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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY TO END MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS PROGRAMS

*Strategic Athletic Restructuring Aims to Ensure Long-Term Excellence
and Student-Athlete Support*

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (August 4, 2025) – Today, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) announced the conclusion of its Men's and Women's Tennis Programs, effective immediately, as part of a broader strategic realignment within Panther Athletics.

This decision follows a comprehensive evaluation of the University's athletic portfolio and is rooted in a commitment to long-term operational excellence, fiscal sustainability, and student-centered planning.

A Difficult but Necessary Decision

For decades, PVAMU's tennis programs have fostered competitive excellence, character development, and academic achievement. This change in no way diminishes that proud legacy; however, the evolving landscape of collegiate athletics, including rising costs, facility demands, and the need for programmatic focus, necessitated tough decisions. This step allows the University to prioritize investment in core programs that serve the largest number of student-athletes and align with PVAMU's long-term strategic goals.

Student-Athlete Support Front and Center

PVAMU is committed to supporting every affected student-athlete during this transition:

- **Scholarships Honored:** Athletic scholarships will remain in place for eligible student-athletes through graduation, provided they stay in good academic standing and do not enter the transfer portal.
- **Transfer Support:** Those wishing to pursue tennis elsewhere will receive full assistance with NCAA transfer documentation, academic advising, and personal counseling.
- **Well-Being Services:** Dedicated advisors and counselors are available to ensure student-athletes continue to thrive personally and academically.

Commitment to Excellence

This shift reflects PVAMU's long-term strategy to modernize athletic infrastructure, enhance student services, and direct resources toward programs that align with institutional priorities. The University will expand support for non-revenue sports and explore increased opportunities for female student-athletes, in compliance with Title IX.

The Panther Tennis community—student-athletes, coaches, alumni, and supporters—deserves immense gratitude. Their contributions, resilience, and sportsmanship have been foundational to PVAMU's athletic identity.

PVAMU remains committed to building a forward-thinking athletics program that embodies excellence, inclusivity, and purpose.

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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 ten colleges and schools, 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 www.pvamu.edu.

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