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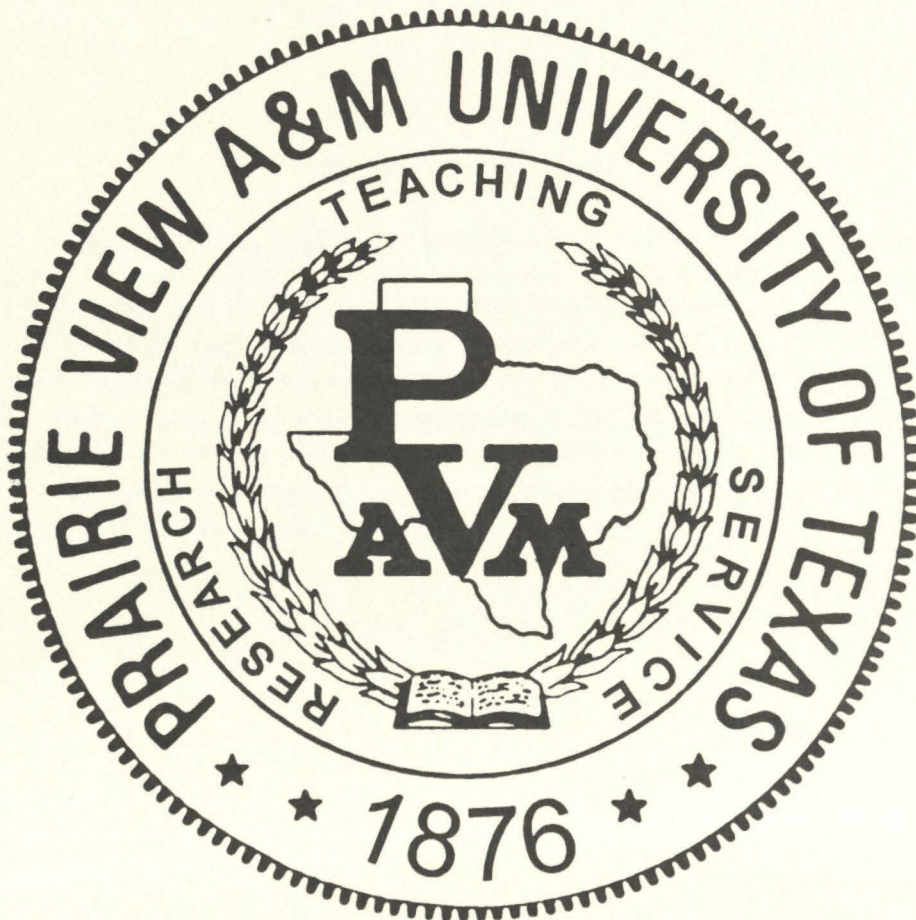
A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND YEAR

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH SUMMER COMMENCEMENT)



WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING
SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST EIGHTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY EIGHT
TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

TO OUR GUESTS

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, recognizing years of study and sacrifice. To make this ceremony more meaningful, we ask all guests and participants to avoid unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises.

Please withhold your applause during the presentation of degrees until each degree group is acknowledged and the candidates have returned to their seats.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, there is a Recessional for the platform party and all degree recipients. We ask the audience to remain seated during this period.

For your assistance, an Emergency Medical Services station is available in the Nicks Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Presiding: Dr. Charles A. Hines
President, Prairie View A&M University

THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION

COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia) *Felix Mendelssohn*
Dr. Danny R. Kelley, Organist
Dr. Marion Henry, Marshal

Marshal

The Dean of Benjamin Banneker Honors College

Faculty

Candidates for Degrees in the Graduate School

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

Candidates for Degrees in the School of Architecture

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Business

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Education

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Engineering

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Nursing

President's Party

INVOCATION The Reverend Charles H. Lewter, Jr.
Dean, University Chapel

NATIONAL ANTHEM *Frances Scott Key*

OPENING REMARKS President Charles A. Hines

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS

AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Mr. Erle A. Nye
Member, TAMUS Board of Regents

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM Dr. J. Charles Lee
Vice Chancellor for Research,
Planning and Continuing Education

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR President Charles A. Hines

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS The Honorable Lee P. Brown
Mayor, City of Houston, Texas

MUSIC: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" *Edward Boatner*
Ms. Jean Mays, Soloist

PRESENTATION OF THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL Dr. William H. Parker

PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS
OF THE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND HUMAN SCIENCES Dean Elizabeth Noel, Ph.D.

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE Dean Ikhlas Sabouni, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Dean Edward W. Martin, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Interim Dean David Kruegel, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Dean M. Paul Mehta, Ed.D.

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING Dean Milton R. Bryant, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING Dean Dollie Brathwaite, Ph.D.

THE BANNEKER HONORS COLLEGE Dean Jewel Prestage, Ph.D.

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES President Charles A. Hines

ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View" *Fuller-Sibelius*

RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" *Edward Elgar*
(Audience Seated)

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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WILLIE TROTTY	<i>Interim Vice-President for Research and Development</i>
DOLLIE BRATHWAITE	<i>Dean, College of Nursing</i>
MILTON R. BRYANT	<i>Dean, College of Engineering</i>
DAVID L. KRUEGEL	<i>Interim Dean, College of Business</i>
EDWARD W. MARTIN	<i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
M. PAUL MEHTA	<i>Dean, College of Education</i>
ELIZABETH NOEL	<i>Dean, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences</i>
JEWEL PRESTAGE	<i>Dean, Benjamin Banneker Honors College</i>
IKHLAS SABOUNI	<i>Dean, School of Architecture</i>
WILLIE TROTTY	<i>Dean, Graduate School</i>

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES¹

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sociology Curriculum

BENT-THOMAS, LORNA	Jamaica	CROSS, ALVERA RAYNETTA	Houston
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

ADAMS, PAULA ANN	Jasper	JACOBS, CHENELLE NICOLE	San Antonio
BACON, ANGIE K.	Houston	JONES, JANICE DEMCE	Silsbee
BEASLEY-MATHIS, KENNETHA S.D.	Hempstead	KING, VALERIE REOLA	Dallas
BENTON, KIESHIA N.	Fort Worth	LILLIE-BERRY, CARLANDA L.	Spring
BROOKS, CORLISS L.	Dallas	MILES, MICKILISHA S.	Houston
CALAHAN, TARA	Dallas	MURPHY, RHYS A LEE	Houston
CARTER, KARL F.	Dallas	RICHARDSON, JOEL D'ANJOU	Houston
CASTLE, MYRA	Hempstead	ROBERTSON, CRYSTAL F.	Dallas
CHRISTIAN, KIMBERLY L.	Houston	ROBERSON, TERESA D.	Cypress
COLEMAN, DEBRA KAYE MALONE	Sommerville	STANBERRY, KIMBERLY FACHON	Houston
COX, TACY ANN	Houston	THOMAS, ANITA M.	Cleveland
DANCER, MELODY ANN	Mexia	WARNER, RODDRICK SEAN	Dallas
DANIEL, DODDIE LATRELL	Orange	WILSON-CLIPSON, ROBIN LYNETTE	Copperas Cove
HARRIS, STEVEN D.	Austin	WOMACK-LINDSEY, LADYE DEDRIANA	Prairie View
HOWARD, VARION D.	Houston		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Economics Curriculum

ELLIS, VERON M.	Jamaica
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Agriculture and Human Resources Curriculum

WOODSON, PATRICK A.	Houston
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Agronomy Curriculum

LITTLEJOHN, SHELDON DEAN	Jamaica
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Animal Science Curriculum

GILL, CAROL A.	Houston	MILTON, RANDY LYNN	Jasper
LANGWORTHY, DREW ALLAN	Houston		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SCIENCES

Human Development and the Family Curriculum

PETTY, DEBORAH R.	Cypress
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Merchandising and Design Curriculum

JAGOURS, JAMILA S.	The Colony	OLIVO, ILEANA AGUIRRE	Hempstead
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¹ As final action cannot always be taken by the time the program is printed, the list of candidates given here is tentative only. The University reserves the right to withdraw or add names.

† The golden-colored cord represents undergraduate candidates graduating with academic honors.

‡ The burgundy and gray cord represents undergraduate candidates graduating from the Benjamin Banneker Honors College.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

COKES, BRIAN G.

Dallas

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Advertising Arts Curriculum

JOHNSON, MICHAEL EUGENE

Lake Jackson

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Communications Curriculum

JONES, TERA L.

Houston

Communications — Journalism Curriculum

COOPER, ANTRINA LARIESSE
FLOWERS, OLIN TRISTRAM

Houston
Prairie View

PEARSON, KEISHA EDANA

Houston

Communications — Radio/Television Curriculum

FITCH, JAMIE DEMOND

El Paso

JOHNSON III, THEODIS

Dallas

Geography Curriculum

JONES, BRAYLON CORNELIUS

Atlanta

History Curriculum

GRIFFEN, AARON JERMAINE

Corpus Christi

MATHEWS, MARCUS ORLANDO

La Marque

Political Science Curriculum

GRAVES, RODERICK

Prairie View

HENDERSON, CORY SEAN

Prairie View

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

BRANCH, RONALD FREEMAN

Port Arthur

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Voice Curriculum

MAYS, JEAN NICOLE

Dallas

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biology Curriculum

AZORE, DERICA DEON
BALOGUN, RAZAK ABAYOMI
DOBBINS, KYLAND C.

Pearland
Chicago, Ill
Fort Worth

GAMBLE, KEIO DEMOND
SIMPSON, WILBERT KENARD

Dallas
De Soto

Mathematics Curriculum

ABB, MERCHEAL LEE

Crockett

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

MYERS, KENYA LASHUN
TILLMAN, RACHELLE LARON

Hockley
Houston

WILSON, CURTIS WAYNE
ZACHERY, TIFFANY A.

Hearne
Houston

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting Curriculum

GRIGGS, LESLIE LEONETTE

HOUSTON

TUBBS, SHAWNA DANEEN

BEAUMONT

Administrative Information Systems Curriculum

CASH, TRACI LEXINE
EVANS, RUSSELL BRIAN

Houston
Killeen

MCCRAY, CORY JAMES
WILLIAMS, ISAAC

Houston
Fort Worth

Finance Curriculum

BARRETT, RANDY J.
CRAFT, REGINALD DERON

Fort Worth
Houston

MICKENS, SEAN ERIC

Austin

Management Curriculum

BLOW, DAMIAN REGINALD HAROLD TROY
DAVIS, MARCELLUS E.
DEAL, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL
FIELDS, PLEAS B.
FLOWERS JR., JOHN EUGENE
GAYLE, LISA MELANIE

Wichita Falls
Lufkin
Houston
Richmond
Jefferson
Prairie View

JOHNSON, SHANETTE DENISE
THOMPSON, DANA RASHAD
TURNER, DONDI D.
WYATT JR., LUCIUS R.

Prairie View
Austin
Dallas
Prairie View

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health Curriculum

BELL, GREG ANTHONY
GARDNER-BARLOW, NATASHA LYNETTE
GARRETT, MAURICE D.

Opelousas, LA
Houston
Missouri City

HENDERSON, SHONDA RAVONNE
HOLMES, TANIKA ANTRONETTE
POWELL, CRYSTAL TIFFENY

Houston
Houston
Tatum

Human Performance Curriculum

CORBIN, SHERMAN
GLADNEY, GREGORY PATRICK

Port Arthur
Corpus Christi

HAMMOND III, ROYAL
TAYLOR, MICHAEL

San Antonio
Houston

Psychology Curriculum

BOOKMAN, TREVETTE LASHAE'
CHANDLER, LAKEESHA NICHELLE
EKIBOLAJI, RICHARD A.
KELLOUGH, EDWARD L.
MILLS, GREGORY DARYL

Navasota
Lancaster
Prairie View
Fort Worth
Houston

PARKER, NAKISHA MICHELLE
RODRIGUEZ, VILMA P.
TONEY, KEISHA GENINE
WALKER, GEORGE DAMION

Houston
Houston
San Antonio
New Boston

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

TUNKS, CHRIS ANN HUDSON

Austin

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Computer Science Curriculum

HAMILTON, BRIDGETT

Houston

MCGOWN, DOLAND DEWAYNE

Dallas

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

JONES, MICHAEL G.

Detroit, MI

SNEED, RISHAWN LORENZE

Jacksonville, FL

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

BURKS, KIMBERLY

Stafford

TATUM, RHONDA LASHONE

Houston

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

DAVIS, LATOYA DEVETTE

Houston

MARSHALL, RION

Jamaica

JOHNSON, LACHAUNDRE MICOLE

Crosby

MASON, CARL JEROME

Houston

KENNERSON-BATY, RODRICK L.

Dallas

RICHARDSON, CHRISTOPHER

Cleveland

LEWIS, ATTALLAH DLAMINI

Houston

ZAINULABEDIN, MUKADAM

Pakistan

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

BROWN, DE'SHARD ANDRE'

Terrell

TAYLOR-LAVIGNE, BEVERLY

Waller

PINKARD, JR., MELVIN THOMAS

Dallas

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Computer Aided Drafting and Design Curriculum

BENNETT, KEITH LYNORD

New Waverly

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MORRISON, LATOYA JANICE

Houston

SAAFIR, LATIFAH RASHEEDAH

Weatherford

COLLEGE OF NURSING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ALBANESE, AUNE

Montgomery

HEATER, MARY LOU

Houston

DORSEY, SHERRITA M.

Houston

HOOKE, DEBORAH T.

Conroe

FREDDIE, TRACIE MICHELLE

Houston

IWUALA, STELLA

Houston

FRITZ, BETSEY IVIE

Bryan

JOSEPH, SERINA

Houston

GELDERD, LAURA LEE KING

College Station

KEARBY, RENEE' ANDERSON

The Woodlands

GENDRON, MARGARET MCGEE

Houston

KNOTT, BARBARA WHITAKER

Houston

GILMORE, JOCELYN M.

LaMarque

LANGE, DODD GEORGE

Spring

GLORY, ADEWOLE MORAYO

Missouri City

LUCIANA, CLAUDIA

Deer Park

MADDOX, DORETHA H.	Texas City	RANSOM, BEVERLY S.	Houston
MARKOWITZ, BRIDGET	College Station	RIZZO, LORI ANN	College Station
MYNHIER, MICHAEL T.	Conroe	SCARLETT, CICELY RAYNELL	Texas City
NWANKWO, TRICIA N.	Houston	SEITER, GERALYN MARIE	Bryan
OBULANEY, PATRICIA ANN	Spring	SHUMAKER, SHARLA	Conroe
OWENS, SHERRIEL G.	Houston	SINGLETARY, RODNEY W.	Houston
PARNELL, RITA G.	College Station	WARE, ROBIN ANNETTE WINDHAM	Willis
PETTEWAY, NICOLE DENISE	Galveston	WAWAROSKY, JANETTE E.	Burton
RAFIEHA, FARIBA N.	Spring		

GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Sociology

BENNS-WAGAMON, TEA'NA DENISE	Waco	OKWECHIME, ONWE-AZU	Houston
BA, Paul Quinn College, 1990		BS, University of Houston, 1987	
BONDS, ALTON HASLEM	Houston	WEBB, PATRICK	Beaumont
BSW, Stephen F. Austin University, 1990		BS, Lamar University, 1994	
GREEN, JESSIE P.	Houston	YOUNG, CYNTHIA DIANE	Bryan
BA, Dillard University, 1990		BS, Sam Houston State University, 1987	
MARTIN, BARBARA A.	Prairie View		
Southern University, 1972			

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Agricultural Economics

ALI, BATULA HASSAN	Prairie View	MURRAY, DESMOND PHILLIP	Cypress
BS, Somali National University, 1978		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	
CAMPBELL, EDWARD JAMES	Prairie View		
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996			

Human Sciences

GAFFORD-GOODIE, GRACE L.	Waller	OMAUZO, PATRICIA A.	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1989		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	
GRAY, SCHELLY J.	Cypress	SMITH, LORNA DYANN	Houston
BS, North Texas State University, 1986		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	
HENDERSON-GARRETT, DIANE	Houston	WILLIAMS, CURTIS	Port Arthur
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1981		BA, Lamar University, 1990	
MARTIN, BENNIE M.	Houston		
BS, Texas Southern University, 1990			

Soil Sciences

ACHIENG, ALICE GLADYS	Bryan
BS, Egerton University, 1993	

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Chemistry

BURTON, DAWN EILEECE	Houston	GARDNER, PHILIPENE D.	St. Thomas, Jamaica
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1990	
EFATH, MUNEEER SULTANA	Houston	KONAN, JONAS GILEGUY	Prairie View
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995		BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	
FOSTER, JUNIOR	Prairie View	WILLIAMS, CHARLES EVANS	Fort Worth
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993		BS, Southern University, 1994	

Mathematics

BECKFORD, WAYNE A. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Prairie View	TAYLOR, CARL AVERY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1987	Houston
BOLDEN, ANNETTE MARIE BS, Jarvis Christian College, 1995	Dallas	WASHINGTON, STEPHEN W. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Houston
TABRIZI, HOSSEIN NAVID BS, University of Karlsruhe, 1970	Katy		

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUTLER, RALPH L. B.A., University of Houston, 1994	Houston
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Counseling

BARNETT, HOLLY CAMILLE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Fort Worth	HOFF, MICHAEL C. BA, Southwest Texas State University, 1966	Houston
BAZADIER, WILLIAM MARSDEN BS, Southern University, 1991	Teague	HOLMAN, MASHARIA RACHAA BS, Grambling State University, 1994	Houston
BOYD, LAURA KRAUS BA, University of Houston, 1986	Houston	HOPWOOD, NICOLE BS, Spelman College, 1996	Houston
CARRIERE, CERISE ADELE BS, University of Saint Thomas, 1994	Missouri City	HOWARD, ANGELA M. BS, Texas Southern University, 1991	Houston
CELESTINE, RICHARD WAYNE BS, Lamar University, 1991	Katy	HUBBARD, LISA DORIS BS, Texas A&M University, 1990	Houston
CLARK, YVONNE BUTLER BBA, Texas Southern University, 1972	Houston	JAMES-BARNES, IRENE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Houston
COTTLE, LISA ROSS BS, University of Texas, 1979	Cypress	JOHNSON, DANZIOLA BS, Texas Southern University, 1980	Missouri City
CRAWFORD, SCOTT WESLEY BS, Texas Southern University, 1995	Humble	KULHANEK-ROCHIN, KAREN MARIE BA, Ohio State University, 1995	Houston
CRUTCHER, VALENCIA Y. BA, Texas Southern University, 1995	Houston	KYLE, ELSIE LEVY BS, Texas Southern University, 1995	Houston
DANIELS, VANESSA JOYCE BS, Sam Houston State University, 1993	Houston	MATTHEWS, LEKEITHA LAWRENCE BS, Prairie View A&M University 1993	Houston
DAVIS, SEANDRA L'JUAN BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Victoria	LEWIS, BELINDA BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Prairie View
EPTING, KENNETH BS, Purdue University, 1988	Houston	LINDEMAN, ELIZABETH L. BS, Texas A&M University, 1976	Bryan
FUENTES, MICHELLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston	LIRA, JUAN F. BBA, University of Houston, 1977	Houston
GANTT-JOHNSON, GEORGIA BS, University of Houston, 1980	Houston	MACK, BETTYE E. BS, Jarvis Christian College, 1974	Houston
GIBLER, SUSAN M. BS, Slippery Rock University, 1980	Houston	MARTIN, VERONICA RENEE BS, Texas Southern University, 1995	Houston
GLASCOE, ANGELA SUZETTE BS, University of Maryland, 1972	Dale	MING, KONNIE MAI TRAN BA, University of Houston, 1991	Houston
GREEN-PERRY, ANDREA ELIZABETH BS, McNeese State University, 1994	Houston	MOSLEY, KERRY BA, Huron University, 1996	Altadena, CA
HANDY, LISA MONET BA, Southern University, 1995	Houston	MURRAY, DONNA BS, Sam Houston State University, 1991	Houston
HARROLD, MELISSA H. BA, University of Texas-El Paso	Aledo	NEWHOUSE, VONDA ROYCHELLE BS, Rice University, 1997	Houston
HILL, CEDRIC GERARD BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Houston	NNAJI, SUSAN V. BS, Alabama A&M University, 1977	Houston

PARDUE, KATHY BBA, University of Houston, 1978	Houston	STANBERRY, TRINA RENEE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Houston
PEARSON, LISA BA, University of Saint Thomas, 1994	Houston	SUTTON, CHERYL ANN BS, State University of New York, 1988	Lyons
RANDLE, SHEILA H. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1982	Houston	TATUM, IDELL M. BA, Texas Southern University, 1973	Houston
RODRIGUEZ-BELL, SHAYLA V. BS, Colorado State University, 1993	Houston	THOMAS, LECRECIA J. BA, Sam Houston State University, 1993	Missouri City
SANDERS, TYRA G. BBA, Sam Houston State University, 1993	Houston	WILLIAMS, SANDY EVETTE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Jasper

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction (Agriculture Education)

BERRY, LIA SABRA. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1989	Houston
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Curriculum and Instruction (Mathematics Education)

GREGG-GROSS, CHARI D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Missouri City
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Curriculum and Instruction (Music Education)

KENNEDY, RODERICK TERRANCE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Houston	THOMAS, NORMAN LANDERS BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston
POLLARD, JUANITA MICHELLE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1992	Shreveport, LA		

Curriculum and Instruction (Reading Education)

BRADEN-MCCOY, CLAUDIA BA, Texas Southern University, 1985	Houston	PEIFFER, JULIE WINN BA, Texas A&M University, 1990	Houston
CLINE, EDWIN KEEFE BA, Houston Baptist University, 1997	Houston	PICCOLO, PHEBE MOORE BA, Texas A&M University, 1996	College Station
CLOUSER, SHAWNA M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston	RICE, MONIQUE NICHOLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Beaumont
DAVIDSON, DEBRA SUE BS, University of Houston, 1991	Lissie	SNEED, YOLANDA LORAIN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Port Arthur
GILLIAM, MONICA JOYCE BBA, Sam Houston State University, 1991	Houston	STEVENSON, FAUSTINA BS, North Carolina A&T State University, 1969	Aliief
JAMES, FELICIA AJANETTE C. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Houston	SZYMANSKI, PEGGY H. BS, Texas A&M University, 1974	East Bernard
KING, ZENOBIA LONETTA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1994	Dallas	WILLIAMS, JANETTE A. BS, Texas Southern University, 1981	Baytown
OSAGIE, MARTHA E. BS, University of Houston, 1979	Houston		

Curriculum and Instruction (Science Education)

JOHNSON, MELVIN F. BS, University of North Texas, 1996	Waller
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Educational Administration

AUBREY, AQUILLA T. BA, U.S. International University, 1976	Houston	ANDERSON, LAKISHA SHANTEL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	Hughes Springs
ALLEN, JOHN LAWRENCE BA, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1991	Houston	ARRINGTON, ERIKA MONIQUE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston

BACON, SCOTT MCQUADE BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1987	Houston	MCBRIDE-MOUTON, TONYA P. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1990	Houston
BATHE, SUZANNE RENE BS, University of Texas, 1978	Cypress	MCGALLON, BOBBY ALAN BS, University of Houston, 1978	Navasota
BARANOWSKI, COLETTE A. BA, Saint Edwards University, 1992	Houston	MENDIOLA, IRMA DORIS BA, Pan American University, 1988	Houston
BELL, ELAINE M. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1983	Houston	MITCHELL, KIM P. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1991	Houston
BROWN, ROBERT LAWRENCE BBA, Southwest Texas State University, 1991	Houston	OVERTON, HJARDEIR MEDEILLE BS, University of Texas, 1992	Austin
DAVIS, CHARLOTTE JENELL BBA, Sam Houston State University, 1983	Houston	PALACIOS, MARY THERESA ESTRADA BA, University of Texas, 1988	Houston
DURRETT, MARSHALL KEITH BA, University of Texas, 1980	Beaumont	PECHACEK, KAY ELAINE BS, Texas A&M University, 1987	Houston
EVATT, JOEL BRETT BS, Tarleton State University, 1992	Abilene	PERRY, TERRELL DWAYNE BA, McNeese State University, 1994	Houston
FARR, RICHARD B. BS, Lamar University, 1987	Beaumont	PRATHER-ALLEN, LIZABETH BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1981	Missouri City
FISHER, CHARLOTTE ZENON BS, Texas Southern University, 1984	Houston	RAMSEY, MICHAEL ANTHONY BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1976	Sugarland
FREEMAN, LACY GORDON BS, Sam Houston State University, 1993	Lovelady	REED, DARLENE DAVIS BS, Texas Southern University, 1977	Humble
GERAULT, JEANETTE DIANE BS, Baylor University, 1994	Houston	ROBINSON, JUSTO A. BS, Houston Baptist University, 1986	Missouri City
GILLUM, FREDRICK RANDAL BS, Texas Southern University, 1995	Baytown	SMITH, DEBORAH R. HOLLIMAN BA, University of Texas, 1989	Spring
GONZALEZ, PURA G. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1986	Waller	SODERS, JAMES R. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1975	Houston
GRANT, BEATRICE ANNETTE BS, Texas Southern University, 1971	Houston	SOUCEK, GRACE DENEIL YORK BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1993	Plantersville
HALL, HARRY BS, Howard Payne University, 1981	Houston	SPENCER, LEWIS J. BS, Texas Southern University, 1992	Houston
HARRIS, DAVID CHARLES BS, Texas A&M University, 1989	Beaumont	STADLER, ELAINE F. BS, West Texas State University, 1978	Spring
HARRIS, MARGARET L. BA, Concordia College, 1984	Tomball	STRITZ, DAVID A. BS, University of Ohio, 1981	Sugarland
HUGHES, PAMELA LOVE BA, Southwest Texas State University, 1973	Tomball	SWANN, CARLA K. BS, Angelo State University, 1983	Waco
HULL, TERESA LYNN BS, Lamar University, 1987	Houston	TERRY-HOSKINS, AGUSTA BBA, Texas Southern University, 1978	Houston
JACKSON, WALTER G. BA, Texas Southern University, 1994	Houston	TIFFIN, BARBARA TOLER BA, Sam Houston State University, 1985	Spring
JOHNSON, BELINDA R. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1974	Houston	TINNEY, TROY BA, University of Texas, 1987	Houston
KIRK, RANDELL L. BS, Texas Tech University, 1988	Spring	WARMKE, ELIZABETH RENEE BA, Houston Baptist University, 1988	Midland
LARSON, BRENDA BS, University of Texas, 1979	Houston	WESLEY, JR., DONALD R. BS, East Texas State University, 1994	Navasota
MACIAS, LINDA ANN GALVAN BA, Sam Houston State University, 1981	Spring	WHITAKER, III, GEORGE EDWIN BA, Sam Houston State University, 1974	Houston
MANUEL, JULIE A. BS, Henderson State College, 1974	Tomball	WILSON, TANYA R. BS, Jarvis College, 1985	Houston
MARTIN-ALLEN, ANGELANET BBA, Texas Southern University, 1989	Houston	ZUCH, MICHEL BS, Texas A&M University, 1989	Brenham

Physical Education

COLLINS, NICHOLAS LERAND BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Texarkana	PHILLIPS, EDWARD DALE BS, Alabama A&M University, 1972	Houston
COOKS, CLARK E. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston	TURNER, SEAN M. BS, Langston University, 1995	Coff
HUTCHINSON, DEREK CHARLES BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1997	Nacogdoches		

Special Education

BAKER, JONI BS, Shippensburg University, 1977	Houston	SCHOENST, STACI R. BS, Southwest Texas State University, 1994	Magnolia
HAMILTON, CHARMAINE O. BA, Jamaica Theological Seminary, 1996	Kingston, Jamaica	SMITH, DUNCAN ERIC BS, University of Houston, 1987	Houston
KASPER, CHARLOTTE MARIE BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1995	Pinehurst		

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

DEVEREAUX, JOHNNY L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Austin	SANTHAPPAN, RAM BS, Annamalai University, 1978	Houston
GAO, SHAN BS, Jilin University, 1987	Beijing, P.R. China	WARA, JOHN TANYI BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1996	Houston
MAPPS, JR., RAPHAEL BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Prairie View	WILL, JOHN NATHANIEL BS, Southern University, 1994	New Roads, LA
MELLENDEZ, JOSE BS, Instituto Tecnológico De Cd. Victoria, 1989	Bellville		

BENJAMIN BANNEKER HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATE

The following student has attained her degree by completing Banneker Honors College program requirements:

SAAFIR, LATIFAH RASHEEDAH

Mechanical Engineering

Weatherford

GRADUATING WITH ACADEMIC HONORS

Honor recognition at graduation is based on consistent high scholarship and cumulative grade point averages earned. To be eligible for graduation with honors, a student must have received no failing grades (transfer or residence) and must complete the last 60 semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University. A student may graduate with honors in one of the three categories:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

ALBANESE, AUNE L.
HEATER, MARYLOU
HOOKER, DEBORAH T.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 - 4.00

MARKOPWITZ, BRIDGET
OBULANEY, PATRICIA A.
PETTY, DEBORAH R.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

COLEMAN, DEBRA K.
JONES, JANICE D.
KEARBY, RENEE A.
OWENS, SHERRIEL G.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 - 3.89

RANSON, BEVERLY S.
SCARLETT, CICELY R.
SHUMAKER, SHARLA L.
THOMAS, ANITA M.

CUM LAUDE

FREDDIE, TRACIE M.
JAGOURS, JAMILA S.
JOHNSON, MICHAEL E.
JOSEPH, SERINA F.
LANGE, DODD G.
MADDOX, DORETHA H.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.33 - 3.69

PARNELL, RITA G.
PETTEWAY, NICOLE D.
RAFIEHA, FARIBA N.
RODRIGUEZ, VILMA.
WARE, ROBIN A.

COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

FIELDS, PLEAS B., Second Lieutenant
Military Police Corps, Immediate Active Duty, Rosenberg, TX

TONEY, KEISHA G., Second Lieutenant
Military Intelligence Corps, Immediate Active Duty, San Antonio, TX

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

An appropriate costume is a necessary part of Commencement. The costume includes a cap, a gown, and a hood. Each part of the costume has special significance. The most common head-piece (or cap) for the ceremony is the black square, flat-topped, or "mortar board" type with gold or black tassel. It is called a "mortar board" because it is shaped like the board of the mason which holds mortar. Recently we are seeing large velvet Tam-O-Shanter style of head pieces replacing the mortar board. Some of the velvet tams are brilliantly colored such as orange or bright blue.

The tassel on the doctor's cap is usually gold, and permanently fastened on the left side. The master's cap has a black tassel worn on the left. The bachelor's cap has a black tassel worn on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left during the ceremony.

The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire costume. The colors inside the hood are those of the college or university which is awarding the degree. The colors of the outside rim of the hood symbolizes one of the following departments of learning:

Agriculture	Maize	Medicine	Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Music	Pink
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab	Nursing	Apricot
Dentistry	Lilac	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Economics	Copper	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Engineering	Orange	Physical Education	Sage Green
Fine Arts, including Architecture	Brown	Public Administration, including	
Forestry	Russett	Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Geography	Blue and Green	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Home Economics	Golden Yellow	Science	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work	Citron
Industrial Education	Light Blue	Technology	Golden Yellow
Law	Purple	Theology	Scarlet
Library Science	Lemon	Veterinary Science	Gray

The gown is usually black. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the regular sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet, but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's gown but has regular long sleeves which tend to be pointed.

Some gowns may be in the color of the department granting the degree, such as "Education Blue." Others may be "Yale Blue" or "Harvard Crimson" for the graduates of these universities.

THE MACE

The mace is an ancient symbol of authority which is carried by the marshal ahead of the academic procession. The mace for Prairie View A&M University is four feet long and contains four bronze figures atop a Honduras mahogany base which tapers to fit into its stand. The four figures are symbolic of the four undergraduate academic years. Within the hollow area beneath the figures, and shared equally, is a flame which denotes knowledge and excellence. The base which serves as a grip and is carried by a faculty member, symbolizes the entire faculty; the stand which supports the mace characterizes the administration. The visual impact of the mace as a whole is "torch-like." The eight tassels represent the academic organization of the University.

THE MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, the official symbol of the Office of the President at Prairie View A&M University, was created especially to commemorate the lineage of the Presidency by the late Mr. Frank Hayden, nationally famous sculptor and Professor of Fine Arts at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The first medallion was presented to Dr. Percy A. Pierre, fourth president of Prairie View A&M University, on March 21, 1985.

The medallion is designed to be worn with academic regalia at all official University programs. Abstract figures, representing the ten academic disciplines in an attitude of celebration, encircle the outer rim. The inner circle symbolizes the pursuit of excellence throughout four years of teaching and learning. The weave of the chain is the facsimile of that used by the ancient Greeks.

A replica will be presented to each subsequent President during his inauguration. The medallion will ultimately reflect the history of the presidency, revealing names and dates of inauguration.



CHARLES ALFONSO HINES, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Charles A. Hines is the sixth President of Prairie View A&M University located in Prairie View, Texas. He has held this position since November 21, 1994. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Dr. Hines joined the United States Army after graduating from Washington D.C.'s Dunbar High School. After serving in infantry and artillery units as an enlisted man, he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1957 and immediately entered Howard University in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation from Howard University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Regular Army commission, Dr. Hines embarked on a 30 year career as a commissioned officer, retiring in 1992 with the rank of Major General.

Dr. Hines holds a Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University, a Master of Science from Michigan State University, a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College and a B.S. from Howard University. He has completed management development programs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, as well as the University of Maryland. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Dr. Hines served as an adjunct professor with the University of Maryland for 22 years.

During his career as an Army officer, Dr. Hines held many important command and staff assignments. As a Colonel, he served as Director of Organizational Effectiveness and Curriculum Development at the U.S. Army War College; he also served as Director, Women in the Army Policy Review Group. In that capacity, he was instrumental in exponentially expanding opportunities for women in the Army. As a general officer, he served as Director, Officer Personnel Management Division at the Army's Personnel Center; Director of Manpower, Budget and Force Integration at the Pentagon; and finally as Commanding General, United States Army Military Police and Chemical Schools and Fort McClellan, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Dr. Hines has dedicated much of his personal, professional and academic life to equal opportunity, education and training, advancement of rights for women, race relations, and the development of youth. He has received numerous honors and awards. In 1992, he was inducted into the National Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame. Dr. Hines was selected by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as an Outstanding Black Man for 1994. From 1992 to 1994, Dr. Hines served as Director of Protection and Health Service for the Smithsonian Institution.

Since Dr. Hines' appointment as President of Prairie View A&M University, he created and received funding for the Academy of Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS), an "academic boot camp" that serves as a bridge to college for those who might not otherwise qualify. He established the Center for the Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency; brought new privatized housing (University Village Phase I and II) to Prairie View A&M University; and through the 75th Legislature, received funding for a new 28 million dollar science building. He has completed the Governor's Executive Development Program; served on the advisory committee for the Texas A&M University System Center for Leadership in Higher Education; and the Steering Committee for TAMU Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health. He was nominated for and accepted membership in the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention (only eight top academic officials in the United States were nominated). He was most recently appointed by the Governor of Texas as the Chairman of the Governor's Military Strategic Planning Commission.

Dr. Hines is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and is an honorary member in several fraternal, honorary, Greek and professional organizations.



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GEORGE W. BUSH
GOVERNOR

July 9, 1998

Greetings to:

***The Graduating Class
of
Prairie View A&M University***

Congratulations on your graduation from Prairie View A&M University on August 8. College provides one of the most enriching periods of our lives as we explore new ideas and build friendships with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds. I know that you have wonderful memories from the years you have spent learning and growing together.

I wish you every success as you take the next step into your future, whether through more formal education or your individual efforts in the workplace. I encourage you to continue to learn more about yourselves and the world. Lifelong learning is the key to success.

Laura joins me in sending you best wishes. Remember, you possess the Texas spirit of dreaming and doing – setting your goals and working hard to achieve them.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of George W. Bush in black ink.

GEORGE W. BUSH



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August 8, 1998

Dear Graduates:

It is my honor and privilege to extend heartfelt congratulations to each of you for your accomplishments celebrated today.

Prairie View A&M University, from its earliest beginnings in the late 1800s, has demonstrated a rich history of producing top-quality leaders and scholars. Today is no exception. The Texas A&M University System and your university expect great things from each of you.

I encourage you to open the doors of opportunity with compassion and intellect. Inspire others. Lead. Tell the story of higher education and its impact on your life. Use your education and experience here at Prairie View A&M for the betterment of not only yourself and your family--but your community, your state and your world.

The Texas A&M University System is based on a strong foundation of service and excellence. Thank you for helping us maintain that tradition.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Warmest regards,

Barry B. Thompson, Ph.D.
Chancellor

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" Everything and everyone we have been taught to copy represents somebody who, when they came along, did not do it the way it had always been done. The world is led by its mavericks- the people who dare to risk with effort and obsession to achieve".

-Alex Haley

Dear Summer 1998 Graduates:

It is indeed a pleasure to congratulate each of you on your achievement. Each Prairie View A & M University faculty member is extremely complimentary of you and places a stamp of approval on your confirmation. During your tenure at Prairie View A & M University, each faculty member followed an equation for your success: High Expectations + Academic Rigor + Strong Teaching and Research Infrastructure = Increased Faculty Scholarly Productivity + STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT + Full Participation in America's Future.

Therefore, graduates always remain focus on your goals, with a love for the Purple and Goal of your alma mater and a taste for the good life and cherish this as a part of your daily conduct, as an exemplar of your role in future learning processes. You have gone through the educational process and, therefore, you should take the lessons learned from your experiences here and appreciate those lessons as a nursery of good leadership practices. And finally, do not forget to be ambitious, wishing to climb and to serve and to dedicate yourselves to the high principles of creative, functional ambition as a legitimate expression of your goal to SUCCEED.

As you enter into the next phase of your life's journey, do not forget Prairie View A & M University. Additionally, accept your challenges and preserve them with faithfulness and with indurance and with determination and resolve to take heed to your convictions and your dedication to what you believe, charitable in the presence of what maybe either your misconceptions or your frailty which are common to all of us as humanbeings.

God Bless each of you and GOOD LUCK!!

*Frank T. Hawkins, Speaker
PVAMU--Faculty Senate*



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August 8, 1998

The 1998 Summer Graduating Class
Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas 77446-0188


Dear Graduates:

On behalf of Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association, (NAA) We express our congratulations to the 1998 Summer Graduating Class. We recognize that your graduation is a major milestone in your life. For some of you this will be the beginning of your professional careers; for others, graduate study. Nevertheless, what ever choices you make the NAA hopes that you will be successful and that you will have the opportunity to pursue your vision.

Current trends indicate that our University graduates lack leadership skills and manifest too much greed. Those of us who are blessed to have an education have a moral responsibility to focus on leadership and make society a better place to live; rather than pursue the "almighty" dollar. While economic security is important it is not an end within itself, rather, it is a mean to a responsible end including what is best for society. Our University trained graduate are skilled in their chosen field of study; yet, they lack the leadership skills needed to deal with the poor in our society. Leadership is both vision and implementation. A leader has a belief in oneself, a passion for the job and an awareness of other worlds, a love of people and a great strength of character.

Prairie View A&M University has played a major role in what ever you are or become; therefore, our Alma Mater has earned the right to solicit your devotion and support. I would like to challenge the 1998 Summer Graduating Class to become competitive as workers, employers and owners of capital, to successfully enroll and complete graduate studies including the Ph.D. level, and give financially to your university and Alumni Chapters.

Sincerely,


Calvin C. Bluiett

Alma Mater

“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*

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