



PVAMU ANNOUNCES KEY ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS TO BEGIN 2026

New deans and leadership transitions support student success, academic excellence, and institutional growth

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (January 16, 2026)- As [Prairie View A&M University](#) enters the new year, several academic units are welcoming new leadership, reflecting continued momentum around student success, academic excellence, and strategic growth across the institution. The [leadership changes](#) include the launch of University College, new leadership for the Honors College, and the appointment of a permanent dean in the College of Business. Several of the appointments took effect at the start of the month, positioning the University for continuity and progress in the year ahead.

“These leadership appointments reflect PVAMU’s continued investment in student success, academic excellence, and institutional stewardship,” said [Dr. Aashir Nasim](#), provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs.

University College Launches with New Leadership

Beginning April 1, Dr. Carmen R. Carter will serve as the inaugural dean of University College, a new academic unit created to strengthen the first two years of the undergraduate experience, where persistence, academic momentum, and a sense of belonging are most critical. University College is designed to support students as they enter their academic majors by aligning advising, academic support, curriculum pathways, and early engagement efforts across the University.

Dr. Carter brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in academic affairs, undergraduate and graduate education, curriculum governance, accreditation, and student success.

Honors College Names New Dean

Effective Jan. 1, Dr. Quincy C. Moore III will serve as dean of the Honors College, which supports high-achieving students through undergraduate research, leadership development, and scholarly distinction. Dr. Moore is a professor of biology and has served as director of the PVAMU Honors Program since 2018.

College of Business Appoints Permanent Dean

The University also named [Dr. Aneika L. Simmons](#) as the permanent dean of the College of Business following a comprehensive review process that included internal and external assessments, a college forum, and campus feedback.

Dr. Simmons has served as interim dean for the past year, providing strategic leadership while advancing priorities related to student success, faculty development, accreditation, and external engagement.

These leadership transitions come at a pivotal moment for Prairie View A&M University as the institution prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary. Each appointment and program update is part of the University’s yearlong journey toward the sesquicentennial, reinforcing a focus on continuity, academic strength, and long-term institutional impact as PVAMU marks this historic milestone.

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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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