The Houston native relied on faith, fortitude, and a good friend to earn an engineering degree.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas – One simple tweet from Stephine Mathis caused many Prairie View A&M University students and alumni to fill with pride: “DEAF BLACK WOMAN ENGINEER.”

That tweet introduced the newly-degreed mechanical engineer to a wider audience, but her classmates and professors in the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering had already come to know her dedication to being a scholar.

“I received a few accommodations from Disability Services that were helpful for me in classes. But, outside of classes, I had to spend a lot of time just teaching myself the materials that were taught. It was hard, but I sacrificed free time just to keep up,” said Mathis, who was on the track team and studied her way to making the dean’s list during all four years at PVAMU.

Mathis also plans to design her own hearing aid brand in the future to help others.

Here is the link to the full story: Deaf Black Woman Engineer.

Mathis is available for media interviews. She can be reached by telephone at (281) 380-7723 or email: stephinemathis98@gmail.com.

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