PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY RECEIVES $5 MILLION GRANT FROM GOOGLE

The grant is designed to help create pathways and opportunities for Black students in the STEM industry.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (June 17, 2021) – Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) today announced it is one of 10 institutions to receive a $5 million grant from Google, designed to help create pathways and opportunities for increased diverse representation in the STEM industry. The one-time unrestricted financial grant will provide PVAMU with financial support for scholarships, technological infrastructure support, career readiness and curriculum development.

“We at Prairie View A&M University are delighted with the support provided by Google. This action speaks resoundingly to the company’s recognition of the longstanding and important role that HBCUs have played in preparing their students for achievement in technological areas. The diversity pipeline will be greatly strengthened by Google’s commitment.”

-Ruth J. Simmons, Prairie View A&M University

“I'm delighted to provide our HBCU partners with a $50 million unrestricted grant. These institutions are actively shaping the next generation of Black leaders and are helping build a more diverse workforce across all industries. This investment further solidifies our commitment to providing access and opportunities for underrepresented groups in tech.”

-Melonie Parker, Chief Diversity Officer, Google

“I'm thrilled that Google is investing in Prairie View A&M University and HBCUs around the country. This type of financial support will help provide students with necessary access to scholarships, technology, and career readiness programs that will ensure their equal access to future workforce opportunities.”

-Chairwoman Nicole Collier

This investment builds on Google’s Pathways to Tech initiative, which was announced earlier this year. It is designed to build equity for HBCU computing education, help job seekers find tech roles, and ensure that Black employees have growth opportunities and feel included at work.

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About Prairie View A&M University: Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is the second-oldest public institution in the state of Texas. It is a historically black college/university that, since its inception in 1876, has opened its doors to any and every person - insider and outside of Texas - seeking a first-class, four-year university experience. The university has over 50 buildings on 1440-acres and is situated in a rural part of Texas on one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.