



Countdown to Graduation



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My experience at Prairie View A & M has been very good. I came to PVAMU has a student-athlete. I played Basketball for three years with Coach Cooper and Coach Wilson. Coming from overseas, it was not easy to adjust to a new culture. But, the friendly atmosphere that prevails on Prairie View's campus helps me to be accustomed to my new environment. Although studying Biology can be challenging at time, the faculty and staff of the Biology department have always been supportive. Being a student at Prairie View A&M University has allowed me to grow and reach my goals.

I am very thankful for being in the UMA. It has helped me in so many different ways. The UMA has provided me with all the tools that I need to become successful. The UMA faculty and staff are accessible and always available to assist me. I love giving back by volunteering. I participated in many community services event the UMA. The UMA is not only a great academic institution but it is also a place where I made life-long friendships.

This summer I will go to Ghana with the PVAMU study abroad program. I plan on going to Nantes, France to spend time with my family and friends. I also want to go to London. I would like to volunteer for a NGO.



Adithya Ioolukuntla

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Wow! Four years have really flown. I can honestly say that Prairie View A&M University has given me plenty of experiences that I will reflect back on for the rest of my lives. The friends I have made here will never be forgotten and have made a lasting impact in my life. Going to PVAMU has allowed to me to take advantage of the small class size and connect with several professors. The faculty at the school have been extremely supportive and have provided the knowledge for me to succeed anywhere after graduation. The experiences I have gained here will not only make me a better student, but a better person overall.

I can't mention my time at Prairie View A&M University without talking about the Undergraduate Medical Academy. The UMA played a crucial part in attaining some of future goals. The UMA provided a place where I was able to meet other students with similar goals and created an environment that helped me perform to my best ability. Thanks to the resources, such as MCAT Prep and visits to medical school, I am one step closer to my goal of becoming a physician. The free food was also a major perk.

During the summer, I will be attending the PREP program for incoming UTMB students in order to be better prepared for medical school. Furthermore, I will get in touch with my motherland and spend time with my sweet grandmother. Also, I will spend a week touring Dubai! Lastly and most importantly, I will relax to the maximum and eat tons of food.

UPCOMING DATES

SNMA/AMEC 2012 ATLANTA
APRIL 4 - APRIL 8

TEXAS TECH MEDICAL SCHOOL
APRIL 13 - APRIL 14

TEXAS A&M MEDICAL SCHOOL VISIT
APRIL 13

UPPER CLASS AFFAIR
APRIL 21



Gwendolyn Coleman-Shepherd

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When I first came to Prairie View, I asked myself, "Why am I here?" At the time, my answer was simply to obtain my degree so that I can go to medical school [period]. But in these past four years, I have done much more than that and what I got out of my college experience has been priceless. It was at Prairie View that I was cultivated into the woman I am today through my experiences as a leader and active member of the student body as well as a representative of my university both locally and abroad.

My experience at PV would not have been what it was without the Undergraduate Medical Academy. For me, this program was a blessing in that it provided me with tools, opportunities, and the support (financial, academic, and personal) that I needed to achieve my goals. I am now well on my way to becoming a physician. This summer I will begin my studies at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio School of Medicine where I will obtain my MD/MPH.

So, I would just like to say that I thank God for the UMA and Biology Department faculty and staff for all that you've done as well as my peers for all of the love, prayers, encouragement, and anything else that was done that helped me make it to where I am. Thank you and much love to you all.

Happy Birthday

Rheketah Berwick April 2nd

Tony Spears April 11th

Alfreda Batts April 15th

Ashley Way April 24th

Gwendolyn Coleman- Shephard April 28th

Carinthia Guidry April 29th

Steven Hawkins April 29th



Dental Corner



with **Matthew Stephens**

1. Make sure your dentist checks your mouth for oral cancer.
2. If you clench your teeth when you sleep it can lead to a joint problem called TMJ
3. Coffee cause teeth staining that can be irreversible
4. Grinding your teeth can wear them down
5. Join the Pre-Dental Club!!!!

HIGHLIGHT

UMA Student Workers



I greatly appreciate working in the UMA. It has given me the chance to know all of my fellow classmates in the UMA. Also I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE PAY OF THIS JOB.

–**Brian Anaywu**

Working in the UMA has been a wonderful experience. Being able to work with faculty and students of the UMA has been a great opportunity. – **Mysheka Bill**

It's been a blessing working for the UMA. I have become better acquainted with the UMA students and staff. I'm now able to pay for things myself. THANKS for the opportunity. –**Crystal Obiozor**

I have gained a closer relationship with the staff and able connect with a lot of the students. It also gives me an opportunity to study for classes while I'm working.

–**Auja Smith**