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

BABLEE, AISHORJO PAUL ..... Khulna, Bangladesh  
BS, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, 2019

ZAMPALIGRE, SAFIATOU ..... Houston  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2023

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COLLEGE OF  
JUVENILE JUSTICE

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
*Juvenile Justice*

PRUDHOMME, MELANIE JANAY ..... Monroe, LA  
BA, University Louisiana Monroe, 2013  
MA, University Louisiana Monroe, 2017

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Higher Education in the Lives of  
Formerly Incarcerated Youth

Advisor: Dr. Camille Gibson

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

BROWN, FALADRICK ..... Porter  
BS, Sam Houston State University  
DANIELS LOFTON, DEJA MONRAE ..... Houston  
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2021  
HUDLEY, NAUTICA C. .... Desoto  
BS, University of North Texas, 2021  
LEWIS, RENEE C ..... Bryan  
BS, Sam Houston State University, 2021  
SAM, CHENELLE LARAE..... Humble  
BS, University of Houston - Downtown, 2022  
SANFORD, GUY MANNING ..... Tucson, AZ  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

CHAMBERS, BRYTTANY THERESA ..... Pearland  
BS, University Texas Arlington, 2016  
MS. University Texas Arlington, 2019  
DNP Project: Evaluation of an NP-LED Preoptimization Care  
Management Program's Impact on Patient Satisfaction for Total Hip  
and Knee Arthroplasty: AN Evaluation Project  
Advisor: Dr. Abida Solomon

HENDERSON, LAKESHIA..... Sugar Land  
BSN, University of St. Thomas, 1994  
MA, Prairie View A&M University, 2011  
DNP Project: Educating Nurse Practitioners on Music-Based  
Interventions: An Evidence-Based Project  
Advisor: Dr. Sharisse Hebert

JONES, JASMINE SHATERRA ..... Humble  
BS, Concordia University, 2013  
MSN, Maryville University, 2017  
DNP Project: Enhancing Postpartum Depression Screening Rates:  
An Educational Intervention for Primary Care Providers: A Quality  
Improvement Project  
Advisor: Dr. Allyssa Harris

LOCKETT, RALSTON R. .... Houston  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2013  
MSN, Prairie View A&M University, 2019  
DNP Project: Improving HIV PEP Patient Follow-Up Appointment  
and Laboratory Testing in a Telehealth Setting: A Quality  
Improvement Project  
Advisor: Dr. Sharisse Hebert

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC & ALLIED HEALTH

### MASTER OF EDUCATION *Health*

TOPOR, JESSICA ELEATIAN .....Saginaw  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2024

### *Physical Education*

MILES, AJACIA SHARDAE.....Great Lakes, IL  
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2023

### MASTER OF SCIENCE *Health*

CHUKWUEMEKA, UCHE STANLEY ..... Kano, Nigeria  
MBBS, Shenyang Medical College, China, 2019  
FALUYI, ENIOLA ALEXANDER..... Lagos, Nigeria  
BS, Babcock University, 2017

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*Undergraduate Studies*  
*Candidates for Degrees*

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

KEMAKOLAM, UDOCHI CHIDERA .....	Missouri City
MOORE, LAUREN ASHLEY .....	Plano
MORANT, KHARSEN DWAIN, JR. ....	Killeen
PHUNG, KIMNGAN .....	Richmond
POTTS, DESTINY LASHUN .....	Houston
RUNNELS, BRIA GABRIELLE .....	Houston
TERRELL, AIYANNA .....	Fresno

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## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE *Architecture Curriculum*

FRESCH, RICO WENDELL, JR. ....	Austin
JONES, ALVIN DION, SR. ....	Rosenberg
LOPEZ BROWN, CHRISTOPHER JAIME .....	Fresno
MESHACK, BENJAMIN MAURICE, II .....	Sugar Land
NORWOOD, TRAVIONE K. ....	Houston
SAINT PASTEUR SOTO, PRISCILA .....	Richmond
THOMAS, JADE BRIANTE .....	Cypress

### *Construction Science Curriculum*

BROWN, SAYVION TODERO .....	Cedar Hill
FRESCH, RICO WENDELL, JR. ....	Austin
JONES, ALVIN DION, SR. ....	Rosenberg
MCGEE, SH'KAYLA DESIREE .....	Tyler
MOORE, QUEWANNOCCHI ANGELO .....	Cibolo
PRESTON-EMERY, JAIRUS LARODERICK .....	Aubrey

### *Digital Media Arts*

BARONVILLE, VICTORIA .....	Katy
JACKSON, TASHYA LATRICE .....	Rosharon
KELLOGG, MAKALAH MAXIM CHEREL .....	Tallahassee, FL

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## MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS *Communication Curriculum*

CROW, JAMIYA BREON .....	Humble
JEAN-LOUIS, JAYVEN RASHARD .....	Port Arthur
WHITE, NIGEL WINSTON .....	Houston

### *Political Science Curriculum*

ALFRED, TRAVIS JERMAINE .....	Beaumont
COLEMAN, JAMISON WILLIAM .....	Rosharon

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

ALLEN, LADONNA MARQUASHA .....	Arlington
ANDERSON, MARLON TRAVONN .....	Houston
AUGUST, AHLAYSIA SANAY, JR. ....	Missouri City
BLAKE, HEAVEN LYANDRIA .....	Houston
BOOKER, MYA KESHAWNA .....	Franklin
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# GRADUATING WITH ACADEMIC HONORS<sup>†</sup>

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Honors recognition at graduation is based on consistent high scholarship and cumulative grade point averages earned. To be eligible for graduation with honors, a student must not have received any failing grades and must complete the last 60 semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University. A student may graduate with honors in one of the three categories, Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude as outlined in the university catalog.

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90-4.00*

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*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70-3.89*

BAGDIKIAN, ALEX  
BARONVILLE, VICTORIA  
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*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50-3.69*

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# *Academic Regalia*

An appropriate costume is a necessary part of Commencement. The costume includes a cap, a gown, and a hood. Each part of the costume has special significance. The most common headpiece (or cap) for the ceremony is the black square, flattop, or “mortarboard” type with a gold or black tassel. It is called a “mortarboard” because it is shaped like the board of the mason which holds mortar. The large velvet Tam-O-Shanter style of headpieces may replace the mortarboard. Some of the velvet tams are brilliantly colored such as orange or bright blue.

The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire costume. The colors inside the hood are those of the college or university awarding the degree. The academic discipline is represented by the color(s) on the outside rim of the hood according to the table below:

Agriculture .....	Maize	Nursing .....	Apricot
Architecture .....	Lavender	Philosophy .....	Dark Blue
Arts, Letters, Humanities .....	White	Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Commerce, Accountancy, Business .....	Drab	Physics .....	Science Gold
Criminal Justice .....	Midnight Blue	Psychology .....	Gold
Economics .....	Copper	Public Administration, including	
Education .....	Light Blue	Foreign Service .....	Peacock Blue
Engineering .....	Orange	Public Health .....	Salmon Pink
Fine Arts .....	Brown	Science .....	Golden Yellow
Forestry .....	Russet	Social Work .....	Citron
Geography .....	Blue and Green	Technology .....	Golden Yellow
Journalism .....	Crimson	Theology .....	Scarlet
Library Science .....	Lemon	Veterinary Science .....	Gray
Mathematics .....	Science Gold		
Music .....	Pink		

The tassel on the doctor’s cap is usually gold and is permanently fastened on the left side. The master’s cap has a black tassel or color appropriate to the discipline worn on the left. The bachelor’s cap has a black tassel or color appropriate to the discipline worn on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left during the ceremony.

The gown is usually black. The traditional doctor’s gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the regular sleeves. The master’s gown has no velvet, but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor’s gown is similar to the master’s gown but has regular long sleeves which tend to be pointed.

Some gowns may be in the color of the college granting the degree, such as “Education Blue.” Others may be “Yale Blue” or “Harvard Crimson” for the graduates of those universities. Customized stoles highlight the accomplishments of students, including to honor those students who have served the nation in the Armed Forces.

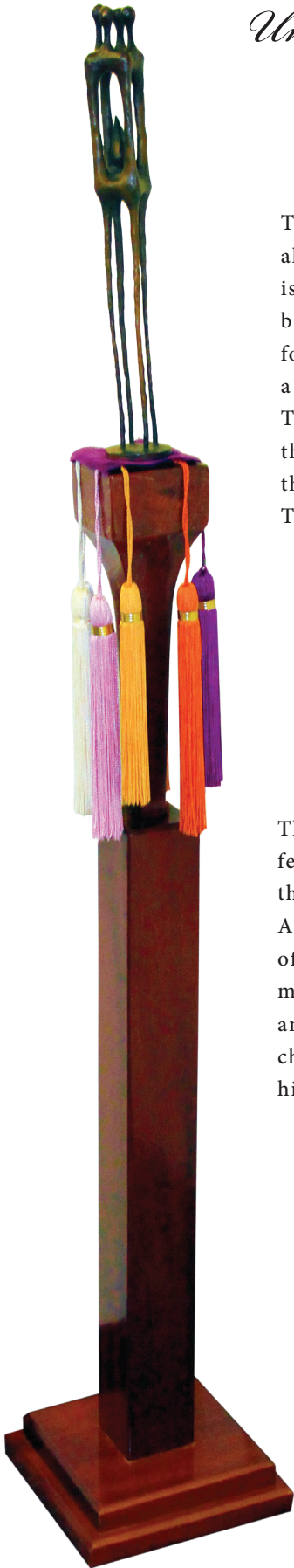
# *University Mace and Presidential Medallion*

## UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace is an ancient symbol of authority which is carried by the marshal ahead of the academic procession. The mace for Prairie View A&M University is four feet long and contains four bronze figures atop a Honduras mahogany base which tapers to fit into its stand. The four figures are symbolic of the four undergraduate academic years. In the hollow area beneath the figures is a flame that is equally shared. The flame denotes knowledge and excellence. The base symbolizes the entire faculty. It serves as a grip and is carried by the university marshal. The stand, which supports the mace, characterizes the administration. The visual impact of the mace as a whole is "torch-like." The nine tassels represent the academic organization of the University.

## THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The Texas A&M University System's Presidential Medallion features the seal of Prairie View A&M University and signifies the trust placed in the institution's new leader by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and the Office of the Chancellor. Infused with tradition and honor, the medallion is a symbol of the responsibility to inspire, mentor, and serve the students of Prairie View A&M. The System's chancellor presents the medallion to the new president at his or her inauguration.



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*A Message from the Governor in honor of:*

***Prairie View A&M University's  
Summer Commencement Convocation  
August 9, 2025***

*As Governor of Texas, I am proud to extend a warm welcome to everyone in attendance at Prairie View A&M University's 114th Summer Commencement Convocation.*

*Graduates, as you reflect upon your time as students of this fine institution, know that Texas celebrates with you. As the Governor of Texas, I am pleased with the academic excellence, personal perseverance, and work ethic that you have demonstrated throughout your time here.*

*The diploma you receive today is not only the goal you have worked so diligently to attain, but also a symbol of the education that has prepared you for success in any future endeavor—whether it be further academic study, a professional career, or service in the armed forces.*

*You are the inheritors of our people's freedom and prosperity, and it is you who will write the next chapters in the history of Texas. You must then take on this responsibility and remember who you are as Texans. In these moments of celebration, we catch a glimpse of the bright future that awaits you and rejoice in the journey that has brought you here, and the path that lies ahead. You must remain focused on the work before you as you take your place among the Lone Star State's finest.*

*I have the utmost confidence that the milestone you celebrate today is but one of many achievements in store for you. At this time, I encourage you to recognize the different support systems that made this moment possible—from family and friends to teachers and professors. The success you know today is the work of many, and these relationships will guide you as your journey continues. The document you receive is the culmination of many years of work, but ultimately, your diploma marks not an ending, but a beginning. As you embark upon the next phase of your life, take heart and know that your accomplishments will bring about a better, brighter future for Texas, for America, and for all mankind.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes for continued success.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas







Office of the Chancellor

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July 28, 2025

Congratulations. You have accomplished a significant goal and crossed a major milestone in life.

Graduating from Prairie View A&M University, one of the nation's leading HBCUs, is no small feat. Your degree carries real weight, and under the leadership of President Tomikia LeGrande, the university's reputation is only growing stronger. Companies and other organizations across the country are looking to Prairie View graduates – just like you – for fresh ideas and leadership because they know you are ready.

You have shown grit, determination and, of course, Panther Pride every step of the way. Your success is a reflection of your hard work and the sacrifices you have made. The faculty, staff, System Regents and everyone else across the entire Texas A&M University System join me today to celebrate this moment with you. We are very proud of each and every one of you. But this achievement is not just yours. Rather, it is part of a larger story, one built on the legacy of those who came before you and fought for the opportunities you now have. May you carry their spirit forward and live a life that honors their legacy.

Once again, congratulations. The future is wide open, and it is yours to shape. We hope you will stay connected and continue to be an active part of the Prairie View A&M University community.

All the best,

Glenn Hegar  
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Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise,  
In gratitude we sing our hymn of praise,  
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,  
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee.  
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,  
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold,  
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold,  
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,  
We'll always strive a blessing to be.  
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,  
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller  
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