



PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE IN ACTION: PVAMU PANTHERS HEAD TO AUSTIN FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Student leaders, alumni, and academic department representatives will guide the university's initiative.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (February 14, 2025) - Prairie View A&M University is ready to embark on its annual Day at the Capitol event, scheduled for February 18 at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. This significant event is an opportunity for select students and alumni to take on the role of advocates, promoting the University's legislative agenda for 2025 and articulating its strategic vision.

As representatives of PVAMU, these students and alumni embody the excellence that defines our institution. Their unique qualifications and experiences make them the ideal voices to communicate our needs to state representatives. Excellence Lives Here, and our community is a testament to that.

Why Attend? Many elected officials may not be fully aware of the remarkable achievements and the quality of education that thrive on our campus. By sharing personal experiences and insights, participants can effectively advocate for essential funding and resources that support PVAMU's top legislative priorities, including:

1. Restoring Institutional Enhancement (\$14.03M) – Supports essential student success programs and services, including Undergraduate Admissions, Developmental Education, Academic Advising, Career Services, and Student Counseling Services. The loss of funds significantly impacts PVAMU's ability to recruit, admit, enroll, and support students.
2. Strengthening the Research Enterprise (\$10M) – PVAMU is one of only 11 HBCUs with R2 status and aims to achieve R1 status within 10 years. Funding will support faculty recruitment, doctoral and post-doctoral support, and research infrastructure. Research areas include public health, agriculture, energy, AI, cybersecurity, and more.
3. Expansion of Public and Allied Health Programs (\$5M) – PVAMU's School of Public and Allied Health is now one of the fastest-growing academic programs at the University, comprising over 10% of enrollment in its first year of operation (with plans to establish a public health-related research center). Funding will support faculty recruitment, research, and community engagement to meet growing enrollment and address public health challenges.
4. Juvenile Delinquency & Crime Prevention (\$1M) – Funding will expand targeted research and training of school personnel, juvenile justice professionals, and community members from youth-focused organizations at existing Center sites, and the establishment of new sites in the Panhandle, Big Bend, and South Texas Plains. Focus areas include youth incarceration, mental health, and family issues.

As an added benefit, this event aligns perfectly with President Tomikia P. LeGrande's Strategic Plan 2035, "Journey to Eminence," and focuses especially on three of the five key goals:

1. Invest in PVAMU's People and Performance Excellence
2. Drive Strategic Advancement of Research
3. Foster Social Responsibility within Prairie View and Beyond

By participating in the Day at the Capitol, students and alumni will directly contribute to these goals, advocating for the resources and support necessary to achieve them.

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