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A **two-time graduate of HBCUs** and a first-generation, low-income college student, Dr. LeGrande is deeply committed to expanding access and opportunity. Her leadership has earned national recognition, including the Governor’s Champion for Change Award, Houston’s Top 30 Influential Women honor, and the SWAC President’s Game ChangeHER Award.

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Tomikia P. LeGrande, Ed.D. became the ninth president of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) on June 1, 2023, bringing a nationally recognized record of leadership in higher education. She previously served in senior roles at Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Houston–Downtown, and Winston-Salem State University, where she built a reputation for advancing access, equity, and student success through bold, student-centered innovation.

At PVAMU, Dr. LeGrande has launched initiatives that are reshaping the student experience. Most notably, she introduced **PV Cares**, a pioneering model—the first of its kind nationally at scale—that ensures every undergraduate is assigned a dedicated **CARE**

team consisting of an academic advisor, financial counselor, and career coach. This holistic approach addresses academic, financial, and career readiness needs, institutionalizing a culture of care across the university.

In 2024, she unveiled PVAMU's new strategic plan, **Journey to Eminence: 2035**, which sets a transformative vision for the next decade. Developed through an inclusive and data-informed process, the plan outlines five pillars—operational effectiveness, academic relevance, student success, research and innovation, and partnerships—that position PVAMU to expand its impact nationally and globally. In 2025, she also launched the **Presidential Executive-In-Residence Program**, giving students unique access to leaders who have shaped industries and culture.

A **two-time HBCU graduate** and first-generation, low-income college student, Dr. LeGrande embodies the transformative power of education. Her leadership has been honored with the Governor's Champion for Change Award (2021), Houston's Top 30 Influential Women (2024), and the SWAC President's Game ChangeHER Award (2025).

Widely respected as a transformational leader, Dr. LeGrande continues to position PVAMU as a model for innovation, excellence, and opportunity in higher education.