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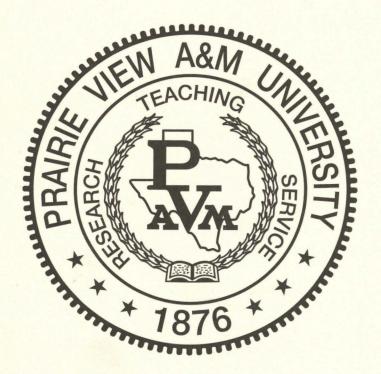
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# ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND YEAR

# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

Prairie View, Texas



Commencement Convocation

### THE THIRTEENTH FALL COMMENCEMENT

WILLIAM "BILLY" J. NICKS, SR. BUILDING

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER THIRTEENTH

TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

ONE 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. Corne	elius
	Assistant Professor, N	Music

#### THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION COMMENTATOR FOR THE PROCESSION ......Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Marshal

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 Juvenile Justice and Psychology

Candidates for Degrees in the College of Nursing

President's Party

INVOCATION	 The I	harles H. Lewter, IV Dean, University Chapel
NATIONAL ANTHEM	 	 Frances Scott Key

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

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

MUSIC: "Keep Your Lamps"..... arr. Lela Anderson, PVAMU Graduate

The University Concert Chorale Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

PRESENTATION OF THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOLDr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL Dr. William H. Parker
PRESENTATION OF THE DEANS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLSDr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FROM:
THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES Interim Dean Freddie Richards, Ph.D.
THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
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"
RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance"

(Audience Seated)

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### **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Johnson, Cristal Monet BSEET, Prairie View A&M University, 2001

#### ANIMAL SCIENCE

Campbell, Amber Deana BSAG, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

Ross, Martia A. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

#### HUMAN SCIENCES

Brooks, Kimberly Elyse BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

Gray, Madene S. BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2001

Henry, Grace Monique BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000

Reed, Te'Anna L. BSHS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007

Samuel, Carol Gwendolyn BS, Texas Southern University, 1970

Thibodeaux, Cameron Allen BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Warren, Sonja BS, University of Houston - Downtown, 2003

Williams, June D. BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

#### SOIL SCIENCE

Freeman, Oliver Ward BS, North Carolina Central University, 2005

# SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Akingbade, Ogunenika Oluwatobi BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007 Prairie View

Prairie View

Houston

Jasper

Houston

Houston

Houston

Houston

Hockley

Houston

Houston

Houston

Houston

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Augustin, Theresa Renee' BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1999

Lucas, Michael Charles BS, Brigham Young University, 1996

Modkins, Brandon T. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Okhowat, Afrox D. BA, University of Houston, 2007

Thomas, Tiffany D. BA, Sam Houston State University, 2003 Cypress

Cypress

Dallas

Missouri City

Houston

Cypress

Pflugerville

Prairie View

Houston

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

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

#### **ENGLISH**

Jacks, Jennifer Renee BS, Oklahoma State University, 2003

#### SOCIOLOGY

Castleberry, Jasmine Ivah BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004

Edwards, Drechelle BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Fields, Jilneal S. BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

### BIOLOGY

Brown, Everton Roy BSAG, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Echols, Kimberly Nicole BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2001

Fletcher, Christine L. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Johnson-Royster, Kimberly Shawnte BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2001

Momanyi, Judith M. BS, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2005

Stone, Julia Monique BS, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2004 State bar

Prairie View

Houston

Houston

Pattison

Houston

Houston

### CHEMISTRY

Bennett, Birtenna Edga

Howe, Warren L. BSAG, Prairie View A&M University, 2003

Jimbuem, Stella Yao BP, Universita' degli Studi di Perugia, 2006 Clarendon

Cypress

Houston

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BBA, Texas Southern University, 1985	
Bernard, Sarah LaShaun BS, University of Houston - Clear Lake, 2005	Fresno
Clark, Vilethea T. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston
Evans, Jennifer Y. BBA, University of Houston, 2004	Humble
Fridie, Lakayla J.	Tomball
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	
Holiday, Shameika BBA, Jarvis Christian College, 1999	Houston
Jones, Jamonia Nakita BA, Sam Houston State University, 2001	Spring
Kelly II, Raymond Willis BSCET, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Prairie View
Lee, Brandon W. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Prairie View
Mayers, Corinna Rosalia Toby BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Katy
Reed, Coretta Elaine BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston
Scott, Kellum Breh-Anne	College Station
BBA, Lamar University, 2003	
Siddique, Rifat Shahriar BS, University of Texas, 2002	Katy
Smith, Keznick LaBrauwn BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Bryan
DDA, Hunte Flew Adent On Folony, 2000	

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

### ACCOUNTING

Boykins, Samantha Megan BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Hill, Tammie S. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

London, Lamirica L. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Luu, Thong B. BS, American Intercontinental University, 2005 Houston

Houston

Dallas

Tomball

# THE WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Johnson, Clarence Spring BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1965 MED, Prairie View A&M University, 1972 Dissertation: Impact of High School Mathematics Curricula on the Mathematics TAKS Exit-Level Performance of African American Students Advisor: Dr. William Allan Kritsonis Lai, Cheng-Chieh BFA, Taipei National University of the Arts Tunghai University MS, Texas A&M University – Kingsville, 2004 Dissertation: The Effectiveness of Computer Assisted Language Learning Programs for Enhancing English Learning Among Students of Limited English Proficiency Advisor: Dr. David E. Herrington Nazemzadeh, Nasrin Houston

BS, University of Isfahan, 1974 MBA, Southeastern Louisiana University, 1986 Dissertation: Social Presence in Online Courses: An Examination of Perceived Learning and Satisfaction Advisor: Dr. William Allan Kritsonis

Thomas, Grace E. BA, University of Texas, 2001 MED, Prairie View A&M University, 2004 Dissertation: Factors That Impact the Academic Achievement among Minority Students: A Comparison Among Asian American, African American, and Hispanic Students in Large Urban School Districts Advisor: Dr. William Allan Kritsonis

Worthey, Frances Craig BS, Texas Woman's University, 1973 MED, Prairie View A&M University, 1976 Dissertation: Mixed-Method Investigation of the Retention and Placement of Women in Non-Traditional Fields of Study in Higher Education Advisor: Dr. William Allan Kritsonis Waco

Porter

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

# COUNSELING

Adams, Tomishia L.	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	nousion
Ahmed, Kiran	Houston
BS, University of Houston, 2003	Tiousion
Alex, Aisha Jamila	Tomball
BS, Texas State University - San Marcos, 2002	
Alexandra Dallas Austra	
Alexander, Deidra Annice	Houston
BS, Sam Houston State University, 2005	
Allen, LaTonya Marie	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	Tiousion
Bailey, Stacy M.	Spring
BS, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2001	
Banks, Raymond G.	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	
Barkley, Ca'Tina Rochelle	Destad
BASW, Lamar University, 2002	Pearland
DASW, Lamar Oniversity, 2002	
Bihms, Shari Dewan	Houston
BA, Howard University, 2007	
Billoups, Shanya R.	Katy
BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 1990	
Black-Jacobs, Kenyatta Denise BA, University of North Texas, 2000	Grand Prairie
BA, University of North Texas, 2000	
Bonner, Kateika Lashae	Missouri City
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	
Bowden, Brandi LaVon	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	
Bradford, Margie Manuel	Prairie View
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	
Deilay Drandia A	Spring
Briley, Brandie A. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Spring
Brooks, Carla D.	Katy
BS, Southern University at New Orleans, 1999	
Broussard, Deonte D.	Houston
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	
Budgewater-Sims, Carmalie O.	Lancaster
BA, Southern Methodist University, 1979	
Byrd, Brenda	Stafford
BA, Texas Southern University, 1977	
Cathey, Anika Chimene	Cedar Hill
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	

Chism, Moses BA, Philander Smith College, 1999		Duncanville
Cokley, Lisa Michelle BA, Texas Southern University, 2005		Houston
Coleman, Melissa D. BS, Baylor University, 1985		Spring
Cowart, Ena Denise BS, William Carey College, 2006		Houston
Culpepper, Edna BA, Spring Arbor University, 2001		Lancaster
Daniels, Emil D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007		Beaumont
Davis, Kanika Camille BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2006		Cedar Hill
Davis, Melissa A.		Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006 DeLaRosa, Angel		Houston
BA, St. Edward's University, 1988 Denman, W.C.		Houston
BS, Texas Southern University, 2003 Dixon, Helena C.		Fort Worth
BS, Louisiana State University, 2004		
Douglas, Tiffany Nicole BASW, Southern University at New Orleans, 20	002	Houston
Ellison, Sherretta L. BS, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 2004		Ennis
Fields, Lanora BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004		Spring
Floyd, Karla Lynette BA, Dillard University, 1994		Houston
Foster, Vivian J. BS, Southwestern Christian College, 2005		Terrell
Francis, Roxanne BA, Texas Southern University, 2004		Houston
Gardiner, Simone A. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006		Cypress
Grace, Roberta Citizen BA, Texas Southern University, 2003		Houston
Green, David A. BS, University of Houston, 2002		Houstor
Hammond, Chimere Rochelle		Lancaste
BASW, University of Texas at Arlington, 2006		

Hicks, Lashuttia LaTarsha BS, University of Houston, 1999	Houston
Hogg, Tiffany Ellen BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Dallas
Hunter, Charmayne Necole BSDIET, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	Humble
Jackson, Akinia Monee BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston
Johnson, Danna Janelle BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Texas City
Johnson, Kim Annette BS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, 1987	Houston
Jordan, Eric L. BBA, Jarvis Christian College, 1996	Mesquite
Kuti, Sara T. BA, Baylor University, 2005	Houston
Lahori, Shannon W. BA, Dillard University, 1999	Cypress
Lawson, Nikia M. BS, Georgia State University, 1998	Fort Worth
Lott, Nikia Shenice BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston
Martinez, Paula D. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston
McClellan, Letira BA, University of North Texas, 2001	DeSoto
McDonald, Latonya R. BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Houston
McFadden, Rosland R. BA, Langston University, 1997	Dallas
Mercer, Christopher G.	Cypress
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2005 Mitchell, Kamille Michelle	Houston
BA, Southern University and A&M College, 1999 Moore, Leslie A.	Plano
BS, Paul Quinn College, 1997 Nichols, Lakina Deshawn	Houston
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2005 Oliphant, Cynthia Delores	Houston
BA, Texas Southern University, 1998 Paley, Rhonda McMillan	Houston
BS, University of Houston - Downtown, 2005	A service and the service of the

Pharis-Perry, Tracy A. BS, Texas A&M University, 2003	Tomball
Pitre, DeRonda Yvonne BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston
Porter, Christina Nicole BS, Southern University and A&M College, 2003	Houston
Portlock, Rachel Elaine BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Lewisville
Prince, Danielle D. BA, Texas Southern University, 2006	Missouri City
Pye, Sherri Ann BBA, LeTourneau University, 2002	Rosharon
Rambo, Doris O. BS, West Texas A&M University, 1994	DeSoto
Ramirez, Candace Che' Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2006	Waxahachie
Rasmus, April D. BS, Dillard University, 1997	Houston
Ratliff, Sereta N. BS, Texas Southern University, 2004	Houston
Redmond, Tyrolyn Marie BS, Southern University and A&M College, 1992	Houston
Reynolds, Barbara S. BS, Texas Woman's University, 1992	Dallas
Roberts, Denise C. BBA, Sam Houston State University, 2000	Humble
Roberts, Shakeitha Rochelle BS, Texas Woman's University, 1999	Dallas
Robinson, Marion S. BS, Alcorn State University, 1998	Garland
Rogers, Deborah BS, Indiana State University, 1983	Hurst
Scott, Gerald Howard BBA, Texas State University - San Marcos, 2002	Spring
Simmons, Laurie L. BA, The University of Texas at Tyler, 2000	Mexia
Simpson, Carl L. BS, University of Texas, 1995	Houston
Simpson, Shiwann Katrice BA, Texas Southern University, 1994	Houston
Smith, Carlita L. Texas A&M University – Commerce, 1982	Wylie
Snowden, Roenia R. BS, Grambling State University, 1999	Glenn Heights

Sommerville Seansha I	
Sommerville, Seansha T. BS, Texas Southern University, 2005	House
Spikes, Vivian E.	Hock
BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	
Taylor, Johnny	
BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1985	Crock
Theragood, Sheldon Deshun	Hous
BA, Texas Southern University, 2005	
Thomas, Kellie Speed	
BS, Grambling State University, 1997	K
Ubah, Patricia O.	Spri
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	and the second second second second second
Walker Maria Elizabeth	Contract A series Long to strange of the Contract of the Contr
Walker, Marie Elizabeth BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2002	Spri
Wesley, Doris Renay	Corsica
BS, The University of Texas at Tyler, 1992	
Washer Nie	and the second
Wesley, Nia BS, Grambling State University, 2002	Cedar F
bo, oranioning state oniversity, 2002	
West, Chasity Chantrell	Dal
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	
Williams Stanhania Danas'	States of the second
Williams, Stephanie Renee' BS, Texas State University - San Marcos, 1995	Ka
bb, read blace on versity - ban marcos, 1995	
Williamson, Antonio R.	Grand Prai
BS, East Tennessee State University, 1993	
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Wilson, Yul Quincy BSHS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	House
bons, mane view Rein Oniversity, 2000	
Wrightsil, Vanessa E.	Houst
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 1991	
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Holmes, Tamaria N.	Prairie Vi
3SIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	
Moore, Kesha M.	Houst
3S, Prairie View A&M University, 1993	
IRRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION	

Huff, Lavytrice Denise BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 1999

Johnson, Jenifer Nicole BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Landry, Rosemary BA, McNeese State University, 1982

# Marlin

Houston

DeSoto

Parker, Tierney LaTreece BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Houston
Thomas, Jenita Devon BS, Sam Houston State University, 2006	Cypress
Weatherspoon, Tanaya M. BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Weimar
EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION	
Beqiri, Manjola BS, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2001	Houston
Boone, Pepita BS, Southern University and A&M College, 2000	Spring
Bowman, Derek Waymond BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2000	College Station
Bunton, James Robert BS, Paul Quinn College, 2006	Dallas
Caldwell, Adrian B. BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2005	Houston
Carter, Crystal LaJoyce BA, McNeese State University, 1998	Houston
Carter, Robin L. BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2004	Port Arthur
Church, Cozette S. BS, Jackson State University, 1996	Richmond
Cotton, Viva Jackson College of Biblical Studies, 2006	Houston
Darnell, Lashundra Monique BASW, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Dallas
Diaz, Jose Luis BBA, University of Houston - Clear Lake, 2004	Humble
Durham, Nekisha E. BS, Tarleton State University, 1998	Waller
Eastland, Carman Latrice BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	Houston
Fontenot, Kirvis D. BS, Eastern New Mexico University, 2000	Beaumont
Gauthier, Nancy BS, Jackson State University, 1992	Houston
Harwell, Niteka Laquanta BS, Xavier University of Louisiana, 1999	Dallas
Hill, David Erik BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2002	Houston
Hogan-Chapman, Ava Marie BA, Dillard University, 1995	Humble

Holmes, Sukari M. BS, Sam Houston State University, 2003	Houston
Irvin, Elaine BA, Our Lady of the Lake University, 2002	Houston
Jackson, Deborah Kaye BS, Texas Wesleyan University, 2001	Arlington
Jackson, Shanda D. BS, Wiley College, 1987	Dallas
Johnson, Chaney Louise BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2003	Humble
Johnson, Marcus Dewayne BSEET, Prairie View A&M University, 2004	DeSoto
Jones, LaToyia R. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	Montgomery
Keggins, Jullian Reneau BSAG, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Chilton
Larry, Lillie Alexander BS, Southern University and A&M College, 1973	Houston
Linguist, Kirby A. BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Cedar Hill
Martin, Melody M. BA, Clark Atlanta University, 2001	Mesquite
McGee, Felton L. BS, Grambling State University, 1993	Houston
McNulty, Nita A. BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1981	Magnolia
Mobley, Jacquline H. BS, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 1978	Lancaster
Moore, Joycelyn R. BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	DeSoto
Morris, Christopher R. BS, Abilene Christian University, 1996 Moy, Cassandra Harris	Montgomery Houston
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BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2001 Page, Shendolyn Chandre'	Dallas
Page, Shendoryn Chanale BSCET, Prairie View A&M University, 2000 Parker, Nedra S.	Houston
BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1999 Parsons, Steven Kyle	Houston
BS, Saint Gregory's University, 2005 Pelton, Iris LaGale	Fort Worth
BA, University of Houston, 2003	

Phillips-Roberts, Marelenise Manez BA, University of Texas at Arlington, 1999	DeSoto
Pitre, Ann Laura BA, Lamar University, 2006	Beaumont
Pitts, Michele V. PS. Grambling State University, 1997	Mesquite
BS, Grambling State University, 1997	
Preston, Leonard	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1971	
Prosser, Kenneth R.	Universal City
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	
Sanders, Nicolas O.	Fort Worth
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	
Scott, Arvitta Lorraine	Houston
BS, Prairie View A&M University, 1997	
Sears, Lawrence David	Duncanville
BSEE, Prairie View A&M University, 2001	
Silas, Keisha R.	Houston
BBA, Howard University, 1997	
Smith, Courtney Lee	Prairie View
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 2006	
Smith, Phyllis J.	DeSoto
BS, Chicago State University, 1973	
Smith, Rhonda Michelle	Cypress
BS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1995	
Sowells, Travettae S.	Houston
BS, Northwestern State University, 1999	
Stewart Sr., Jason J.	Arlington
BS, Jacksonville State University, 2003	
Taylor, Cynthia A.	Dallas
BS, Texas Woman's University, 1989	
Taylor, Don	Stafford
BA, Prairie View A&M University, 1986	
Veals, Christel	Garland
BS, Jackson State University, 1999	
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BS, Texas A&M University - Commerce, 1979	
White, Bevelon	Lancaster
BA, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1992	
Williams, Andrea	
BS, University of Houston - Downtown, 1999	Houston
Williams, Brandi S.	
BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2007	Dallas

Williams, Tiffany Celina BSCJ, Prairie View A&M University, 2002

Wilson, Herbert Dewayne BS, Prairie View A&M University, 2006

Wilson, Michelle Rayshon BSIS, Prairie View A&M University, 2000

Wilson, Vicki Lynn BS, Texas Southern University, 1975

Younger, Tamika BA, Grambling State University, 1999

### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### (Physical Education)

Bailey, Kiendra BS, Sam Houston State University, 2002

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Allums, Johnnie Raynard BS, Texas Southern University, 1991 Houston

Navasota

Dallas

Houston

Richmond

Houston

Humble

Houston

### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

Ampah, Nana Kankantoa BSEE, National Technical University of Ukraine - Kiev Polytechnic Institute, 1993 MSEE, Prairie View A&M University, 2004 Dissertation: Efficient and Scalable Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems for Enterprise Network Information Security Advisor: Dr. Cajetan Akujuobi

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### **COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Fields, Tamara S. BBA, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

Patel, Payal BS, Saurashtra University, 2005

### **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Jones, Katrieva Shameka BS, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 2000

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Ajuzie, Augustine N. BS, Federal University of Technology - Ihiagwa, 1995 Houston

Stafford

Houston

Houston

Hill, Midge BSEE, Prairie View A&M University, 2005

Liu, Chu Kuang BS, Chinese Culture University, 1993

Raj, Swapna BS, National Institute of Technology Warangal, 2007

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# 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
Arts, Letters, Humanities White	Nursing Apricot
Commerce, Accountancy, Business Drab	Oratory (Speech)Silver Gray
Dentistry	Pharmacy Olive Green
Economics Copper	PhilosophyDark Blue
Education Light Blue	Physical EducationSage Green
Engineering Orange	Public Administration, including
Fine ArtsBrown	Foreign Service Peacock Blue
Forestry Russett	Public HealthSalmon Pink
Geography Blue and Green	Science
Home Economics	Social WorkCitron
Journalism Crimson	Technology
Industrial Education Light Blue	Theology Scarlet
LawPurple	Veterinary Science Gray
Library Science Lemon	timetical as the Governmental stilling (fifther in

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.

# **MAYOR FRANK D. JACKSON**

The Honorable Frank D. Jackson was born in Luling, Texas and is the second of three sons born to Robbie Jackson Sr. and Willie Louise Jackson.

Upon earning a four-year scholarship in naval science, he matriculated to Prairie View A&M College. In 1973, he graduated from Prairie View A&M University and was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy. During his eight years of active duty, Jackson proudly served aboard the Nuclear Powered Cruiser USS Long Beach CG (N) 9, the USS Coral Sea CV 43 and the USS Inchon LPH 12. He later ended his active duty service at Prairie View A&M University in 1982 as assistant professor of Naval Science and Navigation and Ship-Handling Instructor. In honor of his service to the U.S., he was awarded a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserves and ascended to the rank of Captain in 1995.

Jackson continued his career at Prairie View A&M University in 1982 as associate counselor for admissions. Throughout his many years of service to his alma mater, he has served the University as director of the Memorial Student Center, assistant director of University Centers, director for Auxiliary Services and director of Student Initiatives and Development. He currently functions as the Governmental Affairs Officer for Prairie View A&M University, where he interfaces with lawmakers and provides leadership and perspective on laws and local, state and federal legislative issues that impact the University. Additionally, he serves as the University's representative to address community initiatives, particularly on those that relate to Prairie View A&M University's relevancy in the community as a "land-grant university" and as a Texas constitutionally designated "institution of the first class."

Radio listeners across Texas and around the world tune in weekly to listen to Jackson's highly popular radio station program "On the Hill with Frank Jackson", which is hosted on PVAMU's radio station KPVU-FM 91.3. Jackson is the author of two books, a noted historian and the associate editor of the Journal of the History and Culture, which is produced by the Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture.

An advocate for his community and fellow constituents, Jackson served on the City Council for the City of Prairie View for 12 years and spent eight years as County Commissioner for Precinct 3 in Waller County. He was elected mayor for the City of Prairie View on May 4, 2002. He was re-elected mayor to serve a second term in May 8, 2004, re-elected to serve a third term on May 13, 2006 and re-elected to serve a fourth term on May 10, 2008. Under his leadership, the City of Prairie View has experienced unprecedented growth through improved city infrastructure, master planning and revitalization projects.

Jackson is also president and fire chief of the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, Inc., past Master of Lone Star Lodge No. 85 (Hempstead, Texas) and currently serves as Grand Historian for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas. Furthermore, he is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter (Prairie View, Texas).

Mr. Jackson is married to the former Marian Elaine Jones and is the father of four children, Tracy, Ayanna, Cheikh and Okofo. He is grandfather to Chazrel and Simone.



STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

# A Message from the Governor:

I am pleased and honored to extend greetings to everyone attending Prairie View A&M University's Fall 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 accomplished much of which to be proud.

But remember that the diploma you receive 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 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 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 best wishes for your continued success.



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# THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



Michael D. McKinney, MD Chancellor

December 13, 2008

Dear Graduates:

It is with great honor that I write this letter and extend my sincere congratulations to you on this memorable day. I know how long and hard you have worked and studied and now your dedication and perseverance has paid off, and you should be proud of your accomplishment.

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. Your school has provided you with skills on which you will rely throughout your future career and in life. Use them well.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for a bright future. I wish you all the best in pursuing a career in your chosen field. Well done!

Sincerely,

Michael D. McKinney, M.D.

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To Our Treasured Graduates,

Graduation is one of the most reflective times in everybody's life. Not only do we remember the good times, but we all have had a particular attitudinal experience that pushed us to the point where we said to ourselves, "I want this and I know I can do it." Your personal commitments, and the commitments made by those who helped you along the way, have paid great dividends. Your lives will never be the same because of your accomplishments. Speaking for the Board of Directors and your National Alumni Association, I wholeheartedly congratulate you on your significant achievements here today.

Due to the timing of your exit on this day and the historic transitions taking place on every level of our lives, the "time for change" is a riveting and revolutionary period with many great opportunities. Always be mindful of the fact that Prairie View has a great history and our graduates have been among the most productive people around the world.

There is one myth that I am compelled to clarify for you. Although we generally regard Prairie View as a state-supported institution, all of the revenue needed to operate our school does not come from state funds. A sizeable portion of revenue comes from contributions and your alumni association plays a significant role in generating those funds. It is imperative that you get involved with your alumni association and join right away. Our collective interest represents the protective umbrella for our great institution. We must continually pave the way for those who follow us.

Again, congratulations and I do wish to meet and greet all of you at an alumni affair soon.

Sincerely,

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### "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