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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Commencement Convocation

2020

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST EIGHTH

AT TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING
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.

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), 1925-1962; Willette Rutherford

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
(Interim President), 2002-2003; George C. Wright, 2003-2017; Ruth J. Simmons, 2017-present.

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
of Prairie View Normal School. The Twenty-sixth Legislature (1889) 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 Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas.” The Sixty-third
Legislature (1973) changed the name to Prairie View A&M University.

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, TEN O’CLOCK

Presiding: Ruth J. Simmons
President
Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE ...................................................................................................................................John L. Cornelius II
Associate Professor of Music

OFFICIAL CONVOCATION OPENING ........................................................................................................James M. Palmer
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF THE MACE ...........................................................................................................Clarissa Gamble Booker
University Marshal

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM ....................................................................................... “The Star-Spangled Banner,” Francis Scott Key
Jammieca Mott, Assistant Professor of Voice

OPENING REMARKS ....................................................................................................................................Ruth J. Simmons

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM .....................................................................Elaine Mendoza
Chairman
Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System

REMARKS ........................................................................................................................................Merlyn X. Pulikkathara, Speaker, Faculty Senate
Alanna Gaskin, President, Student Government Association
Kimberley Runnels, President, Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ....................................................................................................................Ruth J. Simmons

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ......................................................................................................................Robbie Tolan ’19
Author and Activist

MUSIC ..................................................................................................... “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” James Weldon Johnson
Jammieca Mott, Assistant Professor of Voice
John L. Cornelius II, Accompanist

PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS ................................................................................................................James M. Palmer

DEAN’S PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES:
Graduate Studies ............................................................................................................... Dean Dorie J. Gilbert
The College of Agriculture and Human Sciences .................................................. Dean Gerard D’Souza
The School of Architecture ...................................................................................Ikhlas Sabouni
The Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences .......... Dean Danny R. Kelley
The College of Business ...................................................................................... Dean Munir Quddus
The Whitlowe R. Green College of Education ................................................ Dean Michael L. McFrazier
The Roy G. Perry College of Engineering ......................................................... Dean Pamela H. Obiomon
The College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology ........................................ Interim Dean Camille Gibson
The College of Nursing .................................................................................. Dean Betty N. Adams

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ........................................................................................................................Ruth J. Simmons

ALMA MATER .............................................................................................................. “Dear Prairie View,” Sibelius-Fuller
Laura Patterson, Music Voice Graduate
John L. Cornelius II, Accompanist

BENEDICTION ........................................................................................................................................Reverend Charles H. Lewter IV

RECESSIONAL .............................................................................................................. “Pomp and Circumstance, No. 4,” Sir Edward Elgar
John L. Cornelius II
ROBBIE TOLAN ’19
Author and Activist

Robbie Tolan, a native of Houston, Texas, is an author, activist, speaker, DJ, baseball coach, and graduate of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). As a student-athlete, Robbie demonstrated remarkable athletic prowess in baseball. He was a standout member of the team that won the baseball program's 2007 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championship. The same year, following his collegiate season, he was signed to the Washington Nationals organization. He played for three of their affiliates, the GCL Nationals, Vermont Lake Monsters, and the Hagerstown Suns.

Robbie's baseball career was sidelined on December 31, 2008, when a late-night food run with his cousin went tragically awry after Bellaire police officers erroneously accused Tolan and his cousin of car theft.

Tolan and his family were thrust into national headlines when Jeffrey Cotton, a ten-year veteran of the Bellaire Police Department responding to the alleged theft, shot an unarmed Robbie in his parents' driveway. A bullet pierced his lung and lodged in his liver, causing significant damage. Robbie was left with mental, physical, and emotional devastation.

Defying all the odds, Robbie made a remarkable recovery to return to the baseball field the following year, before finally retiring from the game he loved in 2011.

Officer Cotton was charged with aggravated assault by a public servant and was subsequently acquitted in a criminal trial. After a dismissal, and a lengthy appellate process, Robbie's case Tolan v. Cotton found itself on the docket for the United States Supreme Court. On May 5, 2014, the High Court ruled unanimously in Robbie's favor, marking the first ruling against a police officer in over ten years; and the first unanimous decision in a civil rights case since Brown v. Board of Education. Robbie's case set precedent that has been cited in over 6,000 cases since it's ruling, paving the way for other victims to file suit against police officers in excessive force cases.

In 2018, Robbie authored No Justice: One White Police Officer, One Black Family, and How One Bullet Ripped Us Apart. The book details how Robbie and his family courageously picked up the pieces of their lives after the cameras and social media protests went away and fought for justice for himself and others. In the fall of 2018, Robbie returned to PVAMU and the following year earned a degree in Criminal Justice.
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND HUMAN SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Human Sciences

POE, KELLIE B. ................................................... Jefferson City, MO
BS, Lincoln University, 2016

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

GANT, PAIGE MARIE ........................................ Cypress
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019
HILL, GREGORY MICHAEL ...................................... Spring
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019
JOHNSON, ALLAN D. ......................................... Schertz
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019
MORRISON, MARYSSA EVIN ...................................... Tomball
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019
PANIGHELLO, ARMONY DOS SANTOS .............. Luanda, Angola
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019
ROSA, WILLIVER ALEXIS ............................................. Spring
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019
WATSON, ISAAC ISAIAH ..................................... Missouri City
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019

MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BRISCOE, DARRYL J., II ...................................... Houston
BS, Sam Houston State University, 2017
CORMIER, KATRINA MARIE .................................... Houston
BS, University of Phoenix, 2011
HALL, JOAN ....................................................... Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2018
LAWRENCE, NIGEL S. ......................................... Houston
BS, Texas Southern University, 2017

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

MASTER OF ARTS
Sociology

GRAY, MARY L. .................................................. Spring
BA, Wiley College, 2017
JENKINS, ERICA .................................................. Brenham
BS, Texas A&M University College Station, 2013

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Chemistry

DELFAN, SARA .............................................. College Station
BS, Islamic Azad University, Karaj Branch, 2008
DUBOIS, JULIAN CARL ......................................... Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2017
FALEKULO, RACHAEL OLUWATOSIN .................. Houston
BS, University of Texas San Antonio, 2017
WANG, DEPING .............................................. College Station
BS, Foreign College, 1997
WILLIAMS, BRIANNA ELIZABETH ......................... Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2013

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ELLISON, RE'JANA LAVONE ................................... Spring
BS, University of Houston, 2017
FRANKLIN, BRIANA MICHELLE .......................... Dallas
BS, University of North Texas, 2011
JOHNSON, CHERRELLE L ....................................... Plano
BS, Florida State College at Jacksonville, 2016
KAN, OLGA ...................................................... The Woodlands
BBA, University of Houston Downtown, 2010
POWELL, COURTNEY ........................................... Humble
BS, University of Memphis, 2016
RAHMAN, MUHAMMAD HASSAN SADIQUR .............. Cypress
BS, Washington University St Louis, 2014
Executive MBA

CLARK, ANDRAY ANTHONY, SR ......................................... Spring
BS, Art Institute of Houston, 2012
HALL, KENNETH BERNARD ........................................... Cypress
BS, DeVry University, 2015
JONES, RICHARD RAY, JR. .............................................. Humble
BS, North Carolina AT&T State University, 2011
NGUYEN, TIFFANY NAM ................................................. Houston
BBA, University of Houston, 2011
NORSWORTHY, ROYCE L ............................................... Beaumont
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007
WALLACE, KACI MICHELLE .......................................... San Antonio
BA, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2015
WHITE, SHAYLA DANY .................................................. Houston
BA, Dillard University, 2005

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Accounting

BANKS, DAVID ELIJAH ..................................................... Houston
BA, Huston-Tillotson University, 2018
GREEN, JADA ................................................................ Kingwood
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2018
HENDERSON, JASMINE R .............................................. Houston
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2016
MARTINEZ, ORLANDO ..................................................... Houston
BBA, University of Houston, 2017
MCKNIGHT, RENEE ...................................................... Cypress
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2015
REED, ALEXIS MONIQUE .............................................. Houston
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2016
SCOTT, KYAIRA MONE .................................................. Coldspring
BBA, Texas State University, 2018
WHITAKER, KWOHN RASHAAD .................................... Humble
BS, Purdue University Global, 2010

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Educational Leadership

BROWN, FELECIAH J ...................................................... Athens
BSIS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2005
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 2010
Dissertation: Playing a Different Game: The Learning and University Support Experiences of Student Athletes Attending a Historically Black College and University in Southeast Texas
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Hoffman Miller

WARREN, SONJI .................................................. Houston
BS, University of Houston-Downtown, 2003
MS, Prairie View A&M University, 2008
Dissertation: Caring in Educators: A Phenomenological Exploration of Ethic of Care at a Texas Community College
Advisor: Dr. Pamela Barber-Freeman

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ROY G. PERRY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Electrical Engineering
KOTTETI, CHANDRA MOULI MADHAV ..........Vijayawada, India
BS, Foreign College, 2012
MS, Northwest Missouri State University, 2014
Advisor: Dr. Lijun Qian

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Computer Science
BROWN, ISAIAH J. .....................................................Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2018
POLANCO, MIGUEL, SR. .............................................Cypress
BS, Foreign College, 1993

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
ACHARYA, TOYA NATH ...............................................Houston
BS, Foreign College, 2006
AIKHIONBARE, JAMES OSAYIMWENSE ..........Lagos, Nigeria
BS, University of Benin, 2006
AWINO, CORLISA ......................................................Waller
BS, Johns Hopkins University, 2009
ELLIS, YOHN ISHIRO, JR. .............................................Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2018
HILL, ANTHONY D. ......................................................Hempstead
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992
MARTIN, BRANDON DEVINCENT .................Dallas
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2017
MILLER, CARL A., II ..................................................Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2013
WILLIAMS, BRANDON LEE .......................................Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2018

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING
ADENIRAN, MICHAEL .................................................San Antonio
BS, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2016
BELL, LARRY DUANE ..............................................College Station
BS, Utah State University, 2015
GALVIS, JENNY C. .....................................................Cypress
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2010
ORANGUN, AYOBAMI SEUN .........................Mushin, Nigeria
BS, University of Lagos, 2010
SILOTH, VINIDTA P. ..................................................Katy
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2018
WILLIAMS, VERONICA ............................................Houston
BS, Texas Southern University, 2013

COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Clinical Adolescent Psychology
ALLEN, LASHEKA D. ..................Durham, NC
BA, North Carolina Central University, 2004
MA, North Carolina Central University, 2011
Dissertation: Intraminority Intergroup Support: An Application of the Common in Group Identity Model versus the Social Reconnection Hypothesis
Advisors: Dr. Corey Columb & Dr. Sherecce Fields

Juvenile Justice
BROWN, LADONNA RACHELLE ..................Houston
BS, Lamar University, 2005
MA, University Houston-Clear Lake, 2012
Dissertation: Student Codes of Conduct and School Bullying Policies: Content Analysis
Advisor: Dr. Myrna Cintron

MOTLEY, SHANTAE MONEE ........ Willingboro, NJ
BS, California University of Pennsylvania, 2013
MS, Saint Leo University, 2015
Dissertation: Adverse Childhood Experiences Inducement Into Substance Use
Advisor: Dr. Myrna Cintron

MASTER OF SCIENCE
JUVENILE JUSTICE
FRANKLIN, DEEDRA NICOLE .........................Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2015
MOORE, PAISLEY DEMETRIA ......................Altadena, CA
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2011
ROZYPAL, CALEB RAYN ..................Corpus Christi
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2019

COLLEGE OF NURSING

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING
Family Nurse Practitioner
EZE, STEPHANIE C. ..................Houston
BSN, Prairie View A&M University, 2016
JOSEPH, KURT K. .............. Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2015
YIMER, FIREW ..................Houston
BSN, Prairie View A&M University, 2014

SUMMER 2020
Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE
CHRISTIAN, KIRA GLYN .................................................... Stafford
GRAY, MARISSA .................................................................. Hockley
RUSSELL, SHAWN ROBERT ......................................... St. Catherine, Jamaica

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS
Human Nutrition and Food Curriculum
BURNS, CAMERON MARCUS ............................................. Houston
HENDERSON, SYDNEY NICHHELLE ...................................... San Antonio
MADKINS, KELSEY MORGAN ........................................... Katy
POSTON, JONATHAN WESLEY ........................................... Lancaster
YOUNG, JUANITA JOY ................................................... Cincinnati, OH

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Architecture Curriculum
ACIAIN, FRANCISCO EDMUNDO ...................................... Houston
HARDY, ORLANDO ABSTON .......................................... Cypress
HUERTA, LESLIE JANET ................................................ Houston
SALVADOR, RODRIGO ALFONSO ................................... Irving
SCOTT, TIMOTHY V., III ............................................... Inglewood, CA
THOMAS, ZACHARY CARNELL .......................................... Houston

Construction Science Curriculum
ACIAIN, FRANCISCO EDMUNDO ...................................... Houston
HUERTA, LESLIE JANET ................................................ Houston

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK
AIKENS, CHRISTIAN JOI ............................................... Cedar Hill
BEAL, DOMINQUE ......................................................... Houston
BLOOM, KRISHA EVETTE ............................................. Cypress
BONNER, GABRI’ELLA R. ................................................ Waco
BURTON, PENNY A. ....................................................... Katy
CHAFFOLD, RICKALA MAUR’SANDRE ......................... Whitehouse
COLEMAN, BENDASHA MONAE .................................. Rosenberg
COTTON, ALLYSON L. ..................................................... Fort Worth
DUNCAN, TORONICA J’TORIA ...................................... Waco
FEAGIN, MARQUITA R. ................................................ Houston
FORD, MORGAN H. ..................................................... Dallas
HOUSTON, KEANA R. ............................................... Pflugerville
INA, ASHLEY EARLENE ............................................. Houston
JACKSON, PHILLIP .......................................................... Houston

MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Communication Curriculum
BRAND, ALF, JR. ......................................................... Bryan
EDWARDS, CIARA S. ................................................... Cedar Hill
FLOWERS, CHRISTIAN BENARD .................................. San Antonio
INGERSSOLL, ANITA E. ............................................... Cypress
SALLIE, BRUSHANDRIA T ............................................. Dallas

English Curriculum
WESLEY, ANAYA DOMINIQUE ...................................... Lakewood, CA

History Curriculum
CORNELIUS, JESSMINE M. ............................................ Dallas
MOORE, LATOYA DIONNE ............................................ Prairie View

Music Curriculum
MOSLEY, DONAVIER TREVOYA ...................................... Katy
PATTERSON, LAURA E. ............................................... Houston

Political Science Curriculum
EDWARDS, ARIANA DANAE ......................................... Austin
STALLWORTH, SHALALA G. ......................................... Houston
STROZIER-LOWE, MAYDRIAN ADDONNAS ........... Glenn Heights

Sociology Curriculum
THOMAS, LARRYISA .................................................. Georgetown

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Biology Curriculum**

ALEXIS-MONGARE, KENYA CHIKIANNA ........................................ Houston
BROWNER, KANIYA DORIS ....................................................... Fort Hood
CALVIN, JAMAL A. ................................................................. Houston
FERGUSON, CHANTELL ALAZAE YVETT .................................. Houston
FOX, MORGAN RENEE .......................................................... Houston
FRANKLIN, MORGAN CAMILLE .............................................. Saginaw
FRANKLIN, TAYLOR RASHAD ................................................... Saginaw
GARCIA, KRISTEN ................................................................. Bellville
GARDNER, KEARAH SHARDE ................................................ Houston
GARNER, CHELSEA MARIE .................................................. Missouri City
GRAY, KRISTINA RAINEL ...................................................... McKinney
HORN, CASSONDRA LOUISE ............................................... Grand Prairie
JOHNSON, TRE’ B. ................................................................. Houston
KENT, DONAVON M’CHELE .................................................... Omaha, NE
LEE, JASMINE FAYE ............................................................... Fresno
LEON, AUTUMN SIERRA ........................................................ Pearland
MILLS, JAZMYNE NICHOLE ................................................... Pearland
MIMS, KIARA L. ...................................................................... Humble
NEFF, DIANA C. ................................................................. Vista, CA
NGWA, HARRY CHENWI ...................................................... Cypress
OGLE, JOCELYN A. .............................................................. Denver, CO
OJUOLAPE, PRINCESS ........................................................ Richmond
PARADA-MEDINA, ABRAHAM CHRISTOPHER ........................... Dickinson
PINKNEY, TSUNAMI MAGNOLIA ............................................ Houston
RACSTER, KALYNN CHEYANNE ............................................. Houston
THOMAS, AISIHANA QUINETTE ............................................ San Antonio
THOMAS, LARECIA SHAVON ................................................ Richmond
WALKER, MARNITIA TRARESE ............................................. San Antonio
WALTERS, TERRICA DEVONNA ............................................ Houston
WARD, LAUREN ASHLEY .................................................... Pearland

**Chemistry Curriculum**

GREEN, TONY D., JR. .......................................................... Corinth
KEYS, HYPATIA RAE .............................................................. Missouri City
PIERRE, BREANNA N .......................................................... Houston
WOODBERRY, SAMIEL ........................................................ Copperas Cove

COLEGE OF BUSINESS

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Management Curriculum**

BAILEY, ANGELIQUE M ........................................................... Katy
BUTLER, BRANDI RENEE ..................................................... Dallas
CANNON, KEICHELLE D. ....................................................... Dallas
CEasar, SHELEYIA V .............................................................. Everman
CLAISH, AMARA CHANTE .................................................. San Antonio
COLLINS, RONALD E., II ....................................................... Houston
GIST, MAYA S. ................................................................. Roanoke
SAIeMAN, JAZMINE CHARNISH .............................................. Houston
WASHINGTON, AMBER J. .................................................... Austin
WILLiAMS, ALEXIS S. .......................................................... Sweetwater
WILLiAMS, CYDNEY TIARA .................................................. Fresno

**Management Information Systems**

ATTIIe, TAWAB EIIas .............................................................. Houston
MCAFFEe, Gwendolyn .......................................................... Houston

**Marketing Curriculum**

ELLIS, MALLORY BROOKE ...................................................... Plano
JOHNSON, MILES E. .............................................................. Spring
VITAL, KAMRON ..................................................................... Fresno
WILTZ, EMMA V. ................................................................. Houston

WHITLOWE R. GREEN

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Health Curriculum**

BLAIR, COURTNEY ELAINE .................................................. Lancaster
BROWN, ARRIAN LATRICE ..................................................... Lancaster, CA
BRYANT, EURIE ................................................................. Spring
CARTER, MIA JANE ............................................................. Spring
FERGUSON, WIDNA CASANDRA ........................................... Houston
FILLS, VICTORIA ................................................................. Centerville
KELLUM, AYONNA L. ............................................................. Spring
LAMON, ANTOINETTE ........................................................... Dallas
MAPLES, PAITON A ............................................................. DeSoto
WHITAKER, NIURKA LYNNETTE ............................................. Dallas

**Kinesiology Curriculum**

BLACKWOOD, ERIKA K. .......................................................... Plano
CALEB, ALEXANDER T. ......................................................... Rosharon
HAM, TRISTAN BLaYNE ...................................................... Waller
IDLEBIRD, TAMIA NICHIELE ................................................ Houston
JOHNSON, DIAMOND NIESHA D ............................................. Longview
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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 (transfer or residence) 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:

**MAGNA CUM LAUDE**
*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70-3.89*
- DUNCAN, TORONICA J’TORIA
- HENDERSON, SYDNEY NICHELLE
- KPEHE, TAYLOR A’LIYA
- MATTHEWS, MARQUIS DEION
- PARADA-MEDINA, ABRAHAM CHRISTOPHER
- WILLIAMS, DESTINY LASHAUN

**CUM LAUDE**
*Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50-3.69*
- ACIAIN, FRANCISCO EDMUNDO
- BRAND, ALF, JR.
- CARTER, MIA JANNYNE
- CHRISTIAN, KIRA GLYN
- DALEY, MICHEAL SABASTIAN
- JONES, RYESHA S.
- LEAKE, JOHNNY, II
- MADKINS, KELSEY MORGAN
- OWENS, JAKobe MARQUIS
- STROZIER-LOWE, MAYDRIAN ADDONNAS
- ZAVALA DE ROJAS, GEORGINA YVETTE

†The golden-colored cord represents undergraduate candidates graduating with academic honors.

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COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY
OF THE UNITED STATES

CRAWFORD, TEVIN H. ........................................................................................................................................................................... Humble
Second Lieutenant, Ordnance Corps, Active Duty, Business Management Major

KPEHE, TAYLOR A. ........................................................................................................................................................................ Converse
Second Lieutenant, Adjutant General Corps, Active Duty, Social Work Major

RETIRING FACULTY AND STAFF

THOMAS ADAMS ........................................................................................................................................................................... 20 years
Academic Advising Services

ERNESTINE CHARLOT ................................................................................................................................................................. 27 years
Alumni Affairs

AMPARO NAVARRETE ................................................................................................................................................................. 25 years
Enrollment Management

LOUIS NUTI ........................................................................................................................................................................... 37 years
College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

CANDICE ROSS ................................................................................................................................................................. 30 years
Athletic Administration

MATTHEW SADIKA ................................................................................................................................................................. 17 years
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering
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. Recently, we are seeing large velvet Tam-O-Shanter style of headpieces replacing 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:

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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 worn on the left. The bachelor’s cap has a black tassel 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 honor those students who have served the nation in the Armed Forces.
Academic Symbols

THE 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 eight 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.

THE PVAMU PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, the official symbol of the Office of the President at Prairie View A&M University, was created especially to commemorate the lineage of the presidency by the late Mr. Frank Hayden, nationally famous sculptor and Professor of Fine Arts at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first medallion was presented to Dr. Percy A. Pierre, fourth president of Prairie View A&M University on March 21, 1985.

The medallion is designed to be worn with academic regalia at all official University programs. Abstract figures, representing the academic disciplines in an attitude of celebration, encircle the outer rim. The inner circle symbolizes the pursuit of excellence throughout four years of teaching and learning. The weave of the chain is the facsimile of that used by the ancient Greeks.

A replica will be presented to each subsequent President during his or her inauguration. The medallion will ultimately reflect the history of the presidency, revealing names and dates of inauguration.
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A Message from the Governor:

I am pleased and honored to extend greetings to everyone attending the Prairie View A&M University 2020 Summer Commencement Convocation.

Today, as you celebrate your achievements and the honor you have earned as graduates of this fine institution, Texas celebrates with you. You have demonstrated excellence in your academic pursuits and should take great pride in your accomplishments.

The diploma you receive today is not only the goal you have worked diligently to attain, but also a symbol of the education that has prepared you for a career, a productive life, and an active membership in a society that needs your talents and energy.

You inherit not simply the freedom and prosperity of this great state and nation, but also the responsibilities that accompany them. I encourage you to rise to the challenge by building upon the foundation laid by the men and women who have come before you.

I am sure this milestone you celebrate today is merely one of many achievements you can look forward to. I encourage you to recognize the support system that helped you reach this place—family, friends, teachers, and professors—and to take the time to thank and honor them. The success you know today is the work of many, and those relationships will guide you as you continue on your way.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in sending best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott
Governor
August 8, 2020

Dear Prairie View A&M Graduate:

Congratulations! You have managed to graduate from Prairie View A&M University during the most difficult, tumultuous year of our lifetimes. If COVID-19 can’t impede your progress toward your goals, I can’t imagine anything in the future will stop you.

I commend you for your personal accomplishments and tenacity. You are the embodiment of Panther Pride and Spirit. Your success is the result of your firm commitment and many sacrifices. The Regents of the Texas A&M University System and I are proud of you.

Your accomplishment, however, is also the legacy of the struggles of those who came before you, paving the way for your success today. May you never forget their sacrifices and live a life that honors them. May your success inspire the next generation.

Again, congratulations. The future is yours. I hope you will remain an active member of the Prairie View A&M University Community.

Sincerely,

John Sharp
Chancellor
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DEAR PRAIRIE VIEW

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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