



# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2020

TO: Candidates for Graduation

FROM: James M. Palmer *JMPalmer*  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Virtual Commencement – August 8, 2020

Congratulations on your impending graduation! To acknowledge and celebrate this important milestone, a virtual commencement will occur on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The commencement can be viewed at [www.pvamu.edu/commencement](http://www.pvamu.edu/commencement). Degrees will be conferred during the virtual commencement, and your diplomas will be mailed as scheduled.

The Commencement Steering Committee is committed to making the virtual commencement a memorable event worthy of this momentous occasion. Information about the upcoming virtual commencement is posted at [www.pvamu.edu/commencement](http://www.pvamu.edu/commencement). Please check the website regularly for updates.

The decision to have a virtual commencement instead of an in-person commencement was made with your safety in mind and that of your families and friends, other university guests, faculty and staff. Given the COVID-19 pandemic and the current public health guidelines and restrictions, it is not feasible to have an in-person ceremony in August. Additionally, in considering an outdoor ceremony in August, it is impractical due to the Texas weather.

Some of you will be disappointed by the news of a virtual commencement. We share in your disappointment. We understand that the tradition of walking across the stage represents a defining moment for graduating students. Therefore, you are invited to participate in the next in-person commencement. However, please keep in mind that the commencement format (virtual or in-person) cannot detract from your hard work, perseverance and significant accomplishment. Upon completion of the graduation requirements and approval for graduation, you have earned your degree.

Again, congratulations! We are extremely proud of you. Stay strong and continue to be productive Panthers.

xc: Ruth J. Simmons  
PVAMU Campus Community