

PVAMU CELEBRATES HISTORIC INAUGURATION AS BATON IS PASSED FROM ONE TRAILBLAZER TO THE NEXT

Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande will be installed as the University's ninth president.

PRAIRIE VIEW, **Texas** (March 13, 2024) – Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) proudly announces the inauguration of Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande as its ninth president. Dr. LeGrande's appointment marks a significant milestone in the institution's 148-year history, as she becomes the second woman to hold this esteemed position. Read more about the University's prolific legacy on our <u>website</u>.

The University will host a week-long series of <u>events</u> to mark the prestigious occasion, beginning Tuesday, March 19 – Saturday, March 23, 2024. These events will include activities for student, faculty/staff, alumni, and the community to engage with Dr. LeGrande and celebrate this significant era in the University's history.

Dr. Michael McFrazier, Prairie View A&M's Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs shared the University's sentiments about the momentous occasion saying, "The inauguration of our 9th President, Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande, marks a new and exciting chapter in the history of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). As the second female to lead this historic institution, Dr. LeGrande's visionary leadership, prolific knowledge, and proven experience in advancing academic excellence, accessibility, and affordability in higher education will undoubtedly lead PVAMU to be recognized as a national model for student access and success."

PVAMU, renowned for its legacy of producing African American engineers, nurses, teachers, and community leaders, continues to break barriers under Dr. LeGrande's leadership.

In her inaugural address on March 22, 2024, Dr. LeGrande will emphasize PVAMU's tradition of resilience while embracing a future of limitless possibilities.

For media inquiries, please contact Liz Faublas-Wallace at email: lswallace@pvamu.edu. To receive credentials and access to events, all media can also register in advance here with the Office for Marketing and Communications.

Event: The Inauguration of Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande

Date: Friday, Mar. 22, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building (Baby Dome)

945 OJ Thomas St., Prairie View, TX 77445

Website: https://pvamupresinauguration.org/schedule/

Livestream: http://www.youtube.com/pvamu

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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 9,000 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.