



MEDIA ALERT:

RUTH J. SIMMONS TO ADDRESS PVAMU'S SPRING 2023 CLASS, RECORD NUMBER OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (May 11, 2023) – Ruth J. Simmons, a noted leader in higher education and Prairie View A&M University's eighth president (2017-2023), is set to address more than 1,000 graduates this Saturday, May 13, at the University's [141st Spring Commencement Convocation](#). This semester's graduating class also includes a record number of doctoral students.

As part of the University's recent R2 Carnegie [Classification](#), colleges and universities that earn this prestigious status award at least 20 doctoral degrees per year. PVAMU will award 18 of these degrees this semester alone.

"Over the last several years, the University has placed emphasis on a number of important areas that contribute to doctoral student success: recruiting highly qualified faculty for tenured and tenure-track positions and increasing tuition and fee support, in addition to paid graduate student appointments," said James M. Palmer, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs.

Notable graduates include educational leadership doctoral candidate and current University Librarian [Elizabeth Jean Brumfield](#) and nursing student [Morgan Redd](#), who will begin her professional nursing career as an oncology stem cell transplant nurse at MD Anderson Cancer Center, among [others](#).

Other unique data from this semester's graduates includes: nearly one-third first-generation; 870 in-state, 105 out-of-state, and 32 international students; and the highest concentration of doctoral candidates in the University's College of Education.

About the event:

Event: PVAMU's 141ST Spring Commencement Convocation
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m. CDT
Place: Panther Stadium, Prairie View A&M University
Website: www.pvamu.edu/commencement
Livestream: www.youtube.com/pvamu

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About Prairie View A&M University: Designated an institution of "the first class" in the Texas Constitution, Prairie View A&M University is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses, and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degree programs through eight colleges and schools. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.

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