



PVAMU CELEBRATES 30TH FALL COMMENCEMENT HONORING MORE THAN 680 GRADUATES

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (December 13, 2025)- Prairie View A&M University proudly concluded its 30th Fall Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, December 13, celebrating the outstanding academic achievements of more than 689 degree candidates across two historic ceremonies held in the William “Billy” J. Nicks, Sr. Building (Baby Dome).

Friday evening’s ceremony honored the University’s graduate and doctoral candidates, while Saturday morning recognized undergraduate candidates completing their academic journeys. Together, the ceremonies reflected Prairie View A&M University’s enduring commitment to access, excellence, and leadership development.

The Fall 2025 graduating class included:

- **Doctoral degrees:** 14
- **Master’s degrees:** 159
- **Undergraduate degrees:** 516

Notably, **27% of undergraduate candidates (139 students)** earned their degrees as **first-generation college graduates**, marking a powerful milestone for families and communities and underscoring the University’s mission to expand opportunity and upward mobility.

Friday’s ceremony featured keynote remarks from **Dr. Tarrynce Robinson**, Superintendent of the West Allis–West Milwaukee School District in Wisconsin and a distinguished Prairie View A&M University alumnus. A Houston native with more than 26 years of experience in education, Dr. Robinson delivered an inspiring message centered on equity, service, and purpose-driven leadership.

Saturday’s undergraduate commencement was headlined by **Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II**, a ten-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives and proud Prairie View A&M University alumnus. Congressman Cleaver, who represents Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District, shared reflections rooted in perseverance, faith, and public service.

“Commencement is both a celebration of achievement and a charge to lead with purpose,” said **PVAMU President Tomikia P. LeGrande**. “Our Fall 2025 graduates embody the excellence, resilience, and service-minded spirit of Prairie View A&M University. As they join more than 86,000 productive Panthers across the nation, we are confident they will continue to make a meaningful difference in their professions and communities.”

This year’s ceremonies mark continued progress toward Prairie View A&M University’s legacy of producing graduates who lead in education, public service, science, business, and beyond—locally, nationally, and globally.

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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