

2012

*Founders' Day and
Honors Recognition Convocation.*

Scholarship, Honor and Quality:
"The Best is Yet to Come...Redux"



Hosted by

The School of Architecture

William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Prairie View, Texas

Wednesday, March Twenty-Eighth

Two Thousand Twelve

Ten O'Clock

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Thomasine Johnson

Thomasine Johnson is the President and CEO of En'terior Designs, a comprehensive interior design firm headquartered in Houston, TX. After retiring from corporate America, Johnson decided to pursue her life-long passion of becoming an interior designer. With that in mind, she combined her talents, education and corporate experience to develop the unique residential and commercial design services of En'terior Designs.

The mission of En'terior Designs is to create comprehensive designs that focus on people, purpose and space. She has a passion for using design to enhance the quality of life for everyone and she strongly believes that you can develop a whole community, one room at a time. It is with that belief she has been afforded opportunities to work with non-profit organizations and for-profit corporations all over the world.

Over the years, Johnson has developed a strong conviction for community service that goes hand-in-hand with the master's degree that she holds in Community Development from Prairie View A&M University. Coupling her passion for service and talent, she has been able to focus on projects that add value to any community. From sponsoring design workshops for low-to-moderate income homeowners to being a principal designer of full community development projects. She also dedicates her time and resources to the efforts of Habitat for Humanity, Project 1% and other non-profit organizations.

En'terior Designs collaborated with the community development design for Corinthian Village, a unique independent living space for active senior adults. Corinthian Village is part of Corinthian Pointe 2.3.4., a comprehensive, 234-acre, master-planned community, developed by a non-profit organization in collaboration with private, public, and non-profit partners. Pointe 2.3.4. offers a multitude of goods, products and services through various educational, recreational, spiritual, cultural and commercial components. The project is valued at more than \$200 million and created 2,000 construction jobs and 400 permanent jobs for Houston.

Johnson's ability to conduct careful research and comprehensive planning resulted in a design solution that not only meet regulatory requirements and address specific functional necessities but offer maximum aesthetic appeal, resulting in being recently awarded the 2011 National Interior Design Community Service Design Award.

En'terior Designs has won multiple local and national interior design industry accolades and awards in community service. She has also been the recent recipient of numerous personal awards: FHPW Woman of Excellence Award, American Business Women of America Woman of the Year, Houston Top 25 Woman and Houston Who's Who to name a few.

The ability to stay abreast of the latest in the interior design industry coupled with the passion of service have made Thomasine Johnson and the En'terior Designs firm a leading benchmark in the field, as it enhances community development.

She is married to George E. Johnson Jr., real estate developer. They have four adult children that work hand and hand in the family-owned corporation. Their joy is their five wonderful grandsons who will continue the legacy.

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Presiding: **Ms. Kymberli D. Barrett**
Senior, Architecture

*Prelude Performed by the **University Chamber Brass Ensemble**
Mr. Jeffery Freeman, Director

*Processional: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia). **Felix Mendelssohn**
PVAMU Wind Ensemble

Invocation..... **Mr. Greg Miller**
Junior, Architecture

Greetings **Mr. Ross Hampton**
Junior, Architecture

Occasion **Ms. Claudia Martinez**
Senior, Architecture

Music: "Hold Fast to Dreams" Arranged by **Thomas Cousin**
PVAMU Concert Chorale
Ms. A. Jan Taylor, Director
Chelsea Warren, Soprano soloist

Introduction of Speaker **Ms. Kymberli D. Barrett**
Senior, Architecture

Convocation Address **Ms. Thomasine Johnson**
Master's of Community Development, Class of 2006

Music: "American Overture"..... Arranged by **Joseph W. Jenkins**
PVAMU Wind Ensemble
Mr. Jeff Freeman, Director

Recognition of Honor Students **Dr. George C. Wright**
President, Prairie View A&M University

Recognition of Honor Societies **Ms. Stephanie Hernandez**
Junior, Architecture

TAMUS Teaching Excellence Awards **Dr. Michael L. McFrazier**
Vice Provost and Dean, Northwest Houston Center

Acknowledgements **Ms. Keiana R. Mitchell**
Senior, Architecture

Alma Mater "Dear Prairie View" **Sibelius-Fuller**

Benediction. **Mr. Wesley J. Livingston**
Junior, Construction Science

*Recessional: "Pomp and Circumstance" **Edward Elgar**
Dr. John Cornelius, Organist

*Audience remains seated

Student participants are majors in the School of Architecture.

NOTES

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ALMA MATER

Dear Prairie View

Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise
In gratitude, we sing our hymn of praise,
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee,
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold,
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold,
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,
We'll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller
Music from "Finlandia" by Silbelius

