Greetings Student!

Thank you for your interest in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. Panther Pride, established in 2012, is a five (5) week summer program designed especially for first-time freshmen who plan to attend and graduate from Prairie View A&M University. Graduating seniors who are interested in taking the necessary steps to jump-start their academic careers will have the opportunity to:

- Complete six (6) hours of college level coursework.
- Experience residence life by staying in University College.
- Take part in academic and social enhancement workshops.
- Network with faculty, staff, and administrators.

The minimum qualifications used to select academically inclined students for participation in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program are as follow:

- SAT 800 or higher
- ACT 16 or higher
- High School grade point average 2.75 or higher
- Favorable teachers’ evaluations

PVAMU is dedicated to the academic success of our students. We seek to provide this accelerated summer experience to those who are enthusiastic about learning, willing to adhere to the program’s guidelines, and interested in partaking in this extraordinary opportunity.

The university will cover the cost of summer tuition & fees, housing, and meals associated with participating in Panther Pride. Additionally, each participant will receive a $100 dollar
book voucher that must be used in the campus bookstore to help cover the cost of the required
textbooks. Participants are responsible for paying the remaining cost for textbooks, which is
approximately $200. Additionally, participants are responsible for paying the required
University College housing deposit of $150 + first installment (required for the Fall semester
housing).

If you are interested in participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program, please
return the enclosed application packet and your current high school transcript by May 15,
2018 to the address below:

Student Academic Success Center
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1050
J.B. Coleman Library, Suite 306
Prairie View, Texas 77446

We will review applications as they are received in order to provide applicants with
prompt notification of admission status. We can only accommodate up to 200 students for the
Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program; so, interested applicants are urged to apply early.

Applications received after the May 15, 2018 deadline will not be reviewed.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email
compass@pvamu.edu, by telephone (936) 261-1040 or by visiting our website

www.pvamu.edu/compass.

Sincerely,

Josette Bradford

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Director, Student Academic Success Center
Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program
Prairie View A&M University
Phone: (936) 261-1040   Fax: (936) 261-1968
Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How much does it cost to participate in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: The University covers each participant’s summer tuition and fees, housing, and meals (all on-campus meals will be provided). In addition, each participant will receive a $100.00 book voucher to offset the cost of the required textbooks. Participants will be responsible for covering the remaining cost of the textbooks (approximately $200) and will also be responsible for paying the required University College housing deposit ($150 + first installment) for the Fall semester.

Question: What is the minimum grade point average or SAT/ACT score required of students who are selected to participate in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: The selection criterion for Panther Pride is in accordance with the selection criteria of PVAMU. All participants must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum 800 SAT score (Critical Reading and Math Scores only) or a minimum 16 ACT composite score.

Question: When does Panther Pride begin and end?

Answer: Panther Pride takes place during the second summer session.

Question: What classes will I take as a Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program participant?

Answer: The courses offered will come from PVAMU’s General Education Core Curriculum.

Question: Do I get to decide which 2 courses to enroll in for the summer?

Answer: No. The Director of the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program selects the participant’s courses. A student’s proposed major, TSI status, admissions type, dual enrollment hours and advanced placement scores determine course selection. If you have completed course work via dual credit or at a community college, please inform the Panther Pride director immediately.

Question: Will I be able to work on-campus or off-campus while I am participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: You cannot work on-campus or off-campus during the week (Sunday-Friday) while participating in this program.
Question: I have a family reunion, family trip and/or doctor’s appointment scheduled while I am participating in the Panther Pride program. Can I take off to attend?

Answer: No. The Panther Pride program is an accelerated academic summer program. Missing one day is equivalent to missing a week of school. All students must attend all scheduled classes. If you have upcoming appointments, please reschedule for a date when you are not participating in the Panther Pride Summer Program.

Question: Can my family and friends living in and around Prairie View visit me during the week or on the weekend?

Answer: No. In order to protect the safety of all program participants, we ask that you ask your family and friends not to visit during the week or on the weekend. You are, however, allowed to check out with an approved family member/friend for weekend leave.

Question: Can I go home on the weekend or am I required to stay?

Answer: You are allowed to travel home on the weekend if you choose to do so. Weekend activities are arranged for those who are not interested in traveling home on the weekend.

Question: Can I bring my cellphone with me while I am participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: Yes, but there are rules that govern cellphone usage while you are participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. You are not allowed to use your cellphone in class, during supervised study, during workshop presentations or when you are in the library. I am aware that some students study to music or use their cellphone to look for information while studying. Unfortunately, you will not be allowed to do this while participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. If you violate the cellphone usage rules, you will have to mail your cellphone home at your expense.
Name_______________________________________________________ Date____________________

Mailing Address_______________________________________________________________________

Street  City  State  Zip Code

Home Phone (      )____________________ Email Address____________________________________

Cell Phone (      )____________________

Ethnic / Racial Background
____ African American  ____Caucasian  ____Hispanic
____ Asian or Pacific Islander  ____American Indian  ____Other  
Please specify

Gender:  Male   or   Female Date of Birth _____________________

High School Information:

Name________________________________ Graduation Date_______ HS GPA____

List your extra-curricular activities below:

____________________________________________________________________________________

Have you applied to Prairie View A&M University for Fall 2018 admission?  Yes or  No

Parent(s)/Guardian Information:

Parent(s)/Guardian_______________________________________________________________

Last  First  Middle

Mailing Address_____________________________________________________________________

Street  City  State  Zip Code

Home Phone (      )____________________ Email Address____________________________________

Cell Phone (      )____________________ Email Address ______________________________________

Parent(s) or guardian graduated from a four-year institution?  Yes___ No___

Please Note: All Panther Pride participants must be admitted to PVAMU first and must be interested in enrolling at PVAMU during the Fall 2018 semester. Also, the information provided on this application will only be used to determine admission to the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program.
Student’s Name__________________________________________________________________

Please use the scale below to rank the student’s academic performance in your class.

5 = Exceptional  4 = Good  3 = Average  2 = Poor  1 = N/A

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Current Grade: _______________________________________

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Instructor’s Name (Please Print) ___________________________  Instructor’s Signature __________________

Email ________________________________
Prairie View A& M University  
A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Panther Pride  
Summer Bridge Program

English Teacher’s Evaluation Form

Student’s Name ____________________________________________________________________

Please use the scale below to rank the student’s academic performance in your class.

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**Overall quality of student’s work**

**Overall impression of student’s attitude**

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Instructor’s Name (Please Print) ___________________________   Instructor’s Signature ___________________________

Email ________________________________