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April 19, 2023



GREETINGS from Prairie View A&M University faculty, staff, and students!

Welcome to the PVAMU 54th Annual Miss Prairie View and 37th Annual Mr. Prairie View Scholarship Pageant!

Tonight, we present to you some of Prairie View A&M University's most talented and promising young women and men. This special event affords these contestants an opportunity to develop personally and professionally.

This event marks a significant milestone in the collegiate career of the contestants. Being chosen for this competition speaks to the belief that each contestant embodies the ideals of the "Prairie View Woman", and "Prairie View Man". I trust that this experience is something they will cherish for the rest of their lives. We applaud their leadership and willingness to serve the student body and this University.

It is an honor to have parents and friends of the participants join us in saluting all our contestants. On behalf of the Prairie View A&M University family, thank you for making this pageant special and memorable.

Sincerely,

Michael L. McFrazier, Ed.D.
Acting President

MISS PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A HISTORICAL VIEW

Celebrating its 91st year in 2023, the Miss Prairie View A&M University title was originally acquired through campus contest. Young women who held the love and respect of their peers won by vote and participated in the annual homecoming coronation festivities. Queens elected during this era include the late Opal Johnson-Smith.

The title evolved in 1970 when, in an effort to establish representation for Prairie View women at the Miss Texas America pageant, the Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship pageant became the first of its kind on campus. The pageant became an entryway to provide opportunities for the university's young women to enter the broader social-cultural competitive arena. On April 28, 1970 Margaret Penn of Houston Texas made history as the first winner selected via pageant. She would go on to become the founder of the university's legendary Black Foxes.

In the decades since, the title of Miss Prairie View A&M University has evolved and become synonymous with class, grace, intellect, and leadership. As the highest female student leadership position, Miss Prairie View A&M University serves as an ambassador for the university by promoting campus leadership, community service, and school pride. Miss Prairie View is the epitome of the Prairie View Woman.

Miss Prairie Views have left a lasting impact in the 91 years of the title's history, from finalist placements in the Miss Texas pageant, the creation of PVAMU alumni association chapters, appearances in Ebony Magazine, Student Humanitarian awards, and several legacy programs that continue to this day. The PVAMU Purple Jackets, PV Girls Rock, PV Girls Vote and The Little Miss 1876 breakfast are just some glances at the lasting legacy of Miss Prairie View. The motto of our queens "Miss Prairie View: Now and Forever" is an affirmation of commitment to lifelong service and love of Prairie View A&M University.

The Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Competition as well as the selections of winners and runners up are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Program. The decision of the judges is final.



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COMPETITION PRIZES & AWARDS

Prairie View A&M University is one of a selected number of Texas Universities that have a traditional Campus Queen. The Miss Prairie View A&M University Pageant is a scholarship competition rather than a “beauty pageant”. In keeping with the Prairie View A&M University philosophy of “SUCCESS” and recognizing scholarship and academic achievement, the following awards are provided by Prairie View A&M and other supporters. The Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship is awarded to support the educational efforts of the University.

Miss Prairie View A&M University 2023-2024

Official Crown, Sash, & Pin

Official Award

Bouquet of Roses

\$3000 Scholarship

On-Campus Residence

Programming Budget

Passes to on-campus events*

Other gifts as secured

First Runner-up

Official Award

Bouquet of Roses

\$700 Scholarship

Passes to on-campus events*

Second Runner-up

Official Award

Bouquet of Roses

\$500 Scholarship

Passes to on-campus events*

Category Awards for Contestants

*Private Interview***

*Ambassadorial Oratory Presentation***

*Talent***

*Evening Gown***

*Impromptu Question ***

Miss Congeniality

Most Ads Sold

*Student Vote***

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As we celebrate the 91st anniversary of Miss Prairie View A&M University, we invite you to invest in this historic program. In supporting the Miss PVAMU program, you are assisting in the development and growth of programs developed for and by Miss Prairie View. Your support will allow legacy programs such as Little Miss 1876, PV Girls Vote, PV Girls Rock, and Letter to My Sisters to continue to come at no cost to attendees.

Your tax-deductible unrestricted gift will contribute to sustaining our rich history of providing quality educational community focused programs. **Use the QR code below to learn more.**





MISS PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
UNIVERSITY

Alumnae

1932-2022

1932 | Wilma Roligan | Brenham, TX

1933 | Hattie Mae Givens

1934 | Arthur J. Andrews | Washington, DC

1935 | Londell Route | San Antonio, TX

1936 | Mable Porter | Dallas, TX

1937 | Madelyn Freeman | Kansas City, KS

1938 | Francis Ellison | Houston, TX

1939 | Jimmie Carothers Batiste | Houston, TX

1940 | Ada I. Evans Melton | Los Angeles, CA

1941 | Martha Estelle | Hempstead, TX

1942 | Lillie B. Simond Davis | Lufkin, TX

1943 | Earline M. Ross Davis | East Orange, NJ

1944 | Jean Harris | Wharton, TX

1945 | Doris Jean Peppers | Dallas, TX

1946 | Lillie M. Brown | Houston, TX

1947 | Joyce M. Wilson | Wharton, TX

1948 | Ida M. Keith George | Wharton, TX

1949 | Arthur M. Crunk | San Antonio, TX

1950 | Velma Livingston Bigsby | Houston, TX

1951 | Druselle Moore | Lyons, TX

1952 | Dora Lee Upson Dabbs | Dallas, TX

1953 | Opal Johnson Smith | Nigton, TX

1954 | Bennie J. Douglas Young | Houston, TX

1955 | Evelyn Alfred Forward | Dallas, TX

1956 | Jo Ellen McCauley Wilson | Houston, TX

1957 | Lillie Jackson | Bay City, TX

1958 | Celestine M. Tisdell Barnes | Wharton, TX

1959 | Hazel Hortense Muse | Tyler, TX

1960 | Kathryn Curtis Johnson | Baton Rouge, LA

1961 | Charlotte Burton Young | Gladewater, TX

1962 | Mary Ann Jolivet | Lafayette, LA

1963 | Maude Ferguson Cooper | Houston, TX

1964 | Marie D. Johnson | Houston, TX

1965 | Tobartha McDowell | Sweeny, TX

1966 | Cheryl McIntyre Taylor | Kansas City, KS

1967 | Nancy Bankston Carter | Houston, TX

1968 | Mary Delored Francis | Paris, TX

1969 | Polly Maxine Elmore Chevalier | Houston, TX

1970 | Margaret Penn Sherrod | Houston, TX

1971 | Sandra Adell Baker | Houston, TX

1972 | Bernadine E. English | Prairie View, TX

1973 | Eunice Cartwright | Victoria, TX

1974 | Mary Jackie Washington | Texarkana, TX

1975 | Althea Tate | Miami, FL

1976 | Shelly Townsend | Houston, TX

1977 | Tamara Wiley | Houston, TX

1978 | Kathy Sue Bigsby Brooks | Houston, TX

1979 | Nikki Torrian | Savannah, GA

1980 | Natalie McKinney | Bay City, TX

1981 | Alice Clemons Cummings | Chicago, IL

1982 | Trisha Bursey | Texarkana, TX

1983 | Ava Maria Malone | Houston, TX

1984 | Dellenor Rochelle Miles | Houston, TX

1985 | Lillie Louise Taylor | St. Louis, MO

1986 | Lenice D. Brown | Prairie View, TX

1987 | Shari Y. Love | Houston, TX

1988 | Rochelle Fisher | Las Vegas, NV

1989 | Mary Ann Palmer | Bellville, TX

1990 | Jolie L. McKeel | Kansas City, KS

1991 | Elizabeth Vaughn | Oklahoma, OK

1992 | Cynthia Lester | Tuskegee, AL

1993 | Rezolia L. Johnson | Abeline, TX

MISS PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ALUMNAE (continued..)

1994		Donna Tomlinson		Westmoreland, Jamaica	2010		Tiffany C. Ward		Lake Jackson, TX
1995		Kimberly N. Williams		Dallas, TX	2011		Lakesha S. Clark		Dallas, TX
1996		Danielle White		Houston, TX	2012		Chasmine D. Cousins		Houston, TX
1997		Chrystal Bender		Smyrna, GA	2013		Breanna E. Green		Houston, TX
1998		Lum-Awah Atang		Buea, Cameroon	2014		Ashlee E. Sherman		Houston, TX
1999		Shiressa Pittman		Fresno, CA	2015		Ivy L. Walls		Houston, TX
2000		Kimberly Pierson Ellison		Texarkana, TX	2016		Jealiza M. Quinones		St. Croix, US Virgin Islands
2001		Erin Stevenson		Houston, TX	2017		Moriah K. Colbert		Indianapolis, IN
2002		Nella Mupier		Houston, TX	2018		Ahmani Green		Omaha, NE
2003		Lorie M. Freeman Proctor		Dallas, TX	2019		Asia Williams		Shreveport, LA
2004		Christie L. Cummings		Dallas, TX	2020		Jada Marie Johnson		Ft. Worth, TX
2005		Brandy M. Byers		Kansas City, KS	2021		Z'Nae Michelle Mangum		Houston, TX
2006		Lindsey J. Slay Williams		Greenville, MS	2022		Taverlyn Mercedes Shepard		Shelby, MS
2007		Jamie L. Jackson		Houston, TX	2022		Dr. Ruth J. Simmons (<i>Honorary</i>)		Grapeland, TX
2008		Kara K. Willis		Houston, TX					
2009		Chelsee B. Hill Young		The Woodlands, TX					

90 Years - **Hattie Mae Givens 1932**

80 Years - **Earline Ross Davis 1942**

70 Years - **Opal Johnson Smith 1953**

60 Years - **Maude Ferguson Cooper 1963**

50 Years - **Eunice Cartwright 1973**

40 Years - **Ava Maria Malone 1983**

30 Years - **Rezolia Johnson 1993**

20 Years - **Lorie M. Proctor 2003**

10 Years - **Breanna E. Green 2013**

Miss Prairie View A&M University 2022-2023

Taverlyn Mercedes Shepard



Dear Prairie View,

On April 13, 2022 in this very auditorium my life changed in an unimaginable way. Days before that pageant, I experienced so much doubt and anxiety around what I was capable of. What comforted me in those moments was the voice of someone who could unfortunately not be with me physically, my Nana Sheila Shepard. Without her, God, and the support of countless others I could not be the queen that made it to this moment.

God's grace has carried me over the past year and given me the fortitude to bring my platform, *The Steel Magnolia: Continuation of Your Unfinished Potential*, to fruition. Through this platform I was able to implement dozens of programs for the women of PVAMU, including my monthly Women In Leadership and Tea Time Tuesday Seminars. Additionally I had the privilege of

serving as a speaker for the university's 111th Summer Commencement, Women Up Wednesday (with the PVAMU Purple Jackets), the National African American Honors Program and Senior Academic Preview Day. I also had the honor of serving as the Mistress of Ceremony of the semesterly Pinning Ceremony, the Toni Morrison Writing in Residence Program Launch, Undergraduate Medical Academy White Coat Ceremony, and many other events too numerous to mention. What I'm most proud of is my ability to orchestrate the revitalization of the Women's Council at PVAMU by including an unprecedented roster of 14 active female organizations and sororities on campus. For months, I worked with this amazing council to plan, fundraise and execute PVAMU Women's Week which included the 5th annual PV Girls Rock Awards Show, the PV Women's Tea Party, PV Girls Sleepover, JCS Project Giveaways, a Women's Expo, and the Bring It: Dance Class. Thank you to all of the members of this council for making this possible.

My reign was also marked by several historic moments. I was honored to bring STEM to the stage as the first Miss PVAMU contestant to conduct a science experiment as a talent. Additionally, I'm humbled to have brought awareness to an important cause as the first Miss PVAMU to serve while being a Type 1 Diabetic, the second plus-sized Miss PVAMU, and the second Miss PVAMU to hail from the Mississippi Delta. I am grateful to PVAMU for allowing me to bring a new era of Queendom to PVAMU in my own unique way.

To my family, my mom Valorie Williams, my dad Wade Shepard, my dad Kumeco Williams, my papa Wade Shepard Sr., and my grandma Dorothy Johnson and the rest of Brady Bunch, thank you so much for your never-ending love and encouragement through everything I do. I would not be in the position I am today without the sacrifices and the opportunities you provided for me. To my Purple Jacket Sisters, thank you for encouraging and supporting me through my journey of becoming a leader and allowing me

to be the PV Woman I am today. Special thank you to Cassandra & Derrick Shepard, Raven Adamson, Kayla Lawyer-Filameno, Akyra Hagerman, Domonique Dunaway, Ifeoma Charley, Samuella Basse, and countless others who have kept me encouraged throughout the years. To the Undergraduate Medical Academy: thank you for supporting my journey as Miss PVAMU while making sure I stay on track to becoming a future physician. To the Honors Department: thank you for taking me in as your own and providing an experience like no other developing me as a well-rounded individual. To the Biology Department, especially Dr. Cleveland Lane, Dr. Quincy Moore, and Dr. Harriette Lee-Block; you all took me in like your very own and encouraged me throughout my entire academic journey and believed in my abilities that I never even knew I had.

To the former President of Prairie View A&M University, Ruth J. Simmons and the rest of our administration, it was a complete privilege to serve during your term at Prairie View. I will forever cherish your mentorship and inspiration. To our current President, Dr. Micheal McFraizer, thank you for rising to the occasion and still being able to lead with a giving and caring heart for the student body. To the Department of Student Affairs, Office of Student Engagement, Office of Special Events/Protocols and the Office of Code of Conduct, thank you for your endearing support with my programs throughout the school year. Also, special thanks to my MarComm family, Tyrell, Sierra, Nick, Qwest, and countless others for welcoming me into your family within the office and providing a safe space for me.

To the official advisor to Miss PVAMU, Lorie Proctor (Miss PVAMU 2003), thank you for your prayers, hugs, and advice throughout this reign. The way you supported and encouraged me even before being Miss PVAMU will never be forgotten. Together we've persevered through all the long talks, tears, and low blood sugar scares. You opened my eyes in many ways and I will never forget you. To my other advisors, Charles Lewter IV & Donnie Howard, thank you for the many laughs and words of encouragement throughout my reign and continuously looking out for me and making sure my reign was successful.

To my HBCU Queen sisters, Jerika Edwards (Miss Dillard University), Melody Robinson (Miss Texas Southern University), Nina Giddens (Miss XULA), Aliya Everett (Miss FAMU), Aleya Barber (Miss Tuskegee), and countless other queens: we made it and we did it with class and grace! I wouldn't want to share this unique experience with anyone else. Thank you to my Royal Court, especially my class queens, Temi, Chloe, Faith, and Anya, it was a privilege to see you grow into the beautiful leaders you are. To my Miss PVAMU sisters, Chelsee, Z'nae, Jada, Asia, Lindsey, Jealiza, Ashlee, Ivy, and ALL of the Miss PVAMU Alumnae: thank you for providing a beautiful legacy for me fulfill and leaving room for me to create an impact of my own. Thank you for the many encouraging talks to remind me who I am and what I am capable of. We share a one-of-a-kind journey and I am forever grateful to be a part of the sisterhood. I love each and every one of y'all dearly, Miss Prairie View Now & Forever.

To my King, Mister PVAMU 2022-2023, Caleb M. Leeper, we did it, King! Through all of the ups and downs of this reign, we endured and have done it quite effortlessly (might I add). It has been a privilege to serve with you and to actually become best friends after this journey. It was an honor to witness you grow and be a fantastic leader to students of PVAMU.

There are so many people left to thank; Carol Campbell, Dr. Meaquell Lewis, Valorie Gibson, Mark Falls, Judge Jackson, Amanda Dotson, Orok Orok, Tierra Chapman, Tiffanie Jones, Jasmine Jefferies, Tramyra Waites, Karras Mayas, Student Government Association, and every panther who has supported me along the way. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be "Big 90th".

To my five amazing contestants, Abie, Jayla, Avery, Nia, and Faith: witnessing your growth and hard work has made me so proud. You all kept me quick on my feet and always laughing. It was a privilege to assist you through your journey to Miss PVAMU. Know that you are all queens and deserving of being a leader of this campus. Continue to love and support each other through it all because only a few can relate to this experience. Finally, to the 91st Miss Prairie View A&M University: congratulations Queen! Please know that you deserve this. Do not let anyone tell you otherwise. You were put here for a reason, so reign beautifully and treat people with love and respect. Do all that you can to remain a stewardess and ambassador for our beloved PVAMU, love yourself and keep your head held high. I will always be here to support and help you every step of the way!

The experience of becoming and being Miss Prairie View A&M University was a challenge unlike any other, but I wouldn't change it for the world. Being crowned was phenomenal and easy, but saying "goodbye" and passing it on is bittersweet. Thank you for allowing me to be your Queen and for every single memory. My dear Prairie View, thank you for showing me the way.

Yours Truly,

Faverlyn Mercedes Shepard

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JAYLA LANE
Contestant #2

NIA MCNEAL
Contestant #4



ABIEYUWA IMANSUEN
Contestant #1

AVERY CLAIBORNE
Contestant #3

FAITH OJUOLAPE
Contestant #5

Contestant 1



Abieyuwa Imasuen, a twenty-one-year old senior Public health major, minoring in Kinesiology, is the daughter of Stefanie and Michael Ohangbon. Ms. Imasuen was born in Bronx, New York, raised in North Carolina and moved to Katy Texas her sophomore year of Highschool. Ms. Imasuen is a graduate from Seven Lakes High School. Her ambition is to become a well renowned women’s physician with hopes of owning her own practice in Nigeria targeted to care for underrepresented communities that lack appropriate resources. She is a lovely role model to her two younger siblings, Michael her seventeen-year-old brother and Ariel her two-year-old sister.

Talent: Expressive Contemporary Dance

Sponsor: Family & Friends

Contestant 2



Jayla JaNeal Denise Lane, a twenty-year-old double majoring in Architecture and Construction science, is the daughter of Dr. Cleveland Lane Jr. & Perla J. Lane (whom are both graduates of our illustrious HBCU). Miss Lane is a graduate of Cypress Ranch High school in Cypress, Texas. She aspires to be an architect with a focus in interior design to be able to create pristine and comfortable spaces for all demographics and communities. In her leisure time, Jayla enjoys singing, drawing/doodling, and trying new foods and cuisines.

Talent: Singing

Sponsors: Family and Friends

Contestant 3



Avery Denise Claiborne, a twenty-old-year-old junior Business Management major, is the daughter of Danielle and Ronald Claiborne. Avery is a graduate of North Forney High School. After graduating, Miss Claiborne aims to open up her own commercial real estate brokerage that consists of primarily minority women. Eventually, she wants to earn the title of becoming the top black female broker in America. When she isn't immersed in her academics, she enjoys cooking, dancing, and taking herself out on dates.

Talent: Military Style Dance

Sponsors: Family and Fellow Peers

Contestant 4



Nia McNeal, a twenty-year-old rising junior majoring in Computer Science, is the daughter of Walter and Gail McNeal and a fifth-generation Prairie View legacy. Miss McNeal holds the secretary position with the Belles of Prairie View, and is also a member of Women in Stem (WIS), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), and African Student Association (ASA). Additionally she is affiliated with the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and the National Student Leadership and Success (NSLS). After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Law degree. Combining her love of advocacy with her undergraduate study of Computer Science, she aspires to study cyber laws and investigate cyber criminals. In her spare time, she enjoys using her creativity to create DIY projects, yoga, reading, and personal spa days.

Talent: Dance Performance

Sponsors: Parents, Family, Friends, and the Belles of Prairie View

Contestant 5



Faith Ojuolape, a twenty-one-year-old junior Chemistry major, Health minor, is the daughter of Busola Aina. Miss Ojuolape is a Lamar Consolidated High School graduate in Rosenberg, Texas. She is currently on the Royal Court serving as Miss Junior. Miss Ojuolape is also a member of The Purple Jackets, Women in Stem, and Panther Ambassadors. Post graduation, she aims to enroll in one of the top medical schools to become an OB/GYN (Obstetrician/ Gynecologist). In addition, Miss Ojuolape has plans to complete her research study on creating a uterus out of muscle and tissue cells with the foundation of fiber-wire with fully functioning fertile eggs or IVF. Lastly, she would like to travel internationally to push her initiative "& That's On Period" to educate young ladies on women's health.

Talent: Spoken Word

Sponsors: Family

MOST ADS SOLD

Winner



JAYLA LANE

CONTESTANT #2

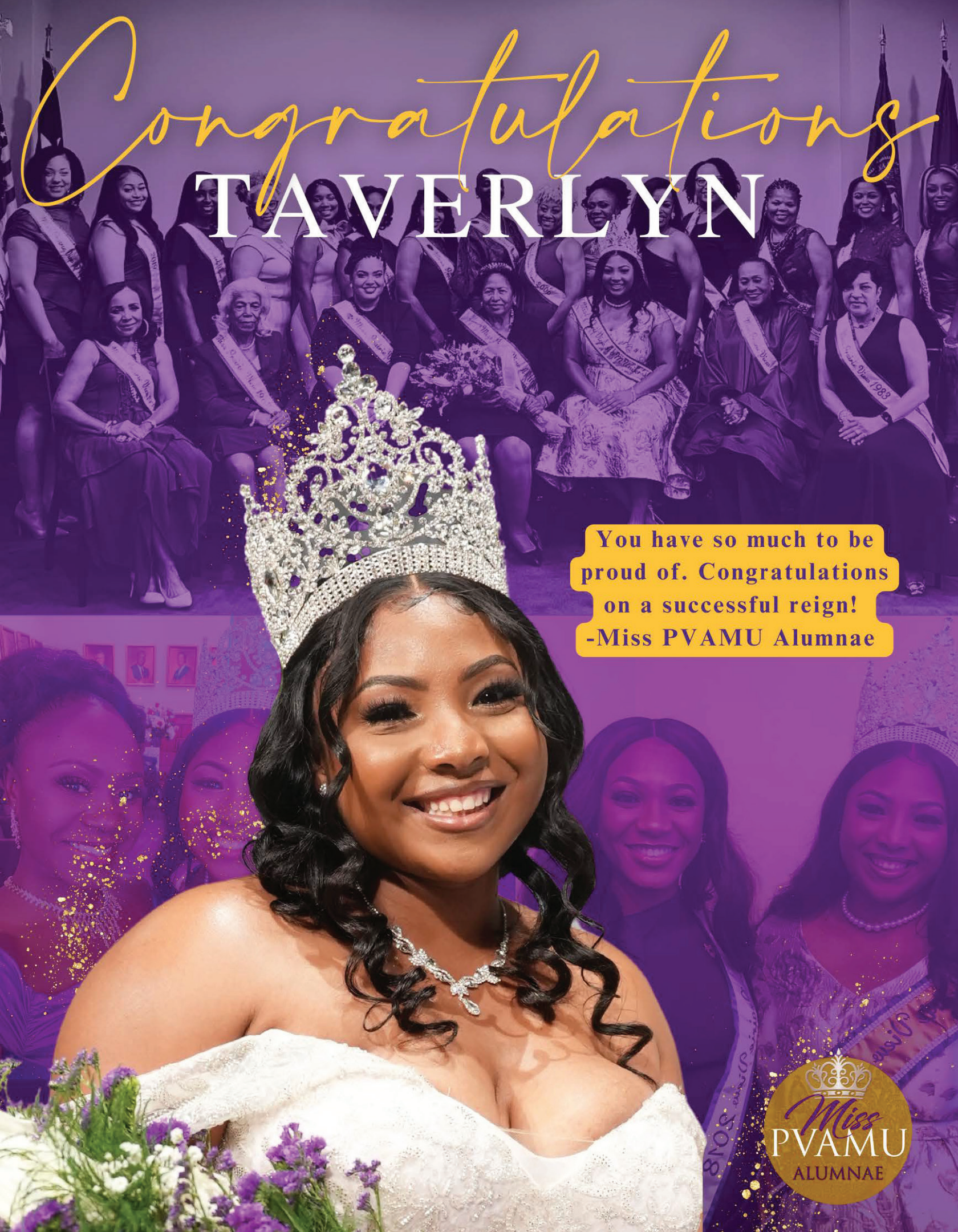
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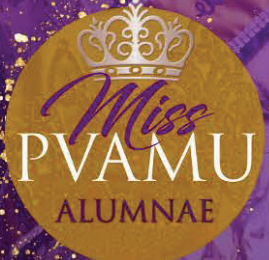
Miss Prairie View A&M University 2003 - Lorie Proctor

Congratulations

TAVERLYN



You have so much to be proud of. Congratulations on a successful reign!
-Miss PVAMU Alumnae



**Best Wishes
Jayla Lane
on
Miss Prairie View A&M
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SHE TOLD US, IT WAS SUCH AN HONOR TO BE CHOSEN TO RUN FOR MISS PVAMU, SHE FELT THIS WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT EVERYONE SHOULD GO THROUGH! WE WANT TO THANK THE ADVISOR WHO RECOMMENDED AND ENCOURAGED NIA TO RUN FOR MISS PVAMU.

A PRAIRIE VIEW 5TH GENERATION PROUD! SOME WHO LED THE WAY FOR HER WAS HER GRANDMOTHER AND HER MOTHER.

PS WE ALL KNOW THE MASTER HAS BLESSED US.

**LOVE,
YOUR GRANDPARENTS**

I'M SO PROUD OF HOW HARD YOU WORK FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND WILL ACCOMPLISH. CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING THE FINAL FIVE!

LOVE,
YOUR BROTHER



FROM THE WOMB TO THE TOMB

The time is Now.
The Dreams are yours.
The possibilities are endless.
Good luck Jayla
from your
Grandparents
Cleveland and Cheryl Lane



**Best wishes
on running for
Miss Prairie View A&M University
Jayla Lane
from your
Grandmother Gloria Nash**

**May your soul stay fierce ,
your heart stay brave
and your mind stay strong.**



*Congratulations Ms.
Nia McNeal On Your
Pursuit of Miss Prairie View!
Love,
Aunt Ethel and Uncle Les*

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Nia McNeal

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LADY! LIVING YOUR 5TH GENERATION LEGACY
ON YOUR OWN TERMS!!**

**GOOD LUCK AS YOU COMPETE FOR MISS
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY 2023-2024!**

**LOVE,
MOM AND DAD**



HER VALUE IS PRICELESS. HER POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS.
SHE IS A QUEEN.

“COMMIT YOUR WORK TO THE LORD AND YOUR PLAN
WILL BE ESTABLISHED”- PROVERBS 16:13

LOVE THE HINES FAMILY



~~~CONGRATULATIONS NIA MCNEAL~~~



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BEST OF LUCK

# Nia McNeal

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**THINGS NIECE,**

**JAYLA LANE**

Roland II, CheNeal, Roland III

,Chelsea



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GRANDMA  
(PVAMU '66)

DAUGHTER  
(PVAMU '91)

GRANDDAUGHTER  
(CLASS OF '25)

**TO: NIA MCNEAL  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!  
REACH YOUR GOAL IN PURPLE & GOLD WITH  
MISS PRAIRIE VIEW  
LOVE GRANDMA  
FLORENE SHERMAN MOORE**

KEEP MOVING  
FORWARD WITH  
DETERMINATION, MANY  
GREAT THINGS ARE IN  
STORE.

GOOD LUCK  
JAYLA LANE  
ON RUNNING FOR  
MISS PVAMU.

FROM  
UNCLE WILLIAM LYONS



# Jayla J. Lane



**Congratulations, Jayla, We are very proud of you! Keep up the good work & you are the navigator of your success.**

**From your Cousins**

Best Wishes  
Jayla Lane  
on  
Miss Prairie View  
A & M University



From Your Entire  
Family

"If you're going to live, leave a  
legacy. Make a mark on the world that  
can't be erased." - Maya Angelou

# Best Wishes



**Congratulations Avery on  
your achievements! You are  
Victorious Rom 8:37 and  
Chosen I Thess 1:4  
Proud of you.  
—Aunt Paula**



**To my best friend,  
You are the kindest, most  
hardworking person I know. You are a  
light to every single person you meet  
leaving a lasting impact on everyone.  
I'm so proud of all you have  
accomplished because it is so well  
deserved! Love you, Nia!  
—Noora**





**Best Wishes  
to my  
intelligent  
niece <3**

*Norman Stewart*



# Good luck to my lovely daughter



Words cannot describe how proud I am of you! Keep doing what you're doing because your hard work will pay off!

—Dad

Ronald D. Claiborne




NIA,  
WE ARE SO PROUD OF  
YOU FOR  
CONTINUING TO LIVE  
THE JOHNSON PV  
LEGACY! YOU ARE  
CRUSHING GOALS!  
WE LOVE TO SEE YOU  
ACHIEVE AT YOUR  
FULLEST POTENTIAL!  
BEST WISHES AS YOU  
COMPETE FOR MISS  
PVAMU!!  
-THE LOEB FAMILY  
AND AUNT JOHN  
ELLA



Congratulations Jayla  
Lane on your  
participation in the Miss  
PVAMU 2022-2023  
Pageant!



From your Grandparents  
Harold and Lynn Lyons

A decorative border featuring pink cherry blossoms, green leaves, and small red berries, set against a background of overlapping gold geometric lines forming a large, irregular shape.

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT. IT IS  
HARD WORK, PERSEVERANCE,  
LEARNING, STUDYING, SACRIFICE  
AND MOST OF ALL, LOVE OF WHAT  
YOU ARE DOING OR LEARNING TO  
DO. -PELE

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK  
JAYLA LANE

FROM  
AUNT WENDE HUTCHINS

# Jayla Lane

Congratulations on your participation in the  
2023 Miss PVAMU Pageant!!

*Dr. Phyllis*  
HAYES REAMS

Life Coach/Author/Speaker



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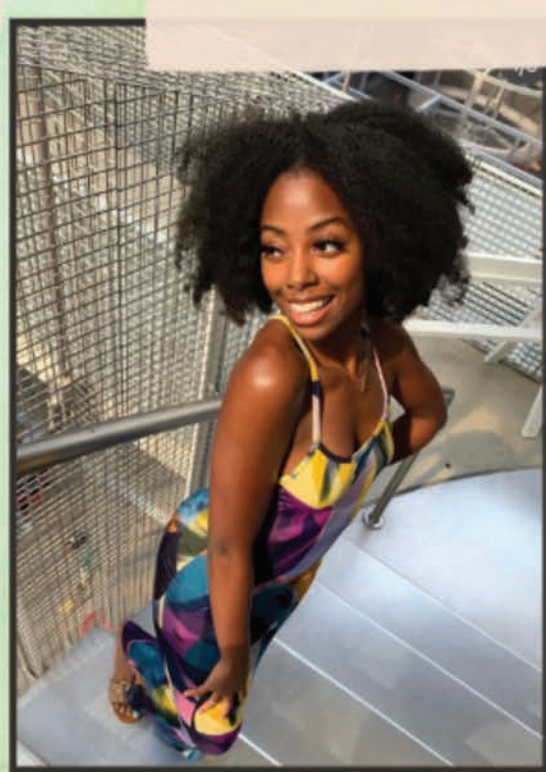
*Congratulation Jayla Lane*

NOTHING &  
NOBODY CAN STOP  
YOU IF YOU WORK  
HARD & BELIEVE IN  
YOURSELF.

AUNT MARY ANN  
WASHINGTON

Heartfelt congratulations to  
our beautiful secretary Nia,  
we are so proud of you  
-Love The Belles





Avery,

I'm so proud of the woman you're becoming, and I'm continuously impressed with your drive, class and determination. My heart is full as I watch you release all of the greatness you have inside! Keep setting and crushing your goals my love, you're Destined for greatness!

Love Always, Mom  
Danielle Claiborne



**To our little cousin,**

**You have placed a bright light on being a role model and a leader to the two of us. Your strength and energy as a young lady is glowing, every step you have made and will make. Your future is bright because you give an enormous amount of dedication and passion for what you have achieved and will achieve in the future.**

**We love you, Nia.**

**God bless you and your endeavors!**

**-Andre' and Adrian McNeal**

**To my niece,**

**The youngest leader, in the McNeal family. You are an inspiration to us and to many other people. Courage and self confidence radiates from you. God has truly blessed you in more ways than one. Continue to keep God first as you know, and He will continue to do the rest. I'm so proud of you, Nia!**

**Love your aunt,  
Angela McNeal**

CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR  
PARTICIPATION  
JAYLA LANE  
IN THE  
2023 MISS PVAMU PAGENT  
FROM YOUR

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS  
JORDAN T.'52 AND ELLA ANN  
WASHINTON



**Continue the PVAMU Legacy**

**Congratulations  
Jayla Lane  
on your  
participation in  
the 2023 Miss  
PVAMU Pageant**



**From  
Robert Marbley**



# Jayla J. Lane



WE DESIRE TO BEQUEATH TWO THINGS  
TO OUR CHILDREN THE FIRST ONE IS  
ROOTS, THE OTHER IS WINGS. JAYLA  
CONTINUE TO FLY.

FROM YOUR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS,  
CLEVELAND JR., PERLA, JADA AND  
CLEVELAND III



**2023 SCHOLARSHIP  
COMPETITION**

*Judges*

# *Timothy D. Bryant II*



**Timothy Davette Bryant II** is an accomplished Territory Manager at EI Sales, managing the relationships with multiple electronics manufacturers across Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. With a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Economics and numerous top performing sales awards across 3 companies, Timothy's expertise and achievements have set him apart in his field. He is also an Investment Partner at Precision Legacy Group.

Currently residing in Austin, Texas, Timothy is an active member of the community and attends Greater Mt. Zion Church. As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and the Electronic Representatives Association, Timothy is dedicated to his profession and always looking for ways to expand his

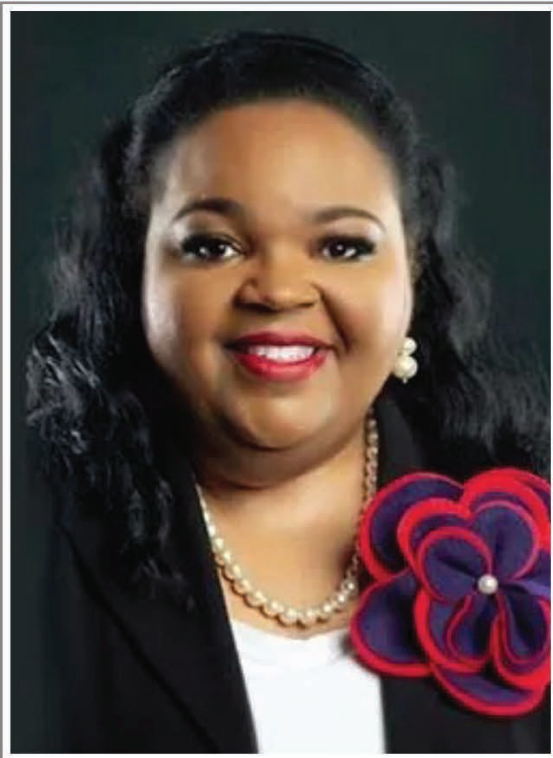
knowledge and expertise. He was also a part of the founding team of two successful early stage companies.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Timothy has received recognition for his personal achievements, including being crowned Mr. Prairie View in 2012-2013 and winning the SWAC championship in 2009.

Timothy's strengths in leadership, communication, and creativity have allowed him to excel in his roles and make a positive impact in his industry.



# *Laloni DuBose Hagerman*



**Laloni DuBose Hagerman** is the Director of Financial Services for the Prairie View A&M Foundation. Laloni is also the CEO/Principal Consultant for DuBose Hagerman Consulting, LLC. She also serves as President of the Dallas Prairie View Alumni Association (2017-2023), Financial Secretary of the PVAMU National Alumni Association (2019-2023), Treasurer of St. Paul Lutheran Church, and Treasurer of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce.

She has served as Treasurer of the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Campaign Treasurer for: 2015 District 7 Dallas City Councilwoman, Tiffinni A. Young; 2018 District 4 Dallas City Council Candidate, Kebran Alexander, and 2021 Dallas

County District Clerk Candidate, Amye Thompson Hollins. Laloni is a member of the Dallas Chapter of NAACP and American Legions, Post 802. Laloni has served as a prayer warrior for her church and encourages friends and relatives to seek God first! (Matthew 6:33)

Laloni has worked for BKD CPAs & Advisors now FORVIS, Baylor Scott & White Health and Wellness Center, WINGS Dallas (former YWCA), VCFO & various other industries in accounting, operations, and management roles.

Laloni earned a degree in Accounting at Prairie View A&M University and an MBA at Amberton University. She received the 2009 & 2018 Dallas Prairie View Alumni Association Service Award. In 2021, Laloni received the PVUNAA Alumnus of the Year Award. Traveling, singing, dancing and the performing arts are her hobbies. She attributes her success to God and her parents who were both graduates of PVAMU and educators for 40+ years in the Dallas ISD. Her greatest passion is believing in the text, Jeremiah 29:11, and helping others EVERY DAY!



# *Ivy Lawrence Walls*



**Ivy Lawrence Walls** is 3.5 generation farmer, community entrepreneur, and creative visionary. Her passion for creating community led her to create social networks such as Undisputed Excellence, Jeeping While Black, and now Ivy Leaf Farms: a community farm dedicated to complete neighborhood wellness in her community Sunnyside, Houston, Texas

Ivy believes everyone should have access to quality groceries no matter where they live. This initiative has led the charge for her to open Fresh Houwse Grocery in November of 2022 and Kuji Kitchen in February of 2023

Ivy, a proud Prairie View A& M University graduate served as Miss Prairie View A&M University 2015 and was the creator of the Miss PVAMU Legacy programs such as Letters to My Sisters, Little Miss 1876, and many more. She is an active member of the Psi Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. As a Jane of many trades, Ivy hopes to continue nurturing her community while nurturing the world one initiative at a time.



# *Malcolm Copeland*



Malcolm Copeland currently resides in Cypress, TX with his wife, Celestial (a fellow PVAMU alumn) and their three children. He served as Mr. Prairie View A&M University from 2010 – 2011.

During his time at Prairie View A&M University, Malcolm was a founding member of B.L.A.C.K (Brothers Leading and Cultivating Knowledge). He graduated in May 2011 with a B.B.A. in Accounting. In May 2016 he completed his M.B.A from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi.

Currently, Malcolm is a Financial Planning and Analysis Manager for CITGO Petroleum Corp., where he has worked since 2011.



# *Kandyace E. Mayberry*



**Kandyace E. Mayberry** is the Director of Alumni Relations for the Houston Texans, the 32nd franchise of the National Football League. A new title for her, but not a new home as she has served the organization in various capacities including director of community relations for the last 15 years.

She is responsible for developing and sustaining relationships with former players as well as providing leadership, direction and vision to the organization's major community partnerships and initiatives. She works directly with the NFL on all affairs related to former players as a member of the NFL Legends Community Steering Committee. Through her work, the Houston Texans Foundation has provided

millions of dollars in funding and support to nonprofit organizations that are focused on developing the next generation of youth champions. Kandyace has executed major fundraising events and activities including the organization's inaugural Ring of Honor celebrating the success of future hall of famer Andre Johnson.

Prior to joining the Texans, Kandyace worked on local and national election campaigns and in the nonprofit world as a member of the staff at the Children's Defense Fund. Community and serving people is at the heart of Kandyace's passions. She lends her expertise to organizations as a volunteer with several organizations. She is a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, serving on various committees including the Black Heritage, Rodeo Run and Carnival Ticket Sales

She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, initiated into the Zeta Gamma chapter at Prairie View A&M University. A native of Houston, Kandyace is a 2001 graduate of Prairie View A&M University where she earned a bachelor's of arts degree in communications. She also holds a Certificate in Funeral Directing from Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service.



**MISTER & MISS PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS**  
*MISTRESS AND MASTER OF CEREMONY*

**Jasmine Jeffries** is a sophomore Communications Studies major and African American Studies minor from Missouri City, Texas. Born to Dr. Jason Jeffries and Mrs. Karmyn Jeffries on August 23, 2003, Jasmine graduated from Grandview High School in Aurora, Colorado, where she was a top scholar and advocated for equitable education within her school district. Miss Jeffries bleeds purple and gold! Her parents attended PVAMU, so her choice to attend was no surprise. Jasmine is active on campus and looks forward to becoming more involved as she completes her term at the university. She is a member of the Honors Program, the Organizer for TEDxPVAMU 2023, an intern for the Office for Marketing and Communications, and a rising student leader. Post graduation, Jasmine aspires to use her marketing, communications, and film skills to document and bring awareness to educational, outreach, and uplift programs within the Black community. Jasmine believes knowledge is power and everyone should live a life led by love and kindness, and she will carry these philosophies with her for the rest of her life.

**Marshal Nolan "JESSE" Borner**, is a classified senior Construction Science major from the city of Jackson, Tennessee by way of Memphis, Tennessee. While attending Prairie View A&M University, Marshal/Jesse has been a very active student participating in the PVAMU Student Government Association and Campus Activities Board among many other things. Marshal is the current SGA Senator of Architecture, member of the Big Boy assembly committee with Campus Activities Board, Vice President of the newly founded ABC-PVAMU Chapter, and Treasurer of the newly organized National Society of Leadership and Service. Marshal Nolan aka "@SirBIGJESSE" is also a host of our very own 91.3 KPVU-kno Radio the student led station, as well as a pretty good DJ & Musician. Marshal / Jesse also represented Prairie View A&M University well, placing second in the nationwide Harris Stowe HBCU Stock competition.



# **MISTER & MISS PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS**

## **OPENING PRODUCTION**

**Taverlyn M. Shepard**

Miss PVAMU 2022-2023

Miss PVAMU Contestants

**Caleb M. Leeper**

Mr. PVAMU 2022-2023

Mr. PVAMU Contestants

## **INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES**

## **CREATIVE ACTIVE EXPRESSION**

## **TALENT COMPETITION**

## **INTERMISSION (10 MINUTES)**

## **FORMAL WEAR COMPETITION**

**MR. PVAMU FAREWELL**

**Caleb M. Leeper**

## **IMPROMPTU QUESTION & ANSWER**

**MISS PVAMU FAREWELL**

**Taverlyn M. Shepard**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS**

**CROWNING OF MISTER PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY 2023-2024**

**CROWNING OF MISS PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY 2023-2024**

*The Dallas Alumni Chapter of  
The Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association  
Congratulates The Contestants of The  
2023 Miss & Mr. PVAMU Pageant*

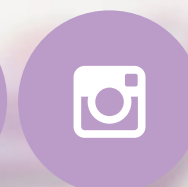


*Thank you Taverlyn Mercedes Shepard for serving the University  
gracefully as the 90th Miss Prairie View.  
Wishing you well on all your future endeavors!  
President, Lalonni DuBose Hagerman*



President, Lalonni DuBose Hagerman '87

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***I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. ~ Philippians 4:13***

***Hunter, we are forever proud of you!  
~ Love Mom, Dad, Sydnee & Madison***

## BEST WISHES ANTWAUN VAUGHN



### INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS

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*Baptist Student Movement  
Wishes  
Antwaun Vaughn*



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Gifts & Decorations

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*Prairie View A&M University*

*Gift Bags :: Gift Wrapping Paper :: Party Packs*

*Shower Curtains :: Throw Blankets*

**MOST ADS SOLD**

*Winner*



**ANTWAUN VAUGHN**

**CONTESTANT #2**



### *Contestant 1*

**Hunter Waldon** is a twenty-one year old, junior Accounting Major From Houston, Texas. He is the proud son of Mr. and Mrs. Felicia and John Waldon. In his spare time, Hunter likes listening to music, watching baseball, trying new foods, and acquiring knowledge; He also enjoys contributing to manly deeds, scholarship, and being of service too his communities. Hunter is a proud founder/president of Thee Agency- Media organization, as well as a mentor for M.A.L.E (Men Achieving Leadership and Excellence). In addition, he is an active member of P.A.Ls (Panther Advisory Leaders) and B.L.A.C.K (Brothers Leading and Cultivating Knowledge). Hunter also serves as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc. Upon graduation, Hunter plans to work for Deloitte in the field of Auditing.

**Talent:** Spoken Word

**Sponsors:** Family, Friends and the Alpha Kappa



### *Contestant 2*

**Antwaun Vaughn** is a 20-year-old Junior majoring in Criminal Justice from McMinnville, Tennessee. Mr. Vaughn is the son of Marlena Grayson - Lusk and the grandson of Nathana Grayson. Currently, he serves as Mister Junior 22-23, creating events that would be essential to the Junior Class. Outside of academics, Mr. Vaughn hosts and performs at events here at Prairie View A&M University. Mr. Vaughn is a current member of The Baptist Student Movement and served as Mr. BSM (Baptist Student Movement) previously.

**Talent:** Singing

**Sponsors:** Family and Friends

### *Contestant 3*



**Corian Boyd** is a twenty-year-old Mass Communications major, Psychology minor from Dallas Tx. He is the charismatic son of Kisha Thompson. Corian is currently Concerts and Lively Arts Chair for Campus Activities Board, Membership Chair for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People troupe 6815, and Corresponding Secretary for Student Government Association. He plans to become a media broadcaster. Corian believes his work in this world is not complete until he has positively impacted as many lives as possible while he's still here.

**Talent:** Original Monologue

**Sponsors:** Family and Friends



37TH ANNUAL  
MISTER PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

*Evolution*  
LEGACY OF A PV KING

APRIL 19, 2023

7:00 PM

OPAL JOHNSON SMITH AUDITORIUM

FOR ADA ASSISTANCE CALL 936-261-3585

HUNTER WALDON

Contestant #1

ANTWAUN VAUGHN

Contestant #2

CORIAN BOYD

Contestant #3



# Mister Prairie View A&M University 2022-2023

## Caleb Michael Leeper



**“The goal is not to leave a legacy that glorifies my name, the goal is to leave a legacy that impacts people years down the line without them ever knowing who is responsible for that impact.” - Caleb Michael Leeper.**

To say that a year has already passed since I have been in this position is mind-blowing to me. There are an insurmountable number of words to describe how this reign has impacted me in various ways in my life. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I became the 40<sup>th</sup> Mister Prairie View A&M University. It was at this moment that the title became bigger than me. It was bigger than my satisfaction in reward. It immediately became about working for the student body and continuing the legacy of former Mister Prairie View's.

Prior to competing for King, I was unsure if I wanted to run. At the time, I was in my second semester at Prairie View's College of Nursing. This meant that if I was chosen to become Mister Prairie View, I would be commuting about an hour every day to serve and be a leader at Prairie View A&M University. This caused uncertainty in what I wanted to do. I was faced with the concern that there has never been a Mister Prairie View in nursing school before. I let that resonate within me and decided to go forth and run for Mister Prairie View. I always keep in mind that if I do not go for something, I automatically put myself out of the race. You never know the blessing that could be on the other side of your worries and doubt. Yet here I am on the other side of that.

I hit the ground running with a vision in mind. A vision to continue upholding and impacting the legacy of Mister Prairie View A&M University. I utilized my summertime to plan various events that I hosted throughout the year. Some of those events include; Mannerism, a 3-part male series focused on impacting the young man of Prairie View A&M University, Care Package Giveaways, Nursing 101 Prep, 100 Men in Suits, Creation of The Prairie View Nursing Mentorship Organization, and Motivational Mondays with Mister Prairie View. These were all a part of the vision that I dreamed for in my reign. In my reign, I was able to engage in many social and community events such as speaking to the young men at the Impact Leadership Academy in Aldine ISD, volunteering at The Houston Food Bank, Rise Against Hunger, and a plethora of other opportunities presented to me by the University.

I first and foremost must thank God for bringing me through such an impactful and changing year. In the face of my own doubts, fears, and worries, He made a way when there was no way and made room when there was not any space. He continues to watch over me and guides me through all things. There have been many times when I looked over my life and realized that I was not supposed to be breathing, standing, or walking before you all today. I am grateful that His hand is over my life and will continue to be. To anyone who may feel lost or feel like God does not hear you, He does and

loves you beyond what you can think or imagine.

Second, I must thank my parents for pouring into my life over the last 21 years. Without their endless support and efforts to see me achieve, I am not sure where I would be. Mom, thank you for always being there for me and a shoulder that I can lean on. You inspire me to be greater and reach for the sky. I am glad to call you, my mother. Dad, thank you for being the man and the father that I needed in my life. Thank you for always seeing the best in me, through every conversation we have had or any time that I felt discouraged. You have always told me “Son, I know that you have already done great in whatever you are facing.” I am glad to call you, my father.

To the official advisors of the Royal Court, Mr. Charles H. Lewter IV and Mrs. Lorie Proctor, I say thank you. Thank you for trusting me enough to be in this position despite not physically being on campus. You all have motivated and pushed me to be the best possible King that I could be. I believe that often times as students, we can get caught up in what we see our faculty and staff doing and not consider the work that is put in behind the scenes. So once more, thank you for the work that you have done for not only me, but for the student body, that was behind the scenes and impacting us more than we could realize. I am forever grateful for both of you all’s wisdom and knowledge over the past 2 years while on The Royal Court.

To Mr. Terrance Bolton, my mentor and guide throughout my entire reign. Thank you for pouring your endless knowledge and wisdom back into my life. In a time where I doubted myself, you made me realize that I was more than enough for the position and would succeed in it. Thank you for always giving me the best advice on how to handle any situation thrown my way. I am glad that God placed you in my life.

Thank you to every department and organization who has taken their time to support me on this journey of being King: The Office of Student Engagement, Health and Disability Services, Marketing and Communications, and a host of other departments. Thank you to the Men of B.L.A.C.K, Men of M.A.L.E, Men of C.T.C, Campus Activities Board, Student Government Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc., and Kappa Pi Sigma Fraternity and Sorority Inc., and I would be remiss to not mention the Zeta Chi Beta chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc., and the Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., for supporting me throughout this year as well.

To all my friends, you are the ones who have kept me motivated and encouraged this year. Thank you for always checking in on me and telling me that I can do this. Thanks for sometimes seeing in me, what I could not see by myself. I am forever grateful to have you all by my side.

To my Queen, Taverlyn Mercedes Shepard, Miss PVAMU 22-23. Thank you for not only being a friend to me, but a sister as well. We have endured many things over the last year, but there is not anyone else who I would have wanted to be on this journey with. I told you from the very beginning that God meant for us to be paired together and I am so glad that he did. Our friendship is more than this position. It has truly transformed into a life-long bond that I will forever cherish. Thank you for always being someone I can talk to, laugh with, and confide in. Thank you for always answering when I just wanted to have a conversation or needed a good laugh. You and I are a legacy year Queen and King, meaning that we will forever be stamped in Prairie View’s History. We have truly stepped into our blessings and have continued to thrive in it ever since. We did it!

To my royal court family, to My Kings – Jordan, Antwaun, Alex, and Nick, I want you all to keep pushing and keep reaching for the things that seem unattainable. I am more than confident that each and every one of you will accomplish what you set out to do. Continue to be an example and mentor for men around campus. To my Queens – Nya, Faith, Chloe, and Temi, I am grateful for the bond that I have been able to make with you all. You all kept me laughing and smiling throughout the year as we created a bond. I see greatness in each and every one of you, keep excelling and if you ever need anything, please let me know.

To my successor in tonight's competition, I am extremely proud of you. You have gotten on the stage and have given it your all. Enjoy your moment and realize that it was you who was meant to be in this moment and not anyone else but remain humble. From this moment on, the standard has been raised. You represent not only yourself but the university. When you walk into any room or have any conversation, do so as a King and hold your head high. You will experience an insurmountable amount of love and support as you step into this position. Never forget who you are and the reason why you ran for the position, and in the moments that you feel yourself beginning to doubt, remember that it was you who was called out for this purpose. The work begins now, King. The crown that sits on your head now is what you make it.

Yours Truly,

*Caleb Michael Jepper*

40th Mister Prairie View A&M University





MR. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M  
UNIVERSITY

*Alumni*

1983-2022

|      |  |                              |      |  |                           |
|------|--|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|
| 1983 |  | Thomas Carroll               | 2004 |  | David Harris              |
| 1987 |  | Ricky La Fontaine            | 2005 |  | Corey D. Dargan           |
| 1988 |  | Homer Smith                  | 2006 |  | Asad Abdul Salaam         |
| 1989 |  | Eric Anderson                | 2007 |  | Mark A. William II        |
| 1990 |  | Frankie Hallum               | 2008 |  | Oba Tsare Woodyard        |
| 1991 |  | Deosick Burney               | 2009 |  | Michael Love (Fall 09')   |
| 1992 |  | Torrance Hawkins             | 2010 |  | Kyle Maronie (Spring 10') |
| 1993 |  | Cleveland Lane               | 2010 |  | Malcolm Copeland          |
| 1994 |  | Demetric Mass                | 2011 |  | Osadeba Omakoro           |
| 1995 |  | Nakia Thomas (Fall 95')      | 2012 |  | Timothy D. Bryant II      |
| 1996 |  | Donald Jennings (Spring 96') | 2013 |  | Aaron D. Fowler           |
| 1996 |  | Lawrence Warren              | 2014 |  | Roger J. Thomas III       |
| 1997 |  | Alzo Slade                   | 2015 |  | Ayobami Shoyinka          |
| 1998 |  | Wayne D. Johnson II          | 2016 |  | Ravez M. Jones            |
| 1999 |  | Ceasar F. Barajas            | 2017 |  | Johann Conway Jr.         |
| 2000 |  | Rashan Smith (Spring 00')    | 2018 |  | Kendall J. Chalk          |
| 2000 |  | Deonta Daniels               | 2019 |  | Wesley U. Okafor          |
| 2001 |  | Michael G. Davis             | 2020 |  | Joshua E. Lewis           |
| 2002 |  | LaDarrel A. Hopkins          | 2021 |  | Keyshon Limbrick          |
| 2003 |  | Reginald Bachus              | 2022 |  | Caleb M. Leeper           |

*40 Years* - **Thomas Carroll 1983**

*30 Years* - **Cleveland Lane 1993**

*20 Years* - **Reginald Bachus 2003**

*10 Years* - **Aaron D. Fowler 2013**

# COMPETITION PRIZES & AWARDS

Prairie View A&M University is one of a selected number of Texas Universities that have a traditional Campus King. The Mr. Prairie View A&M University Competition is a scholarship program, and in keeping with the Prairie View A&M University philosophy of "SUCCESS" and recognizing scholarship and academic achievement, the following awards are provided by Prairie View A&M and other supporters. The Mr. Prairie View A&M University Scholarship is awarded to support the educational efforts of the University.

## Mr. Prairie View A&M University 2023-2024

Official Crown, Sash, & Pin

Official Award Plaque

\$3000 Scholarship

On-Campus Residence

Programming Budget

Passes to on-campus events\*

Other gifts as secured

### First Runner-up

Official Award Plaque

\$700 Scholarship

Passes to on-campus events\*

### Second Runner-up

Official Award

\$500 Scholarship

Passes to on-campus events\*

## Category Awards for Contestants

*Private Interview\*\**

*Creative Active Expression\*\**

*Talent\*\**

*Formal Wear\*\**

*Impromptu Question \*\**

*Mr. Congeniality*

*Student Vote\*\**

*\*\* Counts toward overall pageant score*

*\* University sponsored events hosted by the Office of Student Engagement*

# MISTER PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

## A HISTORICAL VIEW

In life every man has a part to play and an impression to leave on the world. For some men, that part is played with great care, preparation, and the idea that we are here to leave a legacy for others. After Thomas Carroll was crowned the first Mr. Prairie View A&M University following a performance in the campus talent and fashion show, the 1985-1987 yearbook staff determined it was time to highlight the men of campus who embodied this vision and could serve as role models for other male students. With this, the official pageant was established in 1987.

The purpose of this contest was to honor those men whose footprints led in the direction of success, leadership, and excellence. Mr. Ricky Valentino LaFontaine was selected as the winner of the first pageant.

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

In 1988, the pageant received formal recognition by the Office of Student Activities, where Mr. Prairie View A&M University was elevated to the level of Miss Prairie View A&M University and receives some of the same amenities as prizes including scholarships and housing. Homer Smith, Jr. of Dallas, Texas formally participated in the Royal Coronation for Miss Prairie View A&M University. This year also marked the acceptance and respect for the male pageant concept. The increase in pageant contestants cause the pageant to relocate to Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

The 1990’s ushered in a new era for the Mr. Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant.

The pageant was enhanced and received widespread recognition and taken to new heights. Mr. Prairie View A&M University participated in various campus activities as well as community based events. The Pageant also served as the impetus for the creation for the Mr. Collegiate African American Pageant for Black College men in 1991. Mr. Deosick Burney, a Junior Accounting major from Los Angeles, California became the first Runner-up to Mr. Collegiate African American at the first pageant on April 4, 1992.

The Mister Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Competition as well as the selections of winners and runners up are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Mister Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Program. The decision of the judges is final.





*We can't wait to see where God takes you!*

*We Love you Antwaun*

*Mother~ Marlana Grayson,*

*Grandmother~ Nathana Grayson,*

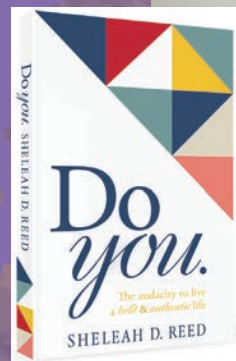
*Aunt~ Jessica Grayson*

To all the Queens,

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