

**Media Alert:****PRESIDENT RUTH J. SIMMONS TO RECOGNIZE LONI LOVE WITH A  
PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL**

Love, a PVAMU engineering graduate and an Emmy Award-winning entertainer, will serve as the speaker for PVAMU's upcoming Recognition Ceremony for 2020 Graduates.

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (May 12, 2021) – Hundreds of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) alumni who graduated in 2020 are expected to return to campus for an in-person celebration they did not experience due to the pandemic. PVAMU alumna and award-winning comedienne Loni Love will be the ceremony orator for the university's Recognition Ceremony on Friday, May 14, in Panther Stadium at 7:30 p.m.



As part of the ceremony, President Ruth J. Simmons will bestow upon Love, a two-time best-selling author, the **Presidential Medal**. At the discretion of the president, the medal is awarded to exceptional individuals who have attained the highest levels of success in their respective fields and have made significant cultural, social, economic, or scientific contributions that benefit society.

Love is not only an EMMY and NAACP Image Award-winning co-host of "The Real," but she also has a nationally syndicated radio show "Café Mocha," is an executive producer of TV programming, an actress, and is well known for her philanthropic commitment.

Read more about Loni Love [here](#).

**Media Credentials**

Members of the media planning to cover these two events will need press credentials. All media must sign up by Thursday, May 13. Register [here](#).

**Event:** PVAMU Recognition Ceremony for 2020 Graduates

**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Event:** PVAMU Spring 2021 Commencement

**Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2021

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Place:** Panther Stadium

**Where:** [www.pvamu.edu/commencement](http://www.pvamu.edu/commencement)

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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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