



## MELINA ABDULLAH AND NIKKI GIOVANNI TO VISIT “THE HILL” TO TEACH AND MENTOR STUDENTS

*Prairie View A&M University’s activist- and writer-in-residence will participate in a moderated conversation on activism.*

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (April 13, 2022) – Prairie View A&M University’s inaugural activist-in residence Melina Abdullah and writer-in-residence Nikki Giovanni will be on campus Wednesday, April 13, to teach and mentor students about activism and writing as HBCU students.

Abdullah is an author, educator, activist, and co-founder of the Los Angeles Chapter of BLM. Giovanni is an activist, educator, noble laureate poet, and children’s author.

Abdullah and Giovanni will engage in a moderated talk titled “Teaching to Transgress: Activism, Writing, and HBCUs” as part of a collaborative master class to discuss how students can become agents of change.

**Media availability at 1 p.m.**

### About the event:

**Event:** Teaching To Transgress: Activism, Writing, and HBCUs  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
**Time:** 2-4 p.m. CST  
**Place:** Prairie View A&M University

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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](http://www.pvamu.edu).

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