

PVAMU JOINS NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TO CULTIVATE MORE DIVERSE SECONDARY STEM TEACHERS

PVU Teach is a teacher certification program for undergraduate students in STEM fields.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (April 5, 2023) – Prairie View A&M University has announced its participation in a national partnership aimed at addressing the shortage of secondary STEM teachers in the United States. The partnership, called PVU Teach, aims to cultivate more STEM teachers by providing scholarships, training and mentorship to students interested in pursuing careers in teaching.

In adopting this nationally recognized program, PVAMU joins two other Historically Black Colleges and Universities working with UTeach to increase the number of highly qualified Black STEM teachers in American secondary schools.

Developed by the University of Texas, the program is funded by Greater Texas Foundation and the Powell Foundation through a sub-award from UT Austin. To date, over 50 universities in 23 states and the District of Columbia have UTeach programs that have collectively produced more than 7,000 graduates.

"Prairie View A&M University has an established legacy of preparing resilient educators trained to facilitate academic achievement for diverse populations," said PVU Teach Co-director, Acting President, and Whitlowe R. Green College of Education Dean Michael L. McFrazier. "The PVU Teach initiative is designed to assist the University with increasing the number of certified STEM teachers of color to serve as role models and positively impact the attitude and motivation of K-12 students of color to excel in and pursue science, math, engineering and technology fields of study."

Initially, PVU Teach will recruit biology majors. After the initial pilot, PVAMU intends to expand PVU Teach into other STEM-related majors.

To learn more about PVU Teach, click here.

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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 seven colleges, Undergraduate Studies and School of Architecture, boasting degree options leading to bachelor's to 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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