



PVAMU'S DR. TONDRA L. MOORE EARNS SERIES OF NATIONAL HONORS, ELEVATING HBCU LEADERSHIP IN COLLEGIATE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (February 6, 2026)- In a story you will only find at Prairie View A&M University, the school is gaining national recognition through the work of Dr. Tondra L. Moore, whose leadership in collegiate health, wellness, and assessment earned her three prestigious national honors in January 2026, positioning both the University and its faculty at the forefront of higher education innovation.

Dr. Moore, executive director for Health Services and clinical associate professor in Prairie View A&M University's School of Public and Allied Health, was named the **2026 Outstanding HBCU/Minority-Serving Institution Professional** by NASPA Region III. The award recognizes sustained excellence and leadership and will be formally presented at the 2026 NASPA Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

The honor reflects Dr. Moore's national impact, including her role in securing a special edition of the *Journal of American College Health* spotlighting health and wellness initiatives at historically Black colleges and universities. Her work has amplified HBCU contributions within national academic discourse while advancing innovative, student-centered programming at Prairie View A&M, including the University's Sickle Cell Warriors initiative.

Dr. Moore also received a second national distinction, the **2026 Outstanding Professional Award** from the NASPA Wellness and Health Promotion Knowledge Community, during the NASPA Strategies Conference. She also served as a featured speaker during the conference's opening keynote fireside chat, discussing her contributions to *Well-Being Leadership in Higher Education*.

Rounding out the month, Dr. Moore was named the recipient of the **2026 Exemplary Assessment Work at Minority-Serving Institutions Award** by the Student Affairs Assessment Leaders. The award recognized her leadership in assessment-driven strategies that strengthen institutional accountability, health outcomes, and student success.

Reflecting on the impact of her national engagement, Dr. Moore shared a moment from the NASPA Strategies Conference that underscored the reach of her message. "I cannot tell you how many times I was nearly brought to tears by comments shared," she said. "But one stuck out in particular, a young woman shared, 'Thank you for sharing what you did in such a large space because when you did that, you gave me permission to take up space.'"

A dynamic and engaging speaker with a compelling, interview-worthy professional journey, Dr. Moore's national recognition reflects Prairie View A&M University's expanding influence in shaping health, wellness, and assessment practices across higher education.

Media interested in interviewing Dr. Moore may contact Liz Faublas-Wallace, Communications Specialist III, at lswallace@pvamu.edu.

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