

<u>Countdown to Graduation</u>



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Senior Biology Major UMA Panther Class 2009 Pearland, TX

My experience at PVAMU has been very beneficial. I have met a handful of people and a few potential lifelong friends. Prairie View has really helped me fully come into my own; not only from an academic standpoint, but also from a social standpoint. The education, enthusiasm, and support I've received from the biology department professors has given me the confidence that I need to succeed anywhere. And the organizations I have participated in have allowed me to become more extroverted and sociable. I am very grateful to have attended PVAMU and could not imagine gaining my degree anywhere else.

Just as worthy of an experience has been the Undergraduate Medical Academy. The UMA was actually my initial reason for attending Prairie View A&M University. They have been very instrumental to me in attaining my future goals. With the wave of financial resources such as my academic scholarship, MCAT prep materials, and my student hourly job position, and with the relentless exposure to the medical world, I can honestly say reaching the next stage in my life would have been a trillion times more difficult without the UMA. I have been blessed to be a part of the PVAMU and UMA family.

Lastly, by the grace of God, I can proudly say that I will be attending medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch with the entering class of fall 2012! I will also participate in their six week pre-matriculation during the summer.



Grant Pierre

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My experience at Prairie View has been a life changing experience. I have meet people that I can count as my friends for lifetime. My academia experience as a biology major was enlightening. My professors have served as mentors and teachers. Through the biology department I have been given numerous opportunities and experiences that have made me a better student and person.

The UMA made an environment that helped me to perform my best at Prairie View. The support that I was given, academically and personally, helped me to make great decisions for my professional career. Furthermore, the UMA provides a sense of unity, and the friendships I have made in the UMA extend beyond just academia.

I plan to attend the PREP program for entering UTMB medical students in June and then relax the rest of the summer until school starts.

UPCOMING DATES

- MIDTERMS
 MARCH 8[™] & 9[™]
- SPRING BREAK
 MARCH 12[™] 18[™]
- FORMER UMA STUDENT VISIT STEVE OVU MARCH 21st
- UMA GOLF TOURNAMENT
 MARCH 23RD
- FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP WELLS FARGO MARCH 27TH @ 2:00 RM. 102
- PVAMU FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION MARCH 28TH

DID YOU KNOW? MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH, NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, & RED CROSS MONTH

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE MINI GRAND ROUND GUIEST SPEAKERS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. James Phillips, Dr. Gary Sheppard, Dr. Sonya Sloan, Dr. Toi Harris, and Dr. Kevin Kendall



MRS. SHERYLLE FULLER DURING PVAMU TRAIL RIDE

Congrats to **CHARITY SMITH** for placing 2nd at the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Happy Birthday KEHINDE OGUNSEYE March 05 HEATHER MINGO March 06 BREANNA HUNTER March 12 DIEYNABA TOURE March 20 GAVANNIE BEHARIE March 21 BRIAN ANYANWU March 25 GRANT PIERRE March 27 AUJA SMITH March 28