



**PVAMU'S 30TH FALL COMMENCEMENT SHOWCASES FIRST-GEN GRADS,  
FILM INNOVATORS, AND A PHD AT AGE 60**

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (December 8, 2025)- Prairie View A&M University will host its 30th Fall Commencement on Friday, December 12, at 6 p.m. and Saturday, December 13, at 9 a.m. in the William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building (Baby Dome).

Friday evening will honor Master's and Doctoral candidates. Saturday will include all Undergraduate candidates.

The fall graduating class represents more than 689 degree candidates, including:

- Doctorate: 14
- Master's: 159
- Undergraduate: 516

In a powerful milestone, 27% of undergraduate candidates (139 students) are first-generation college graduates. This year's ceremonies mark continued progress toward a legacy of producing more than **86,000 productive Panthers** who lead in fields across the nation.

Notable Graduates (media interview recommended):

- [Sylvia Sydney Bridges \(BA, Communications\)](#): First in her family to graduate.
- [Patt Williams \(PhD\)](#): Began doctoral studies at age 60.
- [Terri Taylor \(Doctor of Nursing Practice\)](#): First in her family to earn a doctorate; focused on equitable maternal health.
- [Micah Beard \(BA Communication\)](#): Emerging filmmaker defining a new era of Black storytelling in film. Media are invited to spotlight student success leading up to Commencement.

Media seeking additional details about Prairie View A&M University's Fall Commencement or wishing to speak with University leadership may contact Liz Faublas-Wallace, Communications Specialist III, at [lswallace@pvamu.edu](mailto:lswallace@pvamu.edu).

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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 10,000 students and over 80,000 graduates. PVAMU offers academic programs through its ten 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](http://www.pvamu.edu).

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