2010

Founders’ Day and Honors Recognition Convocation
Nurturing for Academic Excellence, Responsibility and Success

Hosted by
The College of Nursing

William “Billy” J. Nicks, Sr. Building

Prairie View A&M University

Prairie View, Texas
Wednesday, March Thirty-First
Two Thousand Ten
Ten O’Clock
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Principals and Presidents

L.W. Minor
Principal 1878

George C. Wright
President 2003-Present

E.H. Anderson
Principal 1879-1884

Charles A. Hines
President 1994-2002

Julia C. Anderson
Principal 1884-1894

Edward L. Blackshear
Principal 1895-1915

Percy A. Pierre
President 1983-1989

Administration Building 1899-1943

Isaiah M. Terrell
Principal 1915-1918

Alvin I. Thomas
President 1966-1982

J.G. Osborne
Principal 1918-1925

Jesse M. Drew
President 1966

Edward B. Evans
Principal 1947-1948
President 1948-1966

Willette Rutherford Banks
Principal 1926-1947
THE HISTORY OF

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Establishment

1876

Prairie View A&M University, the first state-supported college in Texas for African-Americans, was established during the Reconstruction period after the Civil War. This was the historical period when political and economic special interest groups were able to aggressively use the federal government to enact public policy designated to “alter or reshape the cultural milieu of the vanquished Southern state.” The University had its beginning in the Texas Constitution of 1876 which, in separate articles, established an “Agricultural and Mechanical College” and pledged that “Separate schools shall be provided for the white and colored children, and impartial provisions shall be made for both.” As a consequence of these constitutional provisions, the Fifteenth Legislature established “Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youth” on August 14, 1876.

Enrollment of the First Students

1878

The Board of Directors purchased the Alta Vista Plantation (1338 acres) from Mrs. Helen Marr Kirby, the widow of the late Col. Jared Ellison Kirby. The College was named “Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youth.” The Board, authorized to appoint a principal to administer the College, selected L.W. Minor of Mississippi. Eight young African-American men, the first to enroll in a state-supported college in Texas, began their studies on March 11, 1878.

Era of Principals as Chief Administrative Officers

1878 - 1948

Prairie View strengthened and enlarged its curriculum and grew under the leadership of a series of dedicated principals. These men led the College during those difficult decades as Federal Reconstruction ended and the doctrine of “separate but equal” emerged with the Plessy v. Ferguson Supreme Court decision of 1896. The eight principals and their tenures were: L.W. Minor, 1878; E.H. Anderson, 1879-1884; Laurine C. Anderson, 1884-1894; Edward L. Blackshear, 1895-1915; Isaiah M. Terrell, 1915-1918; J.G. Osborne, 1918-1925; Paul (Uncle Paul) Bledsoe (Interim Principal), 1925-1962; Willette Rutherford Banks, 1926-1947; and Edward B. Evans, 1947-1948.

Era of Presidents as Chief Administrative Officers

1948 to Present


Names Given to the University

1878 - 1998

The Fifteenth Legislature (August 14, 1867) established “Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youth.” The Sixteenth Legislature (April 19, 1879) established “Prairie View State Normal School” in Waller County for the training of colored teachers. The Twentieth Legislature attached the words Agriculture and Mechanical Department of Prairie View Normal School. The Twenty-sixth Legislature (1889) changed the name to Prairie View State Normal & Industrial College.” The Forty-ninth Legislature (June 1, 1945) changed the name to “Prairie View University.” The Fiftieth Legislature (March 3, 1947) established “The Texas State University of Negroes” (now Texas Southern University) and changed the name of Prairie View University to “Prairie View Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas.” The Sixty-third Legislature (1973) changed the name to Prairie View A&M University.

Excerpts taken from Prairie View, A Study in Public Conscience

By Dr. George Ruble Woolfolk

Edited by Frank D. Jackson and Jimmizine Taylor
Major Jimmy L. Johnson, U.S. Army retired, is a true hero among men, serving the United States with selflessness and dedication for 23 years. Although, this career seemed to be his destiny, he took a long road with a different path to get to his goal.

A Houston native, Johnson was raised in the Fifth Ward area where he attended Dogan Elementary and Kashmere Gardens Junior and Senior High Schools. It was during high school that he discovered music. His teacher Conrad Johnson, a noted musician, helped him learn bass guitar, bass violin and encouraged him to use the military to pursue a career in music.

With some Army experience as an ROTC participant, Johnson planned to enter the military and play in the prestigious military band; however, he was quickly informed that the military did not need any additional musicians. Instead, the Army instructed him that he would serve as a much needed medic. This was only the beginning of a historic life that included medicine and the care of others.

Johnson became one of the Army’s most highly decorated soldiers as he served in the Vietnam War from 1966 until 1968 and later as an officer in the Gulf War of 1992. Throughout his tenure in the military, his duties included a variety of assignments across the globe including Germany, Alaska, San Antonio, Texas and Honduras. He was responsible for establishing several comprehensive installation community health programs and volunteering for several evacuation flights in extremely hazardous weather. His actions helped him earn some of the highest commendations including the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. These awards recognized his professionalism and effectiveness in providing medical support to the military.

Following his service, Johnson enrolled in Prairie View A&M University, where he majored in nursing and minored in music. Upon graduation in 1983, he reenlisted in the Army as a commissioned officer in the US Army Nurses Corps. Pursuing his passion for helping others, Johnson studied community health, ultimately earning a master’s in health service administration from Webster University and a doctoral degree in public administration from Columbia University.

Throughout his entire career Johnson continued to hone his skills as an accomplished musician. He used his talents to work his way through college and continues to entertain throughout the country. Recently, Major Johnson was inducted into the DUSTOFF (Dedicated Unhesitating Service To Our Fighting Forces) Hall of Fame. He is the first African-American to join the ranks of 25 other pilots who risked their lives as a helicopter pilots or medics to rescue wounded soldiers from the battlefield. According to his nomination form, his abilities, dedication, leadership and willingness to risk his life to save the lives of others on many occasions earned him the respect, confidence, and admiration of everyone in his unit. Based on the honor, Houston Mayor Annise Parker declared March 1, 2010 as “Dr. Jimmy Johnson Day.”

Jimmy Johnson retired as a Major in 2000. He and his wife Margie currently reside in Missouri City, Texas with their daughter Jessica.

Photos courtesy of Jimmy L. Johnson
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Presiding: Ashley Mitchell
BSN Nursing Program

*Prelude ................................ Performed by the University Chamber Brass Ensemble
Mr. Jeffery Freeman, Director

"Processional: “War March of the Priests” (Athalia). ......................................... Felix Mendelssohn
Dr. John Cornelius, Organist

Invocation .............................................. Ms. Elaine Bedenbaugh
BSN Nursing Program

Greetings .................................................. Ms. Ashley Gooden
BSN Nursing Program

Occasion .................................................... Mr. Joshua Tobias
BSN Nursing Program

Music: “America the Beautiful” ................................................................. Arranged by Edwin Fissinger
University Concert Chorale
Ms. A. Jan Taylor, Conductor

Introduction of Speaker .................................................. Mr. Christian Harrington
BSN Nursing Program

Convocation Address ......................................................... Retired Major Dr. Jimmy L. Johnson
Prairie View A&M University, Bachelor of Nursing, Class of 1983

Music: “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” ............................................. Arranged by Peter Wilhousky
University Symphonic Band
Dr. Victor Hébert, Conductor

Recognition of Honor Students .................................................. Dr. George C. Wright
President, Prairie View A&M University

Recognition of Honor Societies ................................................. Ms. Samantha Otokiti
BSN Nursing Program
Ms. Debra Roberts
LVN-BSN Nursing Program

TAMUS Teaching Excellence Awards .............................................. Dr. Michael L. McFrazier
Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

PVAMU Staff Advisory Awards ................................................ Mr. Charles H. Lewter, IV
Dean, Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel
Chair, Staff Advisory Council

Acknowledgements .................................................. Ms. Diane Mahoney
BSN Nursing Program

Alma Mater “Dear Prairie View” .............................................. Sibelius-Fuller

Benediction ...................................................... Ms. Tatianna Flores
BSN Nursing Program

*Recessional: “Pomp and Circumstance”
Dr. John Cornelius, Organist

*Audience remains seated

Student participants are majors in the College of Nursing.
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COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY


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Dear Prairie View

Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise
In gratitude, we sing our hymn of praise,
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee,
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold,
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold,
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,
We'll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller
Music from “Finlandia” by Sibelius