

JOURNALIST & METEOROLOGIST KHAMBREL MARSHALL NAMED COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR FALL 2020 VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

PVAMU's 25th Fall Commencement is Saturday, December 12, 2020.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (October 8, 2020) – Emmy-award winning journalist and meteorologist Khambrel Marshall has been selected as the commencement speaker for Prairie View A&M University's Fall 2020 Commencement. Dr. James M. Palmer, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, made the announcement today. Marshall's appearance will be the third time this year PVAMU has held a virtual commencement due to the pandemic.

Marshall is a member of the KPRC 2 Severe Weather Team and delivers the weekend forecasts. He is also the host of "Houston Newsmakers with Khambrel Marshall," a weekly program that explores news in Texas' Southeast region.

More about Khambrel Marshall



While studying for his broadcasting degree from Arizona State University, Marshall landed his first job in television as a weekend sports anchor in Phoenix. Through the years, he worked as a sports reporter, sports director, then primary news anchor in Miami before joining KPRC-TV as a weekday anchor in May 1999. He later accepted a newsroom leadership role as Executive Producer for several years before accepting a position as weekend meteorologist. The self-proclaimed "weather geek" also earned his Broadcast Meteorology Certification from Mississippi State University.

Khambrel has won numerous awards in journalism and community service. Among them is one of broadcasting's top awards, the Emmy, for a feature series titled "Guardians at Sea," chronicling the efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard to rescue Cuban and Haitian refugees crossing the Florida Straits.

Marshall, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., has a legacy of a tireless commitment to volunteerism. He has been honored as March of Dimes Texas Communications Volunteer of the Year. As Chairman of the 2011 March for Babies in Houston, that walk was not only the largest in the United States for the March of Dimes with more than 45,000 walkers, it also raised more than \$3 million for research. Marshall also has served as co-chair of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for two years and helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for breast cancer research. Other honors include:

- National Community Service Award from the Westinghouse Corporation
- "Outstanding Young Floridian" by the Fort Lauderdale Jaycees for his humanitarian efforts in the wake of Hurricane Andrew
- Past Chairman, Executive Committee, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Texas
- Past board member of Collaborative for Children, March of Dimes, Texas Gulf Coast, and Susan G. Komen Houston
- Currently on the Board of Directors of the A.D. Players at the George Theater
- Chair of the Board of the YMCA of Greater Houston

Marshall is a Senior Fellow in the American Leadership Forum: Houston/Gulf Coast Chapter (ALF). The intense ALF one-year program joins and strengthens diverse community leaders to serve the public.

Khambrel has been married to his wife Debbie since 1979. They have three daughters and three grandchildren.

Event: PVAMU's 25th Fall Commencement
Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020
Time: 10 a.m.
Where: www.pvamu.edu/commencement

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