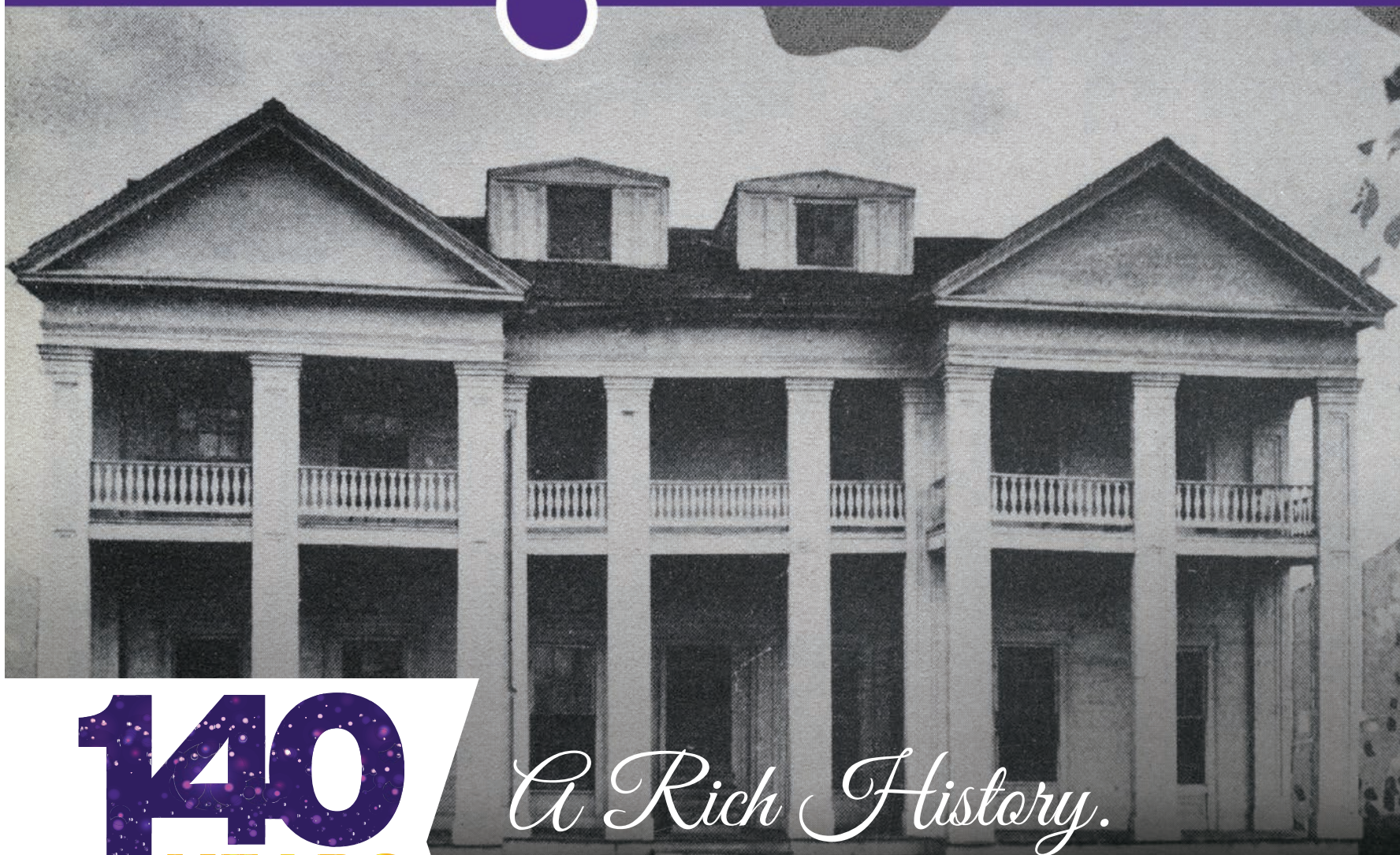


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From my vantage point, I looked out across the beautiful Prairie View campus, the site of a former plantation, and reflect on how far we have come, how far we have yet to go, and the vitality of historically black colleges and universities in this country. I am struck by how —140 years after our adoption in the Texas Constitution, which calls for us to be an “institution of the first class” —we are truly living up to those words.

The first students at what we now call Prairie View A&M University were only a generation removed from slavery. Since our very beginning, we have provided educational opportunities that did not exist elsewhere for blacks. Like other HBCUs, we were created and have continued to counter deeply misguided notions and misunderstandings about the underserved populations we serve. As a community, we all quietly understand that higher education is crucial for our collective cultural and economic survival.

I am nothing short of amazed at how much the campus has grown. These new buildings are transforming our campus – but as wonderful as all of these additions are – they are not the only symbols of our University’s achievements. We have invested millions of dollars into our Music program. As you will read about on page 34, we are now proudly an All-Steinway School. Only 184 schools worldwide get to claim this honor and only 4 other HBCUs. As our mission says, these handcrafted, superior sounding pianos validate our claim for excellence. With this purchase, we are laying a solid foundation for generations to come.

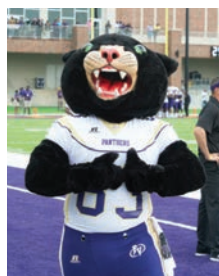
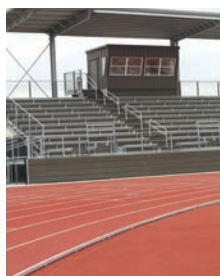
Our alums have, once again, proven to be productive people. Sadie Woodard was honored with a new school named after her in the Cypress-Fairbanks School District. We also honored 40 of our younger alums with our first annual 40 Under Forty Outstanding alumni award.

Our students, as always, continue to shine a light on our university. The Marching Storm was invited to the Macy’s Day Parade, and their fundraising efforts are in full swing. We are looking to the PVAMU family for support in their efforts to raise 600k. Our Architecture majors blew away the competition at the Net Zero contest with their winning designs. Students from the Chemical Engineering department swept the competition in the HBCU FORD Community Challenge winning 75k in scholarships and we have a host of other accomplishments that we will share in this issue of 1876.



A NEW ERA IN ATHLETICS

- NCAA Track and Field Facility #3.3M
- NCAA Soccer Field \$2.4M
- Football Stadium & Athletic Field House \$63M
- Commuter and Tailgate Parking Lot \$2.8M



ROBINSON APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Ashley Robinson has been appointed to the position of Vice President and Director of Athletics, Prairie View A&M University President Dr. George C. Wright announced late November. In his fourth year directing athletics at Prairie View A&M, Robinson has played an active role in the design and construction of major athletics facilities projects on The Hill, highlighted by the opening of new Panther Stadium, the 15,000 seat home for PVAMU football which debuted before a sold out crowd and live national television audience on ESPNU.



In Spring 2016, upgrades were completed at Tankersley Field baseball facility: the installation of a new high-definition video message board completed the multi-year project that also included new grandstands, press area and scoreboards. In June, the new athletics administration building in the north end zone at Panther Stadium opened. The three-story complex is the new home for Panther Athletics, and features meeting rooms for all sports, a weight room and classrooms that support academic success.



This past summer, the new outdoor track stadium opened and hosted the USA Olympic Track and Field training camp on the PVAMU campus prior to the Rio Olympics. In October, the new soccer complex opened, and hosted the 2016 Southwestern Athletic Conference soccer tournament in November.

Panther student-athletes have excelled in the classroom as well under Robinson's watch. In the latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) report, five teams (baseball, bowling, men's golf, men's tennis and men's track & field) posted a perfect APR score of 1,000. Last season, Panther football posted the highest single-year APR score in the SWAC with a 975. All 18 PVAMU athletics teams are eligible for NCAA Postseason play for the 2016-17 season.

Robinson currently serves as the Chair of the SWAC's Athletic Directors Committee, and is a member of the FCS Advisory Committee.



Always with the goal of improving the student-athlete experience, Robinson implemented the Athletic Director's Club, with membership increasing annually. He has also created and expanded corporate partnerships for the department, broadening the brand exposure of PVAMU Athletics.

He has also revised the department's Policies and Procedure manual while also revamping the department's



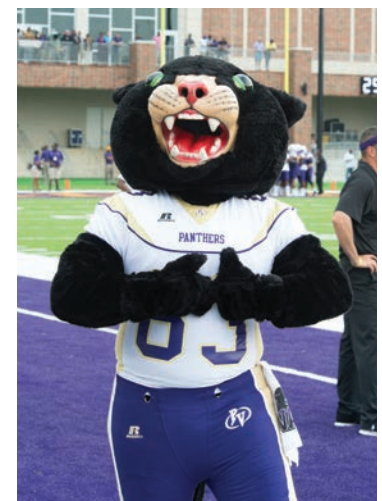
finances which will directly impact the overall success of the PVAMU student-athlete on-and-off the playing field.

Robinson's coaching hires have yielded immediate dividends. In his first two seasons, Willie Simmons has led Panther football to back-to-back winning seasons, the first PVAMU football coach to accomplish the feat in his first two years since 1950-51. After naming Byron Smith Interim Head Men's Basketball Coach in late January, 2016, the Panthers posted a winning record in the second half of league play. Smith was named full-time head coach after the season.

No stranger to Prairie View A&M, Robinson served as the Assistant Vice President of Athletic Compliance & Academic Advising for three years before a nine-month stint as the athletic director at his alma mater, Mississippi Valley State University. Robinson was a four-year letterman at Valley and is both the single season and career assist holder, and was

inducted into the MVSU Athletics Hall Of Fame in 2011.

Robinson has also served as academic coordinator at Delaware State, assistance compliance director and later compliance director at Jackson State, and Assistant Commissioner for Compliance at the Southwestern Athletic Conference office.





Prairie View A&M University Welcomes Largest Freshman Class in University's 140-year History

Prairie View A&M University welcomed the University's largest freshman class – 1,823 students - in the fall semester. The milestone represents the culmination of a goal set last year by Dr. George C. Wright, President, Prairie View A&M University, to increase total enrollment.

"We have always had great academic programs and offered a unique college experience. We were confident that we could reach a higher enrollment number once we started to do more community outreach and starting telling potential students about all of the opportunities that we have to offer at Prairie View," explained Dr. Wright.

Recruitment and Education Partnerships

Once the goal was set to increase the university's enrollment, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Felecia M. Nave, outlined a strategy that she believed was simple.

"Our Enrollment Management Team developed education partnerships with independent school districts throughout Houston and Dallas. High achieving seniors at our partner schools were given automatic admission and scholarships and students who met our admissions standards were given special admissions consideration. We basically targeted those students, made them offers that were difficult to refuse and turned PVAMU to one of the top choices for them to pursue their higher education goals," said Dr. Nave.

According to Dr. Nave, the University will continue to partner with local school districts and is actively seeking to expand its education partnerships to community colleges.

With such phenomenal growth comes growing pains

Prairie View A&M University provides residential housing for more students than many four year, public institutions. While this phenomenal growth is wonderful for the university, it has caused an unprecedented increase in demand for university housing.

"University housing is completely full and we have an ever growing waiting list. However, we have been trying to find ways to ensure that our new students are able to stay in housing that is close to campus. To that end, we have partnered with local apartment complexes to offer our students affordable housing rates. We have been talking to parents and students about other housing options. We will continue to work on this issue so that we can accommodate all of the students that we possibly can," explained Fred Washington, Vice President for Auxiliary Services.

The University is also adding a new residential facility to its housing stock scheduled to open in the fall of 2017.

I know that this year there are growing pains but next year, we should be exactly where we want to be. Hopefully, we will surpass even this historic enrollment growth and welcome more students," concluded Washington.

THE WALK

OF POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

AT PVAMU

By Candace Johnson

Dedication, Unity and a Breakthrough for Student Voting Rights

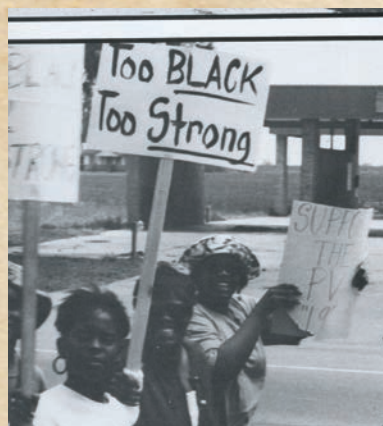
Few people know the political history of Prairie View like PVAMU alumnus Frank Jackson. He served as mayor of the City of Prairie View for 14 years before leaving office in early 2016. Jackson learned early about the power of finding common ground with people from different cultural and political backgrounds.

One of Jackson's most memorable experiences occurred when he and several other black PVAMU students accompanied a white PVAMU classmate to cast votes at a Waller County voting place in 1970. The white college student bore witness to the fact that only he, among a group of PVAMU students, was allowed to vote despite all the black students being registered to vote as well. "I learned early on to ask, 'How do you pull people together?' People from all backgrounds really do share the same hopes and fears," Jackson says. ***"It's a never-ending effort to build relationships across boundaries because those relationships break down barriers."***

Breaking barriers would become the subtle theme of the next five decades during the battle for student voting rights.

1972: Presidential Elections

In the 1970s, Waller County also happened to be the only county in Texas in which the majority of the county's population consisted of African Americans — even without counting students from PVAMU. Residents of Waller County expressed concerns that students (minority voters) might shift the balance of political power in the area if allowed to vote. In 1972, students were denied the right to cast a vote in the presidential elections (Richard Nixon vs. George McGovern).



A court battle eventually ensued and went to the U.S. Supreme Court for resolution. According to the American Colleges and Universities "Ballas v. Symm, (351 F. Supp. 876) was filed in 1972, challenging, in the words of the writ, the Waller County tax assessor-collector's 'practice of requiring students who seek to register as voters in Waller County to complete what he denominates as a Questionnaire Pertaining to Residence, referred to herein as questionnaire.' The county



claimed that the questionnaire was used as an aid in "determining whether an applicant is a bona fide resident". Only students were required to complete this form." The plaintiffs were successful in proving the county's actions were a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause and the Civil Rights Act of 1965. In 1979, Waller County's final appeal was denied, and students in Waller County finally obtained the right to vote.

1992: Rally for the PV 19

Yet, political activism on issues of civil rights and voting rights remained very much alive among young people at PVAMU and in the surrounding community. In 1992, nineteen Prairie View students were subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury on charges of aggravated perjury and illegal voting. Then- district attorney Buddy McCraig accused the students of voting twice, first in their hometowns and then in Waller County. They were indicted for illegally participating in general elections. The "PV19" began to draw support from the greater campus community, leading students to organize a march and raise awareness of the DA's attempt at voter intimidation. The indictments were eventually dismissed due to the lack of evidence.

2004-2006: Votes Challenged

A little over a decade later, the battle over student voter rights would arise again. In 2004, Waller County district attorney, Oliver S. Kitzman publicly brought claims that students did not meet residency requirements per the State of Texas election code. Two-thousand students led by Mayor Jackson and Judge Charleston, marched alongside State Representative Al Edwards and U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee from the campus to the courthouse. The district attorney would later resign, but suspicions remained. In 2006, the Texas Attorney General and the Justice Department would open an investigation based on the challenging of over 700 votes at a Prairie View polling location. It was later found that a number of unprocessed voter registration applications were uncovered



in the election office and the election office was removed.

2008: Let your voice be heard

In 2008, a powerful movement arose to ensure voting rights for PVAMU students. That February, more than 1,000 students from PVAMU marched to the Waller County Courthouse to protest a plan to allow only one early voter polling place — a plan that directly hindered many students' ability to vote in the state's 2008 presidential primary. At the time, PVAMU's student body of 8,000 had an estimated 3,000 registered voters among them. For some, the nearest polling place was 30 miles away, and many students did not own vehicles.

Student leaders, including Student Government Association President André Evans, teamed up with Waller County's first African-American judge, DeWayne Charleston, Prairie View Mayor Frank Jackson and various community activists to organize the march. Jackson helped the students win support from civil rights groups and members of Congress. Eventually, the U.S. Justice Department agreed to launch an investigation into the county's decision. On the eve of the protest march, the Waller County Commissioners Court agreed to provide three additional temporary polling places, one of which would be located a mile from campus. The students marched anyway — straight down the major highway in town, jamming traffic for 50 miles, all the way to Houston.

2012-2016: Justice Prevails

By 2012, there was a well-organized and highly

active voter registration movement underway at PVAMU. One of the key people leading the voter registration effort was Priscilla Barbour, who was chief of staff of PVAMU's Student Government Association at the time. Barbour contacted then-Secretary of State John Steen, who eventually visited the campus.

The persistent and well-articulated voting rights effort ultimately paid off. In fall 2013, the Waller County Commissioners Court voted to allow Election Day voting at the Memorial Student Center on the PVAMU campus in response to the efforts of Barbour and others, who were aided by the Houston-based True the Vote, an organization that came to prominence for its anti-fraud efforts during the 2012 election. The November 2016 election marked the first time students could vote on the PVAMU campus in a presidential election.



Barbour, a Dallas native, was a senior political science major at the height of the voter registration movement she spearheaded. She currently works in Washington, D.C. as the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's BP Energy Fellow. Barbour credits her mother, a precinct judge, and her father, who was born during the Great Depression, for encouraging her to know her rights as a citizen and to assert those rights — and to help others do the same. When she arrived at PVAMU, Frank Jackson, one of the university's administrators, became one of her mentors.

Based on her own experiences, Barbour is able to offer advice to politically active students at PVAMU and anywhere else. "I encourage students to engage all stakeholders of their university when addressing issues that could potentially transform how things are done, and use those avenues to build their strategy.

Additionally, Barbour says politically active students need to ask themselves "the why question," and be able to clearly answer and define their goals. "It's important to always evaluate why you are doing something and ensure you have the purest intentions before building out your strategy," says Barbour. "Challenges are inevitable, but as long as you know why you are doing something, and that reason is clearly communicated and remains the focal point of your pursuits, the challenges become easier to bear."

Meanwhile, Jackson continues to mentor students at PVAMU and says students should always seek outreach and dialogue opportunities when potentially confrontational issues arise. From his time as a politically active student in the late 1960s and early 1970s through his current PVAMU administrative position as system vice chancellor of governmental relations, Jackson has been a skillful bridge-builder between races and also between lawmakers and private citizens.

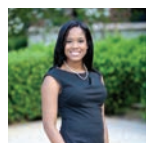
FORTY UNDER 40

The office for Marketing and Communications at Prairie View A&M University recognized 40 outstanding alumni under the age of 40 during this year's homecoming celebration. The office selected individuals that shared a commitment to excellence and used the "PVAMU experience" to directly impact their communities. The inaugural class featured emerging leaders who have blazed a trail in their respective field and received their start on "the Hill."

"I wanted to do something that highlighted younger alums, recognized them for their achievements and engaged them in the giving back process," Candace Johnson '02, program director for communications said. "We were excited by the response in nominations we received and look forward to working with our inaugural class on future projects."

The recipients are tasked with mentoring, assisting in marketing efforts and fundraising throughout the academic year. In addition, at the top of the new year each selected alum will be featured on the university social media sites sharing their PVAMU story.

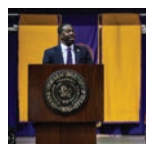
Inaugural Class:



Priscilla Barbour '13
Congressional Black Caucus
Foundation Fellow.



Jasmine Castleberry '04
Manager for the Innovation and
Development for the Neighborhood
Centers in Houston.



Jarren Small '13
Founder of Smallz Media
and Legendary, a non-profit
organization focused on youth
empowerment.



Gabrielle Deculus '12
Founder of Business Rules for Women
and the Carmen Strategy.



Michaela Raymond '07
PY LSD Class East Coast
Coordinator at the Department
of Navy.



D'Ann Dickson '13
Certified public accountant working as
an auditor at KPMG, LLP.



Tosha Bowles '00
Vice-President for American
Campus Communities.



Lewis Edmonson '00
Special Education teacher, head track
coach, asst volleyball & boys basketball
coach for Rockdale ISD.



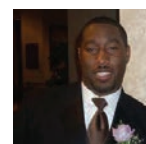
Denise Tanner-Brown '01
Clinical Director at Texas
Children's Hospital.



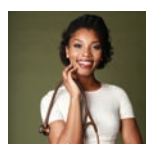
Loriel Fisher '10
Financial Management Specialist for
Accenture.



Brandon Citizen '13
Spawglass Lead Project Safety
Coordinator for the Texas A&M
Corps Dorm Renovation project.



Frank Fraley '01
Assistant 8th Grade Principal at Arnold
Middle School in Cy-fair ISD.



Dr. Aziza Glass '10
Practices veterinary medicine at
Best Friends Veterinary Group.



Kenyatta Jones '01
Psychiatrist at Metroplex Hospital in
Killeen, TX.



Amanda Hamilton '12
Program Analyst for
the Federal Judiciary in
Washington, D.C.



Jabreel Walker '09
Process Engineer: Alkylation/
Kerosene Treating at Motiva
Enterprises, LLC/Shell Oil
Company.



Brittani Hunter '11
General Manager for
American Campus
Communities.



Robert F. Houston Jr. '01
Chief of the Special Projects
section of the US Environmental
Protection Agency.



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Assistant Real Estate Manager
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serves as the Staff Attorney at
the Opal Mitchell Lee Property
Preservation Clinic.



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Harris County.



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Jacinto College.



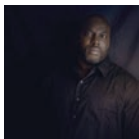
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Information Systems Security
officer for NAVSEA Naval
Undersea Warfare Center Division
Keyport.



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Strategy Firm, an educational
consulting firm and adjunct faculty
member in the Whitlowe R. Green
College of Education.



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The Beat in Houston.



Aaron Spivey-Sorrells '01
Accomplished actor and
comedian whose credits include:
*Friday Night Lights, American
Crime and From Dusk til Dawn.*



Zelma "DJ Supastar" Lee '99
Radio personality, DJ and founder
of Supastar Spin Academy which
offers classes for young girls/women
who are interested in learning "The
Art of Djing."



Lindsey Leverett-Higgins '04
Senior Manager of Talent
Development for Wal-Mart
Stores, Inc.



Anthony Loston '01
Engineer in the Compliance
Assurance and Enforcement
Division of the United States
Environmental Protection
Agency.



Dr. Nico Matthews '08
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professor and financial aid
administrator.



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Laboratory at Boston
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Magdalene Catholic School
in Humble, Texas.



Ahmad Roper '05
High school teacher and
head track and field coach at
Eisenhower High School.



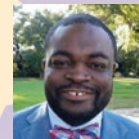
Courtney Johnson Rose '06
George E. Johnson Development and
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estate courses.



Brian Rowland '05'
Voya Financial Partners, LLC and
is serving his third term as City
Councilman in Prairie View, TX.



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Taylor Construction Management,
a project management firm.



Neal Harris '02
Project Manager
for Cameron, a
Schlumberger
Company.



Trevor Piper '02
Owner of T. Piper
Creative Agency.



Sheleah Reed '01
Communications
Officer for Spring ISD.



Damien Mobley '00

EDMC

SILVER LINING

By Ashley Roberts

In February 10 in the year 2000, Prairie View A&M junior, Lewis Edmonson, along with nine of his PVAM Track and Field teammates, was involved in a tragic, life-altering accident near the Texas-Louisiana border. The team was headed to compete in an indoor track meet in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. As the driver of the team's 15 passenger van attempted to avoid another vehicle, he lost control of the van, which resulted in a rollover, fatally injuring four members of the team. Fortunately, Mr. Edmonson was one of six survivors.

Lewis heartbreakingly recalls taking a nap next to his now-deceased teammate, Jerome Jackson, shortly before the incident. "It was, by far, the worst experience of my life," he expresses. As he recounts the tragic experience, he remembers waking up just shortly before the crash and seeing an indecisive vehicle pulling out in front of the team's van. Memories evoke of how his life suddenly began to spin, literally. As the van lost complete control, Lewis held on for dear life, and grabbed hold to a seatbelt hanging from the ceiling. The van had flipped to its side and Lewis was forced to kick through a window to escape. He still remembers the unforgettable cries of pain from his teammate, Jerome, as they airlifted him away. At first, Lewis thought the pain he felt through his body was simply whiplash, but later discovered his neck had been broken. "I wanted

to join the PV football team, so I had completed neck strengthening exercises the semester before the accident," Lewis remembers. "Doctors said those exercises saved me. I was only a hair away from being paralyzed."

Nearly 17 years have passed since that devastating accident that will forever be etched in the minds of Lewis, his fellow teammates, and many members of the PV family—and there is still a silver lining and a glimmer of hope that shines through the life of the survivors, especially Lewis Edmonson. Today, "Coach E," as he is affectionately called, is the head high school Track and Field coach at Rockdale ISD in Rockdale, Texas, where he uses the adversity he has faced to continuously motivate his students, who he says, to him, are like his own children. "I always tell my kids (about the accident), and I let them know, if I can make it through that, you can make it through injuries, problems in school, at home, or whatever it is you're facing."

In addition to coaching high school track for the last eight years, Edmonson has a number of prior astounding achievements. He graduated from Prairie View A&M in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance (Kinesiology) and in 2002 with a master's degree in Physical Education. In addition, he had an elite professional track career from 2005 until 2009; was a contender in the 2006

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International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) semifinals; and was part of the Masters – Team USA, where he participated in championships, and in 2014, completed a running time of 14.1—the fastest time in the world for a male in his age group—a title he stills holds to this day.

Edmonson credits a major part of his healing and success to his PV family, and says they have never left his side. Not only does he remember receiving food, flowers and cards as he recovered in the hospital, but he says the love he has been shown goes much further beyond that. His track and field trainer at PVAM, Dr. John “Doc” Mays, became his physical therapist following the accident. “He pushed me and never gave up on me,” he says. Of his fellow school mates, professors and coaches, he says, “I never had time to wallow in sorrow, because they were there,” as he recalls their presence at family gatherings and other times he needed support. “I have so much pride for my University! We’ve never lost sight of one another.”

“I wanted to join the PV football team, so I had completed neck strengthening exercises the semester before the accident”



REFLECTIONS

of a Round Table

The Hill: My home. My heart.

Since its beginning in 1876, Prairie View A&M University has evolved and adapted considerably to dramatic changes of many fronts: changes in academics; changes in the national, regional and local political climate; and changes in social trends. But one thing remains, the experience shared by those who walk these hallowed hills leaves and impact that stands the tests of time.

Years of enrollment at PVAMU:

Dr. George Erwin Brown, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Biology at PVAMU: Attended PVAMU 1956-1960, graduated at the top of his class;

Phyllis Darden-Caldwell, Veteran Trial Paralegal: Attended PVAMU 1976-1980

Alicia Pete, PVAMU Assistant Athletic Director, SWAC Hall of Famer, Volleyball: Attended PVAMU 1986 to 1990

JaCohlan Dudley, Current PVAMU SGA President: Enrolled at PVAMU in 2012 and graduates in May 2017.

When did you decide to attend PVAMU and why?

Dr. Brown: At age 10, after visiting the campus (older family members had attended PVAMU).
Ms. Darden-Caldwell: A person in my church was a PVAMU business professor. He encouraged my parents to send me to the Upward Bound program, and he eventually became one of my mentors. I learned about college through Prairie View's Upward Bound program. We went to Upward Bound once a month and it helped us with the college application process. For me, I didn't want to go anywhere else and I was determined to go to Prairie View.

Ms. Pete: I became familiar with Prairie View A&M University because I had older siblings

who attended before I did. When I started as a freshman in the fall of 1986, my eldest sister had already graduated from Prairie View, my brother was a senior playing in the band, and another sister of mine was a sophomore majorette.

Mr. Dudley: I learned about Prairie View through a best friend who told me about it. Once I visited the campus, I loved the place immediately.

How much did curfews and other rules affect students' non-academic campus life?

Ms. Pete: For me, I didn't think much about the curfews. As an athlete, I adapted quickly

to maintaining a certain self-discipline because our coach emphasized it and kept track of where we were and what we did.

Dr. Brown: Both the academic and residential sectors of the PVAMU campus were smaller than they are now. But the agricultural department covered most of the campus' 1,400 acres. Prairie View — like the rest of Texas and the South — was segregated, but the PVAMU campus was a sanctuary isolated away from the world of racial segregation.

Students had contact with faculty and staff seven days per week. There were many more student activities than are available now. Classes were scheduled for either Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.

Therefore, students could spend more time earning their education. What has changed is how the campus is now a commuter campus where much of the out-of-classroom learning has been omitted. With the campus being fully self-contained, engagement between students, faculty and staff was far more common than today.

Also, the campus attracted more visitations from primary and secondary schools, schoolteachers, civil rights organizations, conferences, the PVIL (school contests), NHA, NFA, and concerts by some of the nation's top entertainers. About seven out of every 10 students lived on campus and many met their future spouses on campus.



What was co-ed interaction like on campus?

Dr. Brown (1956-1960): Male and female students gathered in the dining hall, on the campus, in classrooms, the recreation center, movies, student dances, club-sponsored parties in the recreation center, sports events, plays, chapel and prayer meetings and other events.

The female student housing was located on the west side of the campus, the male dorms were located on the east side of the campus, and the faculty and staff frame houses were located on the periphery of the academic campus. Most students adjusted very quickly because they had roomed on campus during their high school years as they participated in various activities on the campus of PVAMC (PVAMU was formerly Prairie View A&M College).

Darden-Caldwell (1976-1980): Housing was all dormitory, there were no apartments, no co-ed dorms. It was females on the west and males on the east, and there was a freshmen dorm for females and males. The girls had curfews. The front doors were locked and backdoors chained at a certain time. A lot of dorms had dorm mothers. Drew Hall had dorm mothers and freshmen couldn't wait to get out of Drew.

Ms. Pete (1986-1990): Obviously, curfews and male and female dorm rules were enforced and you learned to adapt from your freshman year on.

Dudley (2012-present): If anybody tells you they hate University College, they're lying, because that's where you have so much fun. You literally have your own community. In phases 1 or 2, 3, 6 or the View, you have to look for people. Rooms are small, but OK. In terms of desirability, Phases 1 and 2 are "LA," Phase 3 is "Hollywood" and The View is "the Hamptons."

Was there anything particularly memorable about student registration?

Dr. Brown: Registration (during the 1950s) was done with IBM cards, therefore all students were enrolled for classes on a single day because all academic units offering classes were present in the field house to process students. Unlike today, there was no interference from the federal and state governments in the enrollment process due to federal financial aid. All students had to pay their tuition and fees at the business office before entering the field house to select and enroll in classes.

Darden-Caldwell: Nothing was computerized



(mid- to late 1970s). You had to complete a registration card in the library, and the earlier you registered, the better. Everything was in the library. You had to go from one section to the next and you stood in lines. If you knew someone, you could get a pass to skip.

For housing, you went to Dean Evans and if you didn't have it all in order, you went to the back of the line. Some people say it's so bad, but I give Prairie View a pass because a lot of times, people don't have their materials.

indicated a lack of initiative toward earning a higher education were soon dismissed. The focus was on educating students who could provide leadership in the public schools and the professions.

Darden-Caldwell: You come to college thinking you're going to be on your own, and that's not the case. The housing office really holds you to that lease agreement. They would give you a fine or evict you (if you violated the rules). Freshmen couldn't live off campus and were not supposed to have cars, although some did.

What were PVAMU's top academic programs at the time you attended?

Dr. Brown: Prairie View A&M was organized into schools of agriculture, arts and science, engineering, industrial arts and education and nursing. Army ROTC was mandatory for all male students enrolled in the selective service. All these programs achieved national recognition for graduating qualified and competitive leaders.

Ms. Darden-Caldwell: If you were a male, you had to take ROTC for two years. It made the guys really disciplined and you had to take a health class. You had to take physical education.

Alicia Pete: Nursing and engineering were two of the most prominent majors at PVAMU during the time I attended.

Mr. Dudley: The honors program and the Undergraduate Medical Academy are two of

What were some of the most memorable rules for freshmen and/or students in general?

Brown: Freshman students whose performance



the biggest programs right now. Also, engineering and nursing, the ROTC and various architecture programs are popular.

Were there any great PVAMU athletic achievements during the time you attended?

Dr. Brown: I was on the PVAMU football team that won the 1958 SWAC and national football championships.

Darden-Caldwell: When I came to Prairie View in 1976, the track team was top-ranked and everyone knew Coach Barbara Jacket had just coached the U.S. Olympic track team. Hoover Wright was a track coach and Evan White was a track star.

The basketball team was doing OK. Prairie View football was not doing great at the time. Baseball was doing pretty well and some of the Prairie View baseball players went to the pros. (Former PVAMU baseball player) Charles Hudson was playing with the Philadelphia Phillies at the time.

Ms. Pete: Ms. Barbara Jacket, the legendary girls track coach, was still coaching when I got to Prairie View (in 1986). She was a great inspiration to everyone. She became one of my mentors. Coach Jocelyn Adams, was a girls' volleyball coach at PVAMU while I was there playing volleyball. Now, she's coaching volleyball at TSU and is one of my rivals.

Mr. Dudley: Football is obviously the most popular sport at PVAMU. Basketball, volleyball and track, also have large followings. Of course, one of our best athletes is our quarterback, Trey Green, who went to the same high school I did in Beaumont.

What were some of your most memorable moments at PVAMU?

Dr. Brown: Graduating at the top of my class; earning commission as a second lieutenant in the US Army; being part of PVAMU's 1958 SWAC and national football championship teams; serving as vice president of the student government and participating in student organizations; induction into Alpha Kappa Mu National honor society; participating in formal balls, such as the Miss Prairie View

coronation and proms; the Saturday night dances in the field house; Tuesday night prayer meetings; parties in the recreation center; pulling all-nighter exam preps; and leading my ROTC company in the regular Thursday afternoon marches around the campus and also in parades.

Alicia Pete: Studying and playing competitive sports alongside people I cared about and trusted and also being coached and mentored by people who inspired me.

Darden-Caldwell: Friendships were most memorable. We have this group called the 70s. It's about 25 of us and we have a gathering. We all reunite every homecoming. The mayor of Prairie View is now the overseer over the 70s group's homecoming gathering. There is a collective memory of friendship. We watch after each other and our families. The friendships we made have lasted.



Dudley: Getting elected SGA president for the first time was a big moment. The second time was OK, but the first election was something I felt I had to work harder for. Also, the friends and mentors I've found at Prairie View. People like Priscilla Barbour, Harrison Blair, Jarren Small and Dr. Michael McFrazier. If it hadn't been for the people who encouraged me and believed in me, I wouldn't be where I am.

As for The Hill and its meaning, all four interviewees note its enduring impact on anyone who has ever attended or worked at PVAMU.

“The Hill means triumph, defeat, family, responsibility, pain and happiness,” Darden-Caldwell said. “It’s like a family all having one thing in common. It’s where your values are shaped. People mentored me there, so I feel the need to mentor others.”



Celebrating 140 Years

For 140 years, Prairie View A&M University has been a leader in serving underserved communities and has maintained a strict adherence to its founding principles of teaching, research and service. Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas.

On August 14, 1876, the Texas Legislature established the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youths" and placed responsibility for its management with the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan (present day Texas A&M University, linking the 1862 and 1890 Land Grant Universities).



The University's enrollment now exceeds 9,000 including more than 1,500 graduate students. The student population continues to be diverse – with students from around the nation – and even from around the globe – calling Prairie View A&M University home. During the University's 140-year history, some 60,000 academic degrees have been awarded.

Find out more at pvamu.edu/140-years



Marcus R. Washington

For Marcus R. Washington '16, being of service is the foundation of his life. During his undergraduate years, Washington was involved in various organizations like Student Government Association, Brothers Leading and Cultivating Knowledge (BLACK) and the Baptist Student Movement Gospel Choir, just to name a few. "I think service is hereditary for me, it runs in my blood," says Washington. His parents currently live in Papua, New Guinea, and both do volunteer service there. Washington's PVAMU experience combined with his parents' service

abroad has inspired him to pursue a career with the Peace Corps' Small Enterprise and Business Program. "I want international experience," Washington says. He has turned away several permanent job offers in efforts to apply what he has learned at home and school to small business development in Namibia, Africa. Post graduation, Washington continues being of service as a mentor for the Top Teens of America organization and remaining active with the Eta Lambda Omega chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc.

What are your dreams for the University?

I wish students would realize all that Prairie View has to offer and be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities.

What is your favorite PVAMU event?

The Miss Prairie View and Miss Black and Gold pageants are my favorite because they lend a way for students to see the potential in their classmates.

What could you not live without on campus?

The one thing I could not live without was my telephone because it connected me to different individuals and opportunities.

What song would you say best describes your time at PVAMU?

I would say the alma mater, especially the last line, *"We'll love thee now, and through eternity."*

Describe PVAMU in three words:

Research, teaching and service because all three were conveyed to me very strongly.



Betty Sinegal

For Betty Hill Sinegal '66, it's no exaggeration to say her time at Prairie View A&M University transformed her life professionally and personally.

Sinegal came to PVAMU ready to work hard away from the classroom in order to afford her tuition so she could work hard in the classroom. On the day her parents helped her move onto the PVAMU campus, her mother said some powerful words to her.

"She said, 'You'll learn from this day that the world doesn't owe you anything, you owe the world. You let that be your marching orders and your philosophy.'" That comment stayed with Sinegal.

Sinegal fully applied herself to meeting the challenge of being a college freshman. "During those days, I needed to have a job and I worked part-time as the assistant matron from my sophomore year until graduation," she says.

Sinegal's freshman year provided an experience that shaped the rest of her life: meeting her future husband in chemistry lab. "I graduated in May 1966 and we got married in 1969." After graduation, Sinegal accepted a position in Georgia in her chosen field of child vocational home economics. After a stint working at a high school in Port Arthur, Sinegal took a position at General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth where she worked for 37 years, before retiring as a production program manager.

Sinegal and her husband reside in Fort. Worth and are active in the local alumni chapter and the PVAMU National Alumni Association. Most unforgettable PV memory: The "Breakfast Dance" that took place the morning of Homecoming. We had to be in the dorm by 9 p.m. at night. So, for us to be able to get up and go to the homecoming dance at 4 o'clock in the morning was a big deal.

What makes you a proud Panther?

PVAMU has made advances in everything from its expanding curricula to its state-of-the-art architecture.

What advice do you have for future PVAMU students?

Focus on what you are there for, and take advantage of all learning opportunities. Seek apprenticeships, internships and get as much exposure to as many experiences as possible so that when you enter the workplace, you have a good foundation.



Alumni Profiles

YOLANDA GROSS

Almost two decades ago, as Prairie View student, Yolanda Gross, was preparing for graduation, she reflected on the wonderful time she spent on The Hill, but never imagined she would still call this place home 18 years after walking across the stage. Gross shows her Panther Pride daily as the University's special programs coordinator.

Although she has only been in the Special Programs department for less than two years, she has been a PVAMU employee for the past 12 years. She was previously the administrative assistant for the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.



Yolanda is currently the driving force for a number of special programs and events on campus, which include general assemblies; the S.P.I.T. (Students Participating in Transcendent) Knowledge Series, a lecture program that offers a diverse genre of speakers for students and the community; Hope for the Holidays, where students are made aware of different types of cancers throughout the month of November; the Fallen Panther Memorial; and Alumni Initiation pinning ceremonies.

Ms. Gross attributes her professional success to her time spent as a student at Prairie View. She recalls professors having extremely high expectations. "Be your best," she recalls them telling her. Gross constantly

reminds herself that she is doing a service to others and strives to consistently provide the very best experience for PV students and alumni.

In addition to being at the forefront of the previously mentioned events, Ms. Gross just recently implemented National HBCU week, and the Panther Camp Induction Ceremony, where new students are recognized and pinned as official Panthers during orientation week. She takes special pride in her work with the University and is currently planning a number of new programs and events, but she's keeping them tightly under wraps! Stay tuned to see which events will be added to the PVAM calendar.

Prairie View A&M University: Bachelor's Degree – English, December 1998

LASHONDA WILLIAMS

A 1997 Prairie View A&M journalism graduate, recently returned to The Hill as Annual Fund Manager in the University's Office of Development. Here, she is responsible for annual giving from current students, alumni, faculty and staff; and fostering a culture of philanthropy throughout the community. Ms. Williams says her love for Prairie View is "because of the rich history, lessons learned, and opportunities afforded as a result of quality education."

Williams is no stranger to fundraising and relationship building; she has held several significant roles with the University of Houston over the years, and has spent half a decade in leadership with the PVAMU Alumni Association – Houston Chapter. During her time at the University of Houston, she gained experience in international education, African-American studies, external relations and fundraising. Throughout her tenure with the Houston Chapter Alumni Association as president from 2013-2016, vice president from 2009-2013, and National Membership Chair in 2012, some of Ms. Williams' accomplishments include spearheading the Foundation Sports Complex campaign, awarding six college scholarships annually, initiating an electronic newsletter, hosting PV athletic watch parties, participating in local college fairs, and taking part in the "Show Some Love" membership campaign.



Williams acknowledges the most exciting project she's currently working on is the Marching Storm 2017 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Campaign. Over summer 2016, she organized and managed a phone-a-thon, where student callers requested funds for the campaign, resulting in \$81,000 worth of pledges. Williams is excited about increasing alumni donations and believes the key is proper cultivation of relationships—keeping donors engaged and informed about developments, as well as reminding them of fond memories; and stewardship—keeping donors

abreast of how funds are being used, and providing them with adequate recognition for their gifts.

Ms. Williams will always hold Prairie View A&M near and dear to her heart, a gesture that is evident as she contributes her education, experiences and talents to the University. She says her PV professors inspired her to be committed to excellence and

to make a difference for the next generation. "Each day when I drive in and see the Muse Parkway exit, I feel a heightened sense of pride. I am honored to serve my alma mater in a capacity which allows me to fulfill my passion."

Prairie View A&M University: Bachelor's Degree – Journalism, 1997

Troy State University: Master's Degree – Public Administration, 2003



A Message from the Prairie View A & M Foundation where we continue **Growing Greatness through Giving**



There was a day when the idea of Prairie View building a stadium was nothing more than a dream. In taking our first, bold steps into the world of philanthropy, we have left that day in the past and achieved only the beginning of what is possible. Through the combined efforts of the University administration, students, friends and Panther donors, we have developed a world-class sports complex and allowed Prairie View Panthers and fans to achieve national recognition.

The investment in our track arena allowed the University to participate in the Olympic tradition by hosting the U.S. Olympic track and field summer training camp.

The positive experience of the Olympic Track and Field coaching staff while on our campus has resulted in Prairie View being considered for major track meets and future U.S. Olympic training camps. Our recent home games have sold out in Panther Stadium. Our new soccer stadium was host to the 2016 SWAC soccer

championship, highlighting the Prairie View standard of excellence to the SWAC and collegiate community. Because of the sports complex, Prairie View's name is now on the minds of millions of people through television and the worldwide web allowing them to discover what we have known for years: Prairie View A & M University is "the brightest star in the southwestern sky!"



We have achieved these accomplishments while only leveraging a portion of our full donating potential. Now that we have the facilities required to put Prairie View in fair competition with other universities and attract the best and brightest students from around the world, we stand on the edge of taking Prairie View

to the next-level, but we cannot do it without the full support of our alumni.

Those who have stood with Prairie View and who have given what they can, through volunteering, advocating, or donations, have shown that as a community we have the power to turn dreams into reality. As we close out the 140th year of Prairie View's history, we at the

Foundation dream of the day when the percentage of the Panther family that supports Prairie View is no longer the minority, but the majority.

We ask our donors and all alumni to look back and remember how they are a part of Prairie View's history and ask how they will be remembered as a part of Prairie View's future.

Thank you for all you do for the University, the Foundation, and, most importantly, our students. Let's strive to make the 140th year of our legacy one to remember and the years to come ones never to be forgotten.

GO PANTHERS!

THE CLASS OF 1966

TWO GIFTS, ONE LEGACY.

This past Homecoming, the Class of 1966 presented \$305,000 in their Class Gift to Prairie View A&M University. As the inaugural 50th Anniversary Class to present their gifts in the new Panther Stadium, the Class of 1966 has set the standard for class gifts for years to come.

The journey to this amazing gift began with the class decision to give two gifts: \$105,000 in student scholarships and \$200,000 towards the naming rights of the student's Northwest Entrance to Panther Stadium.

"Giving two gifts was a Class decision as not all Class members were prepared to give to support a stadium gift," says Lt. Col (Ret) Stonell Greene, our task was made effortless by "utilizing the Foundation Class account" to track funds online 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The Foundation provided each class member who gave through the Foundation an individual account as well as a class account managed by the Class President.

According to class member, and Foundation Trustee, Ernest Collins, "the Foundation eliminated the accounting workload for the class and allowed us to spend our time deciding on our gifts, class souvenir book and celebration activities."

The \$305,000 dollars is an impressive christening of the Class Gift tradition in the Panther Stadium, but the generosity and dedication of the Class of 1966 will not stop there. At the conclusion of their naming rights contract, the Class of 1966 will have given a total of \$355,000 to support Prairie View A&M University.

As the Legislature considers reduced funding to higher education, alumni will be called on more than ever to assist our alma mater to provide facilities and services no longer supported by State appropriated funds.

To the Class of 1966, we thank you for your legendary support and hope that future classes will look to you as an example of what alumni should strive to do for our alma mater.



COMMEMORATIVE COIN

It has been a very long journey to a new Stadium at Prairie View A&M University and now we have a state of the art stadium on the hallowed ground of Blackshear Field.

The students at PVAMU are making a major investment in the future pages of Prairie View A&M University's and Texas' history. They are investing additional fees to support the financing of this new stadium. For this investment, we say thank you to each and every one of them.

Prairie View A&M Foundation (Foundation) donors, PVAMU alumni and friends have also contributed to the construction financing of Panther Stadium and we extend a hearty thank you to each of these donors as well.

In 2014 our students put out a challenge to each Alum to match their investment, the Foundation wishes to thank the donors who have met or exceeded this Student Challenge.

As part of the celebration of our new Panther Stadium the Foundation has released a commemorative coin. Each Foundation donor who has exceeded, met, or meets the Student Challenge will receive their Panther Stadium Commemorative Coin as a keepsake of this historical event. Get your coin while supplies last.

Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation, our University, students and the new Panther Stadium.



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MARCHING Storm

The Marching Storm was selected from 175 applicants as one of 10 bands to march in the 2017 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade annual holiday spectacle helping to create an unforgettable experience for millions.

With more than 50 million viewers across the country and more than 3.5 million spectators that line up along the streets of New York City each year, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a national icon that has grown into a world-famous holiday event. For almost 90 years, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has marked the official start of the holiday season. In 2017, Prairie View A&M University's own Marching Storm Band has been selected to represent the State of Texas and all HBCUs as one of 10 marching bands featured in the Parade.



Growing in size and scale, the Parade proudly marches down a more than 2-mile route in New York City with more than 8,000 participants in tow including Macy's employees, their families, celebrities, athletes, clowns and dance groups spreading holiday cheer. The Parade also features America's best marching bands, fabulous floats and Macy's signature giant helium character balloons.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to showcase our band and represent the State of Texas at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2017. Our students and band staff are excited that we will get to perform for a national – even international- audience. They have worked hard all year and this is certainly a culminating event to a great year for our program," explained Dr. Timmey Zachery, Assistant Professor and Band Director.

The Marching Storm will spend the next 18 months planning for their Parade appearance. Rehearsals and creative fundraising events not only bring the school and the community closer but also prepare the students for the march of a lifetime.

We Need Your Support!

WOW! Just being invited to perform in the Macy's Day Parade is a big deal in and of itself. However, representing the entire State of Texas in the largest parade in the United States- takes the Marching Storm's Invitation to another level! We believe that support from our alumni and friends, high quality instruction, unwavering enthusiasm and the resolute dedication of Band Members and Band Director, Dr. Timmey Zachery, made this incredible honor happen.

To make a donation to help the Marching Storm get to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, visit pvamu.edu/stormtracker.



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Dr. Timmey Zachery, Band Director



UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL ACADEMY IS EARNING ITS BONES AS

ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS IN THE NATION

Since its inception, the Undergraduate Medical Academy (UMA) has been known for having a tight-knit and supportive staff and student body — leading to an impressive retention and graduation rate of students who meet the academy's challenges on the way to promising careers in medicine. Established in 2004, UMA represents the partnership between Prairie View A&M University and the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine.

"We're an excellent return on investment. Not just retention, not just an outstanding graduation rate, which is higher than any of the other university (medical programs) in the state of Texas. We are on par with Princeton University, and I do check (rankings) regularly," Dr. Dennis Daniels, director of the undergraduate medical academy said.

The UMA accepts between 20 and 25 students per year and currently has about 100 students total. Fortunately, the UMA has enjoyed fervent support from PVAMU administrators. In fact, Dr. Daniels, says such support is invaluable because UMA must compete with prominent medical programs at Rice University, The University of Texas at Austin, Baylor University, Johns Hopkins University and others. "To be able to capture students of that caliber and bring them into them our university setting, shows that the experience here is exceptional," Dr. Daniels explains.

Consistent fund-raising has been a tremendous factor in the UMA's achievements. A development group called Patrons of the UMA (PUMAs) regularly helps raise private funding. "Those individuals made it clear they wanted UMA students well-versed in arts & culture," says Dr. Daniels. "We've used those funds for ballet and symphony field trips, and also to support international travel and research."

Indeed, thanks to funds raised, UMA students have traveled to China, West Gambia, Ghana, South Africa, Germany, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, India, Honduras, Jamaica, and most recently, Thailand. Students have an experiential experience while abroad, they are able to shadow medical professionals and conduct research alongside medical students from various universities.

The PUMAs have contributed significantly to those activities and also have helped set up merit-based scholarships. "We give students the option to contribute to some of the guidelines," Daniels adds. "The higher your GPA, the more scholarship money is available."

Dr. Daniels says the UMA can proudly speak about the number of students who have been accepted to medical schools at a rate 20 percent higher than state and national averages. "We've had 100 percent acceptance to podiatry school, a 100 percent acceptance rate to veterinary school, 100 percent to pharmacy, and not just to pharmacy D, which is the benchmark credential in the College of Pharmacy, but pharmacy D, Ph. D."

"Of the UMA's very first set of graduates — those who graduated in 2007 after being admitted in the inaugural year of 2004 — about 40 percent are surgeons," Dr. Daniels says. "That includes trauma surgeons, obstetricians and gynecologists, heart transplant surgeons, plastic surgeons, vascular surgeons, PhDs and dentists."

Carmen Purvis '16 is one of many UMA graduates who can attest to the academy's close-knit, supportive atmosphere. "When transitioning from high school to college, there is some isolation," Purvis says. "At the UMA, you are around like-minded students."

For many UMA alums, Purvis says one of the most memorable moments is "earning the white coat." Each fall, UMA holds a "white-coat ceremony" for students who successfully complete their freshman year. Successful freshmen are literally awarded the white medical attire. "That was really a big moment for me," Purvis says. "There's a certain expectation that comes along with having a white coat."

While in undergraduate, Purvis participated in a Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) internship at Texas A&M University. Purvis graduated with a B.S. in psychology and a minor in chemistry, after having attending the UMA for four years as an undergraduate.

She is currently attending McGovern Medical School, which is part of The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. "Even now that I've graduated, I feel that I can call and talk to them, knowing they're behind me and really rooting for me and supporting me," she says.

When the UMA opened its doors in 2004, Daniels says his chief interest was the progress of the students. But as the academy's achievements gain nationwide attention, Dr. Daniels sees the UMA's rising status as a prototype for other university-based medical programs.

Specifically, the state of Georgia has embraced PVAMU's model and is preparing to launch an undergraduate medical academy in that state. "We've had initial conversations with universities in South Carolina and also interest from Ohio universities," he says. "We're competing not to be the top HBCU, we're contending to be the best, period. That's what we strive to do every day."



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Lone Star College, Prairie View A&M University team up for student success



Lone Star College and Prairie View A&M University are partnering to make it easier for students interested in transferring between the two institutions.

“We want to increase the number of students who attend Lone Star College to transfer to Prairie View A&M University,” said Dr. Stephen C. Head, LSC chancellor. “This agreement will help grow that number by providing a clear pathway that will lead to a 4-year degree.”

PVAMU ranks in the top 10 of 4-year institutions where LSC students transferred to in fall 2015.

Through this articulation agreement, LSC students and employees receive a 50 percent discount on PVAMU application fees. Students are also eligible to apply for Direct Connect Scholarship Program scholarships valued up to \$5,000 each.

The new partnership also includes cooperative advising which allows a student access to academic advisors at both institutions for the purpose of planning and selecting courses applicable to their degree program and joint admission. The agreement was formalized with a signing ceremony at LSC-CyFair last week.

“Today marks an important day with our community educational partner as we sign a memorandum of understanding,” said Dr. George C. Wright, PVAMU president. “This new enterprise will help streamline the process for students to achieve their higher education goals.”

Prairie View A&M University has been a leader in serving underserved communities and has maintained a strict adherence to its founding principles of teaching, research and service for 140 years. PVAMU is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas and has an enrollment of more than 8,000 students, including more than 1,500 graduate students.

“All students should have a pathway to a successful life,” said Dr. Alton Smith, LoneStar College System Board (LSCS) Board of Trustees member during the ceremony. “I am

pleased to see these two fine institutions work together for the betterment of our students.”

The new agreement also establishes a framework for the future development of articulation for specific programs.

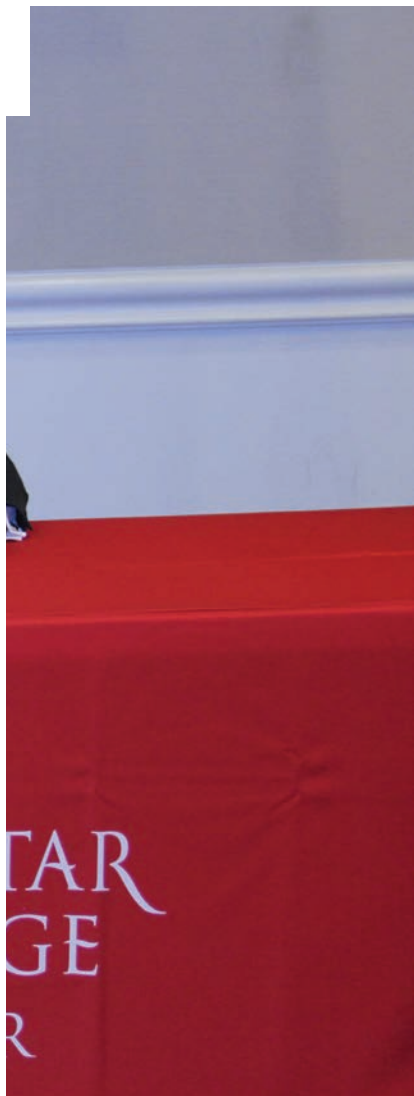
“Prairie View A&M University is a school rich in history and contributes to our community in so many ways. We are honored to join them in this very important effort,” said Head.

Officials from both colleges, including Dr. Head and Dr. Wright, were present at LSC-CyFair to sign the agreement and officially launch the partnership. They were joined by LSCS Board of Trustees members David Holsey, Ken Lloyd and Alton Smith; and LSC presidents Dr. Katherine Persson, LSC-Kingwood; Dr. Rebecca Riley, LSC-Montgomery; and Dr. Lee Ann Nutt, LSC-Tomball. Also in attendance was Mike Sullivan, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Dr. Seelva Keshvala, LSC-CyFair president, formally welcomed guests.

“We look forward to working with Prairie View A&M University, fostering partnerships such as this is critical to advancing student success,”

said Keshvala.





Steinway Piano

Prairie View A&M University is officially designated as an All Steinway School. The University is the 185th institution to become an All-Steinway school and will be the fourth Historically Black College/University (HBCU) to receive the designation.

To receive All-Steinway School status, at least 90 percent of an institution's pianos must be a Steinway or of a brand owned by the Steinway parent company. PVAMU has purchased 28 New York, hand-made Steinway pianos. The new inventory includes: seventeen practice room pianos; ten grand pianos; one Concert grand piano and one refurbished concert grand piano.

"Steinways are the finest pianos in the world. This is an important milestone for our Music program and for our institution as a whole. These pianos represent a tangible manifestation of our commitment to excellence and to ensuring that our students are comprehensively educated," explained Dr. Danny Kelley, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

"We, at Steinway, are proud that Prairie View A&M University is joining our family. This purchase means more than simply buying pianos, it's about our collective goal to create superior music education programs throughout the country – and really - throughout the world. A university that is All Steinway has made a commitment to excellence in musical teaching and performance," said Mr. Danny Saliba, Steinway and Sons representative.

The rich history and exceptional craftsmanship of Steinway pianos are known to musicians across the globe.

According to Dr. Kelley, "Having Steinway pianos in the PVAMU Music program for practice and performance is a market distinction that creates a sense of pride in faculty, students and alumni. Students in PVAMU's music program will have

the opportunity to cultivate their tone acuity and sharpen their performances because of the new Steinway pianos."

Dr. George C. Wright, President of Prairie View A&M University closed out the program by telling audience members that the new Steinways will be around for a long time. "This is a purchase that will affect future generations of students who want to learn music at our institution. We have purchased the best so that we can produce the best music students. These new Steinways are just as much of an investment in our current students as they are a gift to our future students."

Since its founding in New York in 1853, Steinway & Sons has been considered the world's premier piano manufacturer. Known for their exceptional craftsmanship, Steinway & Sons pianos are built in one of two company-owned and operated factories: Astoria, New York and Hamburg, Germany. The pianos are still constructed primarily by hand, using many of the techniques developed over 160 years ago. Today, Steinway & Sons also offers the Boston and Essex piano lines, Listen, a magazine for music and culture lovers, and the Steinway & Sons record label. For more information, visit www.steinway.com.

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Words and Photo by Yolanda Bevil

Technology aids student success in new Agriculture & Business Multi-purpose Building

A beautiful structure that fosters a calm and relaxing study environment, can make a world of difference. Creating a nurturing learning atmosphere was the driving force for building the new, state-of-the-art Agriculture and Business Multipurpose Building.



Dr. Munir Quddus, Dean of the College of Business, said the new building “far surpasses the architecture and amenities of its predecessor, the Hobart Taylor Building.” In fact, earlier this summer, the Agriculture and Business Multipurpose Building won the 2016 Brick in Architecture Best in Class Award from the Brick Industry Association.

“Every day, faculty and students are able to enjoy the state-of-the-art technology for pedagogy [instruction, training] – indeed, it is one of the best features of the new building,” Quddus noted. “The technology attracts faculty from across the campus, making these classrooms in high demand.”

Dr. James M. Palmer, Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture and associate provost for academic affairs, sees the building’s potential as a great locale for a variety of events. “This new venue allows us to host high-profile speakers and guests for seminars and events open to the larger university community.” According to Palmer, “the new classrooms will also enable instructors to bring in speakers and guests remotely for high-impact interaction with classes via the web – avoiding travel expenses and other related costs.

“For the business department, the state-of-the-art trading room — with

its highly visible stock ticker — is the crown jewel of the new building.”

A Title III grant allowed PVAMU to purchase special Bloomberg terminals (12) and make the Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) certificate program available to all students on campus.

“We made sure that the stock ticker in the trading room would be seen by anyone walking into the building,” Dr. Quddus said. “We did this so that our faculty and students in finance and other disciplines could use the enormous amount of real world financial statistics to enhance student learning.”

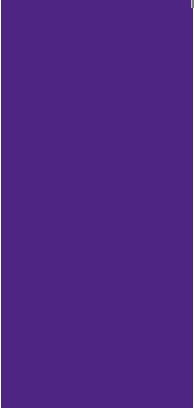
“This new space offers students and organizations opportunities to network with each other, especially on interdisciplinary projects such as agricultural economics or agricultural engineering,” Palmer said. “Group study rooms provide locations for faculty and students to meet and extend classroom lecture time, which enhances student learning.”

“One of the most endearing features of this building is that it was designed with the student in mind,” Quddus said. “We are providing students with a valuable educational experience that prepares them for emerging global world of business.”

Key Features Of The New Building Include:

- Three-tiered lecture rooms on the first floor, each with a 65-seat capacity
- Open collaborative spaces to facilitate teamwork, including a 700-square-foot lounge on the 2nd floor.
- Three teaching computer labs (35 seats each) for the College of Business and one statistics lab used by the College of Agriculture.





THE PRAIRIE VIEW INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE AND THE IMMORTAL LEGACY OF BLACK HIGH SCHOOLS IN TEXAS

The initial name of the PVIL was the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools. Through the years, however, it was known by several names, including “The Prairie View League,” “The Negro League” and “The Colored League.” The organization didn’t officially take the PVIL name until early in the 1960s, Hurd says.

Michael Hurd, director of Prairie View A&M University's Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture, is striving to immortalize the legacy of the Prairie View Interscholastic League (PVIL).

Founded in 1920 and organized by The Colored Teachers Association of Texas, PVIL served as the governing body for athletic and academic competitions among the state's African-American high schools.

Originally called the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools (TILCS), the official name was changed because the league's activities were managed, documented and housed at Prairie View State Normal & Industrial College (now known as Prairie View A&M University). The College's sixth principal, Dr. J.G. Osborne, served as the league's first sponsor/director.

"Not only are current generations unaware of the PVIL - what it was, what it did, and who was involved - but so are many adults who grew up in Texas during the PVIL's existence," Hurd said.

Every academic and band competition was held at Prairie View during PVIL's existence. According to Hurd, "The academic events included typing, extemporaneous speaking, declamation, industrial arts, and music." Only a few state athletic championship events (basketball, tennis, track and field) were held on Prairie View's campus. "Football and baseball were held at local sites," Hurd said. At its peak, the PVIL represented 500 schools.

"For a lot of them (student competitors) this was their first exposure to a college atmosphere. Because

they spent time here, many of those same students enrolled in Prairie View," Hurd says. "Most of the athletes would graduate, head back home with a degree in hand, and secure coaching jobs in their neighborhoods."

By the fall of 1970, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) would take on PVIL's responsibilities as a result of desegregation.

Hurd himself is a PVIL alumnus, having graduated from Houston's Worthing High School. "Actually, everything about the PVIL experience continues to be underplayed and unknown," Hurd said. "The PVIL produced an incredible amount of talented athletes and students academically."

"I put together an exhibit for the TIPHC gallery a year ago and several student groups came by to view it and had no idea about the PVIL and its history," Hurd recalls. "It was an eye-opener for students and visitors who attended that exhibit. It's a part of Texas history, American history and the history of PVAMU."

Contributions of PVIL memorabilia to the TIPHC - images, news clips, equipment and other items - arrive constantly and are primarily collected by the PVIL Coaches Association in Houston.

"None of the items are held at Prairie View A&M or placed on permanent display here because we don't have space," Hurd says. "However, we're planning for a facility to hold PVIL and other Texas black history items. PVAMU is the logical location for a facility of that kind and we're working to make that happen."



Nave's Vision

By Yolanda Beville

When did you first come to Prairie View A&M University?

I started my career in higher education at PV right out of graduate school as an Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering.

When did you assume the position of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs?

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents approved my appointment in September 2014.

What did you hope to accomplish in your first 100 days as Provost?

As soon as I was officially appointed, I immediately began gathering data and charting a course for the Academic Affairs units that would push us toward greater success.

What do you like most about the Provost position?

Honestly, the opportunity to impact student's lives on a larger scale. When I was on the faculty, I got to work one-on-one with students and that is my passion. But, in this position, I have the chance to oversee and effect education for all of our students. I take my role very seriously because the education that we provide for each and every student at PVAMU will affect them for the rest of their lives.

What part of the position do you like least?

All the meetings!

In your opinion, what is unique about Prairie View A&M University?

I truly believe that the university is in a unique position to do dynamic and engaging things in higher education for minority students attending PVAMU and for minority students in general. We have phenomenal opportunities to utilize new technologies, promote new research and implement new teaching techniques that could be duplicated across any higher education platforms. If we do things the right way, PVAMU could be a model for other institutions wanting to grow and expand.

What changes have you implemented as Provost?

We are in the midst of a five-year plan to improve our infrastructure, academic offerings and our recruitment efforts. In 2016, we had record-breaking enrollment because of the partnerships that we formed with local independent school districts and community colleges. We also made significant changes to our physical infrastructures by installing state-of-the-art technology in our classrooms. These changes, and all of the changes to come, will help our faculty deliver the world-class education that PVAMU has been known for over its 140 years. Our plan is to continue to maximize efficiencies in our academic units, streamline and align student support services and ramp-up our efforts in Enrollment Management so that we are recruiting students who will be successful at the university.

The university is uniquely positioned to develop really dynamic and forward-thinking programs that can shape higher education for minority students attending PVAMU and help in the success for college-bound minority students in general.

What is your vision for PVAMU?

I am committed to seeing the university reach its full potential. My team and I have been laying the groundwork for growth and transformation. The possibilities are limitless in creating more programs geared toward student success, strengthening our academic academic programs and working more closely with other departments such as student affairs and business affairs to assist students in achieving their goals.

Do you see PVAMU thriving for another 140 years?

Absolutely. We've looked at the data and we have been steadily taking steps that will transform our programs so that they speak to where tomorrow's student needs will be. We have been making advancements to not only maintain our relevancy, but to set us apart from other HBCUs. We have the resources, the stability in leadership and dedicated alumni who are as committed as our administrators, faculty and staff to see Prairie View become a global leader in higher education for minority students. We are poised and positioned to carry our legacy forward and I am proud to be here to help usher in a new era at PV.



Phyllis Metcalf-Turner was tapped to serve as the Dean of the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education.

Metcalf-Turner brings with her a wealth of experience in the higher education field and her research focuses on: female administrators in higher education as transformational leaders; examining the racial identity development of teachers and its influence on teaching and learning; and the integration of culturally responsive practice in literacy instruction across the curriculum; minority teacher recruitment and retention.



John Gardner was appointed to serve as the assistant vice president for academic engagement and Student Success. The newly created department will focus on streamlining and aligning existing academic student support services as well as expanding services to include additional academic programs that are determined to be

consistent with identified student needs.

Elizabeth Jean Brumfield,

distance learning librarian at Northwest Houston Center was recently named the **2016 Routledge Distance Learning Librarianship Conference winner**. This annual award, sponsored by Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, and administered by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Distance Learning Section, honors an ACRL member working in the field of, or contributing to, the success of distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education.

Students in the college of architecture competed in the Future Architects Design Competition this past August. Hosted by Texas Central, students were able to present proposals for the Texas Bullet Train Passenger Station in front of a panel comprising of respected architects and members of the Texas Central team. Ledell Thomas & Kaylah Wesley's proposal won the "Sustainable Design Prize" for The Brazos Valley station design.



"US Track and Field team practices at PVAMU"

Some of the biggest names in the world of athletics, and in the world in general, gathered in Prairie View last summer as **the University hosted the USA Track and Field team** for its final week of training before traveling to Rio de Janeiro to compete at the 2016 Olympic Games.

"It was exciting to meet Gatlin, Felix, and all of the Olympians who came to our campus," men's track and field coach Chris Clay said. "It was almost like a clinic for me, in that I saw how they trained, how they coach and how they are coached, and listening to how they would train if they were athletes here."

ACAL



The inaugural Business of the University was hosted on the campus of PVAMU

in partnership with NACUBO and SACUBO, which celebrated and promoted the awareness of innovative solutions to challenges in higher education.



**THE BUSINESS
of the UNIVERSITY
CONFERENCE**

In August, ***the office of Academic Affairs hosted retirement celebrations*** for Dr. Francis A. White, Dr. Mohammad A. Shayib, Dr. Arouna R. Davis, Dr. David A. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Myrtle H. Thompkins, Dr. Freddie L. Richards Sr., Dr. Victor G. Stanley, Dr. Mostafa A. Soliman and Dr. Rosie Albritton in honor of their hard work and dedication.

35 students travelled to Washington D.C. for the historic opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The students participated in the opening ceremony, met with alumni a part of the Washington D.C. local NAA chapter at the home of Dr. James Jackson, and networked with students from area HBCUs.

In December, two-time graduate Jocelyn Tatum-Adams was inducted into the SWAC Hall of Fame.

Adams was a highly decorated track athlete for the Lady Panthers, won numerous conference and national championships and was an eight-time All-American performer. Her athletic success translated into coaching, as she earned Coach of the Year honors in her first season as Lady Panther volleyball coach in 1990. Just two seasons later, Adams led the program to its first SWAC volleyball championship.

Alumna ***Carol Campbell*** has been named **Alumni Affairs Director** and is charged with working in collaboration with numerous departments to communicate messages to alumni that support the recruitment and retention of students, as well as fundraising goals. Campbell hopes to build the relationship between the university and its alumni via events, awareness gatherings and publications.



DEMY BRIEFS



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARDS

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Bradford, Corey S	Thomas, Yolanda Y
Scott, Arvitta L	Wilder, Kendrick L
Huang, Lei	Williams, Ebonee L
Banks, Sandra R	Ampim, Peter Y
Kincheon, Edward	Carroll, Monique V
Smith, Yharnahkeeshah T	Cotton, Christopher R
Tavie, Trenae D	Varnon, Phyllis R
Taylor, Lenora D	Hays, Shawn L
Wiredu, Bernard	Nickerson, James R
Dickey, Kimberly A	Ojumu,
Hu, Xiaodong	Oluwagbemiga A
Jenkins, Quinn R	Raven, Shanikkaw L
Waters, Demitra G	Redmon-Williams,
Simms, Marietherese	Kelley A
Tyler, Tacho	Blankenship, Krystain
Yancy, Vita A	A
Abibo, Ibuomi	Hicks, Corey J
Bryant, Loren G	Lee, Olivia M
Gilloth, Gerald L	Minton, Susan
Joyce, Marguerite P	Nealey, Lucille
Lacy, Lewebster S	Rose, Kimberly P
Robinson, Ashley N	Simmons, Kenyatta D
Sibley, Dione R	Baker-Johnson,
Templeton, Alondra L	Christine E
Potter, Christopher J	Sanders, Mary A
Ragston, Francine M	Thompson, Brian O
	Tompkins, Anthony D

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Lewis, Shaye K
Ortiz, Maria I
Montgomery, Tina L
Qiang, Yue
Streety, Susan E
Brandy Webb, Pamela K
Foxworth, William B
Ribeiro, Flavio R
Vandyke, Kathleen G
Young, Marvin R
Schooling, Latonya C
Gamble, Selender
Miller, Sylvia W
Perkins, Maurice A
Holloway, Reginald L
Peng, Xiaobo
Knowles, Jean S
Addison, Anitra P
Albritton, Rosie L
Kim, Mary H
McMullin, Wynetta A
Phillips, Mark W
Edwards, Norval J
Norman, Kay F
Perry, Elissia D
Ransom, Steven A
Thompson, Lisa K

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Deluna-Gonzalez, Elma
Liu, Dejun
Smith, Robert D
Rose, Gloria M
Williams, Lana G
McFarland, Courtney L
Busby, Lovie L
Cozart, Huberta T
Guerra, Grace
Siegmund, Sandra L
Nelms, Jim A
Robinson, Terry R
Schild, Virginia R
Zhang, Yongpeng P
Freeman, Pamela T
Keaton, Alphonso
Williams, Elijah F
Jeffries, Janice L
Price, William T
Purvis, Beulah J
Williams, James R
Gay, Kimberly M
Amarasekara, Ananda S
Daniels, Anthony T
Evans, Billie J
Mei, Daniel L
Johnson, Angela I

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Harris, Kendall T
Noel-Barrs, Rosena E
Haynes, Stephanie J
Hermond, Douglas S
Kureshi, Riaz A
Johnson, Kaia K
Sule, Ejim N
Snead-Greene, Cheryle
Goodwin, Ronald E
Toney, Rozenia D
Davis, Michelle A
Millin, Randolph L
Hunter, Rose M
Jackson, Equilla
Moore, Christine E
Cook, Marion E
Moore, Cheryl
Perez, Yadira Y
Vaughan, Vivian A

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Elder, Derrick L
King, Shauna L
McGinty, Evelyn J
Mora-Gutierrez, Adela
Shakir, Safwat H
Wilson, Blynthia C
Wedeking, Carolyn M
Perri, Ralph
Anderson, Vernica F
Evans, Dianne T
Brown, Monica K
Dirden, Aliza M
Saganti, Premkumar B
White, Keysha H
Griffin, Richard W
Block, Harriette E
Evans, Sharon R

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Gaines, Chloe G
Mireles, Rodrigo
Biney, Paul O
Manuel, Carolyn F
Attaie, Rahmattullah
Boyd, Ronald D
Koay, Siew T
Motwani, Gul
Thomas, Flora D

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Smith, Ruth M
Williams, Mark A
Harvey, Clinnon O
Whiting, Jocelyn S
Fuller, John H
Foster, Laurette
Richards, Freddie L
Coleman, Lee R
Booker, Clarissa
Parks, Alfred L
Stanley, Victor G

45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Baines, Neal
Hale, Lois E

PVAMU Scholars, **LANE, IRVIN, AND HINES** Published in a Top Tier Peer- Reviewed International Journal

Congratulations to Tammy Lane, Derek Irvin, and Kenneth Hines for their publication in a top tier international peer-reviewed journal. Their article, which is a book review on Dr. Fred Bonner's work *Building on Resilience, Models and Frameworks of Black Male Success Across the P-20 Pipeline*, is published in the *International Journal for Talent Development and Creativity*.

Tammy Lane is a doctoral candidate from the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education and also a staff member in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Ms. Lane stated, "It is with honor and gratitude that we were afforded the opportunity to review Dr. Bonner's book, which was laden with esteem scholars sharing their research and strategies on progressing the educational landscape for Black males. The book is noteworthy because resiliency among Black males is such a vital and important topic. Furthermore, publishing in a top tier journal is an extraordinary accomplishment for me as a Ph. D. student".

While Ms. Lane has published and presented on financial aid in relation to persistence at an HBCU as well as other issues in higher education, her dissertation focus is LGBTQ equity in a HBCU context. Ms. Lane goes on to discuss the correlation and importance of scholarship and serving as an agent of change to address issues in higher education. Ms. Lane plans to continue contributing to the body of knowledge in education through relevant research and leadership.

Derek Irvin a doctoral candidate, in the PVAMU Educational Leadership Program is employed

at Houston Community College, Correctional Education Program as a Program Manager. His dissertation is on the willingness, planning, and readiness of HBCUs in offering correctional education programming in preparing the African American male for reentry into society after release from jail or prison. Mr. Irvin says "The book *Building on Resilience* is a timely and necessary read for African American male and female educators. It was a refreshing shift from the long documented deficit narratives of African American males to useful educational frameworks that would increase or create more positive narratives about the educational accomplishments of the African American male".

Kenneth Hines is a graduate student in Theology at Houston Baptist University and holds a Master of Science in Information Technology. Mr. Hines is employed at PVAMU in the College of Business as a System Analyst as well as an adjunct professor. Mr. Hines remarked, "Reviewing the book was especially rewarding for me as a Black male educator. Having graduated with a double undergraduate major in computer science and mathematics from Xavier University of Louisiana, an HBCU, I have a vested interest in increasing the success rate of young Black males majoring in STEM and the various authors in the book successfully address how to approach the task".

The three scholars applaud Dr. Bonner and faculty in the doctoral program for their support in heightening their research skills, which they said demonstrates the excellence of Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) Educational Leadership Program.

Engineers meet the FORD HBCU Community Challenge



Junior chemical engineering majors Fred Okafor, Kale Schuetzeburg, Jonathan Orozco, and Mustafa Saleem brought home the grand prize in the 2016 HBCU Ford Community Challenge held Dearborn, Michigan after presenting their innovative approach to monitoring sustainable energy.

The HBCU Ford Community Challenge is hosted by Ford along with Tom Joyner Morning Show and Rickey Smiley Morning Show to give students the opportunity to submit proposals based around the theme of building sustainable communities.

"Ford Fund is proud to support the creativity, community focus and teamwork of these future leaders," says Pamela Alexander, director, Ford Motor Company Fund. "Students who participate are helping improve the quality of life in our communities to bring about a better world." Be sure to join the program's social conversation by following #FordHBCU."

The students presented a proposal for the creation of the Triple E (Triple Energy), an app that allows you to monitor your water, gas, and electricity in real time. Okafor explained to Black America Web that Triple E is "three digital meters – water, gas, and electricity. We install them in people's home or businesses and the meters are watching...it will let you read real-time on your phone or tablet, how much water you're using. Same thing with electricity; It will tell you how many currents you're using."

It all started when Okafor received an email about the opportunity and decided to share it with his friends. Finding a subject to work on, the friends agreed that they wanted to help the community, the environment, and assist the non-profit organization, Habitat for Humanity.

"I remember growing up and my parents talking about maintaining the bills and telling me to keep the lights off but it wasn't until college when I got my first bill in my apartment where I realized 'wow this is my bill', I understand it and now I can make a difference," said Okafor.

Throughout the team's stay in Dearborn, they experienced the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and were mentored by Ford professionals to help guide them throughout the competition.

"Without the mentors, we wouldn't have won," said Mustafa Saleem. "They prepared us for the process; they were incredible."

During the final round the team competed against Johnson C. Smith University and Hampton University in front of the 4 judges, radio personality and philanthropist Tom Joyner, the great-great-grandson of Henry Ford and Ford Performance Global Marketing Manager, Henry Ford III, Ford Fund Director of Community Development, Pamela Alexander, and Ford Vice President of Global Vehicle, Powertrain Purchasing and Supplier Diversity Development, Burt Jordan.

The judges voted unanimously, and PVAMU was announced as the first place winners. The students received \$75,000 in scholarships and iPads for every team member. "I enjoyed the struggle the most out of the project, looking back it all pays off, it's hard to see the end goal from the start but just seeing your effort play out is awesome," explained Kale Schuetzeburg.

The team predicts that in three to four months the product should be ready & will be placed in the Habitat for Humanity homes.

Prairie View A&M Tops 2016 U.S. Department of Energy Race to Zero Student Design Competition

As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to helping families across the United States save money by saving energy, the U.S. Department of Energy announced winners of its third annual **Race to Zero Student Design Competition**, a collegiate competition engaging university students to design zero energy ready homes. A zero energy ready home is a high-performance home that is so energy efficient it can offset all or most of its annual energy consumption with renewable energy. This significantly reduces a home's annual electricity costs while improving comfort, health, safety, and durability.

The competition was held at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, Colorado, April 16–17, with the intention to inspire next- generation architects, engineers, and construction managers to apply the latest building science innovations in new and existing homes. The awards recognize students who excel at integrating solid building science principles into designs for zero energy ready homes including creative solutions to real-world problems.

This year's competition featured 31 teams from 25 universities. Over the past several months, students were tasked with creating a new house design or redesigning an existing floor plan to meet the competition's cost- effective, high-performance home energy requirements. The final portion of the competition concluded at NREL, as the students presented their innovative designs to a panel of national experts. These experts included leading high-performance home builders, architects, building science professionals, building product manufacturer technical experts, and national laboratory research scientists.

PVAMU placed in the following competitions:

Grand Winner

Prairie View A&M University—Green Future Team, Double Barrel Project, Prairie View, Texas

Urban Single-Family Housing Contest

First place: Prairie View A&M University—Green Future Team, Double Barrel Project, Prairie View, Texas

Second place: University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee—Net Zero Wisconsin Team, Forward House Project, Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A major goal of the competition is to advance building science curriculum in university programs across the country. Competing undergraduate students, graduate students, and university faculty are at the forefront of a leadership movement to design truly sustainable homes.

The Energy Department's **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)** works with private industry, universities, and national laboratories to accelerate the development and facilitate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and market-based solutions that strengthen U.S. energy security, environmental quality, and economic vitality. Visit the **Building Technologies Office** website to learn more about broader efforts to help new and existing homes across the United States achieve cost-effective, energy-saving solutions.



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Creating a Classroom

Visiting a foreign land to learn and prepare for a career is a unique and unforgettably educational experience for a growing number of Prairie View A&M University students.

Evie Myers, who serves as special assistant to the president for Internal Affairs and International Initiatives, oversees the Study Abroad Program. “My goal is to make sure that every PVAMU student is aware of opportunities the university has to study abroad,” Myers says. “We’re trying to raise funding to make certain that every student, regardless of their financial situation, will have the opportunity.”

Jessica Camarillo is among those who seized the opportunity to do so. Camarillo visited Thailand during the summer of 2016 as part of a group from PVAMU’s Undergraduate Medical Academy (UMA). Camarillo, who studies veterinary medicine, says her two-week visit was an “intense cultural education” during which time she witnessed the technique and skill of the Thai veterinary doctors, talked to locals and, of course, visited some of Thailand’s famous Buddhist temples.

“We shadowed the veterinarians and did a lot of hands-on work,” Camarillo says. “We even helped assist in some of the surgeries and learned a lot of the basic clinical treatments and how to give vaccines.”

“Not only do you get to experience another country, but you also get to see the welfare aspect of the animals over there,” she says. “Here, you only see them in captivity in the zoos. In Thailand, you see them more in their natural habitats. It opens your view of the world and gives you another view of vet medicine.”



Camarillo believes that a lot of students assume they need substantial funding to study abroad. So, financially, foreign study is seen as unlikely or impossible. “If you really want to do it, it’s possible,” explains Camarillo. “You just have to speak with your advisors and faculty and work toward the applications. It’s definitely possible, and it’s something that you will carry with you for the rest of your life.”



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In addition to enabling more students to study abroad, Myers and her team also are tasked with increasing opportunities for faculty to travel abroad and recruiting more foreign students to attend PVAMU that will raise the university's international profile.

"We've done international travel proposals to which faculty applied," Myers says. "Out of the twelve faculty who applied, seven were granted \$2,500 to travel to various nations." This spring, the seven (faculty members) will take students to Jamaica, Mexico, Belize, France and South Africa. "These seven faculty members will be our 'education abroad' ambassadors," Myers adds. "We really want to promote these programs this year, so other faculty will be encouraged to apply."



Additionally, the number of foreign-born students studying on the campus also has increased. In fact, 244 students from more than 40 other nations studied at PVAMU during the 2015-2016 year — a 23 percent increase over the previous year, says Myers. "We make sure these students feel like an integral part of the campus."

Myers says the university reaches out to various foreign embassies in Washington, D.C., to notify them about PVAMU's ability to accommodate foreign exchange students. Her office connects with various consul generals' offices in nearby Houston for the same purpose.

"We also utilize the U-Grad Program through the (U.S.) State Department, which screens students from other nations and then allows them to have an experience at a U.S. university," Myers says. "This year, we're excited to host our first U-Grad student - a young Palestinian woman."



THE EVOLUTION OF THE MISS PRAIRIE VIEW A&M PAGEANT

When the Miss Prairie View A&M University contest took place for the first time in 1932, a foundation was laid for serving the university and the greater campus community. Queens were selected by popular vote among the student body, and the winner would participate coronation during the annual homecoming festivities. “It’s more than pageantry,” Chelsee Hill, assistant director of the Honors Program said. “When you’re in that position, what you say can contribute to or harm the university or the students.” Throughout the years, campus queens all possess the same qualities: charm, poise, intelligence and popularity. However, the women

who reigned in Pantherland, all brought their unique educational prowess, personal, social, and cultural development to the campus.

Nearly four decades would pass before the student crowned “Miss Prairie View A&M” could compete in the Miss Texas Pageant, and ultimately, in the Miss America Pageant. In April 1970, the Miss PVAMU contest would become the university’s first pageant and was sponsored for the first time in cooperation with the Miss Texas and Miss America pageants.



PVAMU purchased a franchise from the Miss Texas-Miss America Pageants to enable the university's pageant competitors to enter the broader social-cultural competitive arena.

Houston native Margaret Penn (later Margaret Penn Sherrod) won the 1970 pageant and became the first Miss PVAMU to compete for the title of Miss Texas. She would also go on to win the title of Miss Black Texas 1971.

The Miss PVAMU Pageant drew greater national acclaim when,

Miss PVAMU 1985, Lillie L. Taylor, was crowned Miss Collegiate Black America, and again when Shari Love was crowned Miss PVAMU and Miss Black College Alumni Hall of Fame in 1987.

Thus far, PVAMU's greatest advance in the Miss America System has been the selection of Dellenor Rochelle Miles of Houston as fourth runner-up to Miss Texas in 1984. Miles became the first Miss Prairie View A&M University to be named as a finalist and was even named the "Most Talented Singer" in the pageant.

THE EVOLVING ROLE OF MISS PVAMU

for the university, female students and for the student body overall.

In fact, Miss Prairie View A&M University queens have returned to the Hill to provide guidance and support to the 84th queen, Miss Jeaiza Quiñones.

Today, those who have competed and who have won Miss PVAMU all profess an awareness and an appreciation of the legacy that wearing the crown brings.

Each Miss PVAMU has a strong sense of purpose in what the year-long reign as Miss PVAMU means

JEAIZA QUINONES

84th Miss PVAMU, 2016-2017 #HelloQueen

As a native of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Jeaiza Quiñones assumed the odds were heavily against her being crowned Miss PVAMU. Not only was she from an overseas U.S. territory, she honestly suspected that she would not fit the student body's ideal image of a Miss PVAMU.

"Because I was plus-sized, I didn't think I was that type, and (also) because I was half-Hispanic, I didn't think I was the (Miss PVAMU) type," Quiñones says.

Quiñones defied her own skepticism after drawing inspiration and motivation from previous Miss Prairie Views. She also realized running for Miss PVAMU gave her the platform to tackle the issues she cared about on campus and beyond.

After getting to know the two preceding Miss PVAMUs — Ashley Sherman (2014) and Ivy Walls (2015) — Quiñones became inspired by how both devoted themselves to addressing societal concerns that they held dear to them and how both young women conducted themselves during their reigns. "After hearing Ashley talk about what was required of Miss Prairie View at different forums, that's when I really got inspired," Quiñones says.

Still, Quiñones, who was part of the Marching Storm Band, found participating in the pageant intimidating. "I was really terrified throughout the entire process," she says. "I think I only stopped being scared when I got on stage and it was too late to turn around." She recalls how she bonded with her "pageant sisters." She also learned





to balance her busy schedule as the designated “Band Mom” with the rigors of pageant competition.

“Everybody was really invested in me, making sure that I was ready for the pageant. It was something I was actually surprised about,” she says. “I didn’t have my family here, so it was fun to have all these different people on campus feel so excited.”

Quiñones’ feminist platform results directly from having been a victim of sexual assault as a child and as a teenager. As Miss PVAMU, she decided she would address the issue of sexual assault and other challenges facing women through her blog and other forms of social media. “It has really developed into something bigger than I ever thought it would be,” she says. “So many more women than I expected are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Quiñones says many women on campus have expressed appreciation at seeing someone in a high-profile position openly confront the problems they have struggled with privately.

As for what the pageant taught her, Quiñones first recalls how Ms. Simmons and Ivy Walls told contestants any of them could qualify as Miss PVAMU in some ways based on the unique capabilities that they all possessed.

“That gave us a certain amount of respect for each other,” Quiñones says. “We weren’t just coming in with a mindset of ‘I’m going to win because I’m the only one capable.’”

“Also, (Simmons and Walls) reminded us that we didn’t have to change anything about ourselves. We didn’t have to dress up every day just because we were in the pageant and we didn’t have to start wearing makeup if that was not something that we did.

“That made me accept myself to a certain extent because when I won, I didn’t feel that pressure to become a certain person because I was Miss Prairie View,” Quiñones says. “A lot of the former Miss Prairie Views stressed that you make that position what you want it to be. Miss Prairie View isn’t something that you have to become.”

Quiñones’ experience with the pageant competition is one to which many other former Miss Prairie Views can relate.

Chelsee Hill, Miss PVAMU, 2009-2010 #MentalandPhysicalHealth

Chelsee Hill ’10 & ’15, who was crowned Miss Prairie View in 2009, recalls drawing inspiration from the challenge of presenting her platform while upholding the university’s image. But Hill could not “dance, paint or juggle,” so she worried, initially, about what she would do in the talent competition. Finally, she realized her theatrical background would somehow have to be creatively utilized: Hill had won district titles in high school for her dramatic abilities.

“I had put together a compilation called, ‘Sisters, Stop Hating on Each Other,’ a monologue which emphasized unity among women,” Hill recalls. “I ended up winning best talent.”

After winning the pageant, Hill focused on how she could enhance representing Prairie View by incorporating her own goals. Hill was a psychology major and during her reign, she placed emphasis on maintaining physical and mental health through exercise and adequate rest for the most effective study habits. “I stressed being physically and mentally fit,” she says. “You can’t have one without the other.”

Ultimately, Hill says being Miss Prairie View enhanced her sense of personal responsibility. “Greatness comes naturally to some people,” Hill says. “I can look around and see my affect.”

Lorie Proctor

(formerly Lorie Freeman),
Miss PVAMU, 2003-2004 #GoGoddess

Lorie Proctor '04 recalls that while growing up, she had always remembered spring issues of Ebony that featured all the HBCU pageant winners. "From age seven, I realized who these (pageant winners) were.

To actually become part of that group was an awesome feeling, just to know a girl like me could be Miss PV, and that I could be in Ebony." (Ebony Magazine debuted its' campus queens story in the April 1975 issue)

She spent the first few years of her undergraduate experience, actively involved in student organizations, meeting people and getting the lay of the land. Then came her junior year when she decided to run for Miss Black and Gold. Her former dance teacher in Dallas urged her to aim higher and "fry the big fish" by running for Miss Prairie View. She took his advice.

Proctor says she had always been somewhere between a "girly-girl" and a "tomboy" and worried she would not fit the ideal of a Miss Prairie View. Gradually, however, with guidance from the Miss Prairie View Pageant's advisor, Denise Simmons, and the reigning Miss Prairie View of 2002-2003, Nella Mupier, Proctor dived into preparing for the "grace" aspects of the pageant. Fortunately, as a dance minor, Proctor wasn't too worried about the talent competition.

However, Proctor had always been a strong introvert who generally avoided the social buzz of campus. In fact, even Proctor's hairstyle was unconventional: she sported a bald fade. At times, Proctor says she attributed her sudden inspiration to compete in the pageant to "divine intervention."

When Proctor won, she aggressively embraced her leadership role and launched the "Go Goddess" seminars.

She also hosted seminars on breast cancer awareness and safety. "For whatever reason, you're put in this position to bring some sort of inspiration to others," she says. "I learned I'm more courageous than I thought I was."

Proctor sums up the impact of having served as Miss Prairie View from a quote she once read: "God can have bigger dreams for you than you can have for yourself."



**"Miss Prairie View is a spirit,"
Proctor says. "It doesn't have a look.
It doesn't have to fit a model size."**

Lenice D. Brown

Miss PVAMU, 1986-1987: #worldviews

Lenice Brown was the latest of a long line of her family members who attended and graduated from PVAMU, including her grandfather, mother, uncles, sister and cousins. Since attending PVAMU was not really unique in a family of Panthers, Brown decided taking a shot at becoming Miss PVAMU would be a nice way to set a new milestone and extend the legacy of her family.

"Back in the 1980s, they simply sent out info asking if you were interested in participating in the pageant," Brown says. "We had people who helped coach us along regarding current events, physical fitness and other matters relative to the pageant."

"We had great minds (on campus), and they all took time to talk to us about current events and how we could help others."

Shortly after winning, she learned she had to compete for Miss Texas pageant and generate advertising and wardrobe funds. "I had to go out to and speak to businesses and any others able to donate," Brown says.

She took on the work of fund-raising and representing PVAMU as energetically as she could. "We had to raise ad money for the Miss Texas pageant (which at the time led to Miss America Pageant), and we had to go out and meet with all alumni chapters and discuss the university."

As Miss PVAMU, Brown proved to be an exceptional fund-raiser. "At that time, I raised more funds than anyone else had as Miss Prairie View," Brown says. In the Miss Texas pageant, Brown met competitors who had competed in pageants of one kind or another since childhood. Some literally lived with pageant coaches. "They had a whole team of people who helped them," she says. "I was 23 or 24. I was old in pageant terms. Some of these people had been in pageants since they were 7, 8 or 9 years old, and that's all they did. They were much more prepared."

As for how she represented herself and the university at the Miss Texas pageant, Brown knew she had to set an example. "I already had a sense of self-worth," she says. "Many of the pageant officials were taken aback because we weren't upset that we weren't Miss Swimsuit or Miss Congeniality. We had that mentality of, 'we're already a winner.'"



Brown's advice to today's competitors is to always maintain a strong sense self-worth. "I don't want young ladies to be exploited," she says. "In the pageant industry, some young women are used to raise money. I've always told young people, 'make sure this was a goal you had for yourself, not because you want some notoriety,' because that doesn't last."

"I would hope my legacy is to leave a positive perspective on black women who matriculate through PVAMU. When people look at me, I don't want them to see makeup, glitz and glamour," Brown says. "I want them to see a hard-working, committed individual. Someone committed to education, the university, service and the power of black women."

LASTING LEGACY.

Proctor says the evolution of the Miss Prairie View Pageant has come from the student participants. She notes the pageants diversity has increased citing the presence of Latin American and Caucasian contestants who made first runner-up. And Quiñones' victory, as someone from outside the U.S. mainland, and a beautiful plus-size woman is another breakthrough, says Proctor.

To enhance the pageant's legacy, Proctor suggested holding a Miss Prairie View reunion to pageant advisor Denise Simmons. In 2006, Miss Lindsey Slay, the reigning Miss Prairie View was approached about hosting the event biannually. Alumni affairs proved effective at tracking down previous Miss Prairie Views, and so the reunion became a reality. Each year during homecoming festivities, the reunion takes place which includes a luncheon, parade attendance and sitting together at the game.

“No one will ever know what it’s like to be a Miss Prairie View except a Miss Prairie View,” Hill says.

“It’s amazing to be around so many women who are just fantastic and all share a love for Prairie View.”

Mr. PVAMU

In the spring of 1987, the Pardus yearbook staff sponsored the inaugural Mr. Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant. The purpose of this contest was to honor those men whose footprints led in the direction of success, leadership, and excellence. The contestants were judged in three categories -- talent, interview, and apparel. Much like traditional pageants, the contestants were required to sell a quota of ads and pre-sale tickets. The “Dimensions of a Prairie View Man” contest judges crowned music and voice major, Ricky Valentino La Fontaine, as the winner.

During the exploration of this “New Dimension,” the Yearbook staff discovered that Mr. Prairie View A&M University would not only serve as an honor to men of this outstanding university but also to women by serving as the official escort to Miss Prairie View A&M University.

In 1988, the pageant received formal recognition by the Office of Student Activities. Mr. Prairie View A&M University was elevated to the level of Miss Prairie View A&M University and receives some of the same amenities as prizes including scholarships and housing.

Serving as the 2016 Mr. PVAMU is senior Ravez M. Jones. He is a mechanical engineering major in the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering, with a minor in biology. Ravez is also a part of the Prairie View A&M University’s Honors College, where he was afforded the opportunity to spend 7 weeks during the summer of 2014 studying abroad at Xi’an International Studies Institute in Xi’an, China. He plans to use his platform of “SUCCESS” to encourage and motivate his fellow panthers to achieve success, not only in the classroom, but explore nontraditional settings too.



PVAMU HONORS ALUM AND PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER,

KEN HOUSTON



Late this summer, around sixty guests were treated to a sneak peak of the new Panther Stadium as they honored NFL great, Pro Football Hall-of-Famer and PVAMU legend, Ken Houston.

The event was the brainchild of fellow alumna, Phyllis Darden-Caldwell, who wanted to reconnect Mr. Houston with the university, raise funds for a scholarship in Houston's name and celebrate Houston's dynamic professional achievements.

According to Darden-Caldwell, "I truly believe that Prairie View's sports history is getting lost because we don't celebrate those who came before. With the new stadium, the old Blackshear Field is gone and those memories and names will eventually fade unless we celebrate them. With Ken being our only Pro Football Hall of Famer, he was an obvious choice for me to start with in celebrating these players who made a mark at the university."

To organize the event, Darden-Caldwell initially met with Vice President and Athletic Director, Ashley Robinson, current PVAMU football Head Coach Willie Simmons, Coach McDowell and Assistant Athletic Director, Monique Carroll to present the idea of developing a Ken Houston Scholarship and raising the necessary funds with a kick-off mixer. The group was enthusiastic about the idea, so I immediately began to work with Houston and his wife, Dr. Gustie Houston, to bring the idea to life. Explained Darden-Caldwell, "This event was an opportunity to name a scholarship after a well-respected alum and ask his friends and family to donate in his honor. In addition, I was aware of Ken's commitment to students in the greater Houston area.

Following his professional career as a NFL football player and later a coach via the NFL, college and high school, he was involved in mentorship through HISD and other ventures. I knew that his heart was in helping other young men become successful and productive." Darden-Caldwell eventually reached

out to Vernita Harris and Kedra McIntyre both of whom have a far reaching circle of friends in the greater Houston area and beyond. Ms. Carroll and Vice President Robinson, along with others from the Athletics Department, were instrumental helping to organize the event.

It was also a chance for other alums to get involved. Carol Campbell, PVAMU alumnus and protocol coordinator for the Office of the President under Dr. Wright, assisted with set-up, menu and decorations. PVAMU alum, Smooth Inversions, provided the music.

The Houstons identified their personal guest list. Harris and McIntyre were invaluable as sounding boards, providing suggestions and Houston community contacts.



STON

Among the guests were, **“Mean” Joe Greene**, Pro Football Hall of Famer, Pittsburgh Steelers, several Superbowls;

Dan Pastorini, NFL Quarterback, Houston Oilers;

Carl Jackson, PVAMU Alum, SHOF, RB Coach for the 1992 Superbowl team, San Francisco 49ers; Ricky Williams coach ; coached 22 years at University of Iowa, 5 Big Ten Championship Teams, with 3 trips to the Rose Bowl, sending 12 RBs from Iowa to the NFL with 9 of rushing for 1,000+ yards a season;

Ray Seals, PVAMU Alum, SHOF – coached 8 high school players who went to the NFL including Moran Norris and Vince Young; 2008 NFL’s High School Coach of the Year;

Touchdown Club Executive Director, Neal Farmer and Former PVAMU teammates. When Darden-Caldwell was

asked why, as a fellow PVAMU alum, Houston should be recognized, she offered,

“Ken was a person who wasn’t slated to be successful in football. He was offered a scholarship by Bishop College, but the institution withdrew it. The only other school to recruit him was Prairie View. He started out as a center and then became the starting linebacker. From there, he became successful – named an All American and drafted in the 9th round in 1967 by the Oilers. He became a starter by the 3rd game of his rookie season. He’s proof of what can be done at a small university with very little. Given all that’s he’s done – imagine what current and future student athletes can do with what they now have. He’s an inspiration for generations.”

Ken Houston has been described as humble, selfless and gracious. Whenever he speaks about his time at Prairie View or with one of the NFL teams, he always talks about the team - not himself. Houston is very well respected by the Washington Redskin community and the now defunct, Houston Oilers community. During the Touchdown Club’s LDC Luncheon people have clamored to get a photo with him. NFL Pro Football Hall of Famer, Eric Dickerson, speaks very highly of Ken.

At the event, Mr. Houston received Proclamations received from:

- Mayor Sylvester Turner, Mayor of Houston, Texas
- Congressman Ted Poe, U.S House of Representatives
- Mayor of Lufkin, Texas (his hometown)
- Mayor David Allen, Prairie View, Texas
- Governor Gregg Abbott, State of Texas



As we reflect upon this university's humble beginnings, we must marvel at the growth and expansion that decades of faith, hard work, determination, passion and an unwavering vision have brought to this university. Thousands of people fought, lived and died for this university to become and remain a beacon of hope for an under-served population. We honor them and their immeasurable contributions as well as the current administration, faculty and staff who now carry the torch as we usher in another 140 years of excellence in teaching, research and service.

February 1876: Texas State Representative William H. Holland submitted an "act to establish an agricultural and manual school for colored youths of the state."

August 14, 1876: The Fifteenth Legislature authorized the creation of the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas," "established for colored youths."

1877: The state took title to 1,388 acres in Waller County for the site of the college.

March 11, 1878: Alta Vista College for Colored Youth opened with eight students.

1885: First diplomas granted. L.C. Anderson would begin serving as principal.

1901: The institution began offering a four-year course of study.

1922: the name "Panthers" was decided upon.

1937: Division of graduate studies added.

1939: First Master's degree granted.

1947 - 1948: Dr. E.B. Evans appointed as Principal and subsequently appointed by the Texas A&M University Board of Directors as Prairie View's first President

August 27, 1973: Prairie View A&M College is renamed Prairie View A&M University and is an independent unit of the Texas A&M University System.

1982: Prairie View became a party to the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office of Civil Rights lawsuit.

November 6, 1984: A constitutional amendment restructured the state's Permanent University Fund (PUF) to include Prairie View A&M as a beneficiary of its proceeds.

2001: The University's first doctoral program (Ph.D. in Juvenile Justice) offered.

July 2002: "Land-Grant institution by federal statute" added to Mission Statement.

President's

- E.H. Anderson 1879 - 1885
- L.C. Anderson 1885 - 1897
- Edward L. Blackshear, 1897 - 1915
- I.M. Terrell, 1915 - 1918
- J.G. Osborne, 1918 - 1925
- W.R. Banks became principal in 1926 - 1947
- Dr. Edward B. Evans, 1947 - 1966 (inaugurated as the first President)
- Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, 1966 -1982
- Dr. Percy A. Pierre, 1983 - 1989
- Julius W. Becton, Jr. LTG. (Ret.), 1989 - 1994
- Dr. Charles A. Hines, 1994 - 2002
- Dr. George C. Wright 2003 - Present

Names given to the University

- **August 14, 1876 -** Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youth
- **April 19, 1879 -** Prairie View State Normal School
- **1899 -** Prairie View State Normal & Industrial College
- **June 1, 1945 -** Prairie View University
- **March 3, 1947 -** Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas
- **1973 -** Prairie View A&M University

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