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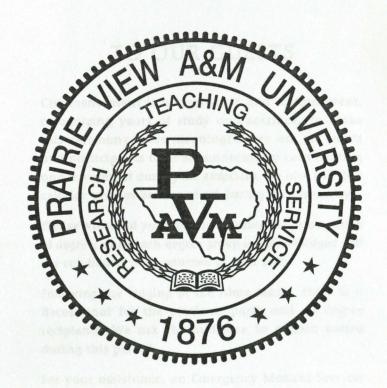
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas



Commencement Convocation

THE SIXTEENTH FALL COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS, SR. BUILDING

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH

TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

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, Sr. 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 CONVOCATION PROCESSION	
COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION	Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Provost and Senior Vice	President for Academic Affairs
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" (from Athalia)	Felix Mendelssohn
DR. JOHN L. CORNELIUS, Organist DR. MARION HENRY, Marshal	
Marshal	
Faculty	
Candidates for Degrees in the Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsfor	rd College of Arts and Sciences
Candidates for Degrees in the College of Business	
Candidates for Degrees in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Educat	ion
Candidates for Degrees in the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering	
President's Party	
INVOCATION	Powerend Charles H. Lewter IV
	inson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Francis Scott Key
OPENING REMARKS AND	
INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR	President George C. Wright
GREETINGS FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGEN	ITS
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Mrs. Catherine Smock Chief Auditor
The	Texas A&M University System

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
MUSIC: "I'll Stand'"
The University Concert Chorale MRS. A. JAN TAYLOR, Conductor
PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:
THE MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
THE WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Dean Lucian Yates, III, Ph.D.
THE ROY G. PERRY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES
ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View"
RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance No. 4"

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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Communications Curriculum

BREWER, SHANNON EVETTE	Fort Worth	MALONE, JEREMY O'NEAL	Pearland
BREWER, SHAYLA LA'VETTE	Fort Worth	MCCRAY, DONTAE JAMAR	Crowley
CARTWRIGHT, PATRICK GORDON	Houston	MCNEIL, KAMESHA CHERRELLE	Houston
CASNEL, JASMINE KADENA	Fresno	MOORE, ANGEL LATRICE	Humble
DANIELS, DAVID G.	Hockley	MORGAN, JAIME GEORGE MICHAEL	Snellville, GA
DOTSON, ERICA D.	Houston	PITRE, KRYSTAL JANIECE	Houston
DOZIER, BLAKE C.	Houston	POPE, TIMOTHY ALEXANDER	Ft.Worth
ELLERBE, JANET TANINA	Cypress	RICHARDSON, ANDIA V.	Cypress
FREEMAN, JACKIE L.	Houston	RIGGINS, DAMIEN ALEXANDER	Austin
GHOLSTON, JONATHAN CAINE	Austin	ROGERS, JASMINE NICOLE	Glenn Heights
GRAY, JARRYD C.	Cypress	TURNER, KATRES ELGERINA	Houston
HUNTER, BRITTANI LEE	Dallas	VERSEY, RYAN CHRISTOPHER VICTOR	Texarkana
JAMES, JALISA DENISE	Houston	WEST, JAZMINE SHANTE	Houston
JONES, BRIAN ROBERT	Fresno	WILLIAMS, DOMINIQUE CEASAR	Killeen
LEWIS, SONJA R.	Alvarado	YOUNG, MALYSSA N.	Richmond
LINDSAY, CHERI R.	Aurora, CO		

Drama Curriculum

Austin

AGBOGA, PARA LANELL

COLLINS, CORTNEY LE'SHUN MASON, DANIELLE ELISE PINNOCK, KIERA NICHOL SADBERRY, JACQUELINE S.

ATTAWAY, CHRISTOPHER LAVON

HAMILTON, DEMARCUS DON HARRIS, JEFFREY LAMONTE

GASTON, COIETTE P.

English Curriculum

Houston	STEPHENSON, AUBERIA C.	Mesquite
Katy	STREB, JONATHAN AARON	Brenham
Houston	WELCH, ELLYSSA JULIANNA	Houston
Maller		

History Curriculum

Arlington	MALONE, NICHOLAS BRANDEN	Houston
Houston	MARONIE, KYLE THALAMUS	Houston
Queen City	TRAYWICK, BRADFORD A.	Yorkville, IL
Converse		

Music Curriculum

BONNETTE, RONALD A.	Houston	BROCK, JASMINE MICHELLE	Houston
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Political Science Curriculum

BRANTLEY, AMBER BRIANNE'	Houston	REID, ALEXANDRA MANTILL	Carrollton
CHANEY, PAUL ANTHONY	Houston	SMILEY, ERIKA DANYALE	Houston
JOHNSON, SHACOTTA RENEE'	Missouri City	SMITH, AMBER LYNN	Missouri City
MITCHELL, MAKEDA SHARNAE	Beaumont	TYLER, TYLERVICH	Houston

Sociology Curriculum

HENDERSON, LA'KAROL WYNETTE	Houston	WILKES, BRANDY NICOLE	Hempstead
MAINED TEDENICE D	Houston		

Spanish Curriculum			
DIAZ, ANGELICA MARIA	Houston	SPEARS, BRIANA ELLECE	DeSoto
RODRIGHEZ DALIANA	Plantersville		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

ARMSTRONG, STEFANIE NYCOLE	Dallas	JONES, ALICIA JANEA	Houston
AUSTIN, PRECIOUS J.	Prairie View	JONES, ALINA S.	Spring
BETTS, SHANA N.	Dekalb	LANE, DEAMBER TRAVONNE	Midland
BROOKINS, SAMUEL T.	Hempstead	MOUTRY, LAKENDRA RASHELLE	San Angelo
COLE, DANYELLE CHARESE	Houston	NEAL, LASHUN	Crowley
EGLIN, LORETTA M.	Houston	REDMON, ANANSIA K.	Spring
GIBBONS, STEFANIE M.	Houston	SOLOMON, ASHLEY MONIQUE	Houston
HORACE, TERONICA RAYCHELLE	Houston	STEWART, CRYSTAL A.	Houston
HUDSON, MARTELLE DEBORA	Aurora, CO	TUTT, JESSICA MARIE	Cedar Hill

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Music

Applied Music Curriculum

DODD, JAMES MARVIN Katy MITCHELL, KUAN L. Mount Airy, LA JACKSON, BRE'JAN New Ulm TRICE, LARRION T. Missouri City

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Biology Curriculum

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BECKWORTH, ASHLEY GEORGETTE	Bryan	HUSSEIN, MUNA ABUKAR	Houston
BROWN, KESHA WANAE	Houston	JEFFERSON, KEISHA NICOLE	Navasota
CANADY, ALTON L.	Round Rock	JOHNSON, JOLANDRIA MONIQUE	Houston
CLEMONS, EMIL JERRY CORNELIUS	Houston	KEARNEY, MEGAN ROSHELL	Houston
CORNELIUS, BRITTNEY EDNEA	Fort Worth	MADRIGAL, SUSANA C.	Houston
DENMON, ROBERT ASHDEN	Austin	MCAFEE, BRANDON KELLY	Houston
FIELDS-ESCOBEDO, GABRIELLE LE'VONNE	Houston	OLIVER, SWAYY ISIS	Irving
FLORES, CARMEN	Houston	PETTWAY, PAVIA G.	Houston
FORD, JAZMINE J.	Richmond	PLUMMER, LAUREN LINNETTE	DeSoto
FRANKLIN, MARA LYNN	Houston	TAYLOR, EMERY	New Iberia, LA
HALES, JASMINE RENEE	San Antonio	WYNDON, CRYSTAL RENEA	Friendswood
HURD, BRITTANI SHANTARIA	DeSoto	YEARBY, BRITTANY N.	DeSoto

Chemistry Curriculum

CALLOWAY, BRIGID N.	Houston	OLALEYE, MOPELOLA A.	Hockley
CASTRO, STEPHANY ROJAS	Magnolia	SMITH, TIMOTHY E.	Bryan
OLALEYE, DAMILOLA OLUWAKAYODE	Hockley	WILLIAMS, LA TOYA DENIECE	Houston

Mathematics Curriculum

CRUZ, ANJELICA MARIE JUANITA Hempstead SCOTT, VALENCIA M. Magnolia

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting Curriculum

ARMSTEAD, TERRENCE J.	Richmond	KING, LABREKA MARNEE'	Dallas
BELL, ASHLEY MICHELLE	Houston	MATTHEWS, SHAWNTAE M.	Houston
BURKLEY, NORRIS D.	Houston	REED, DEBREE D.	Houston
COLLINS, ANDRE' S.	Prairie View	SMITH, SATARA LASHAY	Houston
GREEN, ROY	Brenham	WATKINS, DOMINQUA D'EDWARD	Houston
HEMPHILL, CHENZIRA N.	Houston	WILLIAMS, TIFFANY ROCHELLE	Cypress
HOPE, DAVION MONTRELL	Killeen		

Finance Curriculum

AUSTIN, CHRISTOPHER M.	Brookshire	TITUS, KALIE MONIQUE	Houston
GARCIA, SHEENA BALL	Middletown, RI	WALKER, COLBY J.	LaRue
DELECORD RRITTNEY SHERI	Hempstead		

Management Curriculum

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ADEBOWALE, GREG OLUWASEYIADEKUN	LE Fresno	MATHEWS, MICHAEL ANTHONY	Plano
AUGUILLARD, JOSEPH ROBERT	Houston	MIMS, TAYLOR K.	Missouri City
BARTON, TERRY W.	San Antonio	MITCHELL, MEGAN J.	Houston
CLARK, KENDRICK KANDELL	Houston	NARCISSE, JOSEPH ANTHONY	Houston
CLEARE, JULIAN D.	Miami, FL	PAYNE, BRANDY N.	Houston
DAVIS, TEMPRISS TANYON	Houston	PHILIPS, REMINGTON D'JUANE	Lancaster
FOLEY, JOSHUA R.	Missouri City	ROBBINS, PHILLIP BRANDON	Houston
GARCIA, JULIAN	Middletown, RI	SIMMONS, SHANEKA NICOLE	Lubbock
HERRON, LOREN NICOLE	Fort Worth	SMITH, CHARLES OTHNIEL	Houston
KIRK, DIAMOND D.	Rowlett	SMITH, DAMARIO R.	Mesquite
KUBECZKA, SARAH BESS	Brenham	VINCENT, KALA HELYN	Houston
LANKFORD, JARVIS R.	DeSoto	WASHINGTON, HERRELL PAUL DAVID	Pflugerville
LUCKETT, JOSEPH LEE	Cypress	WILLIAMS, TAYLOR A. BRYANT	Duncanville

Management Information Systems Curriculum

HARVEY, MONROE C.	Missouri City	LEONARD, TRISTEN LEIGH	Glenn Heights
HORNE, KATHERINE ELYSE	Dallas	SIMS, BRANDON TYRELL	Houston
JOHNSON, LAWRENCE AIKENS	Cedar Hill	WHITE, BRITTNEY NICOLE	Harker Heights

Marketing Curriculum

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BERRY, DANTE ANTHONY	Prairie View	MOON, KANEISHA YVAE	Killeen
CHALK, KEIOTAY RASHAUD	DeSoto	SCHOBERG, SHELLY ANN	Houston
COOK, EDWARD LEROY	Houston	STATEN, BRENTON LAMAR	Marshall
FILER, ASHLEY DENEE	Aurora, CO	STEVENSON, RAINISHA LE'KOLE	Prairie View
FRENCH, LAKESHIA BREIOUN	Houston	THOMAS, ARIELLE JALISHA	Houston
HALL, CELESTIAL M.	Missouri City	WALKER, BRANDY MICHION	Houston
LANG, MARISSA NICHOLE	Lee's Summit, MO	WIGGINS, MICHAEL GLENN	Marshall
MITCHELL, MARICIA ELO'N	Sugar Land		

WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Health Curriculum

BLAYLOCK, JARRELL QUINNARD	Dallas	MILBURN, CHERYL LYNN	Hempstead
DAVIS, GENERA DANIELL	Hempstead	NLEDO, NESHIA M	Desoto
FORD, CHRISTOPHER DAVON	Bryan	PURVIS, JOSHUA E	Houston
GAINES, SHAMIA GERNE'	Pearland	STURNS, CHYNNA DESHAY	Frisco
GODLEY, ASHLEY MORGAN	Spring	TERRY, JULIO L.	Houston
HEARN, ERICA CHAUNTE' NICOLLETTE	Hempstead	VANCE, NAKEISHA MYEISHA KEIRRA	Houston
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Human Performance Curriculum

BENOIT, JOSEPH F.	Cypress	MOSQUEDA, ROSENDO	Cedar Creek
BLEDSOE, RICHARD KYLE	Lagrange	NEBLETT, AARON DEON	Cypress
BROWN, DEVIN DERRELL	Houston	OLIVER, JACOBY D.	Houston
EDWARDS, IVANA KIRSTEN	Denton	PETERS, BRYAN O.	Houston
JOHNSON, RASHAD AMIN	Houston	RANDALL, JR., EDDIE E.	Houston
LANG, CORNELL	Hempstead	WILLIAMS, JUSTIN MARTELL	Texarkana
MATHIS, GOLDIE SHANAE	Wharton	WILLIAMS, WHITNEY LYNN	Beaumont

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

AGUAYO, MELISSA	Houston	BOGAN, MIA DANIELLE	Cypress
ANDERSON, SKYLA LA SHEA'	Longview	BROWN, ROBYNE LAPAIGE	Forney
AUZENNE, CRYSTAL A.	Corpus Christi	BURTS, CIARA ANTOINETTE	Houston
BAGLEY, CHIARA LADWAN	Prairie View	CHAMBERS, TAQUANA ANDRANETTE	Mesquite
BEASLEY, PRECIOUS L.	Humble	CHAPRON, LACEY ELIZABETH	Houston
BISHOP, SHANICE YVONNE	San Antonio	CHATMAN, JA'NAE A.	Missouri City

COPELAND, CHAVON D.
DANIELS, DARILYN M.
DICKEY, ASHLEY NICOLE
FLANNEL, ROLANDREA C.
FORDE, ASHLEY JAVON
GAINES, LORI SUE
GOFFNEY, ANTOINETTE DENISE
GOLDEN, NYSHURI LA'BRACIA
GREENE, KRYSTAL DE'LEARNER
HALL, CEDRIC DEON
HORACE, AMANDA J.
HUTCHINS, WHITNEY D.
JOHNSON, TIARA F.

Houston	JONES, PORTIA T.
Houston	JONES, SONCERI C.
Pinehurst	MAGOTI, LAKISHA M.
Crosby	MILLER, BETHANIE NASHEA
Houston	NIX, SAMANTHA M.
Bellville	PHILLIPS, DESIREE'
Hutchins	POWELL, ANGELA D.
Lancaster	SHACKELFORD, LAUREN A.
Houston	SMITH, ALAN DEVONE
Houston	THOMAS, TERRICHIA K.
Conroe	TURNER, DAWNJULAE A.
Houston	WHITE, JOSZETTE D.
Houston	WHITE, SHANEL DYANN

Hempstead
Houston
Waller
Mckinney
Missouri City
Houston
Brenham
Sugar Land
Okolona, MS
Cedar Hill
Tulsa, OK
Houston
Prairie View

ROY G. PERRY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Computer Engineering Curriculum

GIBSON, JARRED DUNZEL	Houston	MAYON, SHERMERRIAN	Magnolia
GOSS, JERMAIN MARCEL	Houston	RICHARD, MELISSA MONIQUE	Houston
JOHNSON, TRENTON TRAMAINE	Prairie View	STOKES, ELEX E.	Prairie View

Computer Science Curriculum

HALL, LATASHA R.	Waskom	PHELPS, JONATHAN J.	Missouri City
MOSS, SHAUNTE' N.	Port Arthur	SEARCY, TIESHA SHERRICKA	Waco

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

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DUHON, DONALVON J.	Lake Charles, LA	ORELLANA, JANET	Conroe
DUNBAR, JACOBY LAMAR	Beaumont	VANN, JOHNATHAN KYLE	Missouri City
HAGERMAN, KESHA CYNTHIA	Pearland		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

HACKETT, EDWARD BERNARD	Fort Worth	SMITH, KRISTIAN DANIELLE	Port Arthur
QUALLS, DWAYNE	Houston		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Technology

BROADNAX, DENNIS R.	DeSoto	JAMES, PETER ROSHAWN	Texas City
COOPER, NONRIE L.	Houston	WILLIAMS, JERRY RUFUS	Galveston
HERRING, ALVANETTA JO-ARNELL	Mesquite	WILLIS, JEREMY ISAIAH	Arlington

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

BENNETT, NORRIS	Beaumont	KING, BREONA ALICIA	Hempstead
BOATWRIGHT, ONDRIEA L.	Hempstead	MOTTALIBE, MOHAMMAD A.	Hempstead
GOSS, JERMAIN MARCEL	Houston	MUHIA, JOAN WANJIKU	Houston
JOHNSON, TRENTON TRAMAINE	Prairie View	SMITH, JARVIS KEITH	Houston
KAMAL, BASIT	Houston	THOMAS, EARL L.	Cypress
KHODRA RYAN IUSTIN	Houston		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

BELL, JOHN MAXIE Houston LOPEZ, ARTURO E. Pasadena HYNDS, WILLIAM THOMAS Houston

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

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AFOLABI, OLATUNBOSUN O.	Sugar Land	MORRIS, SIDNEY E.	Ho	ouston
CHARLES, POWER L.	Houston	PATEL, MAHIR D.		Katy
DOUGLAS, BRIAN T.	Houston	QUIROZ, CLARIBEL	Mar	nsfield
EGELE, CHRISTIAN U.	Houston	RANGEL, IVETTE Y.	Ho	ouston
JAMES, DANNY ANTONIA	Spring	VINSON, JR., WESLEY JAMES	Prairie	e View
JONES-WILSON, HARRY B.	Dallas	WINTERS, STEVEN L.	Leagu	e City
KAUR, MANJINDER	Humble	ZOUBI, HAMZAH A.		Spring
KIZZEE, BRANDON BERNARD	Richmond			

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 3.90-4.0

JUAN PABLO ACOSTA YAKISHA T. DAVIS ALAN CHRISTOPHER JERRY KIERRA KALEASE POWELL

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70-3.89

LORI SUE GAINES
COIETTE P. GASTON

BETHANIE NASHEA MILLER FABIO ANTONIO THOMAS

CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50-3.69

ASHLEY DENEE FILER
JUSTIN D. KNOWLES
MICHAEL ANTHONY MATHEWS
LATARVIA ROCHELLE MOORE
IAMES HERSCHEL NORMAN

IVETTE Y. RANGEL
PHILLIP BRANDON ROBBINS
DUSTIN JAMES SCHNEIDER
SHAUNTEL EUGENIA SCOTT
CHRISTOPHER IOE SHELTON

JONATHAN AARON STREB BRITNEY DESHAN TAYLOR AMADA ESMERALDA VARGAS GABRIELLE NICOLE WASHINGTON

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4 years of service

J.D. GREGORY, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling, Whitlowe R. Green College of Education, 22 years of service

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 headpiece (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 headpieces 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
Architecture	
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts	
Forestry	Russett
Geography	
Home Economics	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson
Industrial Education	Light Blue
Law	
Library Science	Lemon

Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	
Public Administration, including	
Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Technology	Golden Yellow
Theology	
Veterinary Science	

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.

COMMENCEMENT ORATOR

CRAIG WATKINS

Craig Watkins '90 became the first African American elected to the office of District Attorney in Dallas County on January 1, 2007. He was re-elected for a second term in November 2010.

His primary philosophy has always been to seek justice for the prosecutor by pledging to be "smart on crime." Watkins handles some of the country's most violent offenders. For this reason, he seeks the best strategies to address the causes of crime. He has helped create and expand several initiatives including the Memo Agreement Program, the Gang Unit and several other partnerships throughout Dallas County and the state of Texas, most notably the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU). The CIU oversees the post-conviction review of both DNA and non-DNA claims of innocence in conjunction with various innocence organizations. The CIU investigates and prosecutes old cases where evidence identifies different or additional perpetrators.

In November 2008, Watkins graced the cover of Governing Magazine, recognized as one of the "Public Officials of the Year." Shortly after receiving the honor, he was featured in a profile story on the front page of the Wall Street Journal and was selected by the Dallas Morning News as the "2008 Texan of the Year."

In 2009, Watkins and the CIU were lauded on the state level. Texas Senators Royce West and Rodney Ellis presented a resolution on the Senate floor to Watkins and the CIU for their outstanding work in reviewing post-conviction claims of innocence.

Watkins has gained local, national and international attention from several media outlets thanks to his numerous accomplishments. He has been featured in notable news outlets, television shows and publications such as the New York Times, CNN, "60 Minutes," the Los Angeles Times, D Magazine, Chicago Tribune, ABC's "Good Morning America," Ebony, Jet, "The Colbert Report" and others. He also ventured into television with a documentary on cable television with his office and the CIU serving as the focus of "Dallas DNA," a documentary series on the Investigation Discovery Channel. The show chronicled the unit's task of exonerating innocent inmates and the ramifications of their work.

Watkins is a native of Dallas County and grew up attending Dallas public schools. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Prairie View A&M University and moved on to Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor degree. Even with all of his accomplishments. Watkins continues to stay very active in public service. He is a member of Friendship-West Baptist Church, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the Prairie View Alumni Association and is affiliated with several professional and civic organizations. Watkins and his wife Tanya are proud parents of three children: Chad, Cale and Taryn.



STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A Message from the Governor:

It is my pleasure to congratulate all of the graduates attending the Prairie View A&M University 2011 Fall Commencement Convocation.

Today, as you celebrate your achievements and the honor you have earned as graduates of this fine institution, Texas celebrates with you. You have demonstrated excellence and can take great pride in your accomplishments.

The diploma you receive today is 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.

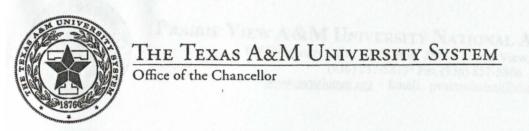
You are the inheritors of not only the freedom and prosperity of this great state and nation, but also the responsibilities that accompany them. I urge you to rise to the challenge by building upon the foundation laid by the men and women who have come before you.

I am sure the milestone you celebrate today is only one of many achievements you can look forward to. I encourage you to recognize the support system that helped you get here — your families, friends, and teachers and professors — and to take the time to thank them. The success you know today is the work of many people, and those relationships will guide you as you continue on your way.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in wishing you continued success.



Rick Perry
Governor



October 28, 2011

Dear Graduates:

I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to you on this grand occasion. You have achieved a milestone. Today is clearly a culmination of hard work, dedication and perseverance and you should be proud of your accomplishment.

Your education at Prairie View A&M University has taught you to be independent thinkers and strong leaders. You now become a part of Prairie View's rich legacy of producing graduates who make a difference in their personal and professional lives, as well as their communities.

Again, congratulations and to each of you, I wish good fortune, happiness and success!

Sincerely,

John Sharp Chancellor

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Dear Fall Class of 2011,

On behalf of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association (NAA), I would like to sincerely congratulate you on your graduation from Prairie View A&M University. You are to be commended for your academic achievements and accomplishments. I wish each of you success as you enter the workforce, continue to matriculate, or advance in your career. Prairie View has produced another group of productive people for our world.

Now that you have joined the rank of alumni, I invite you to join your fellow alumni in building a stronger National Alumni Association (NAA) for the perpetuation of our illustrious university. It is now time to "Give Back" or" Pay Forward" the investment made in you by your fellow alumni. You have been awarded the first year of NAA membership free. A membership card will follow in the mail after all addresses have been received from the university by the NAA. For more information about the NAA and how to register for your free membership, please visit www.pvualumni.org.

Again, Congratulations!

Lynn Mario

President PVAMU NAA

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ALMA MATER

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