Midterms are over! I hope everyone did well on their exams. Have an amazing, relaxing but also productive Spring Break. Be safe and take precaution against COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS!

"Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

– Francis Of Assisi
Crochet & Suturing Club
COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE NIGHT

On February 10th, Paris Semien participated in College Knowledge Night at the Berry Center in Cypress, TX. Over 2,000 students came out to speak to over 40 colleges and universities from around the country. She had the opportunity to speak on a panel for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities segment, representing not only Prairie View A&M but also the Texas Undergraduate Medical Academy and the Honors Program.

KAPLAN SATURDAYS

Juniors are studying for their MCAT exams every Saturday with Kaplan. We are more than half way done with the Kaplan course. The course is divided into three sections, each consisting of four weeks. We are almost done with the second section and are getting closer to our testing dates. Ms. Angie Basquine believes that "it’s pretty good. I see improvement when I do practice problems."
Nine UMA students presented at the National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates (NAAAS) Conference in Dallas on February 20-21, 2020. It was an amazing conference where the students learned about various issues regarding African American, Native American, Hispanic and Latino, and Asian Studies. One of the workshops I attended was “Some of Asian Physicians’ Achievement still Attributed to Eastern Minds.” One of the interesting facts I learned was that Arabic was the language of science and medicine for 800 years and today it’s been 400 years that English is the language of science.

Kennedy Steele states "I was able to meet people from all over and who shared a common passion for deeper learning and further analyzing a broad range of topics. My biggest take away from the conference was being able to bring awareness about maternal health disparities among African American Women. I was so happy to be able to have a discussion after my presentation and to be able to share thoughts and ways to decrease maternal mortality rate. It reassured me that there is a need for me as a black physician and motivated me to keep pushing during this journey."

Thank you Ms. Brekke and the UMA staff for providing us with this wonderful opportunity.
MOBILIZING MEDICAL MISSION: M3

On February 21st, fourteen UMA Students attended a Medical Mission Conference at Lakewood Church. Students attended a morning workshop, “Helping Babies Breathe” and then an afternoon workshop, “Diseases of Poverty”.

Alexis Jackson states that "the trip to Lakewood was very moving because I was able to find out ways to help babies breathe once they come out the womb if they're aren't out and crying/breathing. I also learned a lot about the many diseases that overtake many communities in poverty. Lastly, my favorite part was learning about the different programs that take place in African countries that allow students there to go to medical school to help those who are without doctors and are uneducated about their health."

Students were exposed to various healthcare professionals and learned more about global healthcare issues around the world.

DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL VISIT

On February 27th, sixteen UMA students visited Dell Medical School in Austin, Texas. Naomi Dillard, freshmen, states that she "really enjoyed [her] Dell Medical School Experience, as they had an extremely welcoming and inclusive environment. We were able to speak with Dr. Rene Salazar, the Dean of Diversity, who enlightened us on the school's mission and everything it had to offer. We were also given a really insightful tour by two first year students that allowed us to view the various classrooms and labs on site! They really opened up and allowed us to ask questions about their overall experience, their personal admission process, and lifestyle at Dell. I was very impressed with the school, and would love to learn more about it in the future as I progress in my medical education journey."

The students were able to meet with admissions, talk to current medical students and also tour their facility.
The Undergraduate Medical Academy held a Pre-Med Conference for anyone interested in medicine, veterinary, pharmacy, or dentistry science. There were two sessions: a morning and an afternoon session.

In the morning session, we had guest speakers from different professional schools.
- Dr. Rene Salazar, MD; Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin; Assistant Dean for Diversity
- Dr. Art Jeske, MDM PhD; The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry; Professor & Associate Dean for Strategic Planning and Continuing Dental Education
- Dr. Glennon Mays, DVM; Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine; Director of Recruiting and Student Services
- Mrs. Vernie Daniels, MS, RPh; KBRWyle at NASA Johnson Space Center Pharmacy School & Career Options

We also had guest exhibitors from the University Of Incarnate Word School Of Pharmacy, the University of the Incarnate Word School of Physical Therapy, Fuller Life Family Therapy Institute, Texas Tech College of Veterinary Sciences, Texas A&M University Health Science Center School of Pharmacy and University of Houston School of Pharmacy.

In the afternoon session, we had Dr. Dennis E. N. Daniels, Jr. PhD (Indiana University at Bloomington) speaking about sexual violence prevention and victim advocacy and Dr. Dennis E. Daniels, Director, DrPh informing the students about the Texas Undergraduate Medical Academy (UMA). After the two speakers, we had two student panels. The first student panel informed about how UMA has helped prepare students for professional school and the second student panel informed about the students’ experiences in the UMA. The conferences ended with student led tours of the university.

Francesca Anderson, junior, states that “the pre-med conference was a great experience. I met some amazing people. I had the pleasure of speaking with Dr. Jeske from the UTHSC School of Dentistry in Houston. He gave me great advice for applying to dental school this cycle and I look forward to speaking with him again.”

It was a successful event where high school and college students learned about the different health career pathways, and were also able to meet with professionals in the career of their interest. Charles Anugwom, the president of the UMA, states that "it was great seeing all the professional schools and programs come out. It’s always a beautiful sight seeing future doctors and people with similar goals as me learn and grow together."
UPCOMING EVENTS

5-6 Mar.
- Extended Spring Break!

9-20 Mar.
- Baylor College of Medicine (CANCELLED due to COVID-19)

23 Mar.
- Mid-Semester Community Service Hours Due (Please send it to Dr. Jefferson)

28 Mar.
- Paul Foster College of Medicine-El Paso (CANCELLED due to COVID-19)

21 Mar.
- Online Classes start!
  L&E and Academic Reviews Begins Online

24 Mar.
- Texas A&M College of Dentistry Impressions Day-Dallas (CANCELLED due to COVID-19)
  Mrs. Patt Paula Cambell Admin. Coordinator (CANCELLED due to COVID-19)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

10 Mar.
- Adaeze Eze

16 Mar.
- Jennifer Jackson

19 Mar.
- Jabari Smith

20 Mar.
- Jordan Shaw

25 Mar.
- Ahmed Mohamed

26 Mar.
- Troy Robertson
Cale Watkins
Freshmen
Biology Major

My freshman year at Prairie View A&M University has been an eye-opening experience. I have learned so much both inside and out of the classroom. I am proud to say that I have maintained a 4.0 GPA. The UMA has helped me tremendously in preparing me for my journey to become a doctor. There are countless opportunities through the UMA that have exposed me to different avenues to medical school and professions in the medical field. A few accomplishments that I am proud of are earning a 104.24 in Biology 1015 and having my research project over antibiotic resistance selected to be presented at the Undergraduate Biology Research Symposium. After graduation I aspire to go to medical school and become a pediatrician.

Jennifer Jackson
Senior
Biology Major
Double Minor in Chemistry and Health

My time here at Prairie View has been amazing it has taught me so many things about myself and the lengths I can go to. Here at Prairie View I have tried to give to it as much as the school has given to me. One of my biggest accomplishments is bringing a local Dallas Charity mission to PV’s campus and allowing the students to make a difference. Diamond Wishes Charity has been able to fund toy drives and host fundraisers with Prairie View and the Undergraduate Medical Academy’s help. In turn, this accomplishment helped me to achieve my goal at PV which was to make a meaningful impact. Through Prairie View A&M University and UMA, I have been able to be on the Honor Roll list for 3+ years, Prairie View A&M’s Golden Honoree recipient and the awardee of the Undergraduate Medical Academy’s Involvement and Attitude Award. I have held positions such as the Junior Class Representative and currently the Senior Class representative for the UMA. The Undergraduate medical Academy has impacted me in ways that some of us can resonate with. They gave me opportunities, advisors and constant encouragement to reach my potential. Without the UMA I wouldn’t have the continued drive and passion for medicine like I do now. They have been the catalyst in me undergraduate journey in medicine. Prairie View has made it possible for me to be around like minded people with dive and determination. The school has introduced me to experiences and extensive possibilities that other universities couldn’t have extended to me. Prairie View itself is an institution that give students confidence to achieve and excel. It is an environment that makes students comfortable for growth and I couldn’t imagine being at any other institution.
when you feel like giving up, look back at how far you've come.

be strong. Stay on your path. never stop going.

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.

- Oprah Winfrey