



Prairie View A& M University

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Greetings Student!

Thank you for your interest in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. Panther Pride, established in 2012, is a five (5) week summer program designed especially for **first-time/full-time freshmen** who plan to attend and graduate from Prairie View A&M University.

Graduating seniors who are interested in taking the necessary steps to jump-start their academic careers will have the opportunity to:

- Complete six (6) hours of college level coursework.
- Experience residence life by staying in University College.
- Take part in academic and social enhancement workshops.
- Network with faculty, staff, and administrators.

The **minimum** qualifications used to select academically inclined students for participation in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program are as follow:

- SAT 800 or higher
- ACT 16 or higher
- High School grade point average 2.75 or higher
- Favorable teachers' evaluations

PVAMU is dedicated to the academic success of our students. We seek to provide this accelerated summer experience to those who are enthusiastic about learning, willing to adhere to the program's guidelines, and are interested in partaking in this extraordinary opportunity.

The university will cover the cost of summer tuition & fees, housing, and meals associated with participating in Panther Pride. Additionally, each participant will receive a \$100-dollar

book voucher that must be used in the campus bookstore to help cover the cost of the required textbooks. Participants are responsible for paying the remaining cost for textbooks, which is approximately \$200. Additionally, participants are responsible for paying the required University College housing deposit plus the first installment (required fee for the Fall semester housing).

If you are interested in participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program, please return the **enclosed application packet** and your **current high school transcript** that includes your first semester's grades from your senior year by May 17, 2019 to the address below:

**Student Academic Success Center
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1050
J.B. Coleman Library, Suite 306
Prairie View, Texas 77446**

We will review applications as they are received in order to provide applicants with prompt notification of admission status. We can only accommodate up to 200 students for the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program; so, interested applicants are urged to apply early.

Applications received after the May 17, 2019 deadline will not be reviewed.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email compass@pvamu.edu, by telephone (936) 261-1040 or by visiting our website www.pvamu.edu/compass.

Sincerely,

Josette Bradford

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Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How much does it cost to participate in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: The University covers each participant's summer tuition and fees, housing, and meals (all on-campus meals will be provided). In addition, each participant will receive a \$100.00 book voucher to offset the cost of the required textbooks. Participants will be responsible for covering the remaining cost of the textbooks (approximately \$200) and will also be responsible for paying the required University College housing deposit for the Fall semester.

Question: What is the minimum grade point average or SAT/ACT score required of students who are selected to participate in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: The selection criterion for Panther Pride is in accordance with the selection criteria of PVAMU. All participants must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum 800 SAT score (Critical Reading and Math Scores only) or a minimum 16 ACT composite score.

Question: When does Panther Pride begin and end?

Answer: Panther Pride takes place during the second summer session.

Question: What classes will I take as a Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program participant?

Answer: The courses offered will come from PVAMU's General Education Core Curriculum.

Question: Do I get to decide which 2 courses to enroll in for the summer?

Answer: No. The Director of the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program selects the participant's courses. A student's proposed major, TSI status, admissions type, dual enrollment hours and advanced placement scores determine course selection. If you have completed course work via dual credit or at a community college, please inform the Panther Pride director immediately.

Question: Will I be able to work on-campus or off-campus while I am participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: You cannot work on-campus or off-campus during the week (Sunday-Friday) while participating in this program.

Question: I have a family reunion, family trip and/or doctor's appointment scheduled while I am participating in the Panther Pride program. Can I take off to attend?

Answer: No. The Panther Pride program is an accelerated academic summer program. Missing one day is equivalent to missing a week of school. All students must attend **all scheduled classes**. If you have upcoming appointments, please reschedule for a date when you are not participating in the Panther Pride Summer Program.

Question: Can my family and friends living in and around Prairie View visit me during the week or on the weekend?

Answer: No. In order to protect the safety of all program participants, we ask that you ask your family and friends not to visit during the week or on the weekend. You are, however, allowed to check out with an approved family member/friend for weekend leave.

Question: Can I go home on the weekend or am I required to stay?

Answer: You are allowed to travel home on the weekend if you choose to do so. Weekend activities are arranged for those who are not interested in traveling home on the weekend.

Question: Can I bring my cellphone with me while I am participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: Yes, but there are rules that govern cellphone usage while you are participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. You are not allowed to use your cellphone in class, during supervised study, during workshop presentations or when you are in the library. I am aware that some students study to music or use their cellphone to look for information while studying. Unfortunately, you will not be allowed to do this while participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. If you violate the cellphone usage rules, you will have to mail your cellphone home at your expense.



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Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program Application

Name _____ Date _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone () _____ Email Address _____

Cell Phone () _____

Ethnic / Racial Background _____
_____ African American _____ Caucasian _____ Hispanic
_____ Asian or Pacific Islander _____ American Indian _____ Other
Please specify

Gender: Male or Female Date of Birth _____

High School Information:

Name _____ Graduation Date _____ HS GPA _____

List your extra-curricular activities below:

Have you applied to Prairie View A&M University for Fall 2019 admission? Yes or No

Parent(s)/Guardian Information:

Parent(s)/Guardian _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone () _____ Email Address _____

Cell Phone () _____ Email Address _____

Parent(s) or guardian graduated from a four-year institution? Yes ___ No ___

Please Note: All Panther Pride participants must be admitted to PVAMU first and must be interested in enrolling at PVAMU during the Fall 2019 semester. Also, the information provided on this application will only be used to determine admission to the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program.



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Math Teacher's Evaluation Form

Student's Name _____

Please use the scale below to rank the student's academic performance in your class.

5 = Exceptional

4 = Good

3 = Average

2 = Poor

1 = N/A

Academic Performance	Ratings
Preparation for class	
Ability to attend class on-time	
Daily attendance	
Grasp of subject matter	
Level of participation in class	
Ability to work in a group	
Submission of all assignments	
Quality of completed assignments	
Interest shown in the subject matter	
Willingness to ask for help	
Level of self-motivation	
Overall quality of student's work	
Overall impression of student's attitude	
Current Grade:	

Notes: _____

Instructor's Name (Please Print)

Instructor's Signature

Email _____



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English Teacher's Evaluation Form

Student's Name _____

Please use the scale below to rank the student's academic performance in your class.

5 = Exceptional

4 = Good

3 = Average

2 = Poor

1 = N/A

Academic Performance	Ratings
Preparation for class	
Ability to attend class on-time	
Grasp of subject matter	
Level of participation in class	
Ability to work in a group	
Submission of all assignments	
Quality of completed assignments	
Interest shown in the subject matter	
Daily attendance	
Willingness to ask for help	
Level of self-motivation	
Overall quality of student's work	
Overall impression of student's attitude	
Current Grade:	

Notes: _____

Instructor's Name (Please Print)

Instructor's Signature

Email _____