

PVAMU ANNOUNCES OUTSPOKEN AWARD-WINNING ESPN JOURNALIST AND DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AS SPRING COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (May 12, 2025) - This weekend, Prairie View A&M's commencement will belong to trailblazing first-generation scholars, proud fifth-generation legacies, international achievers and honored veterans. The University is proud to unveil the distinguished speakers that will address its much anticipated <u>143rd Spring Commencement Convocation</u>. "The Hill" will come alive as each trailblazer demonstrates how they have redefined excellence, ignited transformative conversations, and championed the advancement of education and culture.

On Friday, May 16, at 6 p.m. <u>Dr. Quintin B. Bullock</u>, a pioneering leader in higher education and a proud PVAMU alumnus, takes the stage to address seven Doctoral and 133 Masters candidates. As the ninth president of the Community College of Allegheny County, Dr. Bullock has dedicated his career to empowering students and fostering academic success. Under his leadership, CCAC has expanded career and workforce training programs, secured millions in funding for institutional growth, and launched transformative initiatives, including major capital projects and strategic plans to enhance student success. His insights will inspire graduates to embrace leadership, resilience, and service.

Saturday, May 17, at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., 790 Bachelor's degree recipients will be inspired by the bold and always engaging <u>Bomani Jones</u>, an award-winning sports journalist, media personality, and cultural commentator. Renowned for his sharp analysis and engaging discourse, Jones has captivated audiences through platforms such as HBO, ESPN, and his critically acclaimed podcast, "The Right Time with Bomani Jones", where discussions often encourage his audience to challenge conventions and shape the future with boldness and authenticity.

This extraordinary celebration of Panther pride will take place in the William 'Billy' J. Nicks, Sr. Building, affectionately known as the 'Baby Dome.

Members of the media who wish to attend the commencement ceremonies can contact Liz Faublas-Wallace at <u>lswallace@pvamu.edu</u> to secure access to credentials, a reserved parking pass, and an opportunity to speak with keynote speakers.

About the event:

Event:	PVAMU's 143rd Spring Commencement Convocation
Date:	Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17
Location:	William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building, Prairie View A&M University
	945 O.J Thomas Street, Prairie View, Texas 77446

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 seven colleges, Undergraduate Studies and School of Architecture, 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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