MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 2022

TO: Academic Deans, Division/Department Heads, Faculty, Staff, and Students

FROM: James M. Palmer
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Participation in Commencement – August 13, 2022

The 111th Summer Commencement for undergraduate and graduate candidates is Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the William “Billy” J. Nicks, Sr. Building (Baby Dome). Graduating students will be allotted ten (10) tickets, which will be distributed through each College and School beginning July 25, 2022. For friends, families, and guests unable to attend Commencement in person, the University will stream the event live at www.pvamu.edu/stream and www.youtube.com/pvamu.

Candidates for graduation should report to the Baby Dome by 8 a.m. The processional for students will begin at 8:30 a.m. Faculty will be pre-seated, wearing full regalia. Commencement rehearsal is Friday, August 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Baby Dome.

The speaker for this summer’s Commencement is Roshunda Jones-Koumba, a Prairie View A&M University alumna and award-winning teaching artist and theatre consultant. In June, Roshunda received the 2022 Excellence in Theatre Education Award, which is a special Tony Award that honors educators. A panel selected Roshunda from among more than 5,000 entries. As an educator for 18 years in the Aldine Independent School District, Roshunda is also the proud recipient of the prestigious Stephen Schwartz Musical Theatre Teacher of the Year Award and the International Thespian Society Inspirational Theatre Educator of the Year Award, among many others.

Roshunda is a teaching artist for TUTS Humphreys School of Musical Theatre and the Ensemble Theatre. She serves on several boards, including Texas Thespians and the Texas Educational Theatre Association, and is president of C. Lee Turner’s Black Theatre Educators’ Caucus. Roshunda has earned state and national recognition as director of Panther Players Troupe #6753 and directorial credits working with various theatres include It Ain’t Nothin’ but the Blues, Lady Day, Working, Bring it On, Legend of Mountain Mama, Soundtrack to Black History, Big Fish, Tobacco Fields, Sister Act, Carmen Jones, Jelly’s Last Jam, Once on this Island, Hairspray, Memphis, In the Heights, Color Purple and Dreamgirls.

For more information about Commencement, please visit www.pvamu.edu/commencement.

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