Prairie View A&M University
University College
presents
The “A-GAME”
"A First-Year Student Success & Retention Initiative”

Program Mission: Prairie View A&M University’s Freshman Year Experience (FYE) program is the cornerstone of the first year student success and retention initiative. The Common Read is a component of the FYE program designed to promote a unified academic experience for all freshman students by requiring them to read and have open discussion of the same book. The common read is fully integrated into the first semester to ensure students are provided with the necessary knowledge, skills, and strategies that will enable them to have a successful collegial experience and accomplish their academic goals.

Program Summary: The A-Game common read program is based on the book by Kenneth J. Sufka entitled *The A Game, Nine Steps to Better Grades*. The A-Game exposes new students to nine easy rules to follow to accomplish and maintain academic success in a college environment.

Rule 1: Go to Class-Always
Rule 2: Never Sit in the Cheap Seats
Rule 3: Come to Class Prepared
Rule 4: When Lost, Ask Questions
Rule 5: Get Spaced Out
Rule 6: Develop Learning Objectives
Rule 7: Learn Material at All Levels
Rule 8: Use Learning Checks & Self-Testing
Rule 9: Be Exam Savvy

Program Initiatives:
- A-GAME Kick-Off *(distribution of the book and introduction of the program to all incoming freshmen)*
- Academic Enrichment Workshops based on each chapter of the “A-Game”
- Academic Success Achievement Plan
- Academic Tools and Resources
- A-GAME Passport *(documents student’s attendance at all programs/events)*
- Mid-term review by Academic Advisors
- Closing Awards Ceremony

We are in need of faculty members interested in serving as a Guest Speaker at a workshop for each chapter of The A GAME

If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Rita Myers at rxmyers@pvamu.edu