

ARLINGTON NATIVE TO GRADUATE FROM PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY'S RENOWNED NURSING PROGRAM

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (December 9, 2025)- Arlington native <u>Kirsten Clark</u> will graduate from Prairie View A&M University on December 13 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, completing clinical training at the world-class Texas Medical Center.

Clark chose Prairie View A&M University, one of the nation's leading Historically Black Colleges and Universities, specifically for its nursing program, which provides hands-on clinical experience in Houston's major medical institutions. "Having access to a wide range of hospitals, specialties, and patient populations gives us clinical experiences that are truly unmatched," Clark said.

Clark is part of a growing pipeline of students from the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex choosing Prairie View A&M University, which maintains active alumni and parent communities in the region and regularly engages DFW-area students and supporters.

During her fourth semester, Clark represented Prairie View's College of Nursing and participated in a student interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci, then director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, discussing leadership, global health, and the role of nursing in public health. On campus, Clark has been active in the Eta Delta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau and has been recognized by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the National Black Nurses Association. She has also been on the University Honor Roll.

Clark says her academic and clinical success has been shaped by strong faith, a core value she plans to carry into her professional career. "My faith is the foundation for the kind of nurse I want to be," Clark said. "It has carried me through nursing school and shaped the way I care for patients."

Following graduation, Clark hopes to become a women's health nurse practitioner and later a nurse educator.

<u>Prairie View A&M University</u> will host its Fall Commencement ceremonies December 12–13 at the William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building.

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY, founded in 1876, is the second oldest public institution of higher education in the state of Texas and the third largest Historically Black College/University (HBCU) in the nation. Designated as an "institution of the first class" in the Texas Constitution, the enrollment exceeds 10,000 students and over 80,000 graduates. PVAMU offers academic programs through its ten colleges and schools, boasting degree options leading to bachelor's and doctoral-level degrees. A Carnegie-classified high-research (R2) University and a member of The Texas A&M University System, PVAMU is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information, visit www.pvamu.edu.

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