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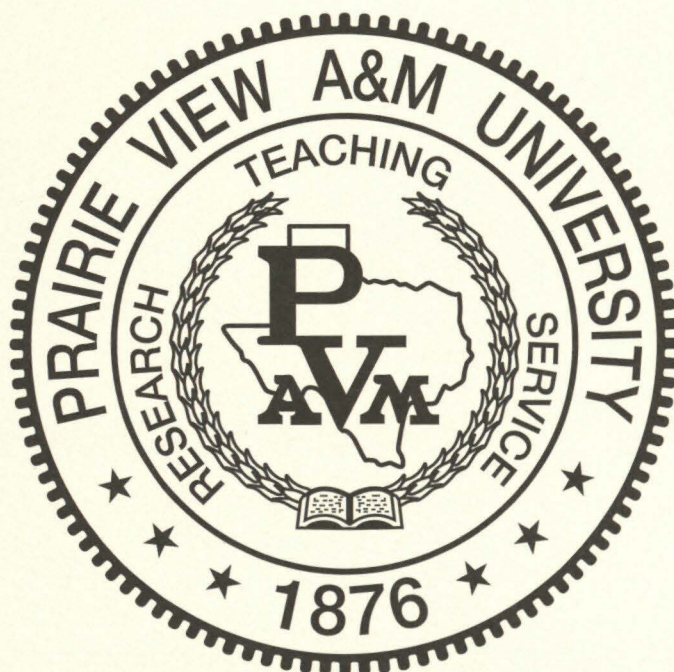
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND YEAR  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas



*Commencement Convocation*

THE NINETY-EIGHTH SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST NINTH

TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

NINE 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. We also ask that cellular phones be turned off during the ceremony.

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 William "Billy" J. Nicks Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*Presiding:* Dr. George C. Wright  
President, Prairie View A&M University

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Dr. John L. Cornelius  
Assistant Professor, Music

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

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" (Athalia) ..... *Felix Mendelssohn*  
Dr. John L. Cornelius, Organist  
Dr. Marion Henry, Marshal

Marshal

Faculty

President's Party

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 Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Business

Candidates for Degrees in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Engineering

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Nursing

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... *Frances Scott Key*

OPENING REMARKS ..... President George C. Wright

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ..... Mr. Anthony Cullins  
Student Regent, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ..... Dr. Frank Ashley, III  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
The Texas A&M University System

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR..... President George C. Wright

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Dr. Frank Ashley, III  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
The Texas A&M University System  
College Station, Texas

MUSIC: "The Impossible Dream"(from "Man of La Mancha") ..... *Mitch Leigh*  
Mr. Leon P. Turner, bass-baritone  
Instructor of Voice  
Department of Music and Drama

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 ..... Interim Dean Freddie L. Richards, Ph.D.

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

THE MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ..... Dean Danny R. Kelley, D.M.A.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ..... Dean Munir Quddus, Ph.D.

THE WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ..... Dean Lucian Yates, III, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING ..... Dean Kendall T. Harris, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY ..... Dean H. Elaine Rodney, Ph.D.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING ..... Dean Betty N. Adams, Ph.D.

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... President George C. Wright

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

RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... *Sir Edward Elgar*

(Audience Seated)

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**CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES<sup>1</sup>**  
**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE**

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ERVIN II, WARNER DEAN

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Manvel

MCKINNEY, DARVEL T.  
MOORE, PHYLLICIA E.

San Antonio  
Houston

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS**

*Human Nutrition and Food Curriculum*

KNIGHT, CORY DANIEL  
MATTHEWS, AUSTEE DOMINIQUE

Houston  
Houston

**CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SCIENCES**

*Family and Community Service Curriculum*

THOMAS III, WOODROW W.

Houston

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

*Architecture Curriculum*

FOLEY, BRANDON R.  
HINES, JOSEPH ANTHONY  
JONES, DERICK DEWAYNE  
NGUYEN, LONG P.

Pearland  
Conroe  
Wharton  
Houston

PERRY, JUSTIN ALLEN  
ROLLINS III, HOMER  
STONEHAM, CHRISTA DONESE  
TAYLOR, ANDRE BRIAN

San Benito  
Houston  
Dublin, CA  
Nassau, Bahamas

*Construction Science Curriculum*

JONES, RICHARD ANDRE'  
MCBRIDE, LUCINDA GHIZELLE

Houston  
Houston

**MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF ARTS**

*Communications Curriculum*

DYE, TAMEKA OPHELIA  
REED, SAKENNIA C.

Hempstead  
Fort Hood

TOWNSEL, IVORY L.  
WILLIAMS, DEANDRE M.

Houston  
Houston

*Drama Curriculum*

ALFORD, KIANA NIKOLE  
BEAN, EMANUEL LEE

Lufkin  
San Antonio

*English Curriculum*

COOPER, CHRISTINA V.  
ROY, BRANDI AIMEE

Houston  
Katy

*History Curriculum*

EARLS, RAMONA RUMFORD  
HALEY, ASHLEY JARMIESE

Katy  
Beaumont

*Political Science Curriculum*

ROBINSON, TYMESHA L.

Houston

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## *Spanish Curriculum*

ALVARADO, ADRIANA

Bellville

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

ALVARADO, ALEJANDRA  
BORGSTEDT, JESSICA RENEE  
DICKSON, LASHANA N.  
FYFFE, SHELLEAN N.  
HEBERT, CHELSEA M.  
MARDIS, DEBRA C.

Houston  
Waller  
Arlington  
Houston  
Tomball  
Houston

NOLAN, DECRISHA A.  
OGAH, JULIET NNENNA  
SINGLETON, DANYCA NICOLE  
SNEED, MIRANDA C.  
WARD, CHANDRE MARTELL  
WOLFE, SHEQUITTA R.

Virginia Beach, VA  
Houston  
Prairie View  
Houston  
Prairie View  
Houston

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Biology Curriculum*

ARRINGTON, TONI JUVON  
BURNS, EBONY RHENYAE  
DEAL, DAYLAN  
GADDIS, ASHLEY NICOLE  
GARDNER, AMANDA VICTORIA  
HINES, SANAE L.

Houston  
Galveston  
Houston  
Houston  
Missouri City  
Universal City

JACKSON, ASHLI BROOKE  
MCCLINTOCK III, ROBERT V.  
MOTT, BRITTNEY NICOLE  
SIMS, WHITNEY ELAINE  
STILLS, MARKELL LASHAN  
WHITE, ANDREA C.

Gainesville  
Houston  
Dallas  
Tyler  
Dallas  
Katy

#### *Mathematics Curriculum*

BETTS, SHILISA A.  
COLLIE JR., CLEVELAND ALEXANDER

Houston  
Royal Palm Beach, FL

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### *Accounting Curriculum*

CAMPBELL, JASMA V.  
OLIVER, TERRANCE J.

Houston  
Fort Worth

SIMIEN, SHERRY L.  
TAYLOR, QUENTIN B.

Spring  
Houston

#### *Finance Curriculum*

FORD, LACODY CARDELL

Mesquite

#### *Management Curriculum*

CARTER, ANGELA FAYE  
CLARKE, DANIA ELESIA  
CLEARE, JULIAN DUVAL

Missouri City  
Prairie View  
Houston

FRIDIA, DOMINIQUE MEICHELLE  
MOUTON, MAURY O.  
WHITFIELD, ADAM W.

Dallas  
Round Rock  
Houston

#### *Management Information Systems Curriculum*

UTLEY II, KENNETH WAYNE

Houston

#### *Marketing Curriculum*

PARISH, MELISSA S.

Fort Worth



# WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### *Health Curriculum*

BANKS, BRANDON J.  
BROWN, ADRIENNE N.

Houston  
Missouri City

NELSON, KASHONNA LASHIA

Mesquite

### *Human Performance Curriculum*

DIXON, JONATHAN KEITH  
ECHOLS, KYLE M.  
HOOEY, ERICK D.  
MCCULLOUGH JR., JONATHAN K.  
NELSON, JEROYD ANTHONY

Houston  
Katy  
Humble  
Spring  
Texas City

RIDDELL, KYRA LYNDSEY  
RUSSELL, TYROWN D.  
THOMAS, ALONZO C.  
VANN, KENDALL T.

Austin  
Palestine  
Dallas  
Harker Heights

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Computer Science Curriculum*

COREATHERS, MELANIE N.  
DAVIS, ALLEN L.

Galena Park  
Fort Worth

WILLIAMS, JAMES L.

Houston

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

COLEMAN, ASHLEY LYNETTE  
GREEN JR., PERTNAN  
GREENE, ERIC JOVAN

Houston  
Houston  
Houston

JONES, ASHLEY M.  
MORGAN, COURTNEY D.  
WASHINGTON, ALLYSON L.

Houston  
Bremond  
Port Arthur

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

CHARLES, NICHOLAS ADAM  
MACON, CHANDRA LYVETTE

Port Arthur  
Houston

WASHINGTON, ALLYSON L.

Port Arthur

## COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Psychology Curriculum*

GOINS, DESMOND J.  
PETERS, STEPHANIE L.  
ROY, MEYOSHA R.

Killeen  
Houston  
Beaumont

SMITH, JAMAIL EFFRON  
WOODS-WASHINGTON, KENISHA TENNILLE

Missouri City  
Missouri City

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ADAMS, ALICIA NICOLE  
AMBROISE III, EDWARD JOSEPH  
ISHAQ, ARCHANA A.  
JOHNSON, COURTNEY B.  
JOHNSON, DEREK D'WAYNE  
KIEL, AARON BLAKE  
KOSSIE, CORTNEY J.  
MATSON III, THURSTON L.

Houston  
Texas City  
Houston  
DeSoto  
Euless  
La Marque  
Houston  
Fort Worth

MINGER, DANTRELL DE'JUAN  
NEWBERRY, RASHEEDAH L.  
ROBINSON JR., MAURICE  
SMITH, SHAVONNE N.  
TURNER, TIA NICOLE  
VASQUEZ, ADRIAN  
WARDELL, NATHANIEL RANDALL  
WILLIAMS, TIA J.

Hempstead  
Killeen  
Crawford, MS  
Corona, CA  
Sugar Land  
Palestine  
Houston  
Texarkana

#### *Juvenile Justice Curriculum*

BERNARD III, ROBERT

Lancaster

# COLLEGE OF NURSING

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

BARNES, VANESSA ANN  
BERG, CHRISTINA  
CARR, CHARLOTTE A.  
COLLINS, WILLIE RUFUS  
COX, ERIKA MONIQUE  
EKEKE, CHRISTY E.  
GUIZAR-VEGA, ROSARIO  
JACKSON, NICOLE DENISE  
JOHNSON, COURTNEY DESHE

Highlands  
Sugar Land  
Brenham  
Houston  
Houston  
Stafford  
Needville  
La Grange  
Houston

KERONGO, GLADYS N.  
MANUEL, DAMITRA M.  
MENSAH, PAULINA E.  
MIRABAL, JALLANA MARIE  
RATEMO, DIANA N.  
ROBERTSON, LACONYA QUANETTE  
SAPKOTA, SIMA  
THIBODEAUX, TORIE S.  
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Baytown  
Richmond  
Houston  
Katy  
Missouri  
Hearne  
Pearland  
Houston  
Houston

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**  
**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES**  
 CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Human Sciences*

BARRE, CASSANDRA DAVIS BS, Texas Southern University, 2004	Houston	ROLLAND, LETICIA VEREE BSHS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Cypress
BYRD, JAMIE A. BS, Texas Southern University, 2005	Houston	THIBODEAUX, CAMERON ALLEN BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Hockley
MCKNIGHT, ASHANTIA D. BA, Austin College, 2006	Houston		

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

FRANKLIN, CONSTANCE D. BS, Texas Southern University, 2002	Houston	RUBIO, FRANCISCO J. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Houston
HEBERT, LLOYD JOHN BS, Lamar University, 1977	Beaumont	TINOCO, MYRIAM A. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Houston
HERRERA, DAVID BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Houston		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BABALOLA, SAMSON O. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston	PACHECO, CLAUDIA L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston
FORGE, KELLI LAUREN BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Fresno	THOMAS, SHARITA C. BBA, Langston University, 2003	Prairie View
GOODWIN-ROBERTS, CANDICE MICHELLE BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Beaumont	THURMOND IV, ROBERT HYLE BA, Southwestern University, 1990	Houston

**MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

*Sociology*

MCMORRIS, KORNELLA SYRENA BS, Mississippi Valley State University, 1997	Houston
STEPHNEY, BRENT LANDON BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Chemistry*

JIMBUEM, STELLA YAO BP, Universita degli Studi di Perugia, 2006	Cypress	UZOEZIE, UCHENNA CHARLES BS, Rivers State University of Science & Technology, 2004	Houston
JOHNSON, KENNARD RAYSHAWN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Prairie View		

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

JOHNSON, OSMON J. BS, Tuskegee University, 2004	Houston
SMALL, TIFFANY ROCHELLE BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Accounting*

ADAMS, KOREY D. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Midland
MOSES, SAWANDA RENEE BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston

# WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

### *Counseling*

BARKLEY, CYNTHIA M. BS, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 1988	Missouri City	KIBBLES, PAMELA NICOLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston
BEATTY, SHAUNDA LESTER BS, Texas Southern University, 2003	Stafford	LEE, CATRINA MICHAELA BS, Texas Southern University, 2005	Katy
BEGELTON, LADONNA ROCHELLE BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston	LIVOTI, MARLENE L. BA, University of Texas at Tyler, 1984	Humble
BROWN, FIONA BA, Florida International University, 2000	Houston	MANOR, DAMITRA D. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston
BRYANT, KAY LYNN BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1978	Houston	MARTIN, LATOYA CHANELL BA, Houston Baptist University, 2002	Cypress
BURKE, DEEDE E. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston	MARTIN, LINTELL RENEE BS, Texas Southern University, 2006	Houston
BURLESON, KRYSTLE LYNETTE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston	MATTIX-DANIELS, YOLANDA Y. BS, Houston Baptist University, 2006	Houston
CARTER, LINDA C. BS, Jackson State University, 1976	DeSoto	MCGOWAN, JEANNETTE M. BA, St. Edward's University, 1999	Pflugerville
CHATMON, APRIL A. BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2003	Round Rock	MORALES, MARILYN BA, The Ohio State University, 2001	Houston
CHAVIS, KRISTY LATRELLE BS, Sam Houston State University, 2003	Houston	MOUTON, CANDACE MARIE BS, Texas Southern University, 2003	Houston
COLQUITT, DAWNIELLE NICOLE BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston	MURPHY, EBONY RICHELLE BS, Sam Houston State University, 2003	Galveston
COMO, CICELIA M. BSCET, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston	NICHOLSON, MARION M. BA, University of North Texas, 2006	DeSoto
DAVIDSON, WILLIAM E. BS, Northwood University, 1993	Arlington	O'NEAL, LYNETTE BA, Howard University, 1996	Houston
DEAL, DEANNA LYNN BA, Sam Houston State University, 2001	Houston	PEYTON, KENDRA LASHA BS, Paul Quinn College, 2004	Fort Worth
DEASON, SONJUA R. BS, Southern University and A&M College, 1996	Lufkin	PRESTON, SEPERIA BS, Houston Baptist University, 2005	Houston
DUNHAM, LAQUINNESIAS R. BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Katy	PRICE, NICOLE A. BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Houston
FRANKLIN, AQUEENTA JANEISE BS, Louisiana Tech University, 2003	McKinney	PUNCH-NORWOOD, MICHELLE Y. BS, Texas Southern University, 1994	Houston
GRAVES, TASHA L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Humble	RICARDO, TESHAWNA M. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2000	Fresno
GUIDRY, BRYANT L. BBA, University of Texas, 2000	Keller	ROBERSON, VENICE E. BS, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 1999	Dallas
HAMILTON, DEIDRA COLETTE BS, Sam Houston State University, 2002	Houston	SHEFFIELD-FRANKLIN, TAMBELA BBA, Texas Southern University, 1990	Houston
HAMILTON, YAKIMA Y. BS, University of Houston, 2003	Humble	SMITH, BEVERLY BA, Wiley College, 1985	DeSoto
HEATH, JUDITH A. BA, Dallas Baptist University, 2006	Irving	STEVENSON, STEPHANIE R. BS, University of Houston - Downtown, 2006	Houston
HOBSON, LAKEYSA LASHEA BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston	TAYLOR, KIMBERLY N. BS, Jarvis Christian College, 2000	Dallas
HORNE, ARONIKA JANELLE BA, Baylor University, 2000	Houston	TORIAN, MARY BS, University of Houston, 1981	Houston
HUNTER-SPENCER, CHARMAYNE NECOLE BSDIET, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Houston	TUCKER, DARA NYASHA BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston
JACKSON, JENNIFER S. BSHE, Prairie View A&M University, 1988	Houston	TUCKER, MARGERIE TANIEL BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Fort Worth
JACKSON, SHARON LAVON BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 1995	Houston	WARD, MOSES CHARLES BA, Bishop College, 1974	DeSoto
JACKSON, VERNITA G. BS, Texas Southern University, 2003	Houston	WILLIAMS, GINA M. BA, Dillard University, 1989	Lancaster
JENNINGS, TARA Y. BS, Texas College, 1994	Houston	WILLIAMS, RASHANDA D. BS, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2003	Mesquite
JONES, DAMEIAN LATRELLIS BA, Louisiana Tech University, 1996	Crosby	WILLIAMS, VICKIE JAYLANE BS, Texas Southern University, 1983	Cedar Hill
JURKOVICH, JOHN ERIC BS, Boston University, 1994	Houston	WRIGHT, ORENTHAL JAMES BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Cedar Hill
KENDIE, SELAM DANIEL BA, Henderson State University, 2004	Dallas	WYATT, MONIQUE CHEVALIER BS, Jarvis Christian College, 2001	DeSoto

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

## *Curriculum and Instruction*

GILLUM, JOTHAS E. BSCET, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston	MOORE, LATOYA DENISE BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston
JENKINS, TIFFANI LATOYA BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston		

## *Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Media and Technology)*

HAMILTON, AARON LA'TRON BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Dallas
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## *Curriculum and Instruction (Reading Education)*

JOHNSON, CRYSTAL JOY BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Houston
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## *Educational Administration*

ANDERSON, EDDIE LEROY BBA, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 1977	DeSoto	HOLMES, SHEQUILA RENEE BS, Texas Woman's University, 1998	Houston
BANKSTON, ANTOINETTE DENISE BS, Texas Southern University, 1997	Missouri City	HOLMES, WILLIAM RUSSELL BS, Jackson State University, 1998	Cedar Hill
BARNES, SHANDREAL LAPOINT BS, Lamar University, 1994	Houston	HOOPER, SHERARD ORMOND BS, Texas A&M University, 2004	Dallas
BLACKSHIRE, WILONDA BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 1999	Brenham	HUGHES, VONDA JONES BS, Texas Woman's University, 1990	Missouri City
BOUGERE, LASHAUN DIANNE BS, Paul Quinn College, 1999	Lancaster	IHEANATU, PRINCE I. BA, Paul Quinn College, 1998	McKinney
BRADLEY II, LEROY BA, Rice University, 2002	Humble	JACKSON, TYRA LYNN BS, University of Houston, 2002	Channelview
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## **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**

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 – 4.00

EARLS, RAMONA R.

### **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 – 3.89

HEBERT, CHELSEA M.  
HINES, JOSEPH ANTHONY  
TAYLOR, ANDRE B.

### **CUM LAUDE**

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 – 3.69

ALVARADO, ALEJANDRA  
DIXON, JONATHAN KEITH  
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Nolan, Decrishia A., Ensign, United States Navy, USS Ross DDG71, Norfolk, VA

Perry, Justin A., Ensign, United States Navy, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

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

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

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(m). 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 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.

# **Dr. Frank B. Ashley, III**

Dr. Frank B. Ashley, III currently serves as the vice chancellor for academic affairs for The Texas A&M University System. Throughout his distinguished career in education, Dr. Ashley has served in a variety of roles, including teacher, coach and administrator. For 21 years, he has served in various positions within the Texas A&M University System. At Texas A&M University, Dr. Ashley's posts included interim assistant provost for enrollment, director of admissions and associate dean for undergraduate studies and teacher education in the College of Education. He most recently served as interim provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at Texas A&M University-Commerce and as a school board member of the Commerce Independent School District.

A recognized innovator, Dr. Ashley is skilled in leading faculty and administrators through the day-to-day responsibilities to ensure that students receive a quality education. As vice chancellor for academic affairs, Dr. Ashley coordinates academic and student affairs program development and implementation and accountability, including performance-based funding for the A&M System's nine universities and health science center. He also leads efforts to expand enrollment of community college transfer students to system universities and leads the development of comprehensive distance education initiatives.

He is past president of the North American Society for Sport Management. In addition, he has taught courses internationally as a faculty member of the U.S. Sports Academy, and has written numerous articles about sports management, aerobic and other types of dance and related topics in professional journals, for several of which he has served as contributing editor and editorial board member.

Dr. Ashley is active in many professional organizations and has received numerous honors, including distinguished alumnus and citizen of the year awards. His plaudits include a Distinguished Teaching Award from Texas A&M University's Association of Former Students, a Diversity Award from Texas A&M's provost and dean of faculties and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Louisiana College, where he also was named Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Ashley earned a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and safety from Louisiana College in 1975, a master's in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Alabama in 1976 and a doctorate in physical education from the University of Alabama in 1986.



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*A Message from the Governor:*

*I am pleased and honored to extend greetings to everyone in attendance at Prairie View A&M University's Summer Commencement Convocation.*

*Today, as you celebrate your achievements and the honor you have earned as graduates of this fine university, Texas celebrates with you. You have demonstrated excellence and have done much of which to be proud.*

*But remember that the diploma you are handed today is not the goal you have worked diligently to attain. It is only a symbol of the education that has prepared you for a career, a productive life and an active membership in a society that needs your talents and energy.*

*You are the inheritors not only of the freedom and prosperity of this great state and nation, but also of the responsibilities that accompany them. I urge you to rise to the challenge by building upon the foundation laid by the men and women who have come before you.*

*I am sure the milestone we celebrate today is only one of many achievements you will know. I encourage you to consider the support system that helped you reach this place—the families, friends, teachers, professors and communities of faith that have supported you—and to take the time to thank and honor them. The success you know today is the work of many, and those relationships will bolster and guide you as you continue on your way.*

*May you continue to excel, and may you fulfill your great potential. First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending our best wishes for your continued success.*

Sincerely,

*Rick Perry*

Rick Perry  
Governor





THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
Office of the Chancellor

August 9, 2008

Dear Graduates:

It is with great honor that I write this letter and extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on this memorable day. It is a day that marks the successful completion of a rigorous endeavor that required perseverance and commitment, qualities that will open many doors as you venture out and seek your dreams.

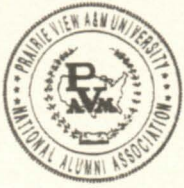
Prairie View A&M University is an institution with a great history and tradition, and you now become a part of its legacy of producing graduates who make a difference in their personal and professional lives.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for a bright future. Each and every one of you should be proud of your achievements and I salute you on your fine accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Michael D. McKinney, M.D.

MDM/sc



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August 9, 2008

Dear Alums,

Today represents the beginning of a new era in your lives. All of you have sacrificed much to reach this crossroad in your lives. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association, I wholeheartedly congratulate you on your individual and collective accomplishments.

Your individual accomplishments are most important to you and your loved ones. Your collective accomplishments here in the year of 2008 will have a perennial impact on your lives. It is my hope that you will learn that who you know is just as important as what you know. You will learn that contact resources are key elements to progress, and your resources within the framework of your alumni association can be vital to you.

Another essential reason that your Alumni Association is important, today you will become a part owner in the Institution of Prairie View A&M University. By the mere fact that you will have received your degree from Prairie View endows you with a responsibility to preserve that from which you received much.

Literally thousands of young people who will follow you to Prairie View, and they deserve the same opportunity as you had. The only essential consideration here is that nothing stays the same. Our institution must continue to move forward and progress. Those progressions cost money and you as caretakers have the responsibility to help make those progressions happen. I invite you to take upon yourself the sacred responsibility bestowed upon you. You do not have to overtax yourself now, just get into the habit of responding every year. Join us in making your National Alumni Association that strong arm of protectors of this great institution as we try to protect its traditions. Again, congratulations on your achievements.

Respectfully,

Clem Daniels  
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# 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

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