



## PVAMU MAKES ITS TEDx DEBUT FRIDAY, MARCH 5

*The program will feature five speakers, including a student, staff, and alumni.*

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (March 3, 2021) – Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) will make its long-anticipated first appearance on the global [TEDx platform](#) on Friday, March 5.

The [PVAMU TedX](#) team chose the theme 'Unlock Your Mind,' which will be addressed from five different viewpoints: *Community Engagement, Student Life, The Alumni Experience, Creative Work, and Civic Engagement and Activism*. Speakers include four PVAMU alumni (Orok Orok '04, Glenn Alexander II '17, Alzo Slade '99, and Jayla Allen '19) and a current student, Ines Frazier.

"The narrative that many of us struggle with is that we always have to go into the same fields — so, we're good athletes, but we aren't capable of being coaches; we can't take on these higher positions in corporate America," said Taylon Owens, a junior chemical engineering major and one of the event organizers. "The overall theme of 'Unlock Your Mind' is a phrase I live by, and I think it really encapsulates what it means to go to the next level. We need to challenge those kinds of narratives by challenging our own way of thinking."

PVAMU will be the second university in the Texas A&M University System (after Texas A&M University) and among the first handful of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to hold a TEDx event.

Read more about PVAMU's TEDx event [here](#).

**Event:** TEDx PVAMU: "Unlock Your Mind"

**Date:** Friday, March 5, 2021

**Time:** 6 p.m. Central Time

**Place:** <https://www.youtube.com/pvamu>



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**About Prairie View A&M University:** Designated an institution of "the first class" in the Texas Constitution, Prairie View A&M University is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses, and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degree programs through eight colleges and schools. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit [www.pvamu.edu](http://www.pvamu.edu).

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