

## PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY AND LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY BEGIN HISTORICAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Transatlantic collaboration bridges shared commitment to address racial and socioeconomic disparities.

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (Oct. 27, 2023) – Prairie View A&M University and London Metropolitan University have signed an unprecedented academic partnership designed to offer undergraduate and graduate students at both schools unique learning opportunities, including study abroad programs, international summer school, internships, and service-learning placements. As part of the agreement, each university agrees to foster commitments to diversity and provide access to underserved and socioeconomically disadvantaged communities.

Prairie View A&M's President, Dr. Tomikia LeGrande, called the partnership an example of the University's commitment to elevation. "At Prairie View A&M, we understand that a fundamental part of our mission is to form sustainable partnerships with the community so that we all, together, can develop solutions to some of our society's most complex problems while strengthening the human condition." President LeGrande added, "I am so pleased to see our shared commitment with London Metropolitan University to address racial and socioeconomic disparities through education."

Professor Lynn Dobbs, Vice-Chancellor of London Metropolitan University, shared an emotionally poignant response to the partnership. "London Met's commitment to social justice is massive. It oozes out of the institution. This project matters because it is two institutions very similar in their mission and their ethos coming together to develop shared principles that will make a difference."

Today's memorandum of understanding paves the way for both undergraduate and graduate students at each university to participate in exchange student activities, including collaborative research opportunities, guaranteed internship, and service-learning placements in London, while providing student support dedicated to USA financial aid, USA veteran's benefits, and UK student visa process.

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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 seven colleges, Undergraduate Studies and School of Architecture, boasting degree options leading to bachelor's to 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 <a href="https://www.pvamu.edu">www.pvamu.edu</a>.

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