



## PVAMU RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION

*Prairie View A&M University is the first HBCU to earn the prestigious honor.*

**PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas** (Feb. 13, 2024) – Today, NAFSA: Association of International Educators announced Prairie View A&M University, along with six other U.S. universities and colleges, will receive a 2024 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization.

The award recognizes excellence in integrating international education throughout all facets of university and college campuses.

Fanta Aw, NAFSA executive director and CEO, notes the importance of the distinction, saying, “With minority-serving institutions, large land-grant universities, and a community college district counted among this year’s winners, these institutions demonstrate that the principles and practices of internationalization thrive within a variety of structures, geographies, and student populations.”

Godlove Fonjweng, Prairie View A&M’s executive director of International & Intercultural Programs, adds the distinction stems from “hard, persistent and collaborative work, combined with a significant investment of institutional resources, which was started by our Quality Enhancement Program.”

Institutions selected for the Simon Awards will be featured in NAFSA’s annual report, [\*Internationalizing the Campus: Profiles of Success at Colleges and Universities\*](#), to be published this fall.

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

**About NAFSA:** Serving more than 10,000 members and international educators worldwide, NAFSA: Association of International Educators is the largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education and exchange. Visit us at [www.nafsa.org/press](http://www.nafsa.org/press). To learn more about our advocacy efforts on behalf of international education, visit [www.nafsa.org/takeaction](http://www.nafsa.org/takeaction). Resources to guide our members on these issues can be found at [www.nafsa.org/reginfo](http://www.nafsa.org/reginfo).

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