



OUTSTANDING PVAMU GRADS TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY TO REACH COMMENCEMENT DAY

Prairie View A&M University highlights six determined students with remarkable stories.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (May 2, 2024) – As the spring semester at Prairie View A&M University draws to a close, we are pleased to announce the upcoming 142nd Spring Commencement Convocation. This year, the ceremony will be held on May 10-11, to accommodate the 918 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students who successfully completed their academic programs.

After completing years of hard work, 772 undergraduate, 133 master's, and 13 doctoral students will walk across the stage. Nearly one-third of the semester's undergraduate candidates are first-generation college graduates—a testament to the University's tagline, "Pioneers emerge here."

The University's total alumni count will stand at over 83,552 "Proud and Productive Panthers" following the event.

Faculty members shared inspiring stories of standout students who overcame seemingly insurmountable circumstances to earn their place on that stage this spring. Prairie View A&M is honored to spotlight six top-caliber grads that will make compelling personal interest features during the busy graduation season (**Click on names for full bios**):

[Hunter Waldon](#)

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

PVAMU legacy, Houston native, Mister HBCU 2023-2024, Mister PVAMU 2023-2024, National Association of Black Accountants, and Honor Roll and Dean's List since the Fall of 2020. ***Hunter will begin a career with multinational professional services company Deloitte upon graduation.***

[Marion Gibson](#)

Bachelor of Business Administration, Business Management

First-generation college graduate, Dean's List from 2021-2024, National Honors Society, National Society of Leadership and Success. ***Marion pursued studies while raising three children as a single mother, and through the loss of several loved ones, including her mother, five spinal and three knee surgeries that left her learning how to walk again.***

[Samson Eromonsei](#)

Master of Science, Computer Information Systems

Nigerian-born, first-generation college student, National Society of Black Engineers, full-time employee at global oil and gas leader Houston-based Shell Energy. ***His degree recently earned him a promotion to a new role.***

[Constance Williams](#)

Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance

Honor Roll, Investment Club, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. ***The native resident of Dallas drove three hours both ways to attend one class at PVAMU in pursuit of her academic goals.***

[James A. Whitcomb Jr.](#)

Master of Science, Curriculum & Instruction

2024 Rookie Teacher of the Year at Clark Elementary School (SISD), former member of Kaiser Permanente Launch College Intern Program and Student Academic Success and Educational Equity Programs at California State University, Sacramento.

[Imani Titus](#)

Bachelor of Science, Education

Houston native, first-generation college graduate, "COVID-19 graduate", member of PVAMU Honors Program, Helpers Advance in the Lives of Others. ***Imani plans to open a school in a predominantly Black community in Houston to counter the childhood education deficit.***

Their unwavering determination serves as a beacon of hope.

PVAMU welcomes Phil Griffith, global business executive and respected leader in the aviation industry, as the keynote speaker on Saturday. The University's President, Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande, will serve as the commencement speaker for graduate candidates during Friday's ceremony.

Media representatives interested in attending Prairie View A&M's commencement ceremonies should contact Liz Faublas-Wallace at lswallace@pvamu.edu to request access and reserve a parking pass.

About the event:

Event: PVAMU's 142nd Spring Commencement Convocation

Dates: May 10, 6 p.m.

May 11, 8 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Location: William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building, Prairie View A&M University
945 O.J. Thomas Street, Prairie View, Texas 77446

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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 9,000 students and over 80,000 graduates. PVAMU offers academic programs through its 11 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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