

## PVAMU SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS, TAPPING TOP AIRLINE EXECUTIVE AS SPRING COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (April 26, 2024) - Prairie View A&M University will welcome <u>Phil Griffith</u>, global business executive and respected leader in the aviation industry, as the keynote speaker for the University's <u>142<sup>nd</sup> Spring Commencement Convocation</u> on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Mr. Griffith, vice president of United Airline's Houston hub at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, will address students during PVAMU's 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. ceremonies.

The proud HBCU graduate will deliver a message about the importance of community service, a strong work ethic, and achieving excellence in a competitive global economy.

Mr. Griffith, who expertly executed strategic initiatives at the nation's leading global organizations, including General Electric and Honeywell, ranks as a business powerhouse, especially in the nation's fourth-largest city.

Prairie View A&M University's 142<sup>nd</sup> Spring Commencement Convocation will be held on two days, May 10-11, to accommodate the 919 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students who successfully completed their academic programs.

PVAMU President Dr. <u>Tomikia P. LeGrande</u> will serve as the commencement speaker on Friday's ceremony for graduate candidates.

Media representatives interested in attending Prairie View A&M's commencement ceremonies should contact Liz Faublas-Wallace at <u>Iswallace@pvamu.edu</u> to request access and reserve a parking pass.

## About the event:

Event:	PVAMU's 142 <sup>nd</sup> Spring Commencement Convocation
Dates:	May 10 – 11, 2024
Times:	6 p.m. and 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. CST
Location:	William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building, Prairie View A&M University
	945 O.J Thomas Street, Prairie View, Texas 77446

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**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**, founded in 1876, is the second oldest public institution of higher education in the state of Texas and the third largest Historically Black College/University (HBCU) in the nation. Designated as an "institution of the first class" in the Texas Constitution, the enrollment exceeds 9,000 students and over 80,000 graduates. PVAMU offers academic programs through its 11 colleges and schools, boasting degree options leading to bachelor's to doctoral-level degrees. A Carnegie-classified high-research (R2) University and a member of The Texas A&M University System, PVAMU is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service. For more information, visit <u>www.pvamu.edu</u>.

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