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PRAIRIE VIEW GENERAL ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
PRAIRIE VIEW A & M COLLEGE
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

Form for Nomination of a Candidate for the
Annual Alumni Award

Full Name of Nominee Dr. Ernest M. Norris

Present Address Prairie View A. & M. College, Prairie view, Texas

Years of attendance at Prairie View _____

Graduated? Yes Year? 1927 Degree or Certificate received _____
Yes or No

B.S., M.S., B.A., Tailoring Cert., etc.

What other college, if any, has nominee attended: Tuskegee Institute (Prior
to entering Prairie View), Cornell University As a graduate or undergraduate

student: _____ Did he graduate? Yes Degree

received: _____ Year: _____

Give brief sketch of occupational activities since graduation:

June, 1927 to August, 1929, Instructor in Horticulture, Acting Professor
of Soils and Crops, Prairie view A & M College, Prairie View, Texas.

September, 1929 to July, 1937, Teacher Trainer, Director of Research,
Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.

September, 1937 to present time, Head Teacher Trainer, Agriculture, Prairie
View A. & M. College, Prairie View, Texas.

On leave from August, 1945 to September, 1946, Special Assistant to Director
of Personnel, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

On leave from February, 1956 to September, 1957, Director, Fundamental Educa-
tion, Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas.

What is the Outstanding Achievement of the Nominee during the year ending November
1 (present year) that entitles him to consideration

for one of the Annual Alumni Awards:

This nominee is perhaps one of the Institution's most illustrious graduates.

Following the completion of his undergraduate work and serving as instructor for a period of some two years, he entered Cornell University, earned his Masters and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in 1934. At this time, but very few Negroes held such distinction.

He was employed at Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky, as State Teacher Trainer in Agricultural Education and Research Specialist. Here he gained the approval of the College Administration, State and National Officials in his field of specialization, and many life long friends.

Having resigned this position to return to his Alma Mater in 1937, he has completed 25 years of service here, as Head Teacher Trainer in Agricultural Education.

In December, 1961, this nominee was honored by his Alma Mater for his outstanding contribution to the institution during these 25 years of service.

He served as Head of the Graduate School during the period of its organization, thus bringing to the institution a graduate school that has not only grown in numbers by leaps and bounds, but one that is recognized by accrediting agencies as a first class graduate school.

He has served on and headed most of the major committees having to do with policies, administration, and long time planning a projected program for his Alma Mater.

Since coming to Prairie View, the nominee has had numerous offers for positions of high honors, such as the Presidency, Maryland State College, Princess Ann, Maryland. Headship of Foreign Service positions; he was twice given leave of absence for a period of 12 months, respectively to the United States Department of Agriculture as Assistant to the Director of Personnel, and as Director of Fundamental Education and Administrative Dean of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

So well did he serve these positions that his services were requested permanently.

During his tenure of service at Prairie View, the nominee has held many offices of honor, such as Executive Secretary of the National Organization of New Farmers of America, which office he has served for a period of seven or more years. As Executive Secretary, he has major responsibilities for the planning and the operation of the program for Negro farm boys throughout the southland.

Even though a busy person, he has found time to take a leading roll in the affairs of the Local Alumni Club and as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, which Board he chaired for several years.

The nominee is married to Mrs. Reto Poole Norris, and they are the proud parents of a lovely daughter, Miss Jean K. Norris, presently employed as professor in the Department of English at North Carolina State College, Durham, North

Carolina, and a son, Ernest M. Norris, Jr., a former student of Pratt Institute School of Arts and a graduate of Texas Southern University, School of Arts. He is presently employed by a Publishing Company in Houston, Texas.

A Christian gentleman, he is a member of Mt. Corinth Baptist Church, Hempstead, Texas.

Signed by person making nomination
Address of person making nomination

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(Use back if necessary)

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Dr. E. M. Norris

Years of attendance at Prairie View 1925 - 1927 Degree or

Certificate received B.S. - Agriculture

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