

PVAMU THE LARGEST HBCU IN TEXAS CELEBRATES LEGACY, LEADERSHIP, AND THE POWER OF 930 GRADUATES

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (May 19, 2025) - In a proud and powerful celebration of academic excellence, Prairie View A&M University concluded its <u>143rd Spring Commencement Convocation</u> on May 17, 2025, with the conferral of degrees upon 930 graduates—790 Bachelor's, 133 Master's, and 7 Doctorates. This momentous occasion recognized the remarkable achievements of students whose journeys reflect dedication, perseverance, and Panther pride.

Held over two days in the historic William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building—affectionately known as the "Baby Dome"—this year's commencement honored a richly diverse graduating class. Among them were trailblazing first-generation scholars, proud fifth-generation legacies, international achievers, and honored veterans—all embodying the strength and spirit of <u>Prairie View A&M University</u>.

On Friday, May 16, the university welcomed Dr. Quintin B. Bullock, the ninth president of the Community College of Allegheny County, as the keynote speaker for its graduate and doctoral ceremony. A revered higher education leader with more than a decade of visionary leadership at CCAC, Dr. Bullock delivered an inspiring message on the power of service, scholarship, and sustained impact.

Saturday, May 17, marked a day of electric celebration and reflection as 790 bachelor's degree recipients were addressed by the dynamic Bomani Jones—award-winning sports journalist, media personality, and cultural commentator. With his signature insight, candor, and thought-provoking commentary, Jones urged graduates to lead lives rooted in authenticity and purpose. Drawing on his experience across media powerhouses like ESPN and HBO, Jones challenged conventional thinking and empowered the Class of 2025 to embrace their voices, lean into discomfort, and define success on their own terms.

Prairie View A&M University takes immense pride in each graduate who crossed the stage, bearing witness to the hard work, sacrifice, and support that led them to this moment.

To watch the commencement in its entirety, visit the University's YouTube channel.

Additional photos can be found 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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