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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY



CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

Dear Friends, Supporters and PV Family,

These are exciting times at Prairie View A&M University! Throughout the year, many of our faculty and staff were honored as leaders in their respective fields; some of our students had the privilege of traveling the globe and being introduced to new customs and cultures; the university was recognized as a leader in producing productive engineers and architects; we implemented a host of academic success programs; and, we said goodbye to a legacy football field to make way for a new \$60 million, state-of-the-art athletic facility worthy of our mighty Panthers.

Another major highlight for us was being selected as one of the first institutions in The Texas A&M System to receive millions of dollars in research funding through the Chancellor's Research Initiative (CRI). The funding allowed the PVAMU brand to launch into space as our innovative research team led a ground-breaking project that catapulted us into that final frontier! Also, as a result of this new funding source, PVAMU will be able to hire new faculty members—all of whom are experts in their fields and trailblazing researchers. We expect that you will hear more about them in the coming year as they develop research projects that will have real-world implications and enormous positive impact in our communities.

All the while, we stayed true to our roots as a diverse academic institution of the first class. Our mission guides everything that we do. This year, we amended our mission statement to reflect a more succinct vision of PVAMU's leadership in preparing scholars for citizenship. We expect that this more concise mission statement will allow both internal and external audiences to immediately understand why this university was established more than 139 years ago and why it has thrived over decades.

I am so proud of the many victories that Prairie View A&M University has achieved. Although we did not have enough space to share every accolade and triumph that we received throughout the year, we knew that simply sharing the highlights with you – our friends, alumni and supporters - would give you a glimpse of our many wonderful accomplishments.

Thank you for your continued support of PVAMU and from the entire PVAMU community, we wish you a happy and prosperous 2015!

George C. Wright

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President, Prairie View A&M University

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Ranked **#1** in Producing African-American Graduate Architects

Ranked **#4** in Producing African-American Graduate Psychologists

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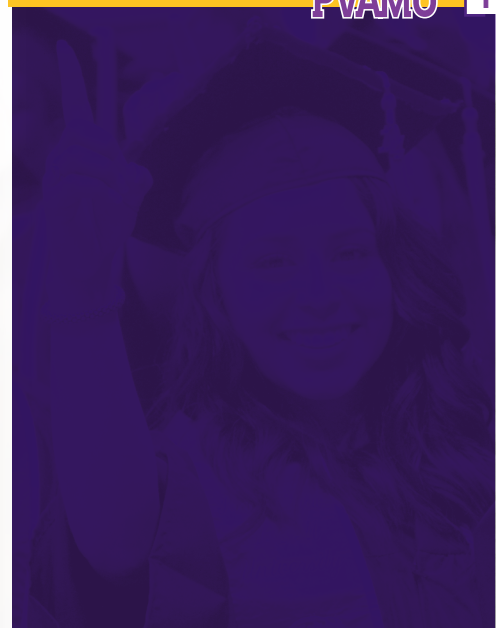
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OUR MISSION

In an effort to articulate Prairie View A&M University's core values and purpose, the university amended its mission statement in 2014. The statement concisely expounds upon PVAMU's leadership in preparing scholars for citizenship, the university's commitment to achieving outcomes and its focus on expansion and globalization.

According to **Dr. Michael L. McFrazier**, vice president for administration, the amended statement, "does not change the university's fundamental thrust, but it is a much more succinct declaration of our purpose. In amending the mission statement, we expect that our students, faculty and staff will be better able to internalize it and share it with a broad audience."



The new mission statement:

Prairie View A&M University is a state-assisted, public, comprehensive land-grant institution of higher education. The university was designated in a 1984 amendment to the Texas Constitution as an "institution of the first class." It is dedicated to achieving excellence and relevance in teaching, research and service. It seeks to invest in programs and services that address issues and challenges affecting the diverse ethnic and socioeconomic population of Texas and the larger society, including the global arena. The university seeks to provide a high-quality educational experience for students who, upon completion of bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees, possess self-sufficiency and professional competence. The experience is imbued by the institution's values including, but not limited to, access and quality, accountability, diversity, leadership, relevance and social responsibility. ★

2014

AT A GLANCE

1,568 first-time, full-time freshmen enrolled as undergraduates

8,343 students enrolled in 2014

Enrollment by Gender

3,232 male

5,111 female

50% admitted students who had a GPA of 3.00–3.75 or higher

203 international students enrolled for Fall 2014

38 international countries represented by PVAMU students

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PRODUCING STRONG ACADEMICS

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College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

Dr. Wash A. Jones, assistant professor in the Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Human Ecology, recently co-led the first half of a study abroad trip for 16 students to Namibia. The trip, funded primarily by a three-year research grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, was a joint venture between Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, the University of Namibia and the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia.

Scheduled activities for the students included class discussions and experiential learning activities related to food security, community-based natural resource management, career competencies, photography and cultural pluralism. The following are several major concepts and issues the students addressed or learned regarding Namibia:

- Namibia is the driest country in sub-Saharan Africa and only 2 percent of the land receives enough rain annually for agricultural purposes.
- The country does not have any formal nutrition education program, so malnutrition is a huge concern.
- Namibia's public health system is extremely poor due to bad administration since the country's independence from South Africa in 1990.
- Polygamy is common and is not illegal.
- The rate of HIV is as high as one in three persons in some parts of the country.
- Although affirmative action for the empowerment of women, Blacks and people with disabilities is a government policy, women typically are oppressed and have no say even though they are represented in leadership roles.
- Much corruption exists in the government. The Namibian State House (the President's home), cost 10 percent of the national budget and was built by North Korea with no Namibian labor and no Namibian citizens' input into the process.★

A collage image featuring a person in a business suit with their hands behind their head, overlaid with various charts, graphs, and architectural drawings. The text "School of Architecture" is on the left and "College of Business" is on the right.

The digital media arts degree mirrors the American Institute of Graphic Arts professional standards. The degree emphasizes: 1. Increasing the ability to create and develop visual responses to communication problems; 2. Increasing the ability to solve communication problems using the design process and beta testing implementation; and 3. Increasing the understanding of and ability to utilize tools and technology.★

Dr. A. Jan Taylor, assistant professor and director of the PVAMU Concert Chorale conducted the HBCU National Choir in the “105 Voices of History Concert” on the Terrace Theatre stage at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. The National Choir concert serves as a forum for university conductors to collaborate with their peers on ideas to foster both program and professional development. It is also the nation’s first and only National Concert Choir exclusively comprised of singers from the 106 HBCUs.

National Jazz Orchestra. ★

A statement from the Internal Revenue Service is not always good news. Associate professor **William Vetter**, who teaches Federal Income Tax and Business Law, among other courses in the business school at PVAMU, is taking his notification from the IRS in stride. The Department of Treasury has approved the IRS' recommendation that Dr. Vetter be among 27 new members to serve on a nationwide Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, also known as TAP. TAP, a federal advisory committee, is tasked with "providing taxpayer suggestions to improve IRS customer service."

New members of TAP were selected from a nationwide pool of more than 400 applicants and will join 46 returning members to serve out a three-year term. Vetter, the only new member who hails from Texas, is an ideal choice to serve in this new role as he has been assisting taxpayers through the PVAMU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) for nearly 10 years. ☆



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Whitlowe R. Green College of Education

Drs. Terence Hicks and **Michael McFrazier** recently released the book, *College Student Self-Efficacy Research Studies*, which received a glowing review from **Dr. Fred Bonner**, former Samuel DeWitt Proctor Chair of Education at Rutgers University and current PVAMU professor and endowed chair recipient. Dr. Bonner highlights the significant contribution the book will have on a national level. “What Hicks and McFrazier offer in this critically important time not only adds to the empirical research literature on self-efficacy among Black college student cohorts, but also situates the relevance of efficacious behaviors for these cohorts in a diverse array of higher education contexts. The cutting-edge scholarship in this book is certain to spark discourse on this topic for many years to come,” Bonner said.

Dr. William Ross' recently released book, *Mentoring African American Males: A Research Design Comparison Perspective* is part of a three-book series that addresses critical issues in educating African American males. The new series will play a major role in contributing to the scholarly discussion around the education of African American males. The book's opening descriptor highlights its value: “Mentoring African American Males provides important black male research and student performance data to guide the efforts of those who accept the enormous task of standing in the gap to increase black male achievement” ★



Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

Dr. Felecia McInnis Nave was named provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

“The provost and senior vice president for academic affairs is an extremely important position. Having served as provost, I know firsthand what skills are needed to be successful on the job,” said President George C. Wright. “Dr. Nave brings, based on her impressive academic and research experiences, strong analytical skills that allow her to critically analyze problems and pose viable solutions. She is very student-oriented and has a work ethic that is outstanding. Indeed, I have every confidence that she will hit the ground running and lead us to our next levels of success.”

Nave received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Alcorn State University and a master's. and doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Toledo. Prior to this appointment, Nave served as associate provost and associate vice president for academic affairs. Her research interests include: functionalized membranes, bioseparations, transport in cardiovascular system, women issues in engineering, K-12 outreach, gifted and talented African Americans pursuing STEM careers, and engineering education. She has received funding from agencies such as the NSF, DOD, ExxonMobil, SWE, Engineering Information Foundation and PVAMU research foundation totaling over \$2.5 million for both her technical and education-related research agenda. ★

The College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology

The College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology created a graduate school preparatory program for psychology majors. The purpose of the multi-year program is to prepare psychology undergraduate students for admission and successful matriculation in graduate programs at top universities once they graduate from PVAMU. According to Dr. Pamela Martin, associate dean and program founder, the program is already paying dividends because 100 percent of the inaugural class of participants was able to secure summer research programs spots this summer at top universities including the University of Michigan, University of Tennessee and Wichita State University. As an added bonus, these universities have asked PVAMU to create formalized pipeline agreements so that they routinely admit future psychology students into their graduate programs.



Research and Graduate Studies

Dr. Cajetan Akujuobi was named the vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School. Akujuobi brings 40 years of experience to the position, having served as a researcher, faculty and administrator at various universities throughout his career. Prior to accepting the new post at PVAMU, Akujuobi served as the dean of the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology at Alabama State University.

Akujuobi is an accomplished scholar who has published nine book chapters and more than 40 journal publications. He has more than 80 peer-reviewed papers and has served as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on several multimillion dollar research projects funded by government, industry and foundations.

No stranger to Prairie View A&M University, Akujuobi held several positions at the Roy. G. Perry College of Engineering and created the Center of Excellence for Communication Systems Technology Research. The Center has worked to keep industry leaders on the cutting edge by developing and enhancing existing communication systems through modeling, testing and simulation.★

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The College of Nursing

The College of Nursing has been invited to partner with Memorial Hermann and three other schools of nursing—Texas Women’s University, The University of Texas Medical Branch and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston—as well as, area hospitals and non-hospital community-based centers to provide clinical training for Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

The training is part of The Graduate Nurse Education demonstration project that was mandated by the 2010 Affordable Care Act. The primary goal of the project is to increase the number of APRNs who will be trained to provide primary care, preventive care, transitional care, chronic care management and other services for Medicare beneficiaries. Memorial Hermann Health System was one of five health care systems that will share the \$200 million funding award.

To implement this project, Memorial Hermann and partners will admit, monitor, collect and exchange information on “best practices” through various communication opportunities. This project will establish and refine a cost effective model for operating a large network of APRN clinical placement sites.★



Students in the Community FACTS

26,632 hours dedicated
by PVAMU students to community
volunteer projects

2,400 students volunteered
for community service projects

213 students participated
in Panthers At Work (PAW) to
contribute 842 hours of service
to the community

\$625,852
Monetary value of student hours
donated to community service
projects based on Texas' \$23.50 per
hour volunteer service wage scale

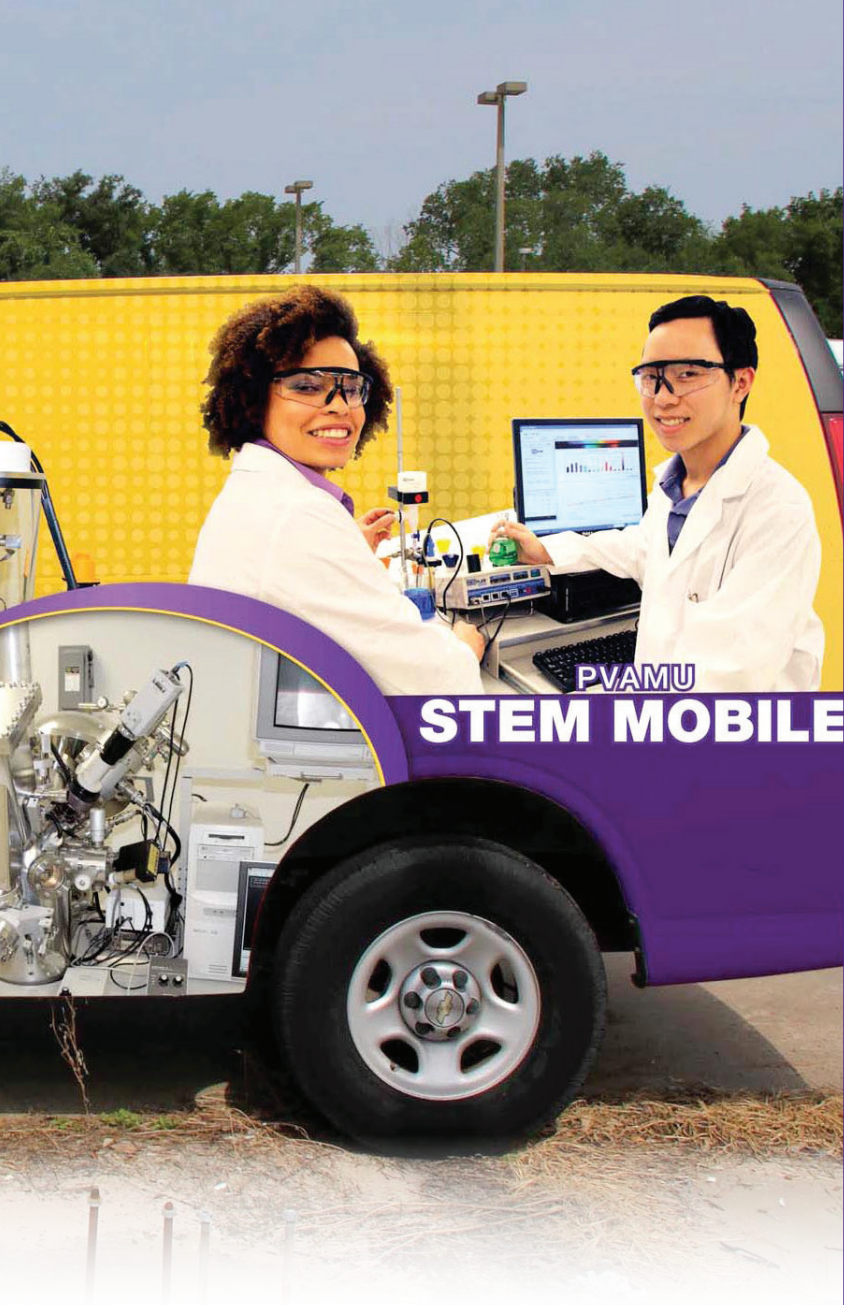
PVAMU recognized on President
Obama Higher Education
Community Service Honor Roll
for 2014



PRODUCING IN THE COMMUNITY

The PVAMU STEM Mobile Road Show is an outreach project designed to get more underrepresented minorities and women interested in the STEM disciplines. The program, co-sponsored by Prairie View A&M University and the Department of Education Title III Program, seeks to raise middle and high school students' expectations of attending and completing college by encouraging them to develop interests and academic skills that will allow them to persist in their studies.

"Minority and nontraditional students are highly underrepresented in the STEM fields and they often require special recruitment strategies, demonstration and hands-on experience to peak their interests in these fields," explained **Dr. Hylton G. McWhinney**, chemistry professor and STEM Mobile program coordinator.



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STEM MOBILE

The Traveling PVAMU STEM Mobile Road Show, equipped with diverse technology-based turnkey science equipment, will be the medium used to attract pre-college students into STEM education. The Mobile Road Show highlights cutting-edge analytical instrumentation, which includes, but is not limited to infrared spectroscopy, UV-visible spectroscopy and the MicroLab™ FS524 Experimental Data Analysis System as the main technologies for onsite STEM demonstrations.

Students will be able to visualize and comprehend scientific concepts and principles (not readily understood) in required course content through diverse live demonstrations and practical applications in chemistry, physics and engineering. The interconnectedness among technology, mathematics, science and engineering will be vividly demonstrated with the MicroLab™ system. ★

Did you know?★

The PVAMU College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology in conjunction with the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center, the Waller County District Attorney's Office, and Marian Jackson, judge of Precinct 3, joined forces to give nearly 200 criminal justice students and members of the community an overview of basic legal concepts through its Gavel Series – a community-based legal education project. In 2014, lawyers and legal experts presented information on such diverse legal topics such as: entertainment law; paternity support and responsibility; social media safety; drug charges and punishment; social security and disability; student financial aid and abuse; gangs; drugs and family violence; immigration law; business organization: how to start a new business; tax law basics; law enforcement stops and de-escalation.



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THE Gavel SERIES



Did you know?★

Dr. James A. Wilson Jr.,

associate provost for academic affairs and Director of The Honors Program, has been working diligently with the Dallas Regional Peace Corps Office to recruit



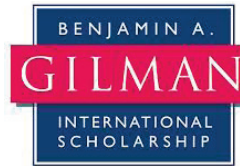
students to enter the Peace Corps. Dr. Wilson, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, successfully worked with two students who volunteered for the Peace Corps upon graduation and will be working with four more students who are applying to the program in 2015.

Michaela Puryear is a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Lesotho, Southern Africa. Puryear was a member of The Honors Program and graduated with highest honors in psychology. She also played the cello in the University orchestra and was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Kyle Maronie is a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Cameroon, West Africa. Maronie received the 2012 PVAMU Humanitarian Award. He graduated with honors from the College of Arts and Sciences as a history major. He was a founding member of B.L.A.C.K. (Brothers Leading and Cultivating Knowledge), and he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



PRODUCING GLOBAL CITIZENS



PVAMU Boasts Record Number of Gilman Scholars

Four PVAMU students were given the opportunity to immerse themselves in different cultures as recipients of the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. This is only the second time that Prairie View A&M University students have received Gilman scholarship awards.



Ashley Henderson
Botswana

Jasper Ross
Namibia

Fitsum Abuye
Namibia

Kieara Hooey
Costa Rica

The Gilman Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad. Such international exchange is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.

Award recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process and must use the award to defray eligible study or intern abroad costs. These costs include program tuition, room and board, books, local transportation, insurance and international airfare.

"I am proud of our students and their accomplishments!" exclaimed **Lisa Fields**, coordinator of international affairs, "I have actually served as a Gilman panelist and I know from that experience that our students faced stiff competition from students from other colleges and universities around the United States. The fact that our university had a record number of students receiving the Gilman Scholarship Award is truly phenomenal.

According to Fields, study abroad helps to develop and enhance students' global competence. Fields said she believes it is critical for PVAMU students to learn about diverse cultures to be successful in an increasingly interdependent global society.

This congressionally funded program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education through its office in Houston, Texas. ★



Did you know?★

Honors student and junior political science major, **Victoria Crosby**, was the first student in PVAMU history to be selected for a scholarship to participate in the prestigious Semester at Sea program. The program is “a multiple country study abroad program open to students of all majors emphasizing comparative academic examination, hands-on field experiences and meaningful engagement in the global community.” Sponsored by The University of Virginia, students from 250-300 colleges in the U.S. and the world participate in Semester at Sea each term.

Through the program, Crosby traveled to Hawaii, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, Myanmar, India, Mauritius, South Africa, Ghana, Morocco and England in four months. Prior to docking, students completed classes about the culture and customs of the



countries they would be visiting.

“Not only did we study and visit these countries, but we did community service as well. I worked at a Vietnamese Orphanage in Ho Chi Minh City and helped to supply food, clothes, and toys to the children living in the orphanage. It was a fantastic experience and a dream come true for me!” exclaimed Crosby.

Crosby, whose goal is to one day work for the State Department or as a foreign service officer, was most moved by her visit to Vietnam. “My grandfather, who passed several years ago, served two tours in Vietnam. We toured their American War Museum and I saw pictures of his brigade. It was emotional for me and it gave me a different perspective.”

Semester at Sea FUN FACT

Crosby visited **16** cities and **12** countries in **112** days

Cultural Diversity and Awareness FACTS

3 language courses offered in the College of Arts and Sciences: Arabic, Chinese and Spanish

40 PVAMU students joined the Peace Corps upon graduation

75 students attended the Office of Multicultural Affairs' Welcome to the Hill Program

Ranked **#7** by The Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) in its list of top 10 HBCUs with the highest Latino/Latina population

14 students participated in the National Model United Nations Conference. The conference brings college and university students together from across the world to address current global issues related to regional conflicts, peacekeeping, human rights, women and children, economic and social development and the environment

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Economic FAST FACT

PVAMU is one of the best fiscally managed university's within the Texas A&M system as measured by the Financial Condition Index.

According to Dr. Corey Bradford, chief financial officer, "We have maintained financial stability over the years by emphasizing conservative budgeting, hiring experienced fiscal staff, deans and directors, and controlling wasteful spending."



PRODUCING A STRONG ECONOMIC IMPACT

Prairie View A&M University's Historically Underutilized Business program recently ranked fourth among state agencies in the percent of total expenditures it spent with historically underutilized businesses. The Texas Procurement and Support Services HUB program reports the HUB expenditures of Texas state agencies and public institutions of higher education. The information in the report is used to measure the agencies' good-faith efforts to purchase from HUBs. TPASS ranks only the top 25 state agencies each year.★



Q&A

Question and Answer Session with **Jim Nelms**, purchasing supervisor and HUB coordinator

What is the theme of PVAMU's HUB program and why do you think we were so successful?

"It's A HUB World" is the theme of the HUB Program at PVAMU. It's a HUB World describes the culture of inclusion and diversity that permeates our campus. The university's faculty and staff embraces the HUB Program and work in cooperation with the HUB office to identify and utilize certified HUB Vendors. Many thanks to PVAMU's HUB vendor community, end users, HUB committee, Office of Procurement, Contracts and Reconciliations and administration for making PVAMU a wonderful HUB world.

Can you tell me how exactly the HUB program works at PVAMU?

University end users determine their needs (goods and services). At that point, a search is made to determine if and where HUB participation is possible and to identify certified HUB vendors to contract with to meet their needs. The procurement office provides guidance and assistance to the end user to identify qualified HUB vendors.

Why do you believe we ranked so high among our peers?

One word speaks to our success... Commitment. The commitment of the university's end users to provide contract and subcontracting opportunities with the HUB community and administration support and commitment to the program and the Office. Dr. Bradford's passion and commitment to the HUB Program emboldens the university's end users to pursue HUB participation.

The PVAMU HUB community continues to rave about the HUB Partnership Banquet honoring certified HUB vendors who provided exceptional service to PVAMU. This is one example of the committed support from Dr. Bradford of the HUB program.



PRODUCING ALL THAT JAZZ

KPVU-91.3 FM Changes Format; Welcomes New General Manager

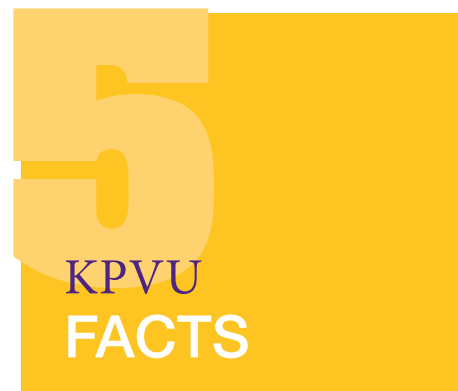
KPVU is now all about the jazz! KPVU, a noncommercial, listener-supported, public radio station licensed to Prairie View A&M University, strategically changed its format from a mash up of R&B, gospel and hip-hop to smooth jazz in 2014. According to Ernest Jackson, KPVU general manager, "Houston is the fourth largest city in the United States and it had no radio station dedicated to a smooth jazz format. We had an opportunity there to seize a huge hole in the market. We expect that the change will allow us to expand and broaden our audience."

The musical lineup and station format were not the only changes KPVU saw in 2014.

Ernest Jackson, Jr., a 26-year veteran broadcaster, was named as the KPVU general

manager. Jackson has served as vice president and general manager in seven different cities during his storied career. Having once served as vice president and general manager of Majic 102 and 97.9 The Boxx in Houston, Jackson has received hundreds of awards and commendations, including being named as one of the top 25 African Americans in broadcasting by Radio Ink in 2001.

In addition to his broadcast career Jackson served as executive director of Project Wave Inc., a nonprofit organization he founded in 2002. Project Wave Inc. collaborated with radio stations in 15 cities to get African American and Hispanic men and women tested for the HIV virus. Project Wave Inc. tested over 81,000 people in its "testing for tickets" program from 2002 to 2007. Jackson is also a landscape photographer, having won several awards for his outdoor/nature photography work. ★



7 Texas counties reached within the KPVU broadcast area

KPVU is an affiliate of the **National Public Radio** (NPR) and airs NPR's award-winning programs throughout the week

31,000 KPVU's broadcast wattage, which allows KPVU to potentially reach 823,000 households

KPVU operations are supported by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and **listener donations**

24/7/365 KPVU plays Smooth Jazz Monday through Saturday with Gospel on Sundays and is broadcast all day, every day

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Did you know? ★

There are **3** ways to access KPVU.

- 1.** KPVU can be heard on 93.1 FM
- 2.** Programming is streamed live at www.pvamu.edu/kpvu
- 3.** Listen while you're at work through TuneIn Radio at tunein.com



Blackshear FACTS

Blackshear Stadium, formerly known as Blackshear Field, served as the home of the track and field teams in addition to the football team

The **1948** football team is the first to play in Blackshear Stadium

Over the last several decades, PVAMU has brought home **11** Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) titles

PVAMU has won **5** national championships

3 of the original founding fathers of the SWAC "Super Six" were E.G. Evans, H.J. Evans and H.J. Starns of Prairie View A&M

PRODUCING

NEW LEGACIES

Fade to Black: Celebrating 66 years of Blackshear Stadium

Hundreds of students, fans, alumni and supporters gathered at Blackshear Field to celebrate what has been the home of the Prairie View A&M Panthers for more than six decades. Blackshear Field, named after Edward L. Blackshear who served as principal of then Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College from 1897 to 1915, saw its last home game in 2014 as PVAMU made way for a new stadium constructed in its location.

Members of the first Panthers football team to play on Blackshear Field came back to pay homage to Blackshear as well as members of the Prairie View Foundation, PVAMU National Alumni Association, The Panther Backers, current and former students, faculty and staff.

The demolition of Blackshear makes way for the Football Stadium & Athletic Field House project. The 2-year, \$60 million project began at the top of the year and will feature a 15,000-seat stadium situated similarly to Blackshear's current north-south axis, with an athletic facility immediately adjacent to the north.★





Planned stadium amenities include:

- West side (home) grandstand capacity of 9,000 and east side grandstand capacity of 6,000
- Artificial turf playing surface
- Press level
- Covered concourse including concessions and merchandising space
- Inclusion of up to 500 premium club seats
- Premium seating level featuring:
 - 10 luxury suites
 - Separate president and athletic director suites
 - Lounge area



Did you know?★

Renowned offensive coordinator **Willie Simmons** was selected as the 32nd head football coach for Prairie View A&M.



Simmons comes to Prairie View A&M after an impressive three-year stint as the offensive coordinator at Alcorn State, which recently won the SWAC and SBN Black College National Championships. With Simmons on staff, Alcorn State fielded one of the most potent offenses in the country as it led the SWAC in seven offensive categories while also finishing second in the nation among Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) teams in scoring offense with 44 points per game during the 2014 season.



PVAMU officially became a part of SWAC history as the Lady Panthers captured the 2014 SWAC Tournament Championship for the fourth straight year following an emotional 63-58 win over Texas Southern at the Toyota Center.

The 2014 Baseball Season kicked off with a grand opening of PVAMU's newest athletic facility and the first project in the grand scheme of transforming PVAMU athletics. The reconstructed baseball field now has covered grandstands with 512 total seats, a new concession stand, brick dugouts for both the home and visiting teams, and a new press box.



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Athletics FUN FACTS

The Prairie View A&M Sports Hall Fame Selection Committee enshrined six former student-athletes into its 2014 class.

Vernon L. Bland, Baseball, **1987-'90**

Randolph Bostic, Men's track & field, **1962-'66**

Nathaniel Gross, Men's track & field, **1998-'00**

Mark Spivey Jr., Football, **2003-'08**

Robert Thomas, Men's track & field, **1979-'82**

Jessie Wolf, Football, **1970-'74**

In addition, PVAMU Sports Hall of Fame founder William Pollard and All-American running back John Payton were honored with the William "Billy" Nicks Legend Awards.

Research FACTS

17 Juvenile justice students received funding through the Homeland Security/Emergency Management program

PVAMU was **one of the 1st** in the Texas A&M System to receive major research funding from the Chancellor's Research Initiative

PVAMU faculty have been **published** in some of the nation's most prominent research journals

\$33 million research funds available through the Chancellor's Research Initiative

20 research centers at PVAMU representing innovation in architecture, engineering, sciences, juvenile justice, agriculture and business

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PRODUCING INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

PVAMU Research Team Partners with Kyushu Institute of Technology Japan and NASA Johnson Space Center to Develop Sophisticated Radiation Level Measurement Instrument

While the Earth's atmosphere acts as a shield for human cells and tissue against harmful radiation, understanding and measuring how the human body reacts to various radiation levels beyond the Earth's protective reach is critical to the next phase of space exploration. In an effort to assess the risk of radiation exposure to astronauts on long-duration human expedition missions, Prairie View A&M University's Research Team, in collaboration with the NASA Johnson Space Center and other partners, developed a radiation detection system for the Kyushu Institute of Technology Japan. This project at Prairie View A&M University is part of the Chancellor's Research Initiative at The Texas A&M University System. The Radiation Particle Pixel Detector for Deep Space Exploration system launched aboard the Shinen2 spacecraft as part of the Hayabusa2 Asteroid Explorer mission spearheaded by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

"This exciting project is a perfect illustration of why we are committed to the overarching Research Initiative throughout the Texas A&M University System," said **Chancellor John Sharp**. "The results of the PPD mission could have lasting implications for the future of space

Did you know?★



Researcher and physics professor **Orion Ciftja**, along with recently graduated PVAMU physics students, **Giancarlo Paredes** and **Myegan Griffin**, had their work published in *Physica Scripta*

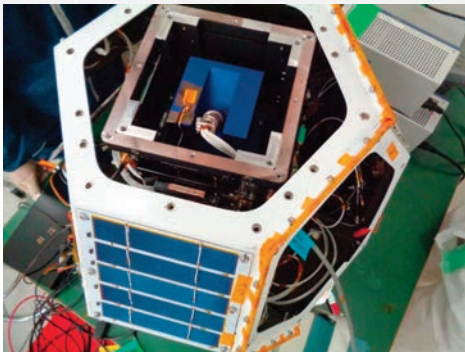
a leading physics journal published by the IOP on behalf of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for the Science Academies and the Physical Societies of the Nordic Countries.

According to Professor Ciftja, his team's research focused on the properties of interacting electronic systems that have both theoretical and practical applications. "Many novel electronic phases have not been studied very well so the ramifications of this type of study could potentially impact how we develop and create electronic sensors such as those used in electronic clocks, infrared devices, microphones and other highly sensitive electronic systems."

Ciftja said that he often involves promising physics majors in his research and that both Paredes and Griffin have gone on to study physics on a graduate level. "I am extremely proud of this research, but I am even prouder that our students were able to contribute at such a high level and be published. This is wonderful for them as they continue to pursue their careers in science and it's equally wonderful for the university as it shines a spotlight on our physics program."

This work is currently supported in part by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Grants No. DMR-1104795, DMR-1410350 and the U.S. Army Research Office (ARO) Grant No. W911NF-13-1-0139.

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exploration and we salute Prairie View A&M University and their national and international partners."

"The success of the PPD project is the result

of cooperative research among the disciplines of physics, chemistry, biology, engineering and medicine. Our detection system is designed to thoroughly anticipate the needs of intergalactic travel involving humans. The development of this type of device is essential as NASA and other agencies look for different ways to capitalize on technology and the capabilities of computer modeling in order to gain broader insight into human and equipment safety during extended space missions," explained **Dr. George C. Wright**, President, Prairie View A&M University.

The researcher partners were also recently commended by JAXA as having designed their radiation detection system in the most cost effective manner in the shortest amount of time while utilizing materials that produced a device within the weight and power limitations imposed by launch and space flight.★



HOMECOMING 2014

An estimated **25,000 alumni, friends and supporters** gathered at PVAMU throughout the week to witness the last homecoming game ever to be played on Blackshear Field! We celebrated the 50th year reunion of the Class of 1964, we hummed along with the Marching Storm, we applauded our 2014-2015 Mr. and Ms. Prairie View A&M University and we cheered for our beloved Panthers as we watched our team soar to victory with a magnificent win over our homecoming opponents, the Alabama State Hornets.

Is there any wonder why PVAMU was voted the **3rd Best Homecoming of 2014** by HBCU Connect?





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Architecture

PVAMU visiting assistant professor of art, **Ann Johnson**, has her dynamic art works featured in several exciting exhibitions. Her popular Nesting series was showcased as a solo art exhibition at the South Dallas Cultural Center and as a part of Prospect 3: Baton Rouge, LA, a citywide exhibition.

Nesting explores an individual's private space and thoughts. "I've noticed that more and more students are content with individual solitude and isolation as long as they're plugged in (to an iPod/iPad). Nesting explores an individual's private space and thoughts," explains Johnson.

Johnson's "The Art of Basketball" exhibit was also featured at the Miami Basel Art Fair, one of the largest and most prestigious art fairs in the U.S. The work was created as part of Johnson's Hoop Dreamin Collection, which is a series of decorative basketball goals that explore the social issue of having "hoop dreams." Johnson, who was inspired to work on the project after working with innercity youth in various summer programs, explained the vision behind her collection. "I noticed

that so many young boys believed that basketball was their only means of success and career achievement. I wanted to do something creative to acknowledge the pervasiveness of this singular goal and interesting dream."★

Arts and Sciences

Dr. Cristal C. Truscott was announced as a 2014 Doris Duke Impact Award recipient. Truscott, who currently serves as the interim department head of music and theatre, was recognized for innovating a new theater aesthetic of a'capella musical called "Neo-Spirituals" (Negro Spirituals + Neo-Soul) and an artist/acting training methodology developed from African American and African diasporic performance traditions called "Soulwork."★



Business

Dr. Reginald L. Bell has completed a new book (his first) Managerial Communication with co-author **Dr. Jeanette S. Martin** available through Business Expert Press. The book explores the contributions of communication managers in assisting businesses through the planning, organizing, leading, and controlling functions. The book also provides an in-depth discussion of intrapersonal, interpersonal, group, organizational, and intercultural forms of communication.

In addition to the publishing of his book, Dr. Bell was promoted to professor in fall 2014. Dr. Bell earned his Ph.D. in Business Education from the University of Missouri at Columbia and has been a member of the business faculty since 2002. Bell has more than six dozen articles published in peer-reviewed journals and proceedings and has been recognized by his peers as a recipient of the Dean's Excellence Award in Research. ★

PRODUCING OUTSTANDING FACULTY



Education

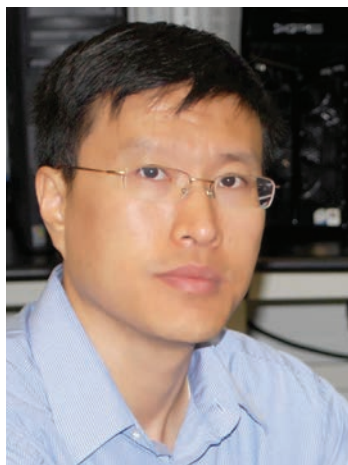
Dr. Fred A. Bonner II, prominent education scholar whose research focuses on African American males, joined the faculty at Prairie View A&M University in the College of Education. Dr. Bonner comes to PVAMU after serving two years as the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Endowed Chair in Education at Rutgers' Graduate School of Education.

Bonner was awarded an endowed chair and given his own center that will focus on helping to advance the status of minority populations across P-20 education and workplace contexts.

Bonner will teach one course each semester and will house many of the initiatives that he started at Rutgers—such as the HBCU Deans Think Tank and the Black Male Summit.★

Engineering

Electrical Engineering professor, **Dr. Lijun Qian**, will serve as the principal investigator for a \$5 million research grant awarded to PVAMU by the Department of Defense – Air Force for the creation of a Center for Excellence in Research Data Analysis.★



Juvenile Justice and Psychology

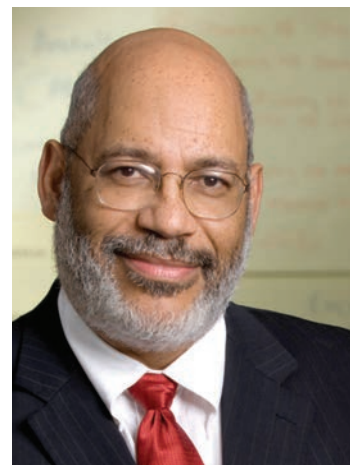
Dr. Camille Gibson and colleagues were awarded a grant from the Hogg Foundation to evaluate the significant role that faith plays in the lives of African Americans. The goals of this initiative are to expand African American faith-based programs and ministries in Texas to include mental health. Dr. Gibson, an associate professor of justice studies, will lead an evaluation team to assess the goals of this initiative. The research team includes **Drs. Aisha Asby, Tamara Brown, Pamela Martin** and **Derek Wilson**.★

Nursing

Dr. Lovell Jones joined the College of Nursing as a professor and associate dean for research. Dr. Jones has more than 35 years of experience in addressing minority health and the health of the underserved. He is the former director of the joint UT MD Anderson Cancer Center/ University of Houston Dorothy I. Height Center for Health Equity & Evaluation Research. As a scientist, he has done extensive research into the relationship between hormones, diet and endocrine responsive tumors and has presented his work both nationally and internationally. Dr. Jones' most notable innovation and service has been in leading think tanks and major events regarding the underserved and cancers, including the American Cancer Society South Central U.S. Regional Hearings on Cancer and the Poor, and the first National African Cancer Education meeting in Abuja, Nigeria.

Dr. Jones' experience in research will support the College of Nursing in establishing a research center. The Center will focus on the use of innovative interprofessional and trans-interdisciplinary approaches to promote health equity exploratory research and simulation technology research to lessen

health disparities and effect health policy. The center will seek to establish partnerships and agreements for a Collaborative Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities



with numerous entities and stakeholders in the Gulf region, state, and nation.★

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2014 Donors TOP FIVE

Corporate

AVAYA/Shamrock

Individual

Estate of Adelle M. Foreman

Estate of Margaret E. Grigsby

Foundation

The Prairie View A&M Foundation

Institution

University of Penn

Organization

Southwestern Athletic Conference



Building
Dreams

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Student

PRODUCING A CULTURE OF GIVING

Building Dreams, One Student at a Time

"Alumni Giving Starts with Students" was the motto of PVAMU's Office of Development student giving campaign - The Stuff the Pig Challenge. For the 2014 campaign, freshman Panthers exceeded 60 percent participation in giving back to the university.

The campaign is a first-year-focused fundraising initiative in which students are asked to make a small donation. The students donate via their residence hall and each hall competes against the other halls. The resident hall that raises the most money and has the highest percentage of student participation wins the annual challenge. All donors are asked to submit their name and email address with their gift, as this allows the development staff to identify them as likely donors in the future.



"We leverage their (freshmen students) enthusiasm and natural competitive spirit to teach giving behaviors early. The level of giving has also created a ripple effect, which screams to students 'we can do this collectively' and make an impact," says annual fund manager, **Felicia Lewis**.

For their accomplishments, residents of the winning building receive a custom designed T-shirt and a pizza party.

The Stuff the Pig Challenge has been so successful that the freshman students' overwhelming enthusiasm for giving back has motivated upperclassman to hold their own student giving campaigns throughout the school year.

All funds raised during the student giving campaign will be used on a student initiative to be determined by the students.★

FAST FACT

\$65,000

Total Amount Donated by President Club Members

Did you know?★

Beginning in 2011, PVAMU employees have been asked to donate to the university as part of the Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign. Each year since the initial campaign, PVAMU employees have answered the call averaging a 70 percent participation rate. In 2013, the President's Club was created for those contributors who generously donate a minimum of \$1,200 per year to the university.

"Last year was the first year that we recognized those employees who donated at a high-giving level. We called that inaugural group of 25 'President Club Members' and we hosted an appreciation mixer for them, complete with great food and special keepsakes," explained Felicia Lewis, annual giving manager. "The Club received so much positive attention around campus that it incentivized more of our employees to give."

In 2014, President's Club membership grew as 57 employees were inducted and honored for giving that met or exceeded the \$1,200 per year minimum donation. Club members—both old and new—were treated to an afternoon of fine dining as well as mixing and mingling with fellow club members and PVAMU administration.

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PRODUCING PRODUCTIVE PANTHERS

Academic Success FACTS

200

Record number of students
Enrolled in the Panther Pride
Summer Program for 2014

206

Record number of students who
participated in the Study Break
Program for final exams

New Reading Room Stimulates Intellectual Curiosity

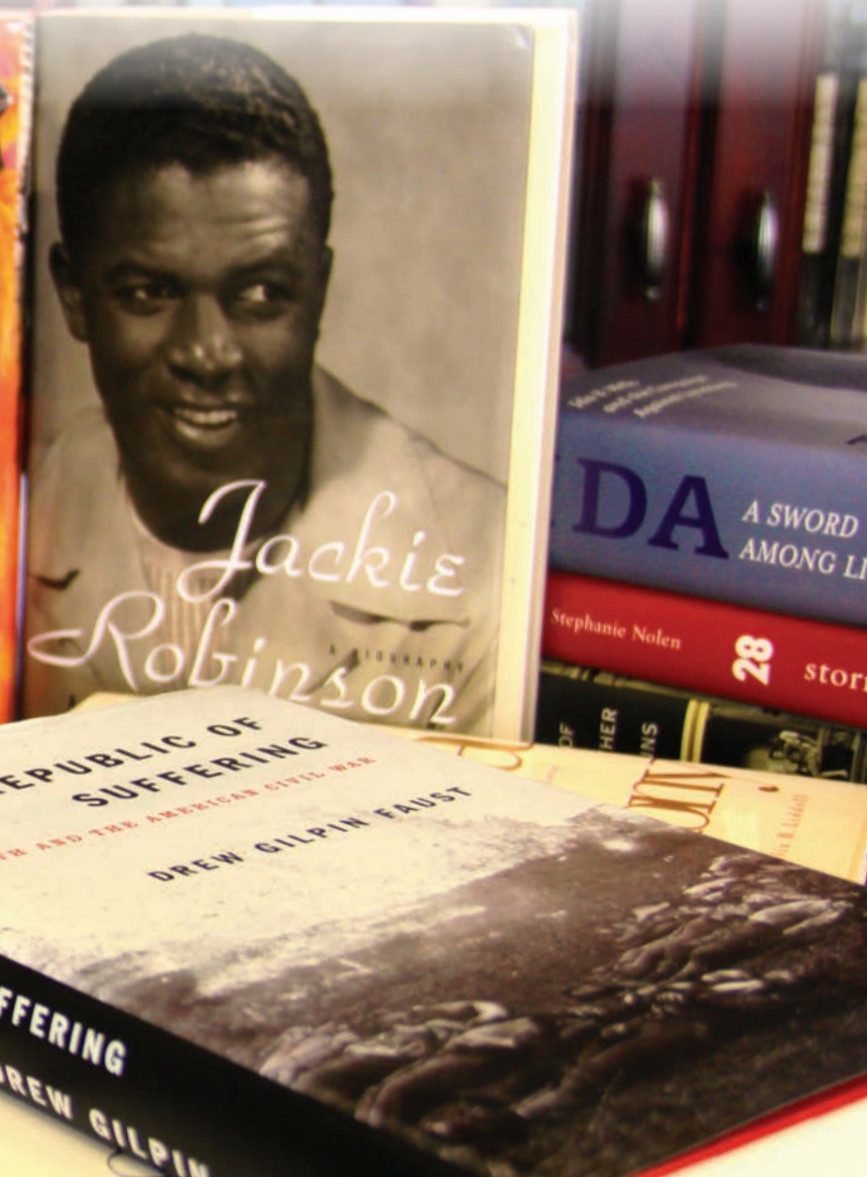
The first floor of the Coleman Library added a new addition in 2014—The Reading Room. Building upon the success of the iREAD program (Increasing Reading and Engagement for Academic Development), The Reading Room furthers President Wright's vision for Prairie View A&M University to be known as an institution of higher learning that promotes intellectual curiosity and encourages student reading.



"I began reading books and magazines when I was in elementary school. The very first book that I read started a love for reading in me that has never diminished – even to this day," said Wright. "Reading allows everyone to acquire more knowledge, explore worlds, become introduced to people who have made a difference."

"I can't talk enough about how reading essentially changed my life and started me on a lifelong journey toward a love of learning," continued Wright.

Furnished with comfortable chairs and aligned with books specially selected from the President's reading lists, Wright hopes that The Reading Room will inspire all PVAMU students to spend more time at the library leisurely reading and conversing about books they've read. The Reading Room is open to everyone and will host book clubs, group reading projects, book signings and special activities throughout the year.★



M.A.L.E. Student Success Program Men Achieving Leadership Excellence

M.A.L.E. is a minority male student success program designed to positively impact the enrollment, matriculation and academic success of minority male students by equipping them with the skills necessary to successfully negotiate the challenges in the higher education setting.

Eighteen sophomores, juniors and seniors were selected to serve as mentors to the incoming freshman in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program.

During the month of June, the selected mentors were trained and were engaged in the development of meaningful activities based on their individual knowledge and expertise about the PVAMU college experience and the needs and experiences of their peers.

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Activities included:

- Time management
- Study habits and skills
- Mentoring sessions
- Networking
- Meaningful, thought provoking conversations/dialog about the black male image
- Activities and exercises to foster academic achievement, leadership development and personal success

All M.A.L.E. mentors attended the Texas Higher Education Consortium for Male Success Summit June 17-19 at University of Texas at Austin.

Study Abroad FAST FACT

Prairie View A&M University's first cohort of Executive MBA students travelled to China May 17-25, 2014 for their study abroad excursion. In addition to several "must-see" sights to like the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, and the Yuyuan Garden, EMBA students also toured Baosteel, the largest steel manufacturer in China and Pactera, a high tech software firm that develops software for companies such as Microsoft.



PRODUCING FUTURE LEADERS

New Program Assists Employees with Degree Attainment

Prairie View A&M University proudly introduced its new Panther Employee Scholarship/Exemption Program. This program, which replaced the Full-Time Employee Exemption Program, was developed to assist employees who want to complete an undergraduate degree or aspire to further their education by obtaining a graduate degree.

"We know that cost can be a major factor in obtaining a degree. We wanted to remove some of that barrier for our employees. As an institution of higher learning, we want to give all of our employees and their families an opportunity to further their education," explained Dr. **Corey Bradford**, chief financial officer.

The Panther Employee Scholarship/Exemption Program covers a percentage of tuition and fees for 6 hours per semester. Additionally, the benefit may be passed on to a spouse or dependent. ★

Q&A

Question and Answer Session



with **Rebecca L. Faison '14**, director of Small Business Development and first PVAMU employee to graduate from the College of Business' Executive MBA Program

Why did you enroll in the EMBA program as opposed to a traditional MBA program?

It was imperative that I engaged in dialogue and group projects with executives from a plethora of industries in order to experience the power of group dynamics.

What were some of the challenges you faced in going back to school for this graduate degree?

The greatest challenge was to omit the phrase, 'I am tired' and replace it with the confidence to know that all sacrifices made to obtain my advanced degree helps to create a pathway of success for my family.

Why did you choose the PVAMU EMBA program over other programs?

To me, the competitive advantages of the PVAMU EMBA are: The cost of the program was excellent in comparison to other programs; The hybrid Saturday format was amenable to my schedule; and I wanted to continue the PV family tradition.

What was the most enjoyable aspect of the program?

The trip to China was a powerful experience because it included visits to corporations that were germane to the cohort. I also enjoyed forming life-long friendships with the other members of my cohort.

How do you believe the program will enhance your professional skills?

The program enhanced my professional skills by re-emphasizing the importance of teamwork and the necessity to commit to perseverance and excellence.

Would you recommend the PVAMU program to other people thinking about getting an EMBA? Why?

Yes, I will serve as an ambassador because I was a member of the first cohort and consider myself to be intertwined in the vision of the program. As such, I am eager to market the program to future students. As an employee, the mother of PV alum and a current student, I always stress the importance and impact that Prairie View A&M University has on the community, stakeholders and individuals. I hold true to my favorite following statement: "Education is the one thing in life that no one can take away from you."

Did you know?★



2014 saw the launch of the university's new Professional Development Program: Leadership PVAMU. The inaugural class, consisting of 16 PVAMU faculty and staff, were invited to join the program after a rigorous nomination and interview process.

"We wanted those faculty and staff members who were already seen as leaders within their respective departments and poised for continued success," explained program coordinators **Rebecca Faison**, director, Office of Continuing Education and **Dr. Terence Finley**, Leadership Development and Organizational Excellence Officer. "We expect this program to allow our future leaders to grow and develop their professional skills."

The program consists of 11 monthly sessions all designed to ensure that Leadership PVAMU members get a more in-depth, insider understanding of the unique history of the university, various college programs and how university administrators function and make decisions on behalf of PVAMU. The cohort will also be exposed to professional development sessions in business management and skill enhancement.

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Culminating in final group projects, cohort members will be asked to tackle real-time concerns currently facing PVAMU. Final projects, which will be presented to university administrators, must provide well-researched, strategic solutions.

FUN FACT

311 Proud Panther alums are currently employed at Prairie View A&M University



Veterans Services FACTS

PRODUCING

A MILITARY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

204 students One Stop Center
Certified for GI Bill funding

\$1,003,914 in GI Bill funds
captured for veteran students

324 students One Stop Center
Processed for Hazlewood funding

\$1,079,399 in Hazlewood
funds captured for veteran students

\$1 million awarded to
PVAMU by Texas A&M System to build
a student life center that includes a
veteran's affairs suite of offices and
veteran's commuter room

As a retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant, **Dr. Angela Dickson** intuitively knew what veterans needed to become successful at a four-year institution. "They want convenience and they want to know that the experiences that they have had serving in the military will be respected. They want us to be more than military friendly; they want us to be military aware." So, when Dickson took the helm as the veteran's affairs coordinator for the university, she immediately began making the process of obtaining financial aid and getting enrolled more expedient for our veterans. Now, military-affiliated students get a "one-stop" experience where they are able to get their federal and state educational benefits processed and understand their eligibility for certain academic transitional programs and services all in one location. "I know that current military members, veterans and military dependents want a smooth transition to the university. That's why my office's mission is to understand the unique needs of these nontraditional students and cater to those needs by providing these students with advocacy, support and dedicated resources that will propel them to achieve success here at PVAMU," explained Dickson.



Did you know?★



PVAMU is designated as a
Military Friendly School



PVAMU has a robust **Naval Reserve ROTC Program.**

In 2014, NROTC commissioned
10 ensigns



PVAMU is the only
historically black college
and university in the entire
state of Texas that hosts an
Army ROTC program

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FAST FACTS

7 Number of Army generals
produced at PVAMU

3 Number of Navy admirals
produced by PVAMU



PRODUCING

DYNAMIC AND ENGAGING STUDENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMS

Every office in the Department of Student Affairs was busy in 2014 developing programs and reaching students outside of the classroom to complement their classroom experiences.

Career and Outreach Services

- **4,840** students registered with Career Services
- **95** organizations registered for the fall 2014 Career Fair
- **481** parents registered with the Parents' Association



Recreational Sports

- Facilitated a student, faculty and staff workout program titled "Tuesday Terrifics." Activities included yoga, bike riding, Zumba, T25 and step aerobics
- Sponsored and co-hosted the inaugural PV Mile-campus run event in collaboration with Cooperative Extension Program, Health and Human Performance and University College
- Scheduled to open in the Spring of 2015 is the university's 92,000-square-foot, **\$24 million** state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center



Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention

- Trained more than **1,800** incoming students on the dynamics of sexual assault and dating abuse.
- Created a Sexual Assault Response Team, a cross-departmental working group that responds effectively and quickly to formal reports of sexual assaults on campus.
- Developed training for faculty, staff and administrators on how to work with victims of sexual assault, dating abuse and stalking in a culturally relevant and empathetic manner.

Disability Services and Diagnostic Testing

- Served a record **543** students this year
- Secured updated assistive technology
- Collaborated with the Office of Academic Affairs to develop a Disability Services Early Alert Website

Office of Student Conduct

- Increased use of online educational sanctioning programs offered by 3rd Millennium Classrooms
- Ongoing partnership with AT&T's "#ITCANWAIT" no texting while driving campaign and "WATCH UR BAC," an alcohol awareness program co-sponsored by TAMU AgriLife Extension



Student Counseling Services

- Dedicated **2,407** direct hours to serving students needing assistance with such issues as depression, relationship struggles, mental health concerns, test anxiety, social anxiety and a variety of other distresses.
- Added Alcohol Anonymous groups and witnessed a dramatic increase in Brother to Brother group participation
- Achieved **100%** pass rate on the HESSY exam for College of Nursing students who attended the office-sponsored test anxiety workshop



Student Engagement

- **85** participants successfully completed the annual Student Leadership Institute and became Panther Advisor Leaders (PALS)
- Panther Doll Dance Team and PV Cheer Team won **1st place** awards at an annual competition
- Coordinated successful Homecoming Week of activities featuring gospel artist Byron Cage; hip-hop artist Jeezy; and the always popular Stage Breakers Step Show
- **3.03** fraternity member cumulative GPA;
3.24 sorority member cumulative GPA



All Faiths Chapel

- The 2014 Minister's Conference was a major success and garnered much needed funding for student scholarships and the operation of the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

Did you know?★

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

After four years of relationship building and planning, Prairie View A&M University in partnership with Xi'an International Studies University celebrated the grand opening of its Confucius Institute. PVAMU's Confucius Institute will be one of 300 in the nation and one of the few housed at an HBCU.



The Confucius Institute offers Chinese programs both on and off campus. Its mission is to enhance the learning of Chinese language and culture by offering Chinese language and cultural classes, holding events and activities, and providing services to the university and local community.

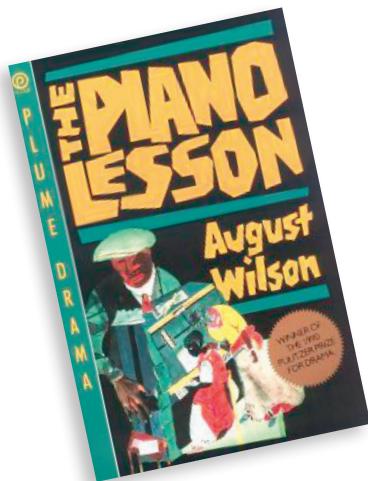
"It is an honor to have the Chinese government interested in working with our university. Having a Confucius Institute at PVAMU is part of our long-term strategic plan to prepare our students for an increasingly global job market. Our historically black colleges and universities must internationalize and embrace different cultures and languages so that our students will be in a better position to make their mark across the world," explained **Dr. James A. Wilson Jr.**, associate provost for academic affairs and director of The Honors Program.

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PVAMU students participate in the second annual “Drop Your Jeans for Homeless Teens” hosted by Panthers United to support the 2.8 million homeless teens living in the U.S.



JANUARY



The Gilman Players salute legendary playwright August Wilson with a rousing performance of the award-winning play, “The Piano Lesson.”

MARCH

Dr. Felecia McInnis Nave becomes the third provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.



MAY

FEBRUARY



“The Joy of Japan” exhibit showcasing photographs by **Dr. Clarence Talley, Sr.** debuts. It was sponsored by The Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture. The stunning collection captures memorable moments from Dr. Talley’s trip to Japan.

APRIL

Students enrolled in PVAMU’s creative photography class were selected to showcase their work as participants of the cell phone photo exhibition, “Oh Snap! 2”. The exhibit explored photographic works created solely with cell phone cameras.



JUNE

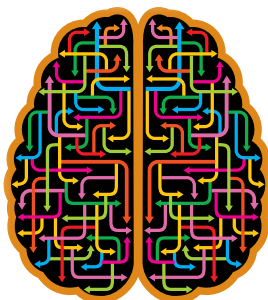


PVAMU hosts the 2014 Summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program. The REU Program is a non-residential 10-week program open to undergraduates of all majors.



PVAMU was honored with three HBCU awards at the annual HBCU National Media Summit sponsored by HBCU Digest. PVAMU took home top honors for the Best Female Coach, Best Student Government Association and the Best Female Student. The HBCU Awards are the first and only event to recognize the influence and impact of HBCU's on American culture.

Student Counseling Services hosts the community-based Mental Health Awareness Week to raise awareness of mental health concerns, promote counseling and eliminate the stigma associated with mental health issues.



2014



Biology/mathematics major **Jessica Westmoreland** represents PVAMU on the Black College Quiz Show.

JULY

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

AUGUST

The Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture presents The Bridging Cultures Exhibit Series: Batson Travels to China. The exhibit is a pictorial display of the magnificent representation of the culture of China and documentary titled, "Secrets of China's First Emperor: Tyrant and Visionary."



OCTOBER



Karen E. Stewart, coordinator for tutoring services for University College's Division of Academic Enhancement, was nominated to serve on the National Tutoring Association's Board of Directors.

DECEMBER

PVAMU was selected as one of eight institutions to receive a grant by The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance. The grant focuses on improving library services at individual HBCU campuses and developing collaborative approaches to expand HBCU community-wide library support for faculty research and is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

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LIFE OF PVAMU

PVAMU ROUND UP



PVAMU RECEIVED \$10,000 FROM THE HOME DEPOT RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL CONTEST. The Retool Your School Campus Improvement Grant Program awards money to HBCUs for campus improvements.

Priscilla Barbour, a senior political science major, has been named a **2014 HBCU ALL-STAR** by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. She is one of 75 HBCU students to be given such an honor.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING (FINA 2103) class is now a part of the University core as a professional development option and available for all majors.



PVAMU senior, **Eric Green** and his family **COMPETED ON THE WILDLY POPULAR GAME SHOW FAMILY FEUD**. Green's team of five, which include alumnus **Reil Norris '11**, revealed the top answers on the board to bring home the grand prize.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CHANCELLOR'S WELLNESS INITIATIVE, hosted at PVAMU, was a rousing success. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members were treated to expert panel discussions on healthy lifestyle choices and a wonderful wellness fair that brought out many community-based health organizations wanting to share information with our campus.

34 **Dr. Gin Chong** is the new executive director of the PVAMU Executive MBA program.

Dr. Yi Zhang has earned tenure and been promoted to associate professor in the College of Business. Zhang has created several online courses in finance at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.



Photo courtesy Steve Belkowitz of Belkowitz Photography.

Dr. Amber Johnson, PVAMU assistant professor in the department of languages and communications, **COMPETED ON CBS SHOW AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR**.

Alumn **Florida Jaimes** was **ACCEPTED INTO THE ARMY BAND**.

Junior theater major **Jahi Harrison** was accepted to and **STUDIED ABROAD IN NORMANDY, FRANCE** at the Berridge Acting Conservatory.



Dr. John Cornelius arranged and orchestrated the **NEW YORK CITY DEBUT** of "Bob Marley's Three Little Birds" at the New Victory Theater.

Drs. Vicki Seldon and A. Jan Taylor and students from PVAMU **PERFORM "MAHLER 8" WITH THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY**.

Senior music major and pianist **Simon Ruth** **SERVED AS THE MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR** for a professional production of "The Emperor Has New Clothes" at Unity Theater in Brenham, Texas.

The PVAMU Department of Public Safety changed its name to the **UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT** to better align itself with the university.



Dr. Mark Tschaepe was selected to serve on the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AIDS FOUNDATION OF HOUSTON**.



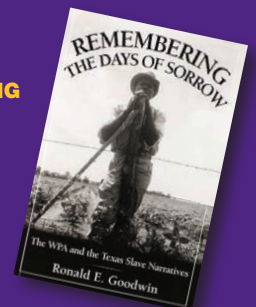
Dr. Derek Wilson, interim department head of psychology in the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, was selected as the recipient of the **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** during the 46th national convention of the Association of Black Psychologists International.

Dr. Ronald Goodwin **PUBLISHED REMEMBERING THE DAYS OF SORROW AND THE TEXAS SLAVE NARRATIVES** with State House Press.

Dr. Gin Chong is the new executive director of the PVAMU Executive MBA program.



Prairie View A&M University alumnus and foundation trustee, attorney **Ricky Anderson**, was **INDUCTED INTO THE BLACK ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS LAWYERS ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME**.





News from the Prairie View A&M Foundation

Where we continue to GROW GREATNESS THROUGH GIVING

The Prairie View A&M Foundation welcomes new trustees Benny Lockett and Carl E. Johnson, along with national alumni association representative, Billy Davis. Lockett previously served as the national alumni association representative and was appointed to the PVAMF board of trustees in November 2014. Johnson was appointed during the February 2015 meeting.

Benny L. Lockett was born and reared in (Northeast) Linden, Texas. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1957. Lockett received his bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M University in 1961 and his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1972. He engaged in further study for his doctorate at the University of Houston. In October 1961, Lockett was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He worked in the Army as a professional soldier for 28 years. Lockett served overseas in Korea, Germany and the Republic of Vietnam. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Lockett retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1989 at the rank of lieutenant colonel.



After departing from active duty in the military, Lockett worked as a manufacturing engineer at Texas Instruments Inc. in Richardson, Texas. Lockett eventually returned to Prairie View A&M University, where he worked for 28 years. He wrote and co-authored several publications.

Lockett retired from Prairie View A&M University as associate administrator of the Cooperative Extension Program in 1998. After retirement, he was awarded "emeritus status" by the Texas A&M University System. Lockett serves on the board of directors for five nonprofit organizations: The H.S. Estelle 4-H & Youth Camp; Prairie View A&M University; Landowners Association of Texas; Hoover Carden Scholarship Fund; and the Fairview Junior-Senior High School Reunion Corporation.

He also serves on the Board of Directors National Alumni Association of Prairie View A&M University and is a member of the Chancellor's Century Council of the Texas A&M University System.

Lockett resides in Houston, Texas, where he

is a member of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. Lockett has two children: a daughter Cheryl, who resides in Austin; a son Benny II, who resides in Dallas; and a grandson, Zachary.

Carl E. Johnson

received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Prairie View A&M University in 1979 and has completed additional educational programs in executive development, leadership strategies, six sigma/lean manufacturing and business marketing strategies offered by the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

After graduation, Johnson began his career as a maintenance engineer with Union Carbide. In 1984, he moved to the Monsanto Company, where he held supervisory positions in process, utilities and manufacturing. Johnson subsequently moved to management positions in manufacturing and customer operations. He moved to PPG Industries in Barberton, Ohio, in 1998 to be a plant manager responsible for all functions of chemical plant operations. He continues today at PPG Industries in Delaware, Ohio, as director of North America manufacturing for the automotive refinish business unit. This unit accounts for more than \$700 million in total revenue in North America.

Johnson has served as member of the Chemical Group Manufacturing Council and as a member of global business leadership teams. He currently participates in the North America business leadership team and is a member of the global manufacturing and supply chain team and the corporate process safety leadership team. His civic involvement includes membership on the boards of directors for Recreation Unlimited, Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and Franklin University, where he serves as board secretary. He also serves as a member of the Delaware City Tax Incentive Review Council.

Carl and his college sweetheart, Mary, a civil engineering graduate of Prairie View A&M University, met as undergraduates in 1975 and have been married for 35 years. They now reside in Westerville, Ohio.



Billy C. Davis Jr. is a native of Dallas, Texas. He graduated from L.G. Pinkston High School in 1987 and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Prairie View A&M in 1991.



His professional career began in manufacturing at Westvaco Inc., Envelope Division. In 1996, he joined Nokia Inc., pursuing a career in telecommunications. In his 18-year career with Nokia, Davis has served in various roles, including production manager, product manager, RF design engineer, project manager, and sales and marketing manager.

Over the course of his career, Davis' expertise in mobile infrastructure has allowed him to support major North American mobile operators inclusive of AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, US Cellular and other global carriers.

Davis has a strong desire to help students discover their passion and dreams, whether through the pathway of college or other positive avenues. His desire is for students to see college as an option that is available to them no matter their economic status.

He continues to help raise much-needed scholarship dollars for Prairie View A&M through his local alumni chapter. He strongly believes in giving back to those institutions that gave so much to him and others. He hopes to inspire other alumni to come to the forefront and contribute toward the great academic and athletic legacy of our university.

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Davis currently serves as president of the Prairie View A&M University-Dallas Alumni Chapter and is a board member of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association.

He is an active member of Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where he serves in the men's ministry and as a member of its men's counsel.

Billy and his wife Tonja are the proud parents of two sons, Myles and Billy III.

Incorporation State of Texas, June 2009

Tax Exemption 501(c)3, Public Foundation, Charity, June 2009

State Tax Exemption February 2009

*Any gift to the PVAM Foundation is tax deductible

Recent Financial Audit McConnell Jones
2010-Passed, 2011-Passed and 2012-In process
*Can be found online at www.pvamf.org

Alumni FACTS

68,000 alumni on record
since 1878

1,484 students became
PVAMU alumni in 2014

**Alumni Self-Service
Site Goes Live** so alums who
graduated before 1993 can update
their personal information quickly and
efficiently through the PV website

Jesse Sneed, PVAMU graduate,
named to the Top HBCU 30 under 30
list by HBCU Buzz

Frank Jackson, mayor of the
City of Prairie View and PVAMU
alum, was promoted to assistant vice
chancellor for state relations office for
The Texas A&M University System



PRODUCING PROACTIVE ALUMNI

Sammie L. Johnson, II is a two-time graduate from Prairie View A&M University, having received his first master's degree in the spring of 2013 in counseling and his second master's in human science in 2014. Johnson is currently working toward his third degree from PVAMU, a doctorate in educational leadership.

In his current role at PVAMU, Johnson oversees the day-to-day operations of the art gallery on the 4th floor of the Coleman Library. He has been responsible for producing engaging art-based programs like the Creative Panther, which allows students to showcase their art to the campus body. Johnson also works closely with 5th graders from Jones Elementary School in Waller County to teach them about the arts.

"I initially chose to attend Prairie View for my post graduate work because my previous supervisor at the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County (MHMRA) advised me that the university's counseling program is very well developed. I chose to stay at PV because it is a great place to work, to learn and to build a professional reputation. I'm truly a Proud Panther," Johnson said.



Keeping New Alumni Pinned to PV

In the spirit of capturing and commemorating graduating with a coveted degree from PVAMU, the Office of Development and the Office of Student Engagement began to host an Alumni Initiation Pinning Ceremony for graduating seniors and their families. Since the pinning ceremony began in 2012, student attendance has increased by 400 percent while parent attendance has increased 200 percent. In fact, the program had to be moved to the Opal Johnson-Smith auditorium in the Memorial Student Center to accommodate the larger crowds. Attendance at the ceremony is voluntary and new alums who do participate receive an official PVAMU lapel pin and a chance to learn how they can continue to be Proud Panthers by staying connected to the university long after graduation.



NAA is on the move!

These are exciting times within the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association (NAA). We are moving ahead on many fronts to establish the NAA as alumni-centered, driven and sustained. This expresses our basic focus on the needs and desires of our alums. We recognize that we are in the customer-service business and must meet and exceed all of your expectations.

Our Vision and Agenda are centered on three key objectives:

- **TRANSFORMATION** to an alumni-centered organization with programs, services and benefits for all alums.
- **UNITY** in purpose and effort with PVAMU and the Foundation PVAMF. Visualize a three-legged stool, PVAMU, NAA and PVAMF jointly supporting a single base, our students. Continued aggressive support to build our new sports complex
- **GROWTH** by substantially increasing our annual renewing membership. Our aggressive but achievable goal is 10,000 members in five years.

The question always arises **“What’s in it for me?”** to those considering membership in the NAA. We see our alumni base in two critical classes: Legacy and Aspiring. Each have different needs, desires and challenges for personal, economic and professional development. Our Legacy alums (40+ years of age) have much experience and knowledge that is of value to our Aspiring alums (39 years of age and under).

We must and will provide programs and services to both Legacy and Aspiring alums to answer the question “What’s in it for me?” We will also connect them in a nurturing, mentoring, caring and sharing environment. Our goal is to preserve our Legacy alumni base while substantially increasing our Aspiring alumni base. Stay tuned for an NAA program we are calling ANIX (Alumni Networking & Information Xchange). Additionally, we will involve alums in the in-school experience of our students.

Join us for this exciting journey as we grow the NAA to a viable and vibrant organization that can strongly advocate for and support our beloved PVAMU. Your membership matters! There is great strength in numbers! Your ideas, input and engagement will help us make a difference! Our NAA website is being upgraded and we will soon feature an NAA app for hand-held devices.

We are what we are because of who we are! We are who we are in part because of PVAMU!

With Much Panther Pride,

Carl L. Young, Class of 1959

NAA President

Consultant, Motivational Speaker and Trainer



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simply email their names and contact information to **recruitment@pvamu.edu**. We will do the rest.



Our Goal:



Debt-Free!

The real work begins.

What a wonderful day we had upon hearing the words "The Texas A&M Board of Regents has approved the construction of a stadium on The Hill!" Prairie View A&M University was finally able to move forward with the \$60 million athletic facility and complex project!

After the euphoria had settled, it was time to get to business. The starting construction costs had risen to \$15 million. The dedicated PVAM Foundation, with help from PVAMU supporters and alumni, contributed \$1.5 million toward the start-up costs. That \$1.5 million was part of the total \$10 million that the Foundation had committed to raise on behalf of the project. The remaining start-up funds were supplied by the University as it leveraged discretionary funds

that it had amassed over the years through its aggressive fiscally conservative money management process.

So, while the start-up funds allowed the university to start the project, the remaining \$45 million required to complete the project would come from a deal that allowed the university to borrow the funds with repayment expected in 30 years.

Panthers, donors and friends the time to slow down the donation rates and amounts is not now. We must double and triple our efforts! We must pay off our debt.

First, we must ensure that all capable alumni are giving...the goal is to have all alumni giving so PVAMU can meet its original commitment of raising \$10 million.

The students have challenged 6,667 Alumni

to give \$1,500 in two years. Meeting the student challenge meets our \$10 million commitment. We need your support to make the goal and pay off our debt.

Once we have delivered the final check to retire our \$10 million commitment, we must set our sights on the remaining debt of \$35 million.

Don't feel overwhelmed, when we work as one, nothing is impossible. Will you start today giving a monthly gift of \$62.50 to meet the student challenge?

Will you ask every alum you know to give?

After all these years, the dream has become real! We will have a new stadium and athletic building on THE HILL!

The Foundation asks you to
PLEASE GIVE!