



PVAMU ANNOUNCES HIGH-IMPACT LEADERS TO ADDRESS GRADUATES AT 2026 SPRING COMMENCEMENT IN MAY

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (March 23, 2026)- [Prairie View A&M University](#) will celebrate one of its most significant and highly anticipated traditions: the [144th Spring Commencement Ceremonies](#), May 8–9, inside the William “Billy” J. Nicks, Sr. Building.

As the University’s largest commencement of the year, the two-day celebration will honor the achievements, resilience, and promise of the graduating class while bringing together thousands of families, alumni, and supporters from across the nation. This year’s ceremonies will feature two [nationally respected leaders](#) whose careers reflect excellence, service, and impact:

On Friday, May 8, The Honorable [Pamela Goynes-Brown '84](#), Mayor of North Las Vegas, will address graduates. A history-maker and proud PVAMU alumna, Goynes-Brown became Nevada’s first Black mayor and has dedicated more than three decades to public education and community leadership. Her journey from educator to executive leadership embodies the power of purpose-driven service.

On Saturday, May 9, [Dr. Harry L. Williams](#), President and CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, will deliver the commencement address. As a national advocate for educational equity, Williams leads a network of 57 publicly supported HBCUs and PBIs and has driven transformative growth, expanding access to career pathways and advancing the national conversation on higher education.

Together, these speakers represent the very essence of Prairie View A&M’s mission: producing leaders who not only excel in their fields but also shape communities and influence the world.

Commencement ceremonies will be streamed live via the University’s official YouTube channel, ensuring that family members, friends, and supporters around the globe can share in this milestone moment. For more information, contact Liz Faublas-Wallace, Communications Specialist III, at 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.

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