



**PVAMU RAISES NEARLY \$1.1 MILLION AT RECORD-BREAKING  
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA**

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (March 23, 2026)- Prairie View A&M University's 2026 Presidential Scholarship Gala, held Saturday, March 21, delivered an unprecedented evening, raising nearly \$1.1 million in support of student scholarships.

Hosted at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, the annual gala carried the theme "*Investing in Brilliance*," highlighting the University's commitment to expanding access and opportunity for its students.

The evening was hosted by FOX 26 Houston's DaLaun Dillard and Denise Middleton and featured dynamic performances from Prairie View A&M's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, as well as musical group Hybrid 7 and acclaimed DJ, Spinderella.

Attendees were moved by powerful remarks from current scholarship recipients, whose personal stories underscored the transformative impact of donor support. Video messages from honorary chairs, student testimonials and an invitation to give from Jeff Shaw, vice president for University Advancement, were met with enthusiastic applause and renewed commitments from supporters.

"This year's theme, *Investing in Brilliance*, reflects a deliberate choice," said Prairie View A&M University President Tomikia P. LeGrande. "It is a choice to see potential and nurture it; a choice to remove barriers and expand access; and a choice to ensure that talent and genius, wherever it resides, has the opportunity to flourish."

Glenn Hegar, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, also reaffirmed the University's lasting impact and mission. "Prairie View A&M is a proud and vital part of The Texas A&M University System," Hegar said. "For nearly 150 years, the University has opened doors for talented students, preparing them to serve their communities, strengthen our workforce and lead lives of purpose. Your generosity ensures that Prairie View continues developing the leaders who will help shape the future of Texas."

The Presidential Scholarship Gala remains one of the University's most significant fundraising events, directly supporting students in their pursuit of academic excellence.

For more information about Prairie View A&M University's giving initiatives or to speak with University leadership, please contact Liz Faublas-Wallace, Communications Specialist III, at [lswallace@pvamu.edu](mailto:lswallace@pvamu.edu).

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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](http://www.pvamu.edu).

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