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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas



Commencement Convocation

THE TENTH FALL COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS BUILDING

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER TENTH

TWO THOUSAND FIVE

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 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 CONVOCATION PROCESSION COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCES	SSION
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "Wa	March of the Priests" (Athalia)
Marshal President's Party Faculty Candidates for Degrees in the	ne College of Education
INVOCATION	
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Frances Scott Key
OPENING REMARKS	
INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMEN	CEMENT ORATOR President George C. Wright
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dr. Willie F. Trotty Vice President for Research and Development Prairie View A&M University Prairie View, Texas

MUSIC: "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?"	MUSIC:	"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?"	,	Moses Hogan
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The University Chorale Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES	. Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:	
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES	Dean Danny R. Kelley, Ph.D.
THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Dean Munir Quddus, Ph.D.
THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	Dean M. Paul Mehta, D.Ed
THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	. Dean Milton R. Bryant, 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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	Dean, Graduate School

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AKERS, ALEXIS S. CALVIN, DEBRA J. CHEVIS, CHRISTINA LASMYA COHEN, DENISE NICOL COOLEY, IDA MICHELLE	Houston Prairie View Houston Denver, CO Houston	HARDY, BRUCE G. JACKSON, MATTHEW GREGORY JOHNSON, CHRISTINA MARIE JORDAN, NARISHA T. MILLER, SHALENA D.	Grand Prairie Houston Dallas Hempstead Houston
DANIEL, DUSTIN ELI, CURTIS DEVON GAITHER, ERICA NICOLE GIBBS, CHARLES EDWARD GONZALEZ, KENNETH W. GREER, BRANDI LASHAUNE	Orange Houston Houston Dallas Houston Houston	OVERSHOWN, LADY LANORRIS PRUITT, KRYSTAL MARIE RUSSELL, BRANDY ARNICE THOMPSON, DEMARCUS O. WILLIAMS, MICOLE KYRSTYN	Dallas Houston Dallas New Boston Missouri City
OREEK, BRANDI LASHAUNE	English Cur	riculum	
ALLEN, ASHLEY N. EURE, TANIECE RENAE HEINTZ, KRISTEN NOELLE JOHNSON, JOY N. LEE, KRISTY DENA'	Hockley Plainfield, NJ Hempstead Cypress Houston	MAYSON, IRENA OLIVETTE MURRAY, ALICIA D. NELSON, DARNETTA D. OKONKWO, ANAZOGINI ANNA	Hockley Hockley Detroit, MI Wichita Falls
	History Cur	riculum	
COLVIN, JASON LAMONT	Brenham Music Curr	NELSON, DARNETTA D. iculum	Detroit, MI
ALLEN-BLACKMON, TRACY	Houston	WILLIAMS, LANCE P.	Dallas
	Political Science	Curriculum	
ADAMS, JAMES BURFORD ELLISTON, ODETTE E.	Humble Cypress	NEBLETT, CORY BRETT TRAHAN, LLOYD	Waller Liberty
	Sociology Cu	ırriculum	
CONLEY, ZOPHELIA NICHOLS, LAKINA D.	Bryan Houston	OWUOR, NAOMI DAWN WILLIAMS, JUNE D.	Cypress Houston
	Spanish Cur	riculum	
CARRANZA, YANETH E.	Houston		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

FINISTER, MICHELL R.	Onalaska	MIGEREKO, PENINAH JOAN	Houston
GURKA, MARY F.	Houston	POZOS III, ANTONIO	San Antonio

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Applied Music-Saxophone Curriculum

ZENON, LAWRENCE A.

Houston

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.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biology Curriculum

ANDERSON, LAMEKA YVETTE CADOREE, IVY Q. CARRANZA, YANETH E.	Houston Crosby Houston	HODGES, LEAH MAREE HODGES JR., MELVIN EUGENE HORNSBY, YVETTE KRISTIN	Houston Houston Missouri City
COLLINS, SHARON ALISHA	Lake Charles, LA	JARDAN III, FREEMAN C.	San Antonio
CRAWFORD, MICHAEL A.	El Paso	KOSSIE, LATRICIA D.	Houston
DAVIS, CANDACE JANEE	Houston	LORNETTE, LATASHA B.	Beaumont
DEVER, MICHAEL ANDREW	Houston	MCDONALD, ASHLEY S.	Longview
DICKSON, MERCY E.	Houston	NEAL, E'MESHAKO R.	Houston
FARLEY, DEMETRA DANNIELLE	Cedar Hill	ONEAL, LEKEISHA ANTWANETTE	Rosenberg
FRIDIE, MALIA JOYCE	Tomball	RHINEHART, JANINE ANGELA	Indianapolis, IN
FRIEDRICH, KIMBERLEY S.	Cypress	ROBINSON, ESSENCE NICOLE	Morena Valley, CA
GLENN, JAYRUTHER	Houston	ROMANS, LUCIEN K.	Houston
GRISBY JR., DARYL	St. Louis, MO	SEYMOUR, SCOTT L.	Nassau, Bahamas
HERMAN, MARY REBECCA	Houston	SMILEY, KEEGAN LAUREN	Galveston
HOBBS, ROBIN T.	Houston	WILLIAMS, COURTNEY M.	Houston

Chemistry Curriculum

COLLINS, LAFAYETTE ALONZO

Houston

HUMPHERYS, AMITRA JEAN

Sugarland

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting Curriculum

BRISCOE, EVA L.	Houston	LONGONJE, EMELDA L.	Prairie View
MASSOTH, DEDRA ELAINE	Houston	WILLIAMS, SHERRIE D.	Houston

Finance Curriculum

GIPSON, CLINTON A.	Houston	SPENCER, LAWANNA LASHAE	Sweeny
HOLMES, BRANDI BIANCA	Clute	WILSON, CHARLES DESHAWN	Houston
LONGONJE, EMELDA I.	Prairie View		

Management Curriculum

ADGER, SHARRON KAY	Orange	POLLARD, BEONCA LACHELLE	Prairie View
AHAMBA, LAWRENCE	Missouri City	QUEZADA, LAURA ESTELLA	Sullivan City
ANDERSON-DOUGLAS, PAUL LYNELL	Houston	REESE, STEVEN LAWRENCE	Texas City
BOYD, ANGELA NICOLE	Houston	RIVERS, RYAN D.	LaMarque
CAMPBELL, THROY A.	Prairie View	RUIZ, BELINDA	La Joya
CRATION, STEPHANIE LOUISE	Hempstead	SIMMONS, ADRIAN E.	Cedar Hill
EPPS, SHANNA LIN	Marshall	TAYLOR, TIFFANY DONNISE	Mesquite
HAMPTON III, BURL	Fort Worth	THOMAS, MATIAS L.	Hempstead
JACKSON, BERTRUM D.	Houston	TOLSON, KEIA NIKOLE	Houston
KIMBREL, MARCEL NICHOLAS	Missouri City	WELSH, CYNTHIA C.	Balaclava, Jamaica
KISER, LANCE K.	Sugarland	WHITMIRE III, DON	DeSoto
MARTIN III, GERALD DWAIN	Fort Worth	WILLIAMS, BRASHARD TAUREAN	Missouri City
MCQUEEN, BRITTANY NICOLE	Grand Prairie		

Management Information Systems Curriculum

BARKER, PAMELA LAVOI	Houston	GIBSON, BRADY J.	Spring
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BROWN, WILLIAM R.	Prairie View	HOLMES, JASON	Houston
COLLINS, MASIA N.	Houston	HUBBARD, RASHIDA TALIBAH	Dallas
COLVIN, JOHNATHAN R.	Houston	JONES, BRUCE TYRONE	Houston
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DUDLEY, CHRISTOPHER M.	Houston	LENNIX, ANYA TENIKA	Hammond, LA

PAXTON JR., GLENN RAY	Waller	SHORTER, TACORREYON	Lancaster
PEPPERS, SHAMARA D'SHON	Prairie View	TEZENO, MATT D.	Houston
QUININE, CHRISTOPHER J.	Hempstead		
	Marketing	Curriculum	
BVUNZAWABAYA, BLESSING	Spring	JACKSON, ARTHUR L.	Austin
COLVIN, SHADEARIA LATRICE	Houston	JONES, MAHOGANY LEVETTE	Midland
COMFORT, SAMANTHA LYNN	Granbury	MCMILLON, ERICA DIAN	Houston

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Hockley

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OUTLAND, WILLIAM M.

PRICE, JASON NICHOLAS

REECE, SHARMEKA SHONTA

SMITH, TRASON JERARD

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Hempstead

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HAYNES, KENDAL D.

GALLIEN, ASHLEY NICOLE

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health Curriculum

BANKS, KA'SHAWNA A.	Houston	RAWLS, ERICA NICOLE	Channelview
BRINKLEY, DEKIA KATRECE	Houston	SHIPPEY, JAJA K.	Houston
CLARK, KABRINA S.	Port Arthur	SMITH, LAUREN MICHELLE	Houston
FORTNER, TERRY LADON	DeSoto	SPENCER, JESSICA	Brazoria
GIBBS, TRANASHA L.	Houston	STARR, ANDREA J.	Dallas
HAUSMAN, ASHLEY R.	Waller	THOMAS, ALISHA MONIQUE	Houston
JONES, BRANDY N.	Hempstead	WARREN, TRINA RAUSHAWN	Houston
JONES, SHANTE' L.	Dallas	WESLEY, AMBRE ANN	Navasota
LEWIS, LAPORSCHE DUELL	Houston	WILLIAMS, MICHAEL JAMES	Houston
MARSHALL, KHAYRIYYAH	Beaumont	WIMBS, LYMAN JABARI	Denver, CO
MOSES, AQUANTINA D.	Prairie View	YOUNG, KIMESHA F.	Missouri City

Human Performance Curriculum

DAY, CRYSTAL R.	Houston	JACINTO, VALATISHA A.	Waco
GARTICA, BRODRICK S.	Matagorda	MCGINTY, BRIAN L.	Houston
GOSSERAND, PHILLIP J.	New Roads, LA	REDDING, MEGHAN R.	Houston
HARRIS JR., HENRY LEE	Houston	TERRELL, CHARITY JOVAN	Houston
HENTON, EZZARD CHARLES	Houston	YOUNG, MARCUS	San Antonio

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

ANDERSON, ERICA	Houston	HOWARD, JAZMINE NICOLE	Riverside, CA
BAGLEY JR., CHARLES EARL	Jacksonville	JACKSON, YA'METRIUS	Navasota
BUFORD, BRANDIE JACHELLE	Rosenberg	JOHNSON, DESHONDA LEATRICE	Houston
BURLESON, KRYSTLE LYNETTE	Houston	KELLY, ALAINA D.	Houston
CAIN, JAIME LYNN	Pasadena	LAND, CRYSTAL LASHAWNA	Dallas
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GAUT, LEDARIUS SHERMON	Marshall	VISER, KIMBERLY RENEE	Brookshire
GAYLE, MOYA ALLISON	Santa Cruz, Jamaica	WANZA, JOSLYN ROCHELLE	Houston
GODINE, EBONI DIONTRE	Houston	WEBB, JANISON DESHAWN	Sugarland
HARRIS, PATRICE R.	Galveston	WILLIAMS, CICELY CHARMAINE	Houston
HELM, DEE MISTY	Lake Jackson	WILLIAMS, CRYSTALLE B.	Houston
HENDERSON, JAMEKA R.	Texarkana	WILLIAMS, JESSICA LUCILLE	Huntsville
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CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY

RATCLIFF, MELINDA RENEE'

Houston

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Computer Science Curriculum

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Houston

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HART, CASEY ELAINE LEE, CHRISTOPHER M. NAGHAVI, ALIREZA O. Baton Rouge, LA Houston Humble

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GUYTON, CLAYTON WILSON

Houston

RAY, CURTIS F.

Kansas City, KS

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

ALLEN, RANDY DESHUN	Houston	JONES, TIFFANY NICOLE	Lake Charles, LA
BROWN, JEREMY O.	Hockley	KELLY II, RAYMOND W.	Houston
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GILLUM, JOTHIAS	Houston	TURNER, CHIMIRA RENE	Houston
GRAY, SHANNON C.	Missouri City	WILLIS, CATHLEENIA MARIE	Houston

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

AGETUE, MARY-JANE	Nigeria	LYONS, K'AURA MAURICIA	Houston
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ANDREWS, DENARD S.	Houston	OLIVER, ANTHONY W.	Fort Worth
ARTHUR, PAUL M.	Houston	OLUWAGBEMI, OLUBUSAYO MICHAEL	Houston
BARRETT, CHRISTINA EVETTE	Houston	REECE, KENDALL M.	Prairie View
COOK, DAMON K.	Hempstead	RICHARDSON, PAUL FREDERICK	Humble
HOLLIE, NEKKIA NICOLE	Houston	TILLMAN, JERIS DELEON	Houston
JACKSON, ERICK JERMAINE	Fort Worth	WIMBLEY-BROOKS, ANGEL D.	Hempstead

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

BAILEY III, HARRY LINERN	Houston	DURLEY, CEDRIC D.	Jefferson
BIGGINS, KARL JUSTIN	Duncanville	MCLEMORE III, STEPHEN D.	Pearland
CRAWFORD, FREDRICK RAMON	Dallas	PACHECO, ELSY C.	Houston
DEWALT, ANDREW J.	Fresno	RODRIGUEZ CYNTHIA BERENICE	Houston

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BATRES, MARVIN G.	Katy	MACK, ANTHONY T.	Houston
BENNETT, BRAXTON D.	Beaumont	MCNEEL JR., WILLIAM BROOKLYN	Houston
CHAVEZ, ERNESTO	Houston	TUCK, NICOLE A.	Prairie View
HAWKINS, EBONY D.	Houston	WILSON, DAMON KIRK	Pearland

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

CHALMERS, AMBER W.
OLUWAGBEMI, OLUBUSAYO M.
OWUOR, NAOMI D.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BUFORD, BRANDIE J.
CAMPBELL, THROY A.
DAY, CRYSTAL R.
DICKSON, MERCY E
ELLISTON, ODETTE E.
HAUSMAN, ASHLEY R.
HELM, DEE MISTY N.
HENDERSON, JAMEKA R.
HOLLIE, NEKKIA N.
HORNSBY, YVETTE K.
HUNTLEY, MONIQUE C.
JOHNSON, DESHONDA L.

CUM LAUDE

ALLEN, RANDY D.
BAGLEY, CHARLES E.
BALES, JAN BLOXOM
BARRETT, CHRISTINA E.
CADOREE, IVY Q.
CRAWFORD, FREDRICK R.
CRAWFORD, MICHAEL A.
CUPP, MONICA Y.
DIXON, ANNA M.
GAYLE, MOYA A.
HEINTZ, KRISTEN N.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.90 - 4.00

PACHECO, ELSY C. POZOS III, ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ, CYNTHIA B.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.70 - 3.89

LYONS, K'AURA M.
MASSOTH, DEDRA E.
MANGUM, GEOLAINA D.
MEDARD, CHRISTINA
NEAL, E'MESHAKO R.
PERRY, RACHEL L.
SOTO, VINCENT J.
SPENCER, ASHLEY M.
WATERS, BRYAN L.
WELCH, CYNTHIA C.
WILSON, ANGEL S.
WORMAN-HAYES, CHASINA M.

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 – 3.69

HUMPHERYS, AMITRA J.
JACKSON, YA'METRIUS L.
JEFFERSON, TRANIKA L.
JOHNSON, JOY
REDDING, MEGHAN R.
ROBINSON, ESSENCE N.
SAVEAT, JADA P.
STEPHENS, DANIELLE N.
TILLMAN, JERIS D.
TORBAY, RAMI
WILLIAMS, CICELY C.
ZOHA, SHAH N.

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United States Army Reserve, Military Police Corps, Reserve Forces Duty, Houston, TX

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United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, Surface Warfare Officer, USS PELELIU, San Diego, CA
RICHARDSON III, PAUL F., Ensign
United States Navy Active Duty Reserve, Surface Warfare-Nuclear Officer, USS ROMMELIN, Pearl Harbor, HI

[†] 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 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 is worn with a colored tassel on the left. The bachelor's cap is worn with a colored tassel on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left during the ceremony. The color of the tassel indicates one of the fields of study listed below.

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 color of the outside rim of the hood indicates one of the fields of study listed below:

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

Willie F. Trotty, Ph.D.

Dr. Willie F. Trotty, Vice President for Research and Development and Professor of Educational Administration at Prairie View A&M University holds bachelor's degrees in biology and political science and master's degrees in biology and secondary education from Stephen F. Austin State University. He received a Ph.D. in educational administration and industrial management from Purdue University in 1977. In 1995, he completed the Governor's Executive Development Program (Class XIII) at the University of Texas, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in Austin, Texas.

At Prairie View A&M University, he has taken a leadership role in building the infrastructure for increasing research and sponsored programs as well as the University's capital campaign, "Extend the View, Shape tomorrow today." At the state level, Dr. Trotty, a Fulbright Scholar, co-chairs the advisory committee for the Texas Leadership Institute (TLI) and serves as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Society for Biomedical Research. Nationally, he chaired the steering committee for the Science and Engineering Alliance (SEA) in Washington, D.C. Under his leadership, the University won a \$24 million Indefinite Quantity/Indefinite Delivery contract from the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) that has allowed the university to complete task orders totaling approximately \$3 million.

The Purdue Education Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Purdue University College of Education awarded Dr. Trotty the 2001 Alumni Award of Distinction for outstanding leadership in higher education and dedication to excellence. He has also received awards and commendations from the Houston Teachers Association, the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools, the Defense Information Systems Agency, NASA Johnson Space Center and many others.

Dr. Trotty is a founding member of the Prairie View Kiwanis Club and has served on the board of directors of the Community Artist Collective. A member of the diaconate at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, he is also a founding member of the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Scout Troop 242 Venture Crew.

Dr. Trotty is married to Dr. Sarah A. Trotty, Associate Professor of Art at Texas Southern University. They have three children (Laurette Marion, Willette Francine and William Martin)



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Dear Graduates:

I am pleased to extend my heartiest congratulations to you on this memorable day. This event marks the completion of a rigorous endeavor that required dedication and commitment. Along with your family, friends, and the faculty of Prairie View A&M University, we are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Your education at Prairie View A&M University has taught you how to be independent thinkers and strong leaders. Use these skills to excel in all that you do, as you conquer new challenges and reach new heights of success. You leave an institution with a rich history and tradition, and you have now become a part of its legacy.

Again, I congratulate you upon your graduation and extend my best wishes for your future.

Sincerely,

Robert D. McTeer

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To Our Treasured Graduates,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of your National Alumni Association, and the global body of Prairie View Alumni, I wish to wholeheartedly congratulate you on a successful journey of academic achievement. Time and experience will authenticate the true worth of the extraordinary experiences you have just completed.

During your journey on the "Hill," I'm sure there were many highs and lows along the way. Even challenges you may have considered unfair at the time. However, your presence here today stands as living testament that you have stood the test of time. You have shown the grit to succeed. Though there will be obstacles ahead of you, and many unfair, your disciplines have been honed to meet the challenges.

Those of us who have come before you stand as living examples that Prairie View A&M University equips its graduates with the necessary qualities and character to compete on any level. Our rich heritage teaches us that the "will" to succeed embodies much that is needed to succeed. That your attitude will surely determine your altitude, to establish a link with your University Alumni organization is an essential element in your economic and professional market place growth.

The completion of all your requirements and your official acceptance of your degree designates you as a stakeholder in Prairie View A&M University, the Institution. You, along with all other Prairie View graduates are the only people who can declare ownership in the institution. Our future is interdependent on each and every one of us. Become involved in your alumni affairs, join a chapter and support the institution through your alumni organization. Our collective effort is essential to our strength and provides the greatest protective cover we can ever hope to sustain.

Again, congratulations on your achievements and I look forward to our future mutual interactions. Hope to see you at the National Convention, July 13-16, 2006, Hilton NASA Clear Lake, Houston, Texas across from the Johnson Space Center.

Sincerely,

Clem Daniels
National President

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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