



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

PARENT & FAMILY GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE PANTHER FAMILY





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"When we admít a student, we admít the famíly"





TURNING PARENTS INTO PARTNERS

As parents and family members, you are officially part of the Prairie View A&M University family. We recognize the critical role parents play in their student's educational experience. We believe that establishing a positive relationship with parents and family members is an important factor in the continued success of your student.

Visit the Parent & Family Programs website

Support Parent & Family Programs

Coming to college is a big step, regardless of a person's background. Students often face challenges, which may overwhelm and confuse them as they continue to evolve and change throughout their collegiate experience. Parents and family members can often help make these obstacles easier to overcome. By building a relationship with you, we strive to create an environment where parents and family members are informed and involved with their student's college career.

We hope you will take full advantage of the opportunities that await you and that you will continue to play an active role in your student's life. We encourage you to utilize our website at www.pvamu.edu/pvparents/as it can provide you with helpful information about PVAMU programs, resources, policies and procedures. Remember to provide your contact information to Parent & Family Programs to ensure you receive important information, updates and tips, and to register for our annual Parent & Family Weekend event that occurs every fall semester. If you have any questions, comments or feedback please feel free to contact me at pantherparent@pvamu.edu.

Best of luck to you and your student this year; I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Sincerely,

Yolanda R. Gross (Mrs. YG) Program Coordinator



Parent & Family Weekend

SAVE THE DATE October 2-4, 2020

This fall panther parents and family members are invited to campus for a weekend of activities and programs, including a Panther football game!

The goal of Parent & Family Weekend is to welcome our families to the Prairie View community and give them the opportunity to learn about their student's life here at the University. Events include a variety of social and educational activities for parents and family members, the Family Bowling Night, Family Tailgate Celebration, and Family Appreciation Brunch!

Visit the Parent & Family Weekend website







Alma Mater - "Dear Prairie View"



Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise In gratitude, we sing our hymn of praise, For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections, For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee, For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion, To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold, We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold, We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings, We'll always strive a blessing to be. Thy children we our love and pride confessing, We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller Music from "Finlandia" by Silbelius

Fight Song - "Cheer for Prairie View"

Cheer for Prairie View Cheer for the purple and gold Let's cheer them on Till they make a score. Get the ball and score some more Cheer for Prairie View Cheer for the purple and gold We're marching on once more Till we make the score For a VICTORY!

By John Greathouse, '83

University Nickname

"The Hill"



University Motto

Prairie View Produces Productive People



University Colors Royal Purple and Gold

University Mascot

Panther



University Newspaper

The Panther



University Yearbook

Pantherland (Pardus)

University Radio Station

KPVU Radio 91.3 & PVU-KNO





Office Of Academic Engagement And Student Success

PVAMU is not only an institution where students come to focus on an academic major that will shape their futures; it is also a place where students get the benefit of a unique college experience.



Student Academic Support Services include several offices and services designed to support the academic success, retention, and ultimate graduation of PVAMU students. Included under the umbrella of Student Academic Support Services is the University Tutoring Services, Online Tutoring, Testing Services, Supplemental Instruction, as well as a myriad of other services and activities aimed at supporting Student Success.





Resources for Academic Success

University Tutoring Center

https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/sass/ university-tutoring-center/

Online Tutoring

https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/sass/ online-tutoring/

Testing Services

https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/sass/ testing/

Supplemental Instruction

https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/sass/ supplemental-instruction/



Campus Life

Campus Life

Prairie View A&M students are able to serve in the Student Government Association, participate in intramural sports, volunteer in the local community and participate in more than 90 student organizations related to their academic major or other interests.

At PVAMU, we know that an education is balanced between what takes place inside and outside of the classroom.

The University also holds annual student convocations and often brings renowned speakers, scholars and celebrities to campus. Students are also encouraged to participate in international and cultural trips and explore internships and other opportunities.

About Us







Housing and Residence Life, welcomes you to life on "the Hill!" The residential experience at Prairie View A&M is about building lasting relationships and finding one's path towards personal and academic achievement. No matter where you live, our staff are here to help students Launch, Explore, Discover, and leave behind a Legacy.

Office: Evans Hall 220

<u>Phone: 936.261.2600</u> <u>Email: Housing@pvamu.edu</u>

ABOUT US





Career Services

Welcome! We are able to assist you in your career and life planning through programs and services to bridge the move from college to the career world. Furthermore, we are committed to empowering students to enter the competitive and global market place with confidence and competence. We provide services and resources to all students and alumni. Our staff meet with students and alumni to help identify skills, interests and values as well as explore career opportunities.



<u>Click image below for more information</u>





Handshake

We recently made the switch to Handshake – a modern career network for students. Handshake is the Career Services' new one-stop-shop career services network. With personalized job recommendations, event registration, appointment scheduling and more than 180,000+ employers ready to recruit top college talent. This new system will become your one-stop-shop for launching your career and will offer amazing features, internships/co-ops and full-time jobs.





HAVE YOU LANDED AN INTERNSHIP OR FULL-TIME POSITION?



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY Health Services

<u>More about our services</u>

We provide professional and comprehensive medical care, health education and health promotion for a diverse population of students, faculty, staff and community. We hope you will come to see Health Services as a wellness center as well as a place to come when you are ill. Think of this as an opportunity to maintain your health and to increase your knowledge and awareness to prevent illnesses and injuries. Being in good health is of the utmost importance to maintaining good academic standing as well as quality of life. A healthy lifestyle includes the following three components.

- A Healthy Body diet, exercise, rest, disease prevention
- A Healthy Mind fun, exercise, relaxation, stress management
- A Healthy Environment social supports, community involvement, personal safety

Good health and a good education go hand in hand – take advantage of both while you are at Prairie View A&M University. Health Services is your Healthful Way to Better Living.

Contact us

1125 Reda Bland Evans & OJ Baker St Prairie View, TX 77446 **Phone**: 936-261-1410 **Fax**: 936-261-1452

Email: healthservices@pvamu.edu **Hours**: Monday – Friday (8:00 AM – 6:00 PM)







PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY Hilltop Reserve



Under the Texas Education Code, Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Prairie View A&M University is authorized to operate its own police department. The department is staffed by 21 licensed and commissioned police officers.

Prairie View A&M University Police Department takes the lead in providing a safe environment for the university community by protecting life and property. To achieve this protection, PVAMU Police Department maintains patrols to deter and detect crime, report fires and safety hazards, and control traffic on campus.

All police officers have completed their training at a state-approved police academy and have the same authority and power as any other police agency within the State of Texas. Police officers enforce all applicable federal, state, county, and city laws as well as university regulations.

The police department utilizes vehicle, foot and bicycle patrols to ensure the safety of all who work, visit, or attend Prairie View A&M University. The buildings on campus are periodically walked through and the residential areas of campus are also. The residential areas are patrolled by vehicles and the bicycle patrol for visibility and to promote community policing.

We are open 24/7 to serve you

Should you have an emergency:

From a campus phone, Dial : 4911

Campus Non-Emergency : (936) 261-1375

From outside of campus, Dial : 911 (Waller Sheriff's Dept.)

UPD Anonymous Tips Line : (936) 261-2222

University Police Department is located at

36142 Owens Rd.

Prairie View, Texas 77446

<u>More about us, our services, and our programs</u>





Welcome to the office of Treasury Services. Treasury Services is a subdivision of Financial Management Services which reports directly to the Office of Business Affairs. The goal of Treasury Services is to provide excellent customer service to our students, faculty, staff, and outside constituents with a great deal of professionalism.

We strive to remain in compliance with all laws, policies, rules and regulations on all levels of its business functions. Treasury Services manages the University's Accounts Receivables and Cashiering section. We assist students with their tuition & fee accounts, issue student refunds, billing statements, 1098-T forms and receive and manage all incoming funds for the University. We hope that the information on this page will help answer all of your questions and/or address your needs. Please feel free to complete our online <u>customer service survey</u> to help us help serve you better.

Click here for information on Tuition & Fee Rate Plans



Mailing Information

Prairie View A&M University PO Box 519, MS 1329 Treasury Services Prairie View, TX 77446-0519

Email: Payment Question – <u>cashiers@pvamu.edu</u> Billing Question – <u>stuar@pvamu.edu</u>

Tel: 936-261-1000 (Option 5) or 936-261-1890 **Fax:** 936-261-1959

Hours of Operation

Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Student Financial Aid & Scholarships

Securing the Future

The return on investment from a college education cannot be beaten, however increasing costs associated with higher education requires a major commitment from students and their families. The Office for Financial Aid and Scholarships works to ensure that students are able to achieve their educational goals by offering a wide range of resources and information. Grants, work-study, student and parent loans, scholarships and non-resident tuition and fee waivers are used to develop financial aid packages for students.

More information on Financial Aid

Scholarships

Prairie View A&M University offers a number of scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, transfer and continuing students that show promise through academics, leadership and/or community involvement. Several scholarships are made available to the student body per the generous donations of alumni and friends of the University. Students who wish to be considered for scholarship funding must file a Prairie View A&M University admissions application at (www.applytexas.org) and be accepted into the University. Those admitted students and continuing students must then submit the general scholarship application for consideration for institutional scholarship funding. Scholarship eligibility criteria and amounts are subject to change at anytime without prior notice. institutional scholarships are awarded on an annual basis only.

More information on Scholarships

Mailing Address

Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships P.O. Box 519, MS#1005 Prairie View, Texas 77446 Phone: (936) 261, 1000

Phone: (936) 261-1000 Email: <u>fadmail@pvamu.edu</u>



What is FERPA?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (a.k.a. FERPA or the Buckley Amendment) protects a student's right to privacy concerning their academic records and information.

Prairie View A&M University will not disclose any information without the written consent from the student, with some exceptions as stated by FERPA. There are some types of information such as grades, financial aid or class schedules that parents might like to receive, but under FERPA, parents cannot have access to these records unless the student gives written permission to the University. This means that even if you are paying the bills, you cannot access your student's educational records without permission.

<u>What records does FERPA cover?</u>

FERPA regulations give privacy protection to all students' "educational records." Education records are broadly defined as "those records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution." Examples of FERPA records include grades, transcripts, discipline records and class schedules.

Click here for Student Records Information

Click here for the FERPA Form

<u>Why can't Laccess my student's records?</u>

Though we recognize the important role of parents, we feel that, as part of the development process, it's important to treat our students as adults. This involves communicating directly with the students instead of with the parents. The best way to get the information you want is to simply talk to your son or daughter. We encourage parents to communicate with their students about their academic progress. Open communication will help ensure that you are included in the important decisions and situations your students will face in college.

Academic Affairs Office

(936) 261-2175 www.pvamu.edu/academicaffairs/

All Faiths Chapel (936) 261-3590 www.pvamu.edu/chapel/

Athletic Tickets Office (936) 261-9139 https://pvpanthers.universitytickets.com/w/ default.aspx

Bookstore (936) 261-1993 www.bkstr.com/prairieviewamunivstore/home

Campus Mail (936) 261-2321 www.pvamu.edu/campusmail/

Campus Recreation Center

(936) 261-3925 www.pvamu.edu/recsports/

Counseling Services

(936) 261-3564 www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/student-counselingservices/

Dean of Students

(936) 261-3550 www.pvamu.edu/sa/letter-from-avp/

Disability Services (936) 261-3585 www.pvamu.edu/disabilityservices/

Freshman Academic Advising

(936) 261-5911 www.pvamu.edu/student-success/advising/ Honors Program (936) 261-5216 www.pvamu.edu/honorsprogram/

International Programs (936) 261-5453 www.pvamu.edu/internationalprograms/

KPVU Radio (936) 261-3750 www.kpvu.org/

Multicultural Affairs (936) 261-2124 www.pvamu.edu/multiculturalaffairs/

Parking Management (936) 261-3554 www.pvamu.edu/parking/

Post Office (936) 857-3570 www.postallocations.com/tx/prairie-view/prairie-view

President's Office

(936) 261-2111 www.pvamu.edu/president/

RSVP

(936) 261-1468 www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/student-counselingservices/relationship-sexual-violence-program/rsvpresources-and-information/

Student Conduct (936) 261-3524 www.pvamu.edu/sa/departments/student-conduct/

Veteran Services (936) 261-3563 www.pvamu.edu/sa/departments/veteranaffairs/

We hope to see you at **DESTINATION PANTHERLAND 2020!** Stay tuned for more information and updates!



Join us for PVAMU HOMECOMING 2020! Stay tuned for more information and updates!



Stay tuned for more information on our <u>Care Package Programs</u> 2020 - 2021!



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