Welcome Class of 2020!

I would like to personally invite you to apply for admission to the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. Panther Pride is a five (5) week summer program designed especially for incoming Prairie View freshmen only who are interested in taking the necessary steps to jump-start their academic careers. Program participants will have the opportunity to:

• Complete six (6) hours of college level coursework
• Experience residence life by staying in University College
• Take part in academic and social enhancement workshops
• Network with faculty, staff, and administrators

Qualified Panther Pride applicants are those who meet the following criteria:

• SAT 750 or higher
• ACT 16 or higher
• GPA 2.5 High School or higher
• Receive Favorable Teachers’ Evaluations

Because PVAMU is dedicated to the academic success of our students, the university will cover the cost of tuition, fees, housing, and meals associated with participating in Panther Pride. Additionally, each participant will also receive a $100 dollar book voucher to help with the cost of required textbooks. Program participants are responsible for paying the remaining cost for textbooks, which is approximately $200 and for paying the required University College housing deposit of $150 (required for the Fall semester).
If you are interested in participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program, please return the enclosed application packet and your current high school transcript by May 1, 2016 to the address below:

Student Academic Success Center
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. Box 519 MS 1050
J.B. Coleman Library, Suite 306
Prairie View, Texas  77446

We will review applications as they are received in order to provide applicants with prompt notification of admission status. We can only accommodate 150 students for the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program; so, interested applicants are urged to apply early.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email compass@pvamu.edu, by telephone (936) 261-1040 or by visiting our website www.pvamu.edu/compass.

Sincerely,

Josette Bradford

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Director, Student Academic Success Center
Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program
Prairie View A&M University
A Division of Enrollment Management
Phone: (936) 261-1040  Fax: (936) 261-1968

Enclosures
Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How much does it cost to participate in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: The University covers each participant’s summer tuition and fees, housing, and meals (all on-campus meals will be provided). In addition, each participant will receive a $100.00 book voucher to offset the cost of the required textbooks. Participants will be responsible for covering the remaining cost of the textbooks (approximately $200) and will also be responsible for paying the required University College housing deposit for the Fall semester ($150).

Question: What is the minimum grade point average or SAT/ACT score required of students who are selected to participate in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: The selection criterion for Panther Pride is in accordance with the selection criteria of PVAMU. All participants must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum 750 SAT score (Critical Reading and Math Scores only) or a minimum 16 ACT composite score.

Question: When does Panther Pride begin and end?

Answer: Panther Pride will begin on Sunday, July 10th and will end on August 10th.

Question: What classes will I take as a Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program participant?

Answer: The courses offered will come from PVAMU’s General Education Core Curriculum.

Question: Do I get to decide which 2 courses to enroll in for the summer?

Answer: No. The Director of the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program selects the participant’s courses. A student’s proposed major, TSI status, admissions type, dual enrollment hours and advanced placement scores determine course selection. If you have completed course work via dual credit or at a community college, please inform the Panther Pride director immediately.

Question: Will I be able to work on-campus or off-campus while I am participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: You cannot work on-campus or off-campus during the week (Sunday-Friday) while participating in this program.
Question: I have a family reunion, family trip and/or doctor’s appointment scheduled while I am participating in the Panther Pride program. Can I take off to attend?

Answer: No. The Panther Pride program is an accelerated academic summer program. Missing one day is equivalent to missing a week of school. All students must attend all scheduled classes. If you have upcoming appointments, please reschedule for a date when you are not participating in the Panther Pride Summer Program.

Question: Can my family and friends living in and around Prairie View visit me during the week or on the weekend?

Answer: No. In order to protect the safety of all program participants, we ask that you ask your family and friends not to visit during the week or on the weekend. You are, however, allowed to check out with an approved family member/friend for weekend leave.

Question: Can I go home on the weekend or am I required to stay?

Answer: You are allowed to travel home on the weekend if you choose to do so. Weekend activities are arranged for those who are not interested in traveling home on the weekend.

Question: Can I bring my cellphone with me while I am participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program?

Answer: Yes, but there are rules that govern cellphone usage while you are participating in the Panther Pride Summer Program. You are not allowed to use your cellphone in class, during supervised study, during workshop presentations or when you are in the library. I am aware that some students study to music or use their cellphone to look for information while studying. Unfortunately, you will not be allowed to do this while participating in the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program. If you violate the cellphone usage rules, you will have to mail your cellphone home at your expense.

Question: Does the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program have a dress code for participants?

Answer: Yes. Short-shorts that expose the upper thigh, midriff tops, spandex dresses, tights without appropriate cover-ups, jeans that expose the skin, and sagging pants are among the clothing items that are strictly prohibited.
Prairie View A& M University
A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Panther Pride
Summer Bridge Program
Application

Name_______________________________________________________  Date________________

Last First Middle

Mailing Address________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone (  )____________________  Email Address______________________________

Cell Phone (  )____________________

Ethnic / Racial Background  ______African American  ______Caucasian  ______Hispanic

_____Asian or Pacific Islander  ______American Indian  ______Other

Please specify

Gender:  Male  or  Female  Date of Birth ______________________

High School Information:

Name_________________________________________  Graduation Date______  HS GPA____

List your extra-curricular activities below:

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Have you applied to Prairie View A&M University for Fall 2016 admission?  Yes  or  No

Parent(s)/Guardian Information:

Parent(s)/Guardian_________________________________________

Last First Middle

Mailing Address______________________________________________

Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone (  )____________________  Email Address______________________________

Cell Phone (  )____________________  Email Address______________________________

Parent(s) or guardian graduated from a four-year institution?  Yes____ No____

Please Note: All Panther Pride participants must be admitted to PVAMU first and must be interested in enrolling at PVAMU during the Fall 2016 semester. Also, the information provided on this application will only be used to determine admission to the Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program.
Math Teacher’s Evaluation Form

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